



THE IMMANUEL DOVE

Discovering and displaying Christ in here and out there

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Thanksgiving

Why do we gather? We gather to celebrate, to mark milestones, to solve problems, to make decisions, to watch a game, to worship, to grieve, to learn, to eat, to commemorate, to honor, to protest, to pray, to say hello and to say goodbye. We gather to support a loved one in a time of need. We gather to find strength and courage. We gather to concoct ideas and enact plans.

On the fourth Thursday of this month we will gather to give thanks—Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a time to show gratitude and awareness with others for the blessedness of our lives. To treasure those around us and to remember how unique this moment is—savoring and drinking deeply of the cup of gratitude. In the book *The Art of Gathering* Priya Parker talks about a phrase used in a 16th century Japanese tea ceremony: **ichi-go ichi-e**, which essentially means “one meeting, one moment in your life that will never happen again.” We may meet again, but fully take in this moment, because in a year’s time at the next gathering we’ll have a new and different experience because we will be different people bringing new experiences with us, because we are changing and have changed. Approach each gathering as a **holy ichi-go ichi-e** because life is fragile and so very special. This thanksgiving you may have countless blessings to recount or you may have to do a lot of soul-searching to come up with just a few—either way count your blessings. Thanks turns November into Yesvember.

We can also learn from the Jewish Passover during Thanksgiving by asking ourselves: *Why is this night different from all other nights? Why is this gathering different than all other gatherings?* Paying attention, looking back, saying thanks to friends and loved ones, and giving thanks to God is the key to a well-lived life. And God’s Word encourages us to live this way perpetually, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thess. 5:16-18). My prayer for you, for our church, for our country, and our world is that they will know us by not only our love, but by our thanks. “Yes! They will know we are Christians by our thanks, by our thanks!” Happy Thanksgiving Immanuel!

Ichi-go ichi-e,
John



NOVEMBER 2019





NEW LIFE CHALLENGES

News in the Missions World

Faithful Servant

In a recent report, Leslie Vogel, who is a member of Grand Canyon Presbytery, reported on the interactions she had with Lois Kroeler, a missionary in Cuba. Leslie is also the regional liaison of the Presbyterian Church for Guatemala and Mexico.



Leslie Vogel

She says, "when I was 23 years old, I met Lois, a Presbyterian woman who as a young mission volunteer had followed her heart and faith and had stayed in Cuba when virtually all other mission workers had left at the beginning of the Cuban revolution in 1959. Lois chose not only to stay in Cuba, but she became a commissioned church worker, focusing on Christian education, organizing national retreats and events for children and youth and continuing the growth and development of Christian music produced with a uniquely Cuban flavor. When I saw her again two years ago in Washington state, Lois was busy writing music to be used in liturgical settings. Once more I was moved and inspired by her musical gifts and indomitable spirit, just as I had been in 1981."

Blessings,
Bob Seel

Casa Maria Ministry

Immanuel is one of many organizations in Tucson who regularly help to feed the hungry through donations of sack lunches to the Casa Maria Free Kitchen. Located in the Santa Rita neighborhood of South Tucson, **Casa Maria feeds nearly 1,000 people every day**—local residents and homeless alike. Immanuel's commitment is for 500 lunches every 4 weeks. Immanuel members prepare 350 lunches at home, and our Deacons prepare 150 at church.



Want to help make sandwiches? Each lunch should contain two meat and cheese sandwiches (please use only butter/margarine—no mayo, mustard, lettuce or tomato), a piece of fruit (such as a banana, peach, pear, or orange), and a dessert (2 cookies, 1 brownie, etc.). Please bring your sack lunches to the church between 8:00am and 9:00am. The Casa Maria team leaves promptly at 9:00am.

Upcoming Schedule: Nov 16 Youth Group Dec 14 Deacons

Cents-Ability Cans - \$883.00 Collected So Far!

Thank you to everyone who participated in this offering that will go to help alleviate hunger. We received 65 cans of the 88 handed out. It is not too late to bring your can in if you haven't done so yet. Cents-Ability is sponsored by the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Thank you Immanuel for caring!



