I am kinda stunned that it is nearly Thanksgiving! Where has this year gone? Life travels by pretty quick sometimes. But it is upon us, It’s time to give thanks!

Well, that’s not quite right. That statement makes it sound like you can only be thankful once a year. That’s definitely not right. We can be thankful any time, even all the time. In fact, for Christians thanks giving really ought to be a way of life. We have The wonderful Savior to whom we can and need to be always thankful.

Each week in worship we share communion. One of the very ancient names for communion is Eucharist. This word means Thanksgiving. So at least every Sunday we can give thanks as we celebrate our Loving Lord Jesus in the Eucharist, the communion.

Is that enough? Should we save our thanks for only Sundays at church during worship? The book of Psalms is filled with thanks. Psalm 7, Psalm 9, Psalm 35, Psalms 95, 100, 107, 136 and several more tell us about giving thanks to God in many different circumstances and situations. There is even more in the New Testament.

Philippians 1:3 says, “I thank my God every time I remember you.” First Thessalonians 3:9 says, “How can we thank God enough?” Colossians 2:7 encourages us to overflow with thankfulness. Hebrews 12:28 says, “Let us be thankful and so worship God.” First Thessalonians 5:18 says, “Give thanks in ALL circumstances.”

There are literally dozens more verses in the Bible that encourage us to live in thankfulness ALL THE TIME. Can we do that? Can we be thankful most of the time for most things, most situations and most of the people in our lives? What would it take for you to live in thanksgiving to Jesus Christ all the time?

As we move towards Thanksgiving let’s each try to live every day and even every moment as people who are thankful to Jesus for all that He does in our lives and in our world. That will help each of us to feel the blessings of the holiday.

Thankful In Christ, Thom
THANKSGIVING LUNCH FOR ALL

It is a joy to get to share a meal with friends and family at church! On Sunday November 24th we get to do just that! That will be the day of our Annual Thanksgiving Lunch. There will be lots of turkey and dressing and potatoes, both kinds. There will be veggies and salads and desserts. Most of all there will be fellowship and thanksgiving. Make sure you are in church that day. Also, please bring someone with you.

THE CUPBOARD IS BARE!

Our food pantry, Grace Cupboard, needs filling! On Sunday November 24th we invite everyone to bring some canned or boxed items to help us fill Grace Cupboard. This will be part of our Thanksgiving offering to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As you shop for your own Thanksgiving meal, we encourage you to add a few more things to your cart to help those around us who need help. Bring your food offerings to church and place them in front of the communion table. Thank you so much!

HANGING OF THE GREENS NOVEMBER 30

It is time once again to decorate our church for Advent and Christmas! We need everyone to gather at church on Saturday November 30th from 9:30 till noon. Bring cookies and other Christmas treats to share. We also encourage you to bring Christmas CD’s or tapes. That way we can listen to the sounds of the season as we decorate. The more people we have helping, the more fun we’ll have and the quicker the work will get completed. Please join us!

YOU CAN STILL GIVE TO TIMOTHY & PRISCILLA

Timothy and Priscilla were co-workers with Apostle Paul. They worked with him to spread the good news of Jesus Christ throