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“But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;” 1 John 2:1

The Advocate

FROM THE HEART, REV. TOM TURNER



Inside this issue

Though we have substantially completed our rather abbreviated annual Stewardship Campaign, we should not be of a mind to put it behind us until about this time next year. Throughout every year we make decisions about how we spend our time, talents and treasurers. Questions continue to arise about why we do what we do. Why do we spend our time on the golf course with friends instead of sitting in our recliner reading a novel? Why do we use our talents comforting the aged and ill when we could use that time cleaning our home? Why do we spend our money making gifts to family and/or charitable organizations rather than on stuff for ourselves? These are “why” questions that I hope we all will ponder occasionally during the year as well as where we are in our journey with Christ.

October was a relatively quiet month for us at Advent. Several couples were away for much of the month and we didn’t want them to miss too much of our Bible Study so we only discussed a couple of chapters.

John Blackburn, our IONA student from Beeville, was with us on the 13th and preached the sermon for us.

We are probably all aware of Halloween on the 31st of October. It leads us into All Saints Day on November 1st. Though we do not have a worship service for All Saints Day unless it falls on a

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FROM THE HEART (CONT'D)

Sunday, it is hoped that we will take a few minutes to think about those "Saints" that we know of and also remember all the "saints" that have loved us and guided us in our faith.

All Souls Day is November 2nd when we remember the Faithful Departed. Hopefully we will take a little time to remember.

On November 9th we look forward to Fall Social when we will gather to enjoy fellowship and hospitality and are given an opportunity to gift a "treasured possession" to another in the "white elephant bingo". (More about that in this newsletter)

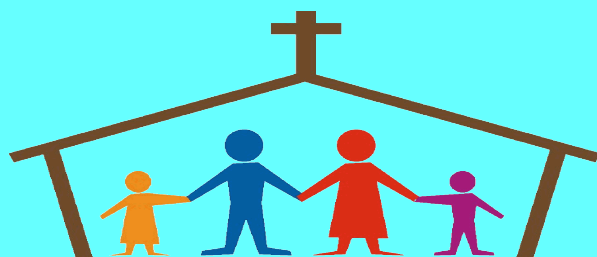
John Blackburn will be with us again on the 17th.

Bible Study will continue.

And finally, I want to assure you that I am doing relatively OK, thanks to all of the love and care you have provided.

Thanks be to God.

Tom



Good Karma

~ Note to Self ~

"What is my purpose in life?" I asked the void.

"What if I told you that you fulfilled it when you took an extra hour to talk to that kid about his life?" said the voice.

"Or when you paid for that young couple in the restaurant? Or when you saved that dog in traffic? Or when you tied your father's shoes for him?"

"Your problem is that you equate your purpose with goal-based achievement. The Universe isn't interested in your achievements... just your heart. When you choose to act out of kindness, compassion and love, you are already aligned with your true purpose.

No need to look any further!"



Church of the ADVENT

Worship Schedule

NOVEMBER 2019

November 3

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman

Lectors: Juliette Wood & Bruce Hoffman

Oblationers: Roge & Liz Hoffman

Usher: Phil MacCord

November 10

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley

Lectors: Roge & Liz Hoffman

Oblationers: Andy & Aaronette Housley

Usher: Bruce Hoffman

November 17

Celebrants: Rev. Tom Turner

Eucharistic Minister: Cookie MacCord

Lectors: Phil MacCord & Clif Hammock

Oblationers: Andy & Aaronette Housley

Usher: Andy Housley

November 24

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley

Lectors: Juliette Wood & Clif Hammock

Oblationers: Bruce & Gail Hoffman

Usher: Andy Housley

December 1 (1st Sunday of Advent)

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman

Lectors: Juliette Wood & Bruce Hoffman

Oblationers: Roge & Liz Hoffman

Usher: Clif Hammock



Worship Schedule

DECEMBER 2019

December 1 1st Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner
Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman
Lectors: Juliette Wood & Bruce Hoffman
Oblationers: Roge & Liz Hoffman
Usher: Clif Hammock

December 8 2nd Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner
Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley
Lectors: Roge & Liz Hoffman
Oblationers: Andy & Aaronette Housley
Usher: Bruce Hoffman

December 15 3rd Sunday of Advent

Celebrants: Rev. Tom Turner
Eucharistic Minister: Cookie MacCord
Lectors: Phil MacCord & Clif Hammock
Oblationers: Steve & Eddie Findley
Usher: Andy Housley

