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"Thoughts About Thanksgiving"

(culled from various sources)

"If we pause to think,
we'll have cause to thank."

"Thanksgiving is a duty
before it's a feeling."

"He who forgets the language of gratitude
is not likely to be on speaking terms with God."

"Joy thrives in the soul of thanksgiving."

"Hem your blessings with gratitude
lest they unravel."

"If you are not thankful for what you got
it is doubtful that you'll be thankful
for what you will get."

"God is found in two places:
one of His dwellings is heaven,
and the other is in the meek and thankful heart."

"An ungrateful person is like
a hog under a tree eating acorns,
but never looking up to see
where they came from."

"Thank you' may be written in small letters
but is a capital idea."

"No matter how high a man may rise,
he must have someone to look up to."

"Gratitude shouldn't be an occasional incident
but a continuous attitude."

Many of our homebound seniors who we provide meals for never have any interaction other than our drivers who deliver their meals to them.

At Meals on Wheels Kitsap (MOWK), we are putting together holiday bags for all of them. Included will be Christmas cards signed by our volunteers and others who would like to participate.

I purchased 2 boxes of cards from Dollar Tree at \$1.00 each and am starting a new tradition on Thanksgiving Day to have my family help sign those cards. I also have some cards left over from previous years. Perhaps this is something you might want to engage your family in doing.



We know the seniors who receive the cards won't know who we are but to them it won't matter. Just knowing someone took the time to acknowledge them with a card does tremendous things to brighten what could be a very lonely depressing Christmas. Many of them save and read the cards many times during the year.

I am requesting that if any would like to participate with us at Meals on Wheels, sign some Christmas cards and get them to me by December 7th. I will then take them to MOWK on the 9th when I will next be there.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 360-265-3266 or email me.

May this coming holiday season bring you many blessings of peace and happiness.

Bonnie Mitchell



Our Prayer List

To submit a prayer request for the prayer list,
contact Bonnie Mitchell at mitbem0519@gmail.com, or 360-265-3266.

- From Darrell and Laura Fry:

We received word that our great niece (Kelly, Darrel's sister Myrna's granddaughter) in Arkansas was in a terrible car accident. She fell asleep at the wheel and has already had at least two surgeries. Her spinal cord is terribly damaged. They put a rod in her back but the doctor said there's no hope of her walking. She's paralyzed from her ribs down. Her roommate Sarah Beth was with her and has several injuries, broken pelvis, broken leg fractured wrist bruises and stitches in her head.

We all know that the doctors don't have the final say in anything although we rely on them for so much good care. We just would ask everyone to pray that the great physician would heal Kelly and Sarah, give them hope through this whole ordeal and be with her family.

- David Bedford is doing better following his three strokes. He is progressing and gaining better dexterity in one of his arms. He is at CHI Franciscan Tacoma. If you would like to visit and encourage him, guests are welcome to visit with him outside his bedroom window. Please dress warmly and bring a cellular phone. There are no restrooms available for guests. Please continue to pray for the Bedford family. 360-761-2845

- Please lift Gary and Barbara up in your prayers. On Monday, Ziggy's cancer had broken through the skin so they needed to take her on her last ride to the vet.

- Greg's older brother, David Warner, went to heaven on Nov. 13. Hearts are heavy with his loss. Request prayers of comfort in the days ahead.

- Hello, Cindiann and George Bradburn tried to buy land in another state, but things didn't work out. Now the seller is not giving them their money back. They are finding it difficult to start over now. Please pray for God's peace that surpasses all understanding in this situation, and that God's will would be done.

- Please lift up Karen Taylor's daughter, Doniel who fell and hurt her back.

- Brittany Pringle requests prayers for many things going on in her life, particularly her boyfriend Brighten's mother who is very ill. Britany also wants everyone to know she loves you and this church and is thankful for everyone

- Barbara Chasteen for her upcoming surgery to remove the cancer on her leg.

- Tony DelBarto (Bonnie's son-in-law) is being treated for pneumonia at St. Anthony's. Please continue to pray for his recovery and for Penny and Chris.

- Yvonne Lawrence now home recovering from her broken hip surgery.

- Please pray for the Hope Children's Home in Honduras. Darrel & Laura's granddaughter Rachele has tested positive for Covid and her husband John is showing symptoms along with five of the children at the cottages.

