THOM’S THOUGHTS

Does it seem to you like it is only a week until Thanksgiving? Thursday November 22nd is just next week. Yikes! We’ve been pre-occupied with elections and church business and family things and…and…and… It just doesn’t yet feel like it should be Thanksgiving.

There are lots of things that get in the way of our feeling thankful. We get too busy. The calendar creeps up on us. Other things crowd into our lives. The idea of actually telling God “Thank You” seems too often to get brushed aside in all the rush of life and circumstances.

When was the last time you actually took the time to thank Jesus Christ for all that he does for you & for our world? Have you actually said the words? Have you said them to him with sincere meaning & heartfelt gratitude? Sometimes we will say the literal words, but in our rush or absentmindedness or preoccupation we don’t really, actually add sincerity to our words.

As we approach Thanksgiving as Christians let’s remember to be thankful to The One who actually deserves all thanks. Let’s really & truly spend some time counting our blessings and naming them one by one. Then let’s take the next step and thank our Dear Savior for all these things. Let’s be true thanks givers this year.

In Christ, Thom

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK!
THIS COMING SUNDAY!

Yes, it’s time for pumpkin pie and turkey and all the fixin’s! The Thanksgiving Potluck is next Sunday, November 18th, after the congregational meeting. So plan of attending the congregational meeting and voting and then stay for great food and fellowship to start this Thanksgiving week!
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING!

Next Sunday after worship and before the Thanksgiving Potluck we will have a meeting in the sanctuary to vote on the slate of officers and the budget for 2019. Please be sure to come and vote!

CHRISTMAS SEASON AT HARVEY PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We have several opportunities to help people in need throughout the holiday season. Once again, the tree in the Entry Way will be decorated with your donations of children’s New Socks and Underwear items. Many children coming to Community Ministry of Southwest Denver have no underwear at all. Community Ministry tries to provide for each child. Personal hygiene items are also needed.

The table just inside the Fellowship Hall will be reserved for Stuffing. Community Ministry needs 300 boxes of Stuffing for holiday boxes. All the boxes and bags of Stuffing will be taken to Community Ministry for Thanksgiving, but we will continue to collect the boxes and bags until the second week in December.

Rather than many of us sending Christmas Cards to other members of the congregation, we will be sending around a card to sign during worship. The money you would spend on Christmas cards to other members of the congregation will be collected for the Dress a Child campaign of Tennyson Center for Children. The Dress a Child campaign provides a complete new outfit of clothing for a child. Each outfit costs about $165.00 and includes shoes.

Another opportunity for giving is a Reverse Advent Calendar. Take a holiday bag from the Outreach Table in the Fellowship Hall and put in it one non-perishable food item each day of Advent. Bring your bag back on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. The items collected will be used to replenish our own Grace Cupboard and Community Ministry.

On December 16th, 23rd and 24th, we will be collecting money for the Disciples of Christ Christmas Fund. The money goes to support our regional ministries by providing resources and support, support and ordain new pastors, revitalize congregations, provide camps and retreats.

The Christmas season is about giving. How can you help?
HANGING OF THE GREENS

It is time to decorate our church for Christmas! We will gather as church to do that on Saturday December 1st from 9:30 to 12 noon. That means that more people can come help out! Let’s all get together for this fun event!
Bring Christmas cookies and treats to share. Bring your favorite Christmas CD’s to share. More hands will make the work quick, easy and fun. Please help us get ready for Christmas and join in as we Hang the Greens at Harvey Park Christian Church!

PRAYER REQUEST LIST

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Amy Stanley  
Cheryl London  
Janet & Diane Betz  
June Steepleton  
Della Hartley  
Sparky Ullmer  
Helga Duncan  
Velma Betz & family  
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Cancer  
Health & insurance  
Slipped disk  
Reconciliation  
Hip pain  
Health issues  
Health issues  
Cancer  
Prayers  
Knee surgery

God’s protection & return to church  
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Death of parents  
New home & healing  
Cancer healing  
Leg pain  
Health & finances  
Bruised kneecap  
Come to Jesus  
Strength, healing & joy  
Needs prayers  
Deployment

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 – Betty London  
19 – Edward Laso  
26 – Katharina Perryman  
29 – Lillian Andrews

ANNIVERSARIES

19 – Clair & Lucille Mamigonian
ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

THE LOST PURSE

A lady lost her handbag in the bustle of shopping the day after Thanksgiving. It was found by an honest little boy and returned to her. Looking in her purse, she commented, "Hmmm... That's funny. When I lost my bag there was a $20 bill in it. Now there are twenty $1 bills."

The boy quickly replied, "That's right, Madame. The last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward."

OUR CHURCH CORNER

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### December Serving Schedule

#### December 2, 2018
- **Elder:** Stan Lewis
- **Lectern:**
- **Deacons:** Dave Perryman, Kara Van Horn, Taran Gingery
- **Preparer:** Candy Faber
- **Hospitality:** Debbie Reher & Mark Steiner
- **Greeter:** Ray Stockham
- **Scripture Reader:** Mary Ullmer
- **AV Techs:** Margaret Shane & Debbie Reher
- **Nursery:** Mary Ullmer

#### December 9, 2018
- **Elder:** Brad Steele
- **Lectern:**
- **Deacons:** William Spalding, Ole Linden, Pam Hohnstein
- **Preparer:** Candy Faber
- **Hospitality:** McDaniels family
- **Greeter:** Clair Mamigonian
- **Scripture Reader:** Debbie Reher
- **AV Techs:** Michele & Albert Arias
- **Nursery:**

#### December 16, 2018
- **Elder:**
- **Lectern:**
- **Deacons:** Carol Bilello, Albert Arias, Michele Arias, Alvin Hawkins
- **Preparer:** Candy Faber
- **Hospitality:** Jennifer & Edward Laso
- **Greeter:** Beth Maes
- **Scripture Reader:** Margaret Shane
- **AV Techs:** Taran Gingery & Kara Van Horn
- **Nursery:** Debbie Reher

#### December 23, 2018
- **Elder:**
- **Lectern:**
- **Deacons:** Clair Mamigonian, Ken Smith, Jennifer Laso
- **Preparer:** Candy Faber
- **Hospitality:**
- **Greeter:** Joe McDaniels
- **Scripture Reader:** Tia McDaniels
- **AV Techs:** Carol & Brad Steele **Margaret Shane**
- **Nursery:** Faye Davin & Betty London

#### December 30, 2018
- **Elder:** Debbie Reher
- **Lectern:**
- **Deacons:**
- **Preparer:**
- **Hospitality:**
- **Greeter:**
- **Scripture Reader:**
- **AV Techs:**
- **Nursery:**