December 22 4th Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner
Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman
Lectors: Juliette Wood & Phil MacCord
Oblationers: Andy & Aaronette Housley
Usher: Clif Hammock

December 24 Christmas Eve

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner
Eucharistic Minister: Cookie MacCord
Lectors: Phil MacCord & Steve Findley
Oblationers: Bruce & Gail Hoffman
Usher: Clif Hammock

December 29 1st Sunday after Christmas

Morning Prayer
Lay Minister: Gail Hoffman
Lectors: Clif Hammock and Bruce Hoffman
Usher: Clif Hammock

You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you, making you spill your coffee everywhere. Why did you spill the coffee? You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea. The point is whatever is inside the cup, is what will spill out. Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which will happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled. So, we have to ask ourselves, "What's in my cup?" When life gets tough, what spills out? Joy, gratefulness, peace and humility? Or does anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions come out? You choose! Today let's work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, kindness, gentleness and love for others.





November 2019



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



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Turn clocks back tonight before going to bed.

3 All Saints Sunday
21st Sunday after Pentecost
9am HE Rite I
10:30am WOA/MOA

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9 **5:30pm**
Fall Social & Thanksgiving Gathering


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22nd Sunday after Pentecost
9am HE Rite II

11 **VETERANS DAY**
Office Closed

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Coastal Bend Day of Giving

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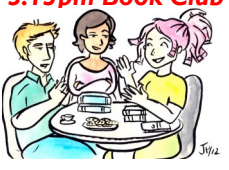
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23rd Sunday after Pentecost
9am HE Rite II
10:30am WOA

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5:15 Vestry

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5:15pm Book Club


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Cookie Gone

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Last Sunday after Pentecost
9am HE Rite II
MOA will meet on 1 DEC

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Office Closed

28 **Thanksgiving Day**
Office Closed


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Office Closed

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Tom Gone
Cookie Gone
Happy Thanksgiving! To You And Your Family



Administered through the Coastal Bend Community Foundation, the Coastal Bend Day of Giving is a one day only, 24 hour, online donation event offering the unique opportunity to make gifts that are doubled to local nonprofits serving the Coastal Bend area's neediest.

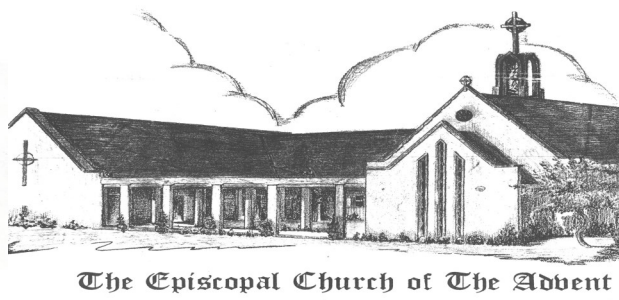
Visit www.coastalbenddayofgiving.org, anytime between 12:00 am to 11:59 pm on November 12, 2019, click 'nonprofits', search for **“Alice Volunteer Services”** or your favorite nonprofit(s), and click 'Give'.

Participating in the Day of Giving is simple.

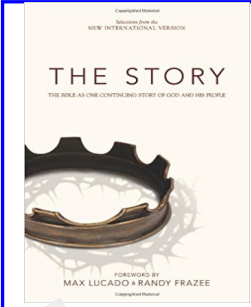
You can choose to give using a credit/debit card or an electronic check.

NOTE: Alice Food Pantry and Alice Trash & Treasure are a listed non-profit under the combined name **“Alice Volunteer Services”**.

Fight hunger • Support children • Improve health • Reduce homelessness – Right Here in the Coastal Bend.



The Episcopal Church of The Advent



Bible study continues with our study of the Bible through "The Story". Come join us on Sunday morning after the 9:00am service and coffee hour.

Book Club

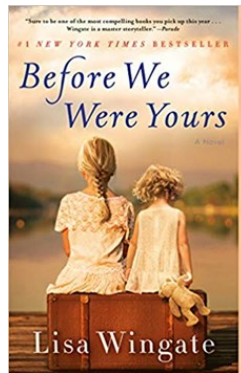
On a rotating basis, participants will each identify a book to be read and the month for reading it. To that end, a schedule was developed through February 2020. The person selecting the book for the month will provide a very brief biography of the author and begin the discussion by sharing his/her observations and feelings about the book. You are encouraged to attend a meeting even if you did not read or finish the book, as it is varying opinions that make these discussions stimulating and interesting. There are no right or wrong opinions.

