

Tower Views

November 20, 2014

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Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays of the year. Yes, I love eating turkey and dressing and pumpkin pie. Yes, I love getting together with family. But most of all, I love being reminded to count my blessings and give thanks for all that God has given me. In fact, we are all so blessed that Thanksgiving should be much more than one day of the year. So I hope you'll start counting your blessings now and continue right through Thanksgiving Day.



I also hope you'll plan to join us on November 23 as we celebrate Thanksgiving Sunday. The schedule that day will include:

Thanksgiving Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:30 am
Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner 11:30 am
Community Thanksgiving Service 6:00 pm

In addition, that Sunday will also be Commitment Sunday for 2015. That morning everyone will have a chance to bring both a Thanksgiving Card and a Financial Commitment Card and offer them in worship to God. Raven and I are planning to take a step forward in our giving to the church in 2015 and we invite you to join us in this step of commitment and faithfulness.

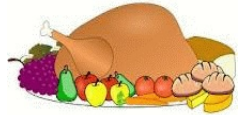
Thank you for all you do to spread God's love.

- Brad



Sherry Rein, Jill Bernard,
Fred McAllister, Robin Hays
George Wackerman, Suzetta Busby,
Jo Stromberg, Becki McQuitty,
Debbie Mitchel, John Chapin,
Harold Lam and Rhonda Smith

The all church Thanksgiving Dinner will be THIS Sunday, November 23, at 11:30 a.m. (immediately following the morning worship service).



Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy will be provided- just bring a side dish to share



Advent Season Schedule



Nov 30	9:30 am - Advent Activities for Sunday School kids in gym
Dec 3	5:00 - 6:30 pm - Family pictures with Santa - gym
Dec 14	10:30 am - Angelous Choir Christmas Program (we will still have 8:30 service)
Dec 21	Red Sweater Sunday & Bake Sale
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Services 4:00 & 7:00 pm
Dec 25	Noon - Christmas Dinner



This year we will be hosting the Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 23, at 6:00 p.m. It will be a wonderful service of song and worship. Our Angelous and Chancel Choirs will be singing in the service. We would love to see you all there.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 23 - Commitment Sunday

8:30 - Early Worship Service

9:00 - Continental Breakfast

9:30 - Sunday School

10:30 - Morning Worship

11:30 - Thanksgiving Dinner

6:00 - Community Thanksgiving

Monday, November 24

8:00 - Staff Meeting

6:00 - Handbell Rehearsal, Room 204

7:00 - Adults Learners Bells

Wednesday, November 26

Church Office Closes at NOON

10:00 - Bible Study and Prayer, Board Room

NO UMYF

NO Angelous Choir

NO Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 27 - Happy Thanksgiving!

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 28

Church Office Closed

** Worship Assistants**

Greeters- Carol Cockrell and Mary Beth Zink

Mary Ann Hartzler and Sara Campbell

Ushers - 8:30 - Jim Sandi Cox

Gathering Music - 8:30 - Peggy Arthur

10:30 - Janet Parks

Children's Sermon - Susan Hutcherson

Acolytes - Parker Mann and Grayson Mann



Explore the Christmas Story
Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am
During Sunday School in Advent, Brad will
be leading a discussion of the Christmas
story as recorded in Luke's Gospel.

Everyone is invited to join this group in the conference
room from 9:30-10:00 am, beginning on Sunday,
November 30.

Membership Gathering

Sunday, December 7 at 6:30 pm

Would you like to become a member of
this church? Pastor Brad Reed will be
hosting a Membership Gathering to talk with anyone
interested in learning more about our church and the
commitments of membership on Sunday, December 7 at
6:30 pm. Please contact Brad if you need child care, if
you are interested in membership but are unable to
attend the gathering or if you have questions.



Daily Bible Readings

Sun Luke 17: 11-19

Confess those times you've chosen grumpiness
rather than gratitude

Mon Psalm 95: 1-7

Thank God for the blessings of family and friends

Tues Philippians 4: 4-7

Thank God for all the people who have inspired
you and encouraged you

Wed Psalm 136: 1-9

Thank God for this beautiful world God created for
us to live in

Thurs Psalm 100: 1-5

Count your blessings before God and give thanks

Fri Romans 6: 17-18

Thank God for His forgiveness

Sat Psalm 103: 1-5

Thank God for the blessing of each new day to
love and serve Him

Christmas Cheer -

The Samaritan Center will be handing
out items for just two days; because of
the short amount of time they will need
many workers! If you would like to volunteer please call
885-4340 to discuss volunteer times with Mary Jo. Any
donations can be brought to the church by December
8. Any and everything is appreciated!



Hey Kids!!!

On December 3rd we are having a party with
Santa Claus. Bring your parents to the gym at
5:00 pm and have dinner, decorate sugar
cookies, get your family picture taken with
Santa, and make a frame to take home!



We have ordered 45 poinsettias for the altar for the
Christmas and Christmas Eve Services.

The plants will be in 6" pots and will
cost \$7.00. If you would like to
reserve a poinsettia in memory or
honor of a loved one, please call the
church office at 885-5597. They will
be reserved on a first come-first
serve basis.