NOVEMBER YOUTH GROUP



- NOV 3RD** **Messy Games, When Life is Messy!**
Dress for Mess! 5-7pm includes dinner
- NOV 10TH** **Making Soup Jars for the Food Pantry**
Being Jesus' Hands & Feet in the World
5-7pm includes dinner
- NOV 16TH** **Casa Maria Sandwich Making!**
Meet in Witherspoon Hall at 8:00am
- NOV 17TH** **Thanksgiving Dinner! 4:00pm**
A time to count our blessings not carbs!
- NOV 24TH** **Friendsgiving at the Tittle home!**
Bring food to share! Boys bring sides, Girls bring desserts. 5-7pm.
- DEC 1ST** **Advent Festival 3-6pm**
Crafts! Soup! Santa!



THE CATALINA MOUNTAINS CHAPTER,
THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS
INVITES ALL TO OUR 32nd ANNUAL MASSING OF THE
COLORS AND SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH AT 2:00PM

TUCSON WOMAN'S CLUB, 6245 E. BELLEVUE AVENUE



This is a patriotic ceremony involving patriotic and service organizations whose flags are posted, and a solemn service of remembrance of those who have passed on in the last year.

Music will be provided by Ironwood Church Singers and Friends. Rev. Stephanie Hamilton of PCUSA will deliver the homily.

The MOWW is a patriotic charitable organization dedicated to the preservation of our nation's values and education of our youth. We are non-political, non-partisan and non-denominational. The organization is open to officers in all uniformed services.

We hold that it is better to serve than to be served.



The Deacons have again selected Youth on Their Own (YOTO) as their Christmas project. We ask for your support in helping to make a difference in the lives of young people who are working to graduate from high school despite tremendous obstacles. YOTO is in their 3rd decade of helping homeless and unaccompanied teens graduate from high school by providing financial assistance, basic human needs, and guidance. For these young people, parent and family support are non-existent.

These students come from a background of abandonment, abuse, parental drug abuse, conflict, death of one or both parents, parents in prison, and poverty. In spite of all these difficulties, these young people are determined to stay in school and make a future for themselves.

Each Christmas, YOTO holds a student holiday party for the students. They look forward to the party with the staff and volunteers who have become their family. It is only with your support that this Christmas party can happen. Once again we are asking for \$10.00 gift cards from either Target or Walmart (or cash contributions) to provide a little bit of Christmas for these students. You can place your contributions in the offering plate or in the YOTO box in the sanctuary. Please make any checks out to YOTO. Thank you!



Jewel graduated from Desert View HS in 2017 and now attends the U of A.

LET'S GIVE THANKS AND LOOK
BACK ON THE YEAR'S BLESSINGS.

THANKS GIVING DINNER

Join us for our Immanuel
Thanksgiving dinner

Sunday, November 17| 4PM
Witherspoon Hall

We need volunteers to bring turkeys, side dishes, desserts and to help set up and clean up. Look for sign up sheets on the patio. Please RSVP by November 14 if you are able to join us. Contact Elders Kelly Wood, Chuck Wilkie or Amanda Leachet for more information.



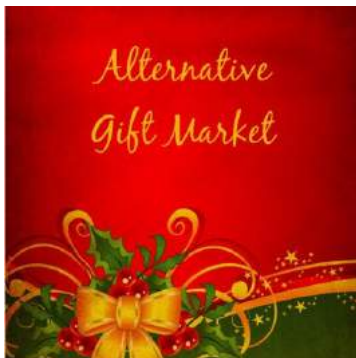


Immanuel Advent Festival

Sunday, December 1st
3:00 — 6:00pm

Join us to make Advent crafts and ornaments! Afterwards, we'll gather for soup, bread and goodies.

Santa will be making a special appearance for pictures!



Alternative Gift Market

Sunday, December 8th
on the patio between services and after the 11am service

Have you been going over your faith list to make sure you're:

- Welcoming the refugee?
- Giving comfort to prisoners?
- Feeding the hungry?
- Caring for the least among us?

If you're like most of us, you have some work left to do. Immanuel's Alternative Gift Market will feature gifts that will help all of us make progress toward helping groups we are called to serve.