Our next meeting will be held on November 21st at 5:15 at the Church library. We will be discussing ***The Things We Cannot Say*** by *Kelly Rimmer*. If you were unable to join us in October, we hope you and a friend or two will be able to join us in November. Please bring two book titles and authors to the November meeting so we can develop our calendar for the coming year. We have decided that due to the December meeting falling within Christmas week, that we would not meet in December and resume again in January. Remember that all are welcome with no age restrictions. Please join us!

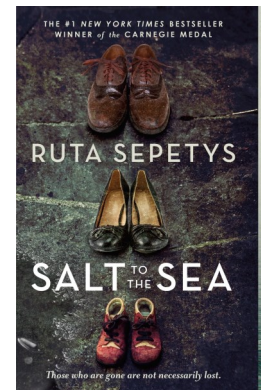
Linda Keim



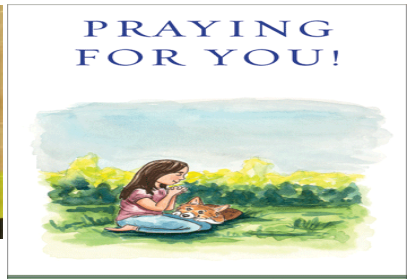
Meeting: November 21, 2019
Host: Aaronette Housley



January 16, 2020
Linda Keim



February 20, 2020
Bonnie Whitley



Let us pray for our own needs and those of others:

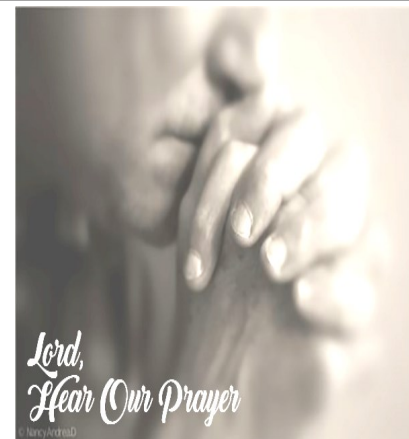
Bill Acker, Ashton Adams, James Appleby, Molly Antilla, LaVearne Backus, Lydia & Marie Bertrand, Luca Bish, Denise Bowen, Jack Bradford, Keith Breaux, Judy Bruzer, Kevin Busa, Mike Carper, Cindy Case, Aspen Coffee, Carl Colgin, Anne Currie, Kathleen Eddlemon, Mark Embler, Gracie Fields, Delfi Flores, Billy Fortenberry, Janet Foy, Melba Gafford, Anita Garcia, Carlos Garcia, Marisol Garcia, David Garza and family, Gracie Gruber, Rina Guerra, Gwen Guinn, Aaron Henson, Natalie Hoelscher, JW Holmes, Carolyn Hunter, Kelly Hunter, JoOnni Johnson, Kristin Johnson, Jill Kirby, Juanice Kirby, Lewis Kutschke, Darla Lee, Richard Light, Alex Lopez, Jeffrey Lynd, Greg MacCord, Phil MacCord, Gerri Ann Martin, Ian Milligan, Ned & Kathy Morris, Owen Murray, Mickey & Pat Myane, Aubryanna McGee, Beatrice Nwosu, Jon O'dell, Susan Paul, Ramon Perez, Stephanie Poole, Shirley Powers, Bill Reed, Joye Reed, Pearl Riddle, Gregg Robertson, Delores Rodriguez, Hillary Sanchez, Isaul Santos, Irene Seidel, Jan Sierman, Belinda Silva, Jim Siverd, Jimmie Alice Smith, Avery Stein, Nick Stokes, Bill Storgion, David Sullivan, Roberta Thomure, Lainey Topacio, Olga Torres, John Gust Tsesmelis Jr., Wayne Waltrip, Jane Wieser, Susie Wilkerson, Carey Woods and Cinco Woods.



ONE NATION UNDER GOD!

Pray for our Military Family

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad; especially; Benjamin, Brittany, Caitlynn, Caton, Correy, Drew, Jared, Joseph, Luke, Noah, Phillip, Sean, Shawn and William. Defend them day-by-day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils, which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ~Amen~



Congratulations!

OUR NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

This month we celebrate the birthdays of Miley Teigen Hoffman on the 5th, Atarra McGee on the 14th, Joe Ash on the 18th, and Brandie Broesche Meeks on the 19th.

If we have overlooked someone, please let Debbie, in the office, know.



ANNOUNCEMENT'S

The holidays are upon us. If you serve in a capacity that requires scheduling. Please let Ms Debbie know the dates, as early as possible, that you will NOT be available to serve.

Get your garage sale item (NO clothing) to the church by the end of December or early January at the latest. Contact Ms Debbie in the church office or Liz Hoffman 361-664-5864 for assistance/arrangements/questions.

Book Club Meeting

5:15 pm November 21st, 2019
Church of the Advent Library
200 North Wright Street

If you have a loved one to add to or remove from the Birthday/Anniversary list – or just want to correct a name on our list, please contact Ms. Debbie in the office

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday and people going out of town, all December newsletter input is due to Cookie NLT Monday, November 18th.

OUR NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

This month we celebrate the Wedding anniversary of Dave and MiCha Sullivan on the 15th, Steve and Eddie Findley on the 27th, and Mike and Debbie Brown on the 28th.

If we have overlooked someone, please let Debbie, in the office, know.

Please keep your pledges current. We will close the 2019 year on December 30th. If you need any information concerning your pledges, contact the church office at 664-7881.

Liz Hoffman has taken on the responsibilities of Flower Fund Chairperson.

Liz will be ordering the Christmas poinsettias soon. Anyone wishing to purchase Poinsettias in memorium of someone or in Thanksgiving to God for someone, please contact Liz at 361-664-5864. The cost is \$10.00 per poinsettia. The poinsettias will be used to decorate the church and may be taken home after Christmas.

VESTRY's next scheduled meetings will be at 5:15pm on Tuesday, November 19th.

WOA will meet on Sunday November 17th

MOA will meet on Sunday December 1st.

Please check the weekly pew sheet for calendar updates of scheduled meeting.

From the kitchen of Jamie McKinney

Chicken Enchilada's with Sour Cream Sauce

INGREDIENTS

6-8 CHICKEN TENDERS

7 OZ CAN OF SALSA VERDE

7 OZ WATER (JUST FILL SALSA VERDE CAN)

1 C SOUR CREAM

1 CAN CREAM OF CHICKEN SOUP

2 C SHREDDED CHEDDAR CHEESE

10 9-INCH FLOUR TORTILLAS

SALT AND PEPPER TO TASTE

CROCK POT

13X9 BAKING PAN



Directions

- 1. In a crock pot add frozen chicken breast, 7oz can of Salsa Verde. Then fill the empty can up with water and add it to the crock pot as well.**
- 2. Cook over Medium heat for 4 hours.**
- 3. Take the chicken out and shred with a fork. Make sure you save the liquid it cooked in.**
- 4. In a bowl add 1 cup sour cream, can of cream of chicken soup, liquid from crockpot that the chicken cooked in, and salt and pepper.**
- 5. Whisk till lumps are gone and it is well mixed. Once it is well mixed pour half into the 13x9 baking pan, set the rest aside.**
- 6. Add shredded chicken to top of a flour tortilla, and sprinkle top with cheese.**
- 7. Roll tight and place seam side down in prepared pan. Repeat this process with all 10 tortillas**
- 8. Once you have all 10 tortillas in the pan, cover with the rest of the sour cream sauce, cheese and salt and pepper.**
- 9. Cover with foil and bake on 350 degrees for 35-45 mins.**

Fall Social & Thanksgiving Gathering

Meal provided.

Bring a dessert to share AND a wrapped White Elephant gift for BINGO after we eat.

5:30pm Saturday, 9 November

Bring your family and friends.
Come join in the meal and fun
& games.



FROM AROUND OUR DIOCESE

November 7 - 10 Cursillo Español #283 Camp Capers

[REGISTER](#)

Cursillo Español #283 en Camp Capers (7 - 10 de noviembre) es un retiro espiritual durante el cual los candidatos participan en un pequeño curso de Cristianismo por medio de su compañerismo en estudio y servicios religiosos. El cursillo esta abierto para: todos los miembros de la Iglesia Episcopal, ELCA Luterana, y la Iglesia Catolica, con la debida autorizacion de su parroco o pastor. El precio es de \$210. [Haga clic aquí](#) para registrarte. For Cursillo information in English, visit dwtx.org/cursillo.

