



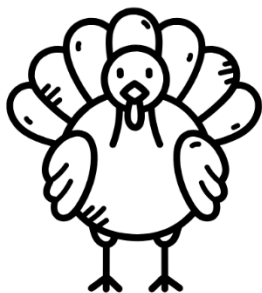
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NEWSLETTER



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas are three festivities that mark the coming end of the year and we are living in a very difficult time. The principal governments of the world have the power to destroy humanity. They are China, North Korea, Russia, USA, Pakistan and India. However, the ambition to control the world is nothing new. Many Kings and leaders of the most powerful nations have made attempts to dominate and control the world throughout the history of humankind. It is hard to imagine that one person ... representing one nation ... could be in control of all the other nations in the world, but there are ambitious people willing to disrupt the peace of other nations in order to please their big ego. Alexander the Great, several Roman Emperors, Adolf Hitler, and many others before them are just a sampling.

Nowadays, domination comes from rich people and the nations they want to control the financial affairs of the rest of the world. They think they have the right to determine who lives and who dies. Conspiracy theories are everywhere and vary depending on the group that will benefit from them. They keep people in our society focused on less important things instead of what we should be more preoccupied with.

What we should **not** do, at any time, is take our eyes away from Jesus. He is in control of human history and He has intervened in human history to change the course of the world. He is the One who created this universe, he has a plan for the inhabitants of planet earth, and he is the only one

who has the power to destroy it. Some of God's children will suffer the consequences of the evil forces active in the world, but ultimately the victory belongs to the children of God.

The Apostle Paul is asking the question in Chapter 8 of Romans: "Who could separate us from the Love of God which is in Jesus Christ?" Paul gives us a list of all the things that could possibly take away our relationship with God. Then, he concludes by saying that "There is nothing in the world, that could separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Therefore, we should feel confident that God has created us so that we might live for the praise of His glory. Your future is in God's hands. God chose Jesus Christ to rule over the whole world as King, a king whose kingdom will last forever and ever. It doesn't depend on human circumstances, how we are doing in the marketplace, or who is ruling this country or any other. God will deliver ALL of his children from ALL forms of evil and at the end of history the faithful will reign with God and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

I want to invite you, if you are able, to become more regular attendees of the Sunday Worship Service. We are a family and "Therefore, let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25)

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

I hope you have a wonderful celebration day in the company of your loved ones!

Pastor Rey Diaz

Sunday Schedule

Fennimore: Worship at 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM
Christian Education (Ages 3 to Grade 6): 9:15 AM
at Fennimore UMC
Confirmation: 7:15 PM at Fennimore UMC

Stitzer: Worship at 10:30 AM

FENNIMORE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

November 2024
Article by Kim Cathman

Hello Novembrrrrrr ... October winds sure blew in the month of November this year!

November is a 'prep for winter' month! Rake up the leaves, bring in the lawn furniture, find your snow shovel, get those boots, hats, gloves and scarves ready, plan your Thanksgiving meal and start making your Christmas lists. So much to do.

The United Women in Faith are prepping. We met at the end of October and planned our Potluck Christmas Dinner. It will be the first Wednesday in December at the Church. We will meet at **5:00 PM** to assemble our Cheer Plates and will share a meal starting around **6:00 PM**.

We will deliver them, some that evening possibly, and the rest the next day. We all look forward to this event and hope others will join us! We welcome more ladies to be part of our fellowship.

Election of Officers:

President: Kim Cathman
Vice President: Doreen Wood
Secretary: JoAnn Wiederholt
Treasurer: Judy Nelson

Yes! You are seeing right; we are the same as last year.

Creation Team is planning to meet Monday and Tuesday, November 18th and 19th at 9:00 AM. We will not meet in December.

Thanksgiving!

The United States celebrates Thanksgiving as a national holiday on the **fourth Thursday in November**. In 2024, Thanksgiving will be observed on Thursday, November 28.

Thanksgiving has been held on the fourth Thursday in November since 1941, which means that the actual date of the holiday shifts each year. The earliest Thanksgiving can occur is November 22; the latest is November 28.

Native Americans in North America celebrated harvest festivals for centuries before a Thanksgiving federal holiday was formally established in the United States. Colonial services for these festivals date back to the late 16th century. The autumnal feasts celebrated the harvest of crops after a season of bountiful growth.

In the 1600s, settlers in Massachusetts and Virginia had feasts to thank for surviving, fertile fields, and their faith. The Pilgrims in Plymouth, Massachusetts, had their Thanksgiving feast in 1621 with the Wampanoag Native Americans.

This three-day feast is considered the "first" Thanksgiving celebration in the colonies. However, there were other recorded ceremonies of thanks on these lands. In 1565, Spanish explorers and the local Timucua people of St. Augustine, Florida, celebrated a mass of thanksgiving. In 1619, British settlers proclaimed a day of thanksgiving when they reached a site known as Berkeley Hundred on the banks of Virginia's James River.

Of course, the idea of "thanksgiving" for the harvest is as old as time, with records from the Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans. Native American cultures, too, have a rich tradition of giving thanks at harvest time feasts, which began long before Europeans appeared on their soil. And well after the Pilgrims, for more than two centuries, individual colonies and states celebrated days of thanksgiving.

