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Holiday Reminders

The holidays can be hard for some people for various reasons. It is good for us to be aware of this and to do what we can to help. Here are some things to be on the lookout for this time of year.

Lonely - Some are lonely because they don't have anyone to spend the holidays with. This could be a person who is single, widowed, or is living away from family. You could help by including them in your holiday plans.

Grieving - We tend to think of the holidays as being a time of joy, but for some, it is a time of sadness. The holidays are difficult for people who have recently lost a loved one. Be mindful of this and considerate to those who may not feel like celebrating. Let them know it is ok to be sad. Be present with them as they grieve.

In Need - There are families in every community who cannot afford a Thanksgiving meal. If you know of such a family, help them out. This can be embarrassing, so try to be discreet. Do as Jesus told us to do

in Matthew 6:4 and give in secret. Leave an envelope underneath the door or send an anonymous letter.

Overspenders - One of the reasons some people feel burdened this time of year is because they go into debt buying Christmas presents for everyone. It is crucial that presents not become the focus of the holidays. Things such as spending time with family, sharing a meal together, and focusing on what God has done for us are much more important than presents. If you know someone who feels pressured into buying presents, free them of this burden by letting them know it's not necessary.

Tense Situations - The holidays are the only time some family members see one another. This can be a joyous occasion, but it can also be a tense one because of hurt feelings or other unfortunate circumstances. Be a peacemaker. If it is possible, work to mend broken relationships. Listen to those who have been hurt. Be a calming presence if a situation becomes tense.

"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."
(Philippians 2:4)

- Scott Elliott

One day a wealthy man took his son on a trip to the country, with the firm purpose of showing him how poor people can be. They spent a day and a night at the farm of a very poor family.

When they got back from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"Very good, dad!" the son answered.

"Did you see how poor people can be and gain a new perspective on how blessed you are?" the father asked.

"Yeah!"

"And what did you learn?"

The son thought for a moment and then answered. "I saw that while we have a dog at home, they have four. While we have a pool that reaches to the middle of the garden, they have a creek that has no end. While we have imported lamps in our garden, they have the stars. While our patio reaches to the front yard, they have a whole horizon."

When the little boy finished his soliloquy, his father was speechless. His son added, "Thanks Dad, for showing me how poor we are!"

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Sunday Worship for November 20, 2022 (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon)				
No Children’s Church today.				
Watch live stream or after our worship time: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ				
Speaker: Mark McLean	Singing Darrell Fry	Scripture: Mark McLean	Prayer: Jim Snead	Communion: Cisco Velez
Servers:	Gary Chasteen	Brian Bungart		Dave Snypp
9:30am Adult Class: Auditorium The Life of Christ: Trent Herbert		Children Class: Downstairs Two Classes: children and pre-teen		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID				
Acts Class (Zoom) No class for the rest of summer		Prayer & Praise Meeting (Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm		
Men’s Fellowship Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am		Ladies Prayer Group Church Conference Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am		

Communion and Tithes & Offerings

The bread and fruit of the vine will be served during our communion time. You also have the option to pick up your communion supplies as you enter the auditorium. It contains both the juice and the bread.

There are also a few options for giving your tithes & offerings:

- 1) The collection box is in the foyer at the entrance to the auditorium.
- 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 below. We have a lock mailbox.

Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com	November 13, 2022 Tithes & Offerings – \$ 4,050.27
	If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104

Happy Birthday!

November: Haidyen Jones – 21, Julie Snypp – 21, Renny Woodrow – 24, Haddie Keagle – 29.

December: Nicole Karn – 3, Ladonna Latham – 3, Tristen Herbert – 5, Sarah Benjamin – 8, Elizabeth Volpitta – 8, Jedidiah Herbert – 17, Bonnie Mitchell – 18, Wayne Hammock – 25, Gary White – 28, Jake Orser – 31, Randy Van Leuven - 31

Our Prayer List

- James Snead has a BIG PRAISE that all his treatments are done and everything is ok. He will have a CT scan in December for his lungs.
- Pray for Fry's grandson Daniel and his mom. He is very frail and experiencing frequent seizures. His mom, Lisa is exhausted.
- Pray for Roger Fry who is grieving the loss of Linda, his wife of 58 years.
- Pray for Paula Hill's upcoming surgery on December 19th.
- Please pray for Darrell and Laura Fry's daughter Lisa's step father, Jack. He suffered a stroke and is at Madigan awaiting treatment.
- Praise: LaDonna's daughter Lori is now in a facility in Portland while she continues to heal from the infection with still a couple weeks left of antibiotics. LaDonna will be coming home for a bit on Friday. When Lori does get to come home, she will stay with LaDonna. Pray for continued healing and praises all is going well.
- Pam Woodrow was scheduled to have surgery on Nov 1 for a knee replacement. This surgery is postponed until sores on her leg have completely healed. Pray for this healing for her.
- Pray for Gary White and his continual healing of his knee surgery and for Tammy who has been having some health issues because of her brain tumors.
- Tony DelBarto is undergoing PT and OT as he heals from his hip surgery. Due to his low oxygen levels, it is taking longer than anticipated. Please continue keeping him in your prayers.
- Pray for Bonnie's daughter Kara and her girlfriend who are flying to NYC for a few days. Pray for their flight and safety.
- Pray that Bonnie may hear soon regarding replacing her siding.
- Continued prayers for our church, our nation and leadership, our missions, teachers, children and Ukraine.

Ladies - if you are planning to attend the Women of the Word luncheon on December 10th, please let Bonnie know and also how many will be coming so there is a good count for food.

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Thanksgiving Meal</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">November 24th at 11:00am</p>	
<p>Ladies in the Word Bible Study Wednesdays 10:00am</p>	<p>Ladies of the Word Christmas Luncheon Saturday, December 10 11:00am – 2:00pm</p>
<p>Event Planning Meeting December 4th After morning services to plan events for Holidays and other inward & outward-focused events.</p>	<p>Wednesday Night Bible Class Ephesians 5:00 – 6:00pm At the building and on Zoom</p>
<h2 style="margin: 0;">Teen NEWS</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Next Teen Night: Friday, November 25, 5:30 – 7:00 or 8:00 – at the Blair home.</p>	

The Thanksgiving Song

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

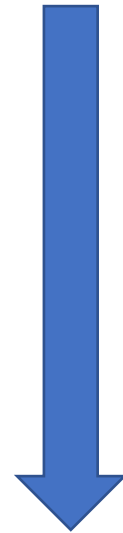
So fill your plate and fill your drink
And fill this house with family
The kind of love that all these years can't wash away
Cause the older that I get I see
that life is short and bittersweet
Thank God for this Thanksgiving Day

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



<https://youtu.be/QwaxNPY5nIY>

[1 Thessalonians 5:18 \(NIV\)](#)

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

[Psalms 106:1 \(NIV\)](#)

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

[Ephesians 5:20 \(NIV\)](#)

Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.