November 8 14th Annual Bishop's Golf Classic Canyon Springs Golf Club

[REGISTER](#)

Spend a day on the green for a good cause! The annual Bishop's Golf Classic raises funds for the Camps Scholarship Fund. Our diocesan camp programs seek to create safe spaces for children, youth, and adults to experience the love of God, then return to their home communities equipped and inspired to share Christ's love with the world. [Click here](#) to open the flyer, and [click here](#) to sign up as a sponsor or team. Contact Clay Michel at jcmichel737@yahoo.com for sponsorship details.

November 9, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Christian Formation Day Retreat Bishop Jones Center, Mission Room

[REGISTER](#)

As leaders of Christian Formation in the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, you want more time to connect with each other in person, share insights that work, and learn actionable insights that will impact your personal communications, leadership, and ministry. This is your chance! Whether you work with kids, teens, families or adults as a volunteer, lay staff or clergy, this retreat is for you. Participants will spend the morning discussing current topics and sharing successful resources; after lunch, Elizabeth Stephens will lead a personalized Enneagram workshop with transformative information for you and your ministry. Registration cost is \$20 per person, which includes continental breakfast and lunch. If childcare is a concern, please contact Sarah Kates, Christian Formation Committee Chair, at sarah.kates@att.com by Monday, October 28.

November 15 - 17 ([Retreat Schedule](#))

The 48th Annual Silent Retreat - "Gathering All at the Table: A Daily Invitation to Serve and Be Served"

T Bar M Camp & Retreats, New Braunfels

During the Silent Retreat, silence is observed from Friday Compline until Sunday morning breakfast. Daily Offices, led by the Rev. Judith Rhodes, anchor each day and ample personal time allows for solitude and reflection. This year's retreat conductor, Catherine Lillibridge, will share a series of meditations and opportunities to consider silence and contemplation as spiritual practices through which to discern God's call to action and ministry. Several spaces remain available for this limited-enrollment event (maximum of 30). Total retreat cost is \$335.00, with \$135.00 of that amount due with the registration form. Some financial assistance is available as needed. The registration deadline is Friday, October 11. Individuals interested in attending should contact Rilda Baker, at (210) 422-9459 or drildabaker@gmail.com, to request additional information and a registration form.

November 15 - 17 Mother/Son and Father/Daughter Retreat Camp Capers

[REGISTER](#)

The Mother/Son and Father/Daughter Retreat at Camp Capers is a brand new retreat for parents and their children (ages 6 - 18) to experience Camp Capers together. Led by the Revs. Beth Wyndham and Brad Landry, the weekend will include games and activities, conversations about faith and Bible study, worship, and fun for mothers with sons and fathers with daughters. All are invited to make memories that will last a life time. The cost is \$150 per adult and \$110 per child. For more information, contact Camp Capers at camp.capers@dwtx.org, or (830) 995-3966.

November 22 - 24 Happening #144 Epiphany, Kingsville

[REGISTER](#)

Happenings are spiritual renewal weekends for older high school students (10th-12th grade), led by their peers. Registration is \$50 and will open in September 2019. For more information, visit dwtx.org/happening or contact dwtxhappening@gmail.com.



The
Episcopal Diocese
of West Texas

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship teaches that all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We are the stewards – not only of our financial resources, but also of this created earth, our time, our talents, our families, our relationships, life itself, but most importantly of God's word. Christian stewardship is using these gifts God has given us, to do the work God is calling us to do.

What are we called to do? It is found in The Great Commission to, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20a RSV.) This is the core purpose of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas – Be Jesus' Witnesses.

The Stewardship department has focused this section of the website and our energies on the "Treasure" in stewardship knowing it can be said that the way we handle our money is a window into our souls. We hope to provide an electronic source of ideas, programs, resources and inspiration to encourage visitors (while helping congregations encourage members) to experience the joy of giving and embrace a lifestyle of generosity according to God's Word and Christ's example. Follow the links on the right and below to begin to discover the unique gifts embedded in you by your Creator. Reach out and become a steward of all you have been given. Chair: Ted Burkhart

Gift of Time

Prayer - Of Self-Dedication: Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

(paraphrased from The Book of Common Prayer, p 832)

It is through missionary giving of time that we can follow the Great Commission and make Christ known. Are you ready to explore the works of mission in your congregations, city and the world? Click here to enter the "world" of our World Mission Department. **Core values of:** Faith, Evangelism and Reconciliation

