Dear Sisters and Brothers,

*Well, some years back our "Fish" Newsletter contained a series of **articles** written by one of our Church Family members, those **articles** highlighted one area of service or another, or many areas of service provided unto God and to our Church Family, by someone special.*

*Now, those special people were given a special name in those **articles**, they were called **"QUIET WORKERS"!!!***

*Now, the idea was that these someone specials to which we are referring, these **"QUIET WORKERS"**, were people who just served, and served, and served, without much of what we might call **"FANFARE"!!!***

*Well, as we enter the month of November, we enter the month of the year in which our country celebrates something we like to call **"THANKSGIVING DAY"!!!***

*Well, looking beyond the Pilgrims, the Turkeys, the Native Americans, the Pecan and Pumpkin Pies, the Football games, the Cranberry Sauces, and all the Family Gatherings, let us pause to consider another aspect of **"THANKSGIVING"!!!***

*Yes, the **articles** may have stopped but we here in the Ely U.M.C. ought to pause with **"THANKSGIVING"** in our hearts because there are so many special people within our Church Family whom we can call, or give the name, **"QUIET WORKERS"!!!***

*Indeed, it can very easily be said, that there have been and continue to be many **"QUIET WORKERS"** who are serving God and our Church Family here in the Ely U.M.C.!!!*

*So now, you may have noticed a little word used here in describing the **"QUIET WORKERS"** of the Ely U.M.C., that little word is **MANY!!!***

*Therefore, rather than trying to lift one or two or three special people up let us be mindful of the **MANY** special people in our midst for whom we ought to be very **"THANKFUL"** as they serve God and our Church Family!!!*

*Now, our first heartfelt proclamation of **"THANKSGIVING"** should be, ought to be, for our gracious and loving **GOD** who has blessed us with these special people we are calling the **"QUIET WORKERS"!!!***

*Now, our second heartfelt proclamation of **"THANKSGIVING"** can be given to our **MANY** brothers and sisters who are serving God and our Church Family without the **"FANFARE"** and the brass band playing a tune just for them, for they are indeed the **"QUIET WORKERS** among us!!!*

*Just look at a ministry, look at a mission, or look at a committee, associated with our Ely U.M.C. Family and you will find one or more of the **MANY** special people serving God and our Church Family as a "_____ _____"!!! Thank you brothers and sisters here in the Ely U.M.C. for you are the **MANY** who may be called **"QUIET WORKERS"!!!***

Love in Christ,

Dana