

5 Kernels of Corn

An important part of American Heritage is the story of the group of British Christians who fled persecution and planted the Plymouth Colony in what is now Massachusetts.

It was a daunting task to settle in such an undeveloped area, and the Pilgrims were ill-equipped. Their first winter in Plymouth, half of them died from disease and inadequate supplies.

Things were so bad that they had to ration their supply of corn to five kernels per person per day.

Several years later when crops were abundant, the Pilgrims started their Thanksgiving celebration by serving each person five kernels of corn as a reminder of what God had brought them through.

They understood what Paul meant when he wrote:

"I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength I need." Philippians 4:12-13

Whether they were struggling through lean times or enjoying abundance, they knew they could trust God's strength to get them through.



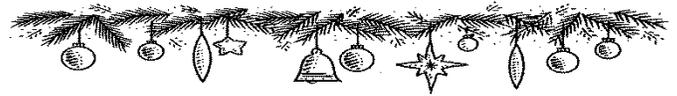
Fellowship

For anyone wishing to visit after worship service, there will be coffee and lemonade made available. All that is asked is you rinse out the coffee urns and pitchers after use.



Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner

Our congregational dinner will be held after our worship service on Sunday, November 20th. Everyone is invited to join us in thankful celebration of God's bountiful blessings. Turkey and gravy will be provided. Please sign up to bring the remainder of the meal. Also please bring your own table service.



Hanging of the Greens

You'll want to stay following the worship service on Sunday, November 27th to join the fun of decorating our sanctuary and Morgan Hall for the Advent Season.



Pray for the health of Jane McClintock, Char & Pete Belski, Marilyn Cobb, Rita Tieman, Dawn's parents &, Dawn Tieman, Rick and Deb Taylor, Rob and Cyndee Dickson,

**Please pray for daily grace for our shut-ins:

Carol Edgcomb Don Walker

Jane McClintock

Lillian Mini Daryl & Lin Stuhr

** Pray for Pastor Roy Jacob & Peace Mission in India caring for children and widows

** Pray for Jews for Jesus

** Pray for the Surbers and Supply & Multiply

** Pray for Abigail Women's Clinic

** Pray for Cup of Cold Water Ministries

** Pray for Transport for Christ

** Pray for PADS providing shelter to the Homeless



Christian Ed Report

Christian Ed has been busy with VBS in July, Sunday Funday in August. Also, special cookie treats were given to the Sunday School classes in August to begin another school year. September many enjoyed bowling at the Illinois Valley Superbowl. Hallelujah House Fall Festival was a success with fun had by all. We will be having another funday in November. Coming events in December will be the Light Up Peru Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 3rd, and on December 31st we will be celebrating the New Year with a "Noon Year's Eve party." More information coming.





Don't forget to turn your clock back Saturday night, November 6th. We wouldn't want you to miss Sunday School.



It's amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.

Harry Truman



Thank You

Thank you to all who supported our Missions Awareness Month. We were able to give donations to Transport for Christ, Cup of Cold Water, Jews for Jesus, PADS, and food pantries. We're helping preach the gospel to every nation!



Devotionals

Starting out the morning with God is the best time of day. Remember to stop by and pickup "The Upper Room", and "Our Daily Bread" devotionals.



Why is Thanksgiving so Important

Thanksgiving is considered important because it is an opportunity to gather the family together sharing meals and prayers and also express their gratitude. People nowadays are so busy sometimes we forget to express our gratitude. During Thanksgiving we have the opportunity to be thankful for the good year and all the positive things given to us. It also brings the family together because sharing a meal can help us to connect with our loved ones.



Attitude of Gratitude

*How do we change the world?
"One random act of kindness at a time."*



Children's Christmas Programs

Calling all parents and grandparents!! The Children's Bell Choir will be performing during worship on Sunday, December 11th. Practice will be during Children's Church beginning Sunday, October 23rd.



What is The Story Behind Thanksgiving?

Based on the history records, the first celebration of Thanksgiving was held by the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians. In 1621, they shared autumn harvest goods and it is recorded as the first Thanksgiving celebration ever held. The second Thanksgiving was held in 1623. In 1789, George Washington called upon Americans to express gratitude for the country's independence and the ratification of the US constitution. In 1817, New York and several other states became the first states that officially adopted Thanksgiving as an annual holiday, but the rest of America still not familiar with the tradition. Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor, began a campaign in 1827 to make Thanksgiving a national holiday. A lot of editorials were written and a lot of letters were sent to the presidents, senators, governors, and other politicians. She continued the movement until Thanksgiving was declared by President Abraham Lincoln as a national holiday in 1863. Since then, Thanksgiving is celebrated every November.



"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

Archbishop Desmond Tutu



There is no key to happiness.

The door is always open.

Come on in!



Veteran's Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, the day when a peace agreement was signed with Germany ending World War I. Armistice Day was established with a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson which reads in part: "Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which is has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of nations." On June 1, 1954, Armistice Day was renamed Veteran's Day to honor all U.S. Veterans. On Veterans Day this year, let us remember and honor those men and women who gave of themselves and let us continue to pray for our men and women currently serving in the military.



Peter is Standing at the Gate

Harod killed James, the brother of John, and then arrested Peter, too. Peter was thrown into a dungeon, shackled hand and foot, an armed guard on either side of him. Four squads of soldiers were assigned to guard him. There would be no escaping for Peter! Or would there?

Hearing of his arrest, Peter's friends began to pray. "Earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church; (Acts 12:5). But what chance did prayer have against a prison? Did that handful of Christians actually think their prayers would somehow deliver Peter from Harod's clutches?

Sometimes when I'm praying, I stop and think: What exactly do I expect to happen because of my prayers? When I pray for peace of healing for a sick friend, what do I expect to happen? When I pray for God's blessing on my family exactly what do I expect to happen? Does prayer really change things, or doe it just change me?

How about you? What do you expect to happen? I think a lot of people don't expect anything at all to happen. They would not expect a situation to change because they prayed about it.

That night an angel appeared to Peter in prison and led him out past the guards, shackles and the iron gate. Now here is the interesting part. Peter ran to the house where his friends had gathered to pray for his freedom. He banged on the door and called out to his friends inside. Hearing Peter's voice, Rhoda, a servant girl, told those inside that Peter was standing at the gate. "Peter is out of prison!" Rhoda announced. "You are mad", they said. Rhoda kept insisting that Peter was standing at the gate, but nobody would believe her.

What irony! Here Peter's friends are on their knees in prayer, pleading with God for his release. But when their prayers are answered, when Peter is miraculously released, those who had prayed so hard for a miracle refuse to believe!

And so it goes. We pray halfheartedly, not really convinced that prayer makes a difference. Stop for a moment now and think. What was the greatest challenge or concern you faced today? Did you pray about it? Unanswered prayer is a dark mystery, but in the center of the darkness is a bright confidence of Jesus in prayer. "Ask and it will be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; knock and it will be opened to you."

Hush! Is that someone banging at the gate?



Our very special Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be at 9:00pm this year! The service is filled with scripture, music and praise for our newborn King. PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE and join us.



Thanksgiving fun fact..... it takes about seven hours on average to cook a Thanksgiving dinner and people spend about 16 minutes eating it.



*HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!*