- Pray for Angela (visitor) who is serving her parents, Stephen Reynolds receiving dialysis and mother in a nursing home. Pray for her parents also.

- The White family traveling to Florida.

- Darrell and Laura in Hawaii for a couple of weeks.

- Bob & Sharon McDaniel returning Friday from a short vacation.

- The Sunday school class is preparing to help with needs for the homeless, If you have a heart to help or ideas please contact Laura Fry.

- Pray for Tanya Howard and her friend Debbie's family. Debbie recently passed away.

- Pray for Jim and Cindy who will be traveling to see family.

- Sue Sullivan's husband Joe who is waiting for an appointment with the surgeon regarding the growth on his thyroid.

- Sharon McDaniel continuing to work with the doctors to ease her discomfort.

- Paula Hill has finished her radiation. The blood clots will take 3 months to leave.

- Laura Fry's aunt Joyce: treatments for cancer ending and effects from radiation on the rise.

- Carol Henry Smith's son Steve treatment for his cancer.

- Melvin and Barbara Byrd and Charlotte Hahn in their new residences.

- Praise God for all that he continually does to provide for our needs.

- Our medical personnel and also first responders and all they are dealing with because of the problems associated Covid.

- Our nation and leaders. Port Orchard Church of Christ and our deacons, our leadership team and brothers and sisters.

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- Weekly Bulletin – Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Current newsletters from Trent Herbert, Tristan Herbert and Roy Merritt. Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Live stream of worship services on YouTube Channel - Previous recordings too:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ then click on the video.
 Please subscribe to be notified when new videos post or when we go live.
- Pre-Covid audio sermons are also still online – Click on **Teachings**
- Current Event Calendar - Click on **News & Events**

Sunday Worship (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children are dismissed after communion for Children’s Church)				
Watch live stream or after our worship time: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ				
Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing: Bob McDaniel	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer:	Communion:
9:30am Adult Class: Auditorium James Greer / Jim Snead			Children Class: Downstairs Combined Class	

Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID	
Luke Class (Zoom) Sundays: 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting (Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 pm
Men’s Meeting Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesday, 9:00 am	Ladies Prayer Group (Zoom) Tuesdays: 10:00 am

Tithes and Offerings

Since we are once again meeting inside the building, there is a collection box at the entrance to the auditorium. However, the other options are still available:

- 1) The collection box will be in the foyer.
- 2) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 3) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address. We have a lock mailbox.

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November 21, 2021 – Tithes & Offerings – \$ 1,635.00

If you have any questions, please give me a call.
 God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104

Happy Birthday!

November: Renny Woodrow – 24, Haddie Keagle – 29

December: Cornell Stull – 1, Nikole Karn – 3, LaDonna Latham – 3, Tristan Herbert – 5, Sarah Benjamin – 8, Elizabeth Volpitta – 8, Kelli Keagle – 12, Jedidiah Herbert – 17, Bonnie Mitchell – 18

The Thanksgiving Song

Ben Rector

Familiar highways
Lined with leaves turned brown
Making my way
Back into my hometown

Funny how this all looks different
But it feels the same
Like how life never stops changing
But some things never change

So fill your plate and fill your drink
And fill this house with family
The kind of love that all these years can't wash
away

'Cause the older that I get
I see that life is short and bittersweet
Thank God for this Thanksgiving Day

Watching football
Watching families grow
The old kid's table
All have kids of their own

Starting to see my grandfather
In my nephew's eyes
Mom still can't talk about him
And not almost cry

So fill your plate and fill your drink
And fill this house with family
The kind of love a thousand miles can't wash away

'Cause the older that I get
I see that life is short and bittersweet
Thank God for this Thanksgiving Day

So fill your plate and fill your drink
Put your dishes in the kitchen sink
And let the leftover year just wash away

'Cause we made it through, I do believe
The longest year in history
Thank God that it's Thanksgiving Day
Mm, mm, mm, yeah



Watch and Listen to the song here...



<https://youtu.be/QwaxNPY5nIY>

When asked why he wrote "The Thanksgiving Song, Ben Rector replied, "I wanted to give Christmas music purists [like my wife Hillary] who want to save Christmas music until after Thanksgiving something to listen to and get in the holiday spirit."