Gift of Talent

Prayer - For Wise use of Talents: Almighty God, you have blessed each of us with unique gifts, and have called us into specific occupations, relationships, and activities using those gifts. Enable us to use our talents to witness to our faith in you and to communicate your love to the people we meet each day. Empower us to be ministers of reconciliation, love, hope, and justice. Keep us steadfast in our commitment to serve actively in your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

(Occasional Services, Augsburg, 1982, p. 148)

The church helps to guide people through the discernment of their gifts. Do you hear a call to creatively use your talents to serve Him? **Core values of:** Scripture, prayer, worship; Evangelism and Reconciliation

Gift of Treasure

A Prayer for Stewardship of Treasure: Almighty God, whose loving hand has given me all that I possess, Grant me the grace to honor you with my substance. Help me to see that I am unworthy of your blessings unless I find some way to share them with others. Bless our efforts as I remember that one day I must give account to you. Grant me the courage and commitment to be faithful in my tithe and offerings, Thereby presenting myself to you as a faithful steward of all that you give me Through Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior. Amen

How we use money says more about our value system than anything we say and do. How we value it - hoard it - and spend it defines us. Who are you becoming? Who do you want to be? **Core values of:** Faith, Scripture, Prayer, Worship.

DID YOU KNOW?

1. The first Thanksgiving was actually a three-day celebration. Today, Thanksgiving takes place on one glorious, food-filled day — maybe two if you count Black Friday. But that wasn't enough for the original Pilgrims. In November 1621, the settlers' first corn harvest proved successful and Governor William Bradford invited the Plymouth colonists' Native American allies to enjoy the fruits of their labor. Members of the Wampanoag tribe came bearing food to share and as they joined the Pilgrims, the revelers decided to extend the affair.

2. It's unclear if colonists and Native Americans ate turkey at their feast. Nobody is quite sure if the almighty bird that now marks the centerpiece of our table was even on the menu back in 1621. However, they did indulge in other interesting foods like lobster, seal, and swan. The Wampanoag even brought five deer to the feast, so if you also enjoy venison at your autumn table, consider yourselves right in line with longstanding tradition.

3. Today, a part of Plymouth, Massachusetts, looks just as it did in the 17th century. Modeled after an English village and a Wampanoag home site, the historic attraction Plymouth Plantation stays true to its historic roots. And if you want to go way back to the original Thanksgiving table, you can. Guests can order tickets as early as June (May for members) to attend a Thanksgiving dinner complete with authentic courses like a corn pudding and fish fricassee, tales of colonial life, and centuries-old songs. Don't be too shy to join in the sing-along!

4. While president, Thomas Jefferson refused to declare Thanksgiving as a holiday. Presidents originally had to declare Thanksgiving a holiday every year. History says Jefferson refused to recognize the event, because he strongly believed in the separa-

tion of church and state. Since Thanksgiving involved prayer and reflection, the president thought making it a national holiday would violate the First Amendment. He also thought it was better suited as a state holiday, not a federal one. But he never really explained himself to the public, so he went down in history as an anti-Thanksgiving leader.

5. The woman behind "Mary Had a Little Lamb" is also responsible for Thanksgiving's recognition as a national holiday. Writer and editor Sarah Josepha Hale convinced President Abraham Lincoln to officially declare Thanksgiving a national holiday that recurred every year after years of persistent lobbying. The author also founded the American Ladies Magazine, which promoted women's issues long before suffrage. She wrote countless articles and letters to persuade the president to recognize the holiday federally, which she believed could help unify the Northern and Southern states amid gathering tensions and divisions. Hale kept at it, even after the Civil War broke out, and Lincoln actually wrote the proclamation just a week after her last letter in 1863.

6. The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade didn't feature any balloons. If you can't imagine the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade without giant floats featuring your favorite characters, you'd probably barely recognize the first parade in the early 1920s. It did have puppets riding the floats, as well as singers and celebrities and of course, Santa Claus. And when the Thanksgiving parade made its big debut in 1924, it did have something that might be even crazier than balloons: animals from the Central Park Zoo.



DID YOU KNOW?

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7. But we have a Good Housekeeping illustrator to thank for the parade's first balloons. German American illustrator Tony Starg, who completed illustrations for Good Housekeeping, also had a passion for puppetry, which he used to make the amazing floats come to life in 1927. How cool is that?