This is an opportunity to invest in gifts that give twice. The Alternative Gift Market will have offerings from missions close to home, across the border and beyond. This annual event demonstrates Immanuel's commitment to missions. Stop by and be inspired to invest in gifts that reflect our continuing commitment to strengthening communities and empowering individuals. We will also be signing letters for Bread for the World. Featuring a variety of vendors including Café Justo, Syrian Sweets, ArtWorks, DouglaPrieta Trabaja and more, *purchases in cash only, please.*

Immanuel Junque Sale

**Save the Date
and Save your
Junque!**

Saturday, March 14

Desert Sanctuary Restoration Workdays

November 9 and 16

Saturdays: 8:30-10:30 am

Immanuel's Desert Sanctuary

The following tools
will be helpful: shovel,
fork, rake, pruning
shears, loppers, hat,
gloves, and you!



The Late 80s at Immanuel: Do You Remember?

While we were writing the articles about the choir over the past couple of months, we had the opportunity to look through Dove newsletters from 1985-1989. We learned some surprising things and we thought you might enjoy these tidbits of our history. How much of this did you know? Or how much do you remember?

The 80s were an amazing time at Immanuel! Did you know that since the mid-1980s—for more than 30 years—we've been holding our Maundy Thursday communion service around tables; wearing red on Pentecost; hosting a family Advent festival on the first Sunday in Advent; going Christmas Caroling together; and making 450+ sack lunches for the homeless at Casa Maria? And back then, when we took the lunches to Casa Maria, we stayed to make lemonade and help serve the guests. But wait—there's more!

From 1984-1985:

- During the winter of 1984-85, a fellowship group was begun for those in between the teenage years and the senior years—it was called Betweeners. They met monthly to enjoy activities such as bowling, progressive dinners, movie discussions, potlucks, charades, Trivial Pursuit, and even conversation with friends from Central America.
- For a few years beginning in 1985, we held "Lenten Home Communions" and "Advent Home Communions." Each week, one Immanuel family opened their home to anyone who wanted to come for worship, fellowship, and Holy Communion.

From 1986-1987:

- The wrought iron art work on the west side of the administration building, "Jesus, the Good Shepherd," was designed by artist Ken Lynch and artisan John Reinhard. The Reinhards were members of Immanuel in the 1980s, and John had also made a similar piece for a church in Iowa. This beautiful work of art was dedicated on February 16, 1986, following worship.
- The One Great Hour of Sharing offering at Easter in 1986 was \$2,546!
- The first Immanuel mission delegation to visit Frontera de Cristo was on May 10, 1986.
- Deacon Dan's Cupboard was started by the Immanuel Deacons in the fall of 1986. It held a stock of non-perishable foods for families in need. The first Sunday of each month was a regular food donation day, but congregation members frequently brought contributions for the food cupboard every week. And Chuck Wook championed all our food collections.
- Immanuel Presbyterian, New Spirit Lutheran (then Spanish Trail Lutheran), St. Matthew's Episcopal, and Sahuaro Christian churches formed an eastside consortium of churches to do things together in the community. The churches alternated years for hosting a community Thanksgiving worship service on the night before Thanksgiving. And in August 1987, those same four churches founded the Eastside Advocates for Resettlement (EAR) to temporarily assist people in serious need of food, housing, and other basic necessities until they could become self-sufficient. Rich Nelson was Immanuel's representative, and Rich and Jean along with Lee Boteler shepherded this ministry.
- During the spring, summer, and fall of 1987, Immanuel sent a work group *every month* to help Frontera de Cristo build the first Presbyterian church in Sonora—the church we now know as Lirio de los Valles (Lily of the Valley) Presbyterian Church. The building was dedicated on World Communion Sunday that year.

In April 1987, a work group from Immanuel hauled 23 tons of dirt to level the ground in preparation for pouring a concrete floor for Lirio de Los Valles church.



- For several years in the late 80s, Immanuel members collected toys at Christmas for 50 children at the church in Agua Prieta.
- In February 1987, a second telephone line and a phone with a "hold" button were added to the church office to help handle all the telephone traffic. And speaking of phones, in 1987, the Deacons purchased a "portable telephone" (not sure exactly what that may have looked like) for a church member who was convalescing at home.
- The first handbell choir was formed in November 1987.
- In the winter of 1987, the youth group ski trip to Pinetop Presbyterian Church got snowed in, and the kids were forced to return late to Tucson and miss a day of school!

