

THANKSGIVING

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IF I ASKED YOU what season is defined by turkey and stuffing, pumpkin pie and football games, Black Friday deals and Christmas shopping, the answer would be easy. The season of thanksgiving. But if I asked you what season is defined by sweltering heat, biting mosquitoes and escalating electric bills, would your answer be the same?

As Christians, we should be in a state of perpetual thanksgiving. Not because the turkey turned out just right or because we got the best deal at a sale, but because of God's constant goodness toward us. It is because of who God is and for what He



accomplished at the cross that we are thankful. It is because He loves us unconditionally and because His grace and mercy keep us.

...so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.--2 Cor. 4:15

This particular season holds great opportunities for us to share our thankfulness to God with the world. Be reminded that Christ said, "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. -Matt. 25:40

THANK YOU!

By MARYBELLE CHAPMAN

Thanks to the many of you who helped with the "Middle Eastern Dinner." We won't mention names, but you know who you are. It was a huge success. Abdul-Salam and his wife commented on how well everyone worked together. And, they were thrilled with the exuberant appreciation that was expressed in the standing ovation and the personal comments to them.

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O, GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD! HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER."--PSALM 136:1

THANK

FUL

Give someone a book that will help them understand the source of your gratitude.

Decorate a small box and put your thanksgiving notes to God inside, one per day per person through the end of November. Then read them daily as you count down to Christmas.

Smile at every stranger you meet for an entire day!

Keep a spare umbrella in the car for someone who might be walking in the rain and needs it.

Next time you're in a restaurant, pay for the person(s) meal ahead or behind you.

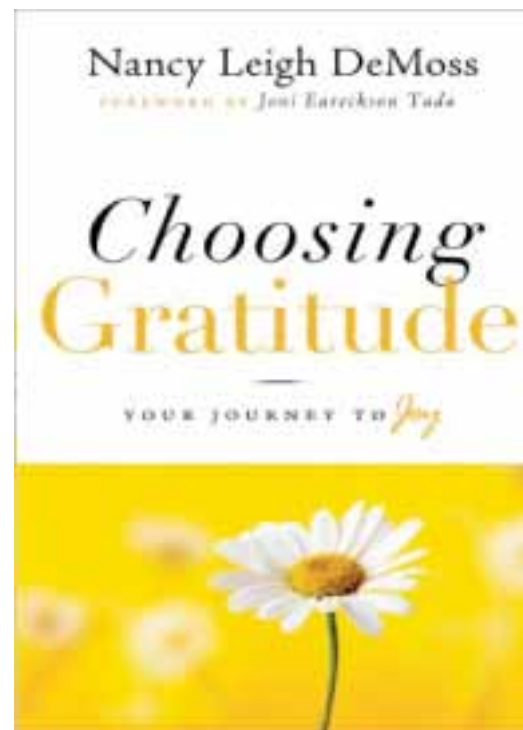
Stick a good condition, unused coat in the car. Give it to someone on the street who can use it.

GIVING

Don't wait until December. Put up a table-top Christmas tree in the dining room today. Before dinner, let each family member write one thing he is grateful to God for on a gift tag and hang it on the tree. On Thanksgiving Day, you can spend some time reading what was written and reminding yourself why the day has special meaning. Keep the tree up and continue until Christmas Day, this time writing thank you notes to God for who He is, and then sharing them on Christmas day.

Invite someone to your family's table who will otherwise be spending the holiday alone.

suggested reading



Ever think about starting a gratitude journal? Maybe now is the time.

lectionary for the week . online at www.pcusa.org/lectionary/daily

Monday, Nov. 7
Psalms 135; 145
Nehemiah 9:1-15
Revelation 18:1-8
Matthew 15:1-20
Psalms 97; 112

Tuesday, Nov. 8
Psalms 123; 146
Nehemiah 9:26-38
Revelation 18:9-20
Matthew 15:21-28
Psalms 30; 86

Wednesday, Nov. 9
Psalms 15; 147:1-11
Nehemiah 7:73b-8:3, 5-18
Revelation 18:21-24
Matthew 15:29-39
Psalms 48; 4

Thursday, Nov. 10
Psalms 36; 147:12-20
Nehemiah 6:1-19
Revelation 19:1-10
Matthew 16:1-12
Psalms 80; 27

Friday, Nov. 11
Psalms 130; 148
Nehemiah 12:27-31a
Revelation 19:11-16
Matthew 16:13-20
Psalms 32; 139

November 6 - November 12 calendar

6. sunday

8:00 am	Prayer	Prayer Room
9:00 am	Heritage Sunday Service	Sanctuary
10:10 am	Foundation Hour	
	• Children's Classes	Barnabas Ctr
	• Jr. High	BC 204
	• High School	BC 206
	• Adult Study Groups	
11:15 am	Kaleidoscope	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Teen Impact	Clubroom
7:00 pm	Crash	BC 205 & 206

7. monday

6:00 pm	Karate	Clubroom
7:00 pm	AHG	Great Hall

8. tuesday

8:30 am	FOL Sorters	Off Campus
9:30 am	Bible Study	GH, Rm 3
2:30 pm	Treehouse	GH
4:00 pm	Summit Tutoring	CR
6:00 pm	Super Choir	FH
7:00 pm	W & A Mtg	W&A Area

9. wednesday

9:15 am	Strategies for Moms	Fireside Room
2:30 pm	Summit Tutoring	CR
5:30 pm	Cub Scouts	Clubroom
7:00 pm	Depression Bipolar Support	Great Hall
	K-Scope Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	Youth Dir. Search Comm	CR
	Writer's Mtg.	Fireside Room
	Roaring 20's Prayer Grp	BC 103

10. thursday

8:30 am	Prayer Meeting	Prayer Room
9:15 am	3C's Fitness Program	GH
10:00 am	Knitting Group	Atrium
2:30 pm	Treehouse	GH
6:00 pm	Karate	FH
6:30 pm	Family to Family	BC 204
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Crash LT Mtg.	CR
8:00 pm	Alanon	BC 201 & 202

11. friday

6:00 am	Friday Morning Men	Fireside Room
2:30 pm	Summit Tutoring	CR
6:00 pm	Officer Training	BC 201-204

12. saturday

9:00 am	Officer Training	BC 201-204
1:30 pm	Bipolar Depression Support	BC 203