8. In 1939, Thanksgiving was celebrated on the third Thursday in November — not the fourth. You might think President Roosevelt could predict the future, as he channeled a "Black Friday" mindset when he decided when to celebrate Thanksgiving during his presidency. Even though the holiday had been celebrated on the fourth Thursday since Lincoln officially recognized the federal holiday decades before, Roosevelt bumped it up a week. That effectively added seven more shopping days to the holiday season, but it also angered football coaches who had Thanksgiving games scheduled that became regular weekday games and calendar-printers who now had incorrect dates. Americans, to say the least, didn't love the change, so it was officially (and legally) switched back in 1942.

9. A Thanksgiving mix-up inspired the first TV dinners. In 1953, a Swanson employee accidentally ordered a colossal shipment of Thanksgiving turkeys (260 tons, to be exact). To get rid of them all, salesman Gerry Thomas took inspiration from the prepared foods served on airplanes. He came up with the idea of filling 5,000 aluminum trays with the turkey — along with cornbread dressing, gravy, peas, and sweet potatoes to round out the meal. The 98-cent meals were a hit, especially with kids and increasingly busy households.

10. About 46 million turkeys are cooked for Thanksgiving each year. Thanksgiving without turkey would be like Christmas without a tree, and most American families consider it equally blasphemous. While not super popular the rest of the year, turkey is a huge hit for holidays, perhaps because it really serves a crowd. On Christmas, 22 million families host an encore with yet another turkey.



The Lone Ranger and Tonto were camping in the wilderness. After they got their tent set up, both men fell sound asleep. Some hours later, Tonto wakes the Lone Ranger and says, "Kemo Sabe, look towards sky, what you see?"

The Lone Ranger replies, "I see millions of stars."

"What that tell you?" asked Tonto.

The Lone Ranger ponders for a minute then says, "Astronomically-speaking, it tells me there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time-wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three in the morning. Theologically, the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you, Tonto?"

"You dumber than buffalo... It mean someone stole tent."

From one Kitchen to Another

Cauliflower Casserole

1 head of cauliflower
4 slices of bacon
1 cup of HWC
3 oz of cream cheese
1 tsp onion powder
1 tsp garlic powder
1 cup cheddar cheese
1/2 cup mozzarella cheese
1/4 cup parmesan cheese,
plus some to top when baking
Salt and pepper to taste



Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Fry bacon till crisp, set aside

Sauté cauliflower in bacon grease, may need to add some grease to pan
In a saucepan heat all the sauce ingredients

Add cauliflower and crumbled bacon, mix up with sauce then put in baking dish.

Cook for 15-20 minutes

Broil for last bit to brown

Enjoy

Acorn Candy Cookies

Prep 15 m Ready In 45 m

"Cute little treats all on their own or a fun decoration for your cupcakes! Enjoy as is or use to decorate cupcakes. If you are good at piping try adding some colored leaves made of frosting to the top of the Nilla(R) Wafer."

Ingredients

1 tablespoon prepared chocolate frosting

24 milk chocolate candy kisses, unwrapped (such as Hershey's Kisses(R)),

24 mini vanilla wafer cookies (such as Nilla(R))

24 butterscotch chips

Directions

Smear a small amount of frosting onto the flat bottom of a candy kiss. Press onto the flat bottom of the vanilla wafer. Smear a little more frosting onto the flat bottom of a butterscotch chip, and press onto the rounded top of the cookie. Repeat with remaining ingredients. Set aside to dry, about 30 minutes.





You always hear the usual stories of pennies on the sidewalk being good luck, gifts from angels, etc. This is the first time I've ever heard this twist on the story. Gives you something to think about.

Several years ago, a friend of mine and her husband were invited to spend the weekend at the husband's employer's home. My friend, Arlene, was nervous about the weekend. The boss was very wealthy, with a fine home on the waterway, and cars costing more than her house.

The first day and evening went well, and Arlene was delighted to have this rare glimpse into how the very wealthy live. The husband's employer was quite generous as a host, and took them to the finest restaurants. Arlene knew she would never have the opportunity to indulge in this kind of extravagance again, so was enjoying herself immensely.

As the three of them were about to enter an exclusive restaurant that evening, the boss was walking slightly ahead of Arlene and her husband.

He stopped suddenly, looking down on the pavement for a long, silent moment..

Arlene wondered if she was supposed to pass him. There was nothing on the ground except a single darkened penny that someone had dropped, and a few cigarette butts. Still silent, the man reached down and picked up the penny.

He held it up and smiled, then put it in his pocket as if he had found a great treasure. How absurd! What need did this man have for a single penny? Why would he even take the time to stop and pick it up?