From 1988-1989:

- In January 1988, retired PCUSA minister Rev. Erwin Ruklic led a 5-week adult Sunday school class called "Celebrating 1,000 Years of Christianity in Russia." During the 1970s, Rev. Ruklic had served English-speaking congregations in Bogota, Tokyo, and Bangkok.
- We began sending teens to Youth Triennium in 1988.
- In April 1988, Dr. Bill Marshall organized a tutoring project to help students improve academically.
- In May 1988, a Pentecost offering was taken to support four struggling churches: Tortolita, St. John on the Desert, and The Holy Way in Tucson, and Faith Presbyterian in Sierra Vista. All are now vital, growing churches in Presbytery de Cristo.
- In September 1988, Immanuel sent a 29-person work team to Agua Prieta to put ceilings, insulation, doors, and door hardware on 3 new homes that had been built by Presbyterians from all over the United States. The homes had electricity, but no indoor plumbing (at least not bathrooms). In later months, we built outhouses for the homes.
- Rev. Angel de Rosas, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, was hired as a seminary intern in September of 1988, to serve for a year as our associate pastor. Pastor Angel held a Bachelor of Arts degree from Philippine Christian University, a Bachelor of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in Manila, and a Master of Theology from Princeton Seminary. When he left Immanuel, he began his PhD studies at Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. He now lives in Baldwin Park, CA.



- In October 1988, the first Fall picnic was held at Lakeside Park (because the Spring picnic was so popular!).
- The first year we participated in Operation Deep Freeze was December 1988, in cooperation with the Salvation Army, Travelers Aid Society, Primavera Foundation, and the Tucson Police Department. We hosted the homeless on very cold nights and made them breakfast the next morning. Transportation was provided by Travelers Aid.
- A ministry to older adults started in February 1989, and by April, it was known as Desert Sages. Let's hear it for 30 years of Sages!
- Sunday, March 5, 1989, was the first Sunday we moved into the new education building (now Towner Hall). The youth served the congregation a salad luncheon. The dedication service for the new building was held during worship on May 21st.

It's an impressive history, and so many of these ministries continue today. But we know it's not just about us. It's about what happens with God. In his book *The Greatest Prayer*, John Dominic Crossan observes "God's kingdom did not, could not, and will not begin, continue, or conclude without human collaboration." It's divine intervention and human collaboration together. Our name was chosen well—Immanuel: God with us.

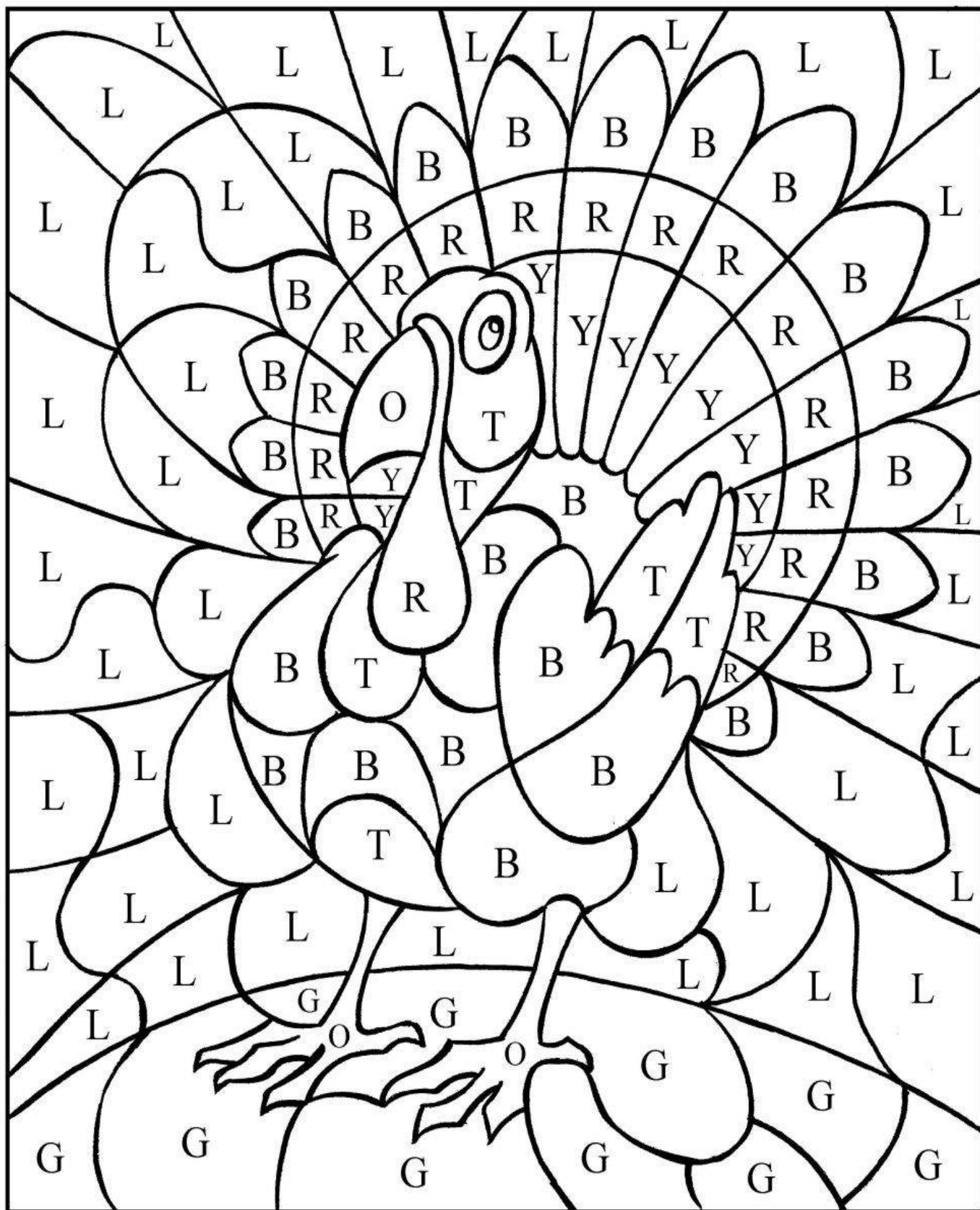
November Happenings



- **Outings to the Movies**— Join us for our monthly movie dates provided there is a good movie to see, usually in the early afternoon at the discount theater, Century Gateway 12 on Kolb south of Speedway. Look for notices in the weekly Community Life announcements. Call Ann Thornes at (520) 298-8401 for any suggested movies you would like to see.
- **Agape Circle** will meet on **Wednesday, November 13th** at 9:00am. We will study the Horizon Study, Lesson 3 of "The Ten Commandments". We will be at the home of Laurie Snodgrass, 649 N. Arizona Estates Loop, with Peggy as co-hostess. Please let Laurie know if you will be there at normburke@mac.com or (520) 751-8774. We are a very friendly group and newcomers are always welcome.
- **Lydia Circle** — Join us on **Monday, November 18th at 6:00pm** as we study our lesson series— "The Ten Commandments". All women of faith are invited to come—we meet in Witherspoon Hall. Contact Dot Weaver for information at (520) 548-5440.
- **Men's Breakfast** meets **Mondays at 8:00am** in Witherspoon Hall for fellowship and great food — pancakes, sausage and lots of strong hot coffee. The Bible study is led by Pastor John Tittle.
- **Desert Sages - Welcome Back Winter Residents and Visitors!** Want a quick way to meet others in the congregation? Join us on **Tuesdays 10:00am-12:30pm** in Witherspoon Hall to play games (bridge, hand & foot, poker, Mexican train & Rummikub) and have refreshments at noon. Everyone pitches in \$1 a week and once every 6 weeks or so we use that money to furnish a luncheon for everyone. December 10th is our Christmas luncheon. After that we will take a break during the holidays and resume on Tuesday, January 7th. Contact Mary Kay Bush ausmbush3@gmail.com or (520) 885-0003 for more information.
- **Crafters Group.** We meet **Thursdays at 10:00am** in Witherspoon Rooms 12/13. Everyone is welcome! Enjoy fellowship and crafting—what could be better?
- **TOPS** — Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets **Tuesdays at 6:00pm** in Towner Hall Room 4.
- **AA** group meets **Wednesdays at 7:00pm and Thursdays at 6:30pm** in Towner Hall Room 4.
- **November Hospitality — For the month of November if your last name begins with C or D** - Help us provide goodies to share for our coffee fellowship following each worship service. Just choose a Sunday during this month and drop off your snacks in the Witherspoon kitchen prior to either service. Some popular snacks are cookies, fruit, veggies and dip, cheese, crackers, baked breads, sugar-free snacks, gluten-free snacks, Chex mix/popcorn.