How Did the Pilgrims Come to Settle Here?

When certain men and women of Scrooby, England, were persecuted for separating themselves from the Church of England, they, as Pilgrims, fled to Leiden, Holland. Upon the execution of separatist leader James of Barneveld there on May 13, 1619, they realized that Holland was no freer than England and prepared to go to America.

On July 20, 1620, after putting their plans into effect, they asked for the parting words of their beloved pastor, John Robinson. The next day, they boarded the ship *Speedwell*, anchored where the canal from Leiden, then entered the Maas (or Meuse, a river flowing into the North Sea) at Delfshaven, and sailed for Southampton, England.

The *Mayflower* arrived at what is now Provincetown, Massachusetts, at the tip of a curved peninsula later named Cape Cod, on November 21 and, on that day, drew up one of the most significant documents of American history, the *Mayflower Compact*. The *Compact* was a constitution formed by the people — the beginning of popular government.

They then explored the lands along the bay formed by the peninsula. On December 22, after holding the first town meeting in America to decide where to build their homes, the Pilgrims went onshore at a site now called Plymouth Rock. There, on the shore above the rock, they settled. After 400 years, their descendants and those of the Puritans are still sailing along.

After misadventures and more farewells, these brave 102 souls departed on the *Mayflower* on September 6, 1620.

What Ever Happened to the Pilgrims?

So, whatever happened to the Pilgrims? The following highlights reveal what has transpired for the Pilgrims, their Puritan contemporaries, and the descendants of both.

- 1621: Over dinner with some of their Native American guests, they gave thanks for their welfare
- 1621: Built a meetinghouse
- 1634: Forbade wearing gold and silver lace
- 1639: Started a college (Harvard)
- 1640: Set up a printing press
- 1647: Hanged a "witch" (Alse Young—the first person to be executed for witchcraft in the Thirteen Colonies)
- 1704: Printed the first newspaper in Boston

- 1721: Were inoculated for smallpox
- 1776: Again declared themselves to be free and independent
- 1792: No doubt purchased the 1793 first edition of Robert B. Thomas's *Farmer's Almanac*. Today known as *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, this book is North America's oldest continuously published periodical.

The First National Thanksgiving Proclamation

The first national Thanksgiving celebration was observed in **honor of the creation of the new United States Constitution!** In 1789, President George Washington issued a proclamation designating November 26 of that year as a "Day of Publick Thanksgivin" to recognize the role of providence in creating the new United States and the new federal Constitution.

Washington was in his first term as president, and a young nation had just emerged successfully from the Revolution. Washington called upon the people of the United States to acknowledge God for affording them "an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness." This was the first time Thanksgiving was celebrated under the new Constitution.

It wasn't until 1863, during the Civil War, that **President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day** to be held each November.

In **1939**, President Franklin D. Roosevelt changed Thanksgiving from the last Thursday in November to the second to the last Thursday. It was the tail-end of the Depression, and Roosevelt's goal was to create more shopping days before Christmas and boost the economy. However, many people continued to celebrate Thanksgiving on the last Thursday in November, unhappy that the holiday's date had been meddled with. You could argue, however, that this helped create the shopping craze known as Black Friday.

In **1941**, to end any confusion, the president and Congress established Thanksgiving as a United States federal holiday to be celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November, which is how it stands today!

Well, that was your Thanksgiving History 101 lesson! Geeze you can find a lot of stuff online!

From the 1996 UMC Cookbook

Autumn Soup – Joann Schrader

- 1 lb Ground Beef
- 1 Cup Potatoes, Cut Up
- 1 Cup Chopped Onions(*optional*)
- 2 tsp Salt
- 4 Cups Water
- ½ tsp Pepper
- 1 Cup Carrots, Cut Up
- 1 Bouillon Cube
- 1 Cup Celery, Cut Up
- 1 Lg Can Tomatoes (28 oz) OR Fresh

Brown beef; add onions (if desired) and cook 5 minutes more.
Add water, carrots, celery, potatoes and seasonings; mix thoroughly.
Bring to a boil; cover and simmer for 20 minutes.
Add tomatoes; cover and simmer for 10 more minutes.

Makes 6 servings

Seems to me that Novemberrrr is a soup month!
Yummy!

Thank You: We'd like to extend a special Thank You to Rosemary Collins! She's created and updated our table decorations in the fellowship hall. They look so nice. AND she's working on more!

Thanksgiving Blessings to ALL!

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

Bex P. was baptized on Sunday, October 27.
God Bless, Bex!



Care Facility Residents

Please keep our residents in your prayers!

Divine Rehabilitation and Nursing

Vicki Quincy
Sue Lewison

Orchard Manor

Christina Cathman
Bill Rotramel
Doris Schneider

Morningside Assisted Living

Marilyn Brodt

Park Place Senior Living

Geraldine Croft
Duane Furrer
Joann Schrader
Anna Grunder

Soldiers Grove Health Services

Janet Barnes

Riverside Transitional Care (Lacrosse)

Donna Blackburn

Aspire Senior Living (Oshkosh)

Harriet Brun