Throughout dinner, the entire scene nagged at her. Finally, she could stand it no longer. She casually mentioned that her daughter once had a

coin collection, and asked if the penny he had found had been of some value.

A smile crept across the man's face as he reached into his pocket for the penny and held it out for her to see. She had seen many pennies before! What was the point of this?

'Look at it.' He said. 'Read what it says.' She read the words ' United States of America '

'No, not that; read further.'

'One cent?' 'No, keep reading.'

'In God we Trust?' 'Yes!' 'And?'

'And if I trust in God, the name of God is holy, even on a coin. Whenever I find a coin, I see that inscription. It is written on every single United States coin, but we never seem to notice it! God drops a message right in front of me telling me to trust Him? Who am I to pass it by? When I see a coin, I pray, I stop to see if my trust IS in God at that moment. I pick the coin up as a response to God; that I do trust in Him.

For a short time, at least, I cherish it as if it were gold. I think it is God's way of starting a conversation with me. Lucky for me, God is patient and pennies are plentiful!

When I was out shopping yesterday I found a penny on the sidewalk. I stopped and picked it up, and realized that I had been worrying and fretting in my mind about things I cannot change. I read the words, 'In God We Trust,' and had to laugh. Yes, God, I get the message.

It seems that I have been finding an inordinate number of pennies in the last few months, but then, pennies are plentiful! And, God is patient..



what is strength?

Strength is forgiving people that don't even feel sorry for their action.

Strength is putting a smile on your face when you want to cry a river.

Strength is not hurting those who hurt you.

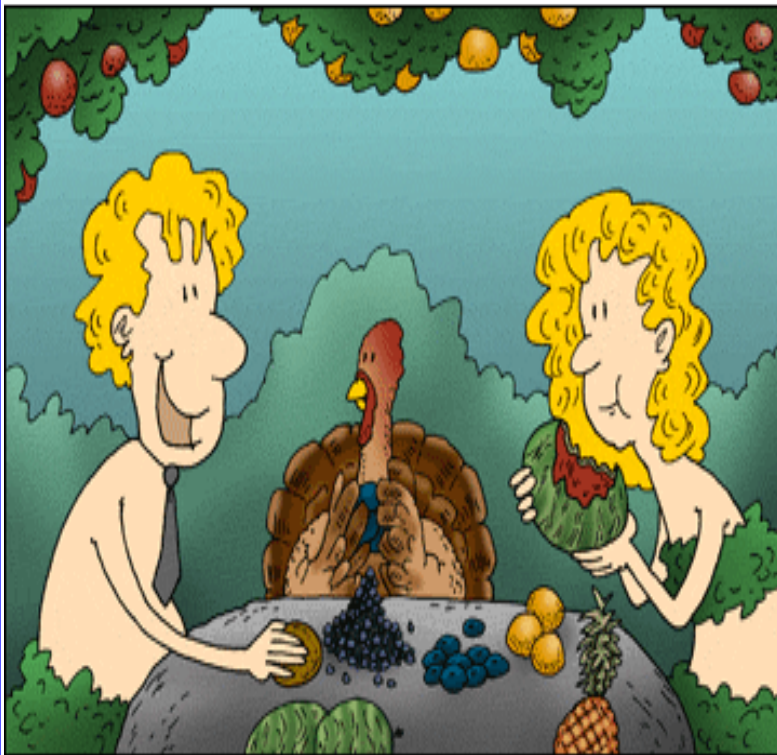
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What prayer feels like....



What prayer really is!!!



(See Genesis 3)

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I'D LIKE TO GIVE THANKS FOR THE FOOD,
FOR A PEACEFUL WORLD, AND THAT TURKEY IS
ALWAYS ABLE TO JOIN US ON THANKSGIVING

**The oldest computer
was owned by
Adam and Eve.**

**It was an Apple
with very
limited memory.**

**Just 1 byte and
everything crashed!**

October Challenge 203 SOLUTION

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9 5 6 7 1

S U D O K U



"For goodness sake, can't you just sing in the shower like everyone else?"

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November CHALLENGE

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S U D O K U
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7 3

1. If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.
2. A whale swims all day, only eats fish, only drinks water and is fat.
3. A rabbit only eats vegetables, runs and hops all day long and only lives 5 years.
4. A tortoise doesn't run and does nothing energetic, yet it lives for 450 years.

**And you tell me to exercise!
I don't think so!**

NOVEMBER coloring page



Give thanks to Him,
and praise His name.

Psalm 100:4

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