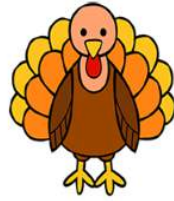


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B = Brown T = Tan R = Red
 G = Green Y = Yellow W = White
 O = Orange L = Light Blue

THANKSGIVING



WORD SEARCH

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Blessings
Corn
Cornucopia
Cranberry

Family
Feast
Gather
Gratitude

Harvest
Indians
November
Pilgrims

Pumpkin Pie
Stuffing
Sweet Potatoes
Thanksgiving

Tradition
Turkey

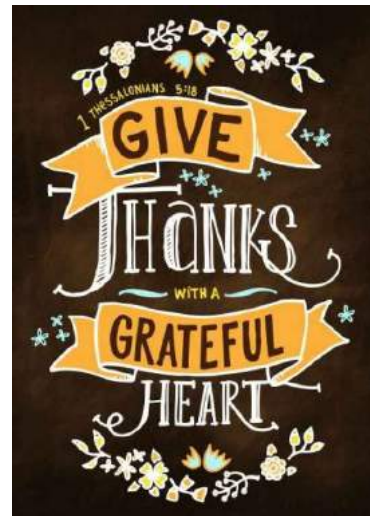


Kay Schmidt - Nov 2
 Carolyn McReynolds - Nov 3
 Paul Tuohy - Nov 3
 Ken Gayer - Nov 4
 Linda Peterson - Nov 4
 Jackie Cahill - Nov 5
 Tyler Nelson - Nov 5
 David Downard - Nov 8
 Michael Patterson - Nov 9
 Abigail New - Nov 10
 Earlene Wahlquist - Nov 10
 Joe Chirco - Nov 11
 Joey Samoy - Nov 13
 Jonathan Keating - Nov 14
 Alberta Cullins - Nov 15
 Laura Fennema - Nov 15
 Josh Russell-Nelson - Nov 15
 Judy Cain - Nov 16
 Rosey DeWitt - Nov 19
 Nathan Means - Nov 19
 Marie Hodges - Nov 23
 Jane Toubassi - Nov 24
 Winn Brittain - Nov 26
 Judy Malis - Nov 26
 Louise Poehlman -- Nov 26
 Decland Cain - Nov 27
 Phil Poehlman - Nov 29



Cliff & Anne Marie Fujii - Nov 2
 Dale & Peggy Free - Nov 16
 Denis & Gloria Nelson - Nov 18
 Fred & Kay Schmidt - Nov 20
 Sean & Joy Shifflette - Nov 20
 Will & Jessi Plunkett - Nov 24

*If you don't see your birthday or anniversary
 listed, we most likely do not have it on file.
 Please contact the church office so we can share
 in your celebration!*



December 2019 Dove Deadline— Friday, Nov 15th



The Dove Newsletter

If you would prefer to get the Dove mailed to you, please contact the church office at (520) 296-2253.



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November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:00am Choir Workshop
3 8:30am Worship 9:45am CE 11:00am Worship 4:00pm Youth Group	4 8:00am Men's Breakfast 6:30pm Boy Scouts	5 10:00am Sages 6:00pm TOPS 7:00pm Deacons	6 6:15pm JS Bell Choir 7:30pm LC Bell Choir 7:30pm AA	7 10:00am Crafters 6:30pm AA 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal	8	9 8:30am Desert Sanctuary Restoration
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