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Notes from the Pastor



You know I often research words I come across to get a better grasp of what I am reading. I found out something this past week that I never knew. The words “think” and “thank” have a shared common root.



“Think” comes from Old English thecan (to conceive in the mind) and thyncan (to seem to appear).

“Thank” comes from Old English panc or ponc (thought, mind, gratitude) and the verb pancian (to give thanks)

With this shared origin, we can understand how “a thinking of “something can easily become “thinking with gratitude.”

Richard Neuberger, the senator of Portland Oregon from 1955-1960, once said the experience of contracting cancer changed him.

“A change came over me which I believe is irreversible. Questions of prestige, of political success, of financial status, became all at once unimportant. In their stead has come a new appreciation of things I once took for granted – eating lunch with a friend, scratching Muffet’s ears and listening for his purr, the company of my wife, reading a book or magazine in the quiet cone of my bed lamp at night, raiding the refrigerator for a glass of orange juice or a slice of coffee cake. For the first time I think I am actually savoring life. I shudder when I remember all the occasions that I spoiled for myself – even when I was in the best of health – by false pride, synthetic values, and fancied slights.”

Paul wrote to the church in Thessalonica to give thanks in all situations. Notice he does not say to give thanks FOR all situations. Sometimes we find ourselves in dark places...times we are surrounded (and maybe even influenced) by evil. Evil does not come from God, but when it does come, our thankfulness is for having His constant presence with us through everything. So... be thankful that He WILL see you through.

But, how about those things we experience, but take for granted. Senator Neuberger mentioned a few. Lunch with a friend, time spent with a beloved pet, having a family to love and that loves you, reading a good book (and having a library available with people who work to make books available). Maybe it’s getting up in the morning, out of a warm, comfortable bed, to eat breakfast and put on clean, appropriate clothing for whatever you may be doing that day. How often do we stop and just take time to be grateful and to give thanks.

Now, some people may not have these things available to them. There are people, for whatever reason, who have no bed...no appropriate clothing...nothing to eat....no one to love them.....how can they possibly be thankful? Well, that will come when people who have taken the time to share, help, spend time, and love them. If you have ever been in a situation where you were unsure about your future...or even your present...you have probably realized how wonderful it is to find someone else in your corner, covering your back, and helping simply because they love you. If you have ever been in this situation, you have experienced the emotion of thankfulness. The thing we also need to realize is that if you have been the one to help someone in this situation...you have also had the opportunity to feel thankful. Thankful that God had chosen you to reach out in Jesus’ name to touch someone.

It is time that we all take time to think about those small things that happen to us each day...really think about them...because if you do, you will find it is time to give thanks. Let us not spend our time letting all the blessings of life, no matter how small they may seem, go by without saying “thank you!” God is in each of these blessings...and if God is involved...there are no “small blessings”!

THINK about it, and then, give THANKS

Happy Thanksgiving! Pastor Deb

Remembering The Saints



When Paul wrote to the church in Rome, he addressed his letter “To all God’s beloved ... who are called to be saints” (Romans 1:7, NRSV). Paul regarded his fellow believers as people who have responded to the good news of Christ by choosing to follow and serve God.

The New Testament emphasizes that Christians are God’s beloved — special people set apart to receive his grace and to be his witnesses. All people whose minds and hearts are devoted to God are “called to be saints.”

About 700 years after the church began, leaders designated November 1 as All Saints’ Day to honor people whose lives reflect Christ dwelling within them. Because of what God has done for us, all Christians can wear the label of saint.

Don’t Forget to Fall Back for Nov 2nd



- All Saints' Day — November 1, 2025
- Daylight-Saving Time Ends — November 2, 2025
- Veterans Day — November 11, 2025
- Bible Sunday — November 23, 2025
- National Bible Week — November 23-29, 2025
- Christ the King Sunday — November 23, 2025
- Thanksgiving Day — November 27, 2025
- First Sunday of Advent — November 30, 2025



"If the only prayer you said in your entire life was 'thank you,' that would suffice."
—Meister Eckhardt



PUZZLE

TRANSLATE GOD'S WORD

The Bible we use is translated into English from other languages.
"Translate" the verse below using the code.

CODE	E=△	L=□	R=+
A=■	G=●	M=✕	S=■
B=×	H=4	N=	SH=■
D=≡	I=▲	O=☆	T=J
	K=	P=□	TH=■

Y

W

F

W

W

U

Proverbs 3:13

Puzzle!

In the New Testament, followers of Christ are called by many names. Use the hints to fill in the blanks. Need help? Check an NIV Bible for the missing letters.

D _____ s
(Acts 6:7)

C _____ n P _____ e
(1 Peter 2:9)

S _____ s of C _____ t
(1 Corinthians 4:1)

C _____ s
(Acts 11: 26)

B _____ s and S _____ s
(1 Thessalonians 4:9-10)

B _____ s
(Acts 5:14)

W _____ s
(Acts 1:8)



HELP NEEDED!!!!

We need pictures,
recipes, anything of
interest.

If we haven't seen you;
how are you doing?

We want to know about

YOU!!!!

Gratitude Shift When we look at what we want, and then compare that with what we have, we shall be unhappy.

When we think about what we really deserve, and then compare that with what we actually have, we shall thank God.

Advent Season Begins November 30th – Hope, Peace, Joy, Love

Each Sunday of Advent brings us closer to the manger. Join us as we light the candles of hope, peace, joy and love, preparing our hearts for Christ's coming. *May your Holidays be filled with faith, family and laughter!*

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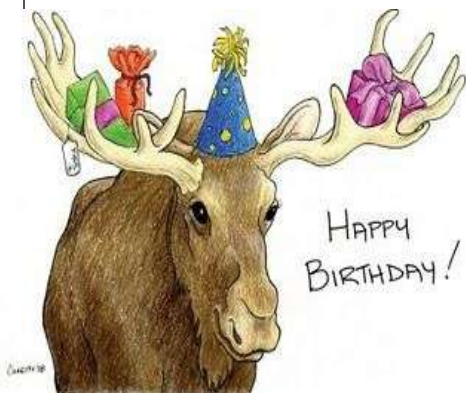
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3 – Joe & Kelly Dunn
21 – Mark & Kim Meyers



November

- 1 – Karen Craynon
- 3 – Raymond Kuebel
- 5 – Karen Miskell
- 7 – Mark VanCleave
- 11 – Lucky Greco
- 13 – Carol Betancourt
- 13 – Jordan Faehr
- 20 – Tom Dawson



- 21 – Hailey Rump
- 22 – Kim Holtegel
- 23 – Dalton Dreihaus
- 23 – Lisa Grove
- 23 – Louie Grove
- 23 – Eric Holtegel
- 27 – Maureen Eller



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| Justin Schaefer | Ted Thurber |
| Joe Ryan | Jaime Maltbie |
| Baby Hudson | Marty and Vickie Hon |
| Ray Kuebel | Josh Vaisman |
| Pam Eichel | Amanda Van |

Unspoken Requests, All Military & First Responders, Our Nation & its leaders
To have a name added, deleted or updated to prayer list, please fill out a prayer request card and leave on podium. The cards are in the entry hall and the Narthex.

A Place Called Yesterday

*I grew up in a place called Yesterday, where doors stayed wide.
And everyone waved when you walked by.
We borrowed sugar, we shared our bread,
And nobody texted — we talked instead.
Neighbors waved from porches wide,
And helped you hang your laundry outside.
We shared what little we had to spare —
A smile, a sandwich, even a lawn chair.
We wrote letters (yes, by hand!),
With stamps we licked and ink that ran.
Kids played outside till the streetlights glowed,
We watched movies from cars on an old dirt road.
Now I'm in Present, where folks forget to see —
But Yesterday still lives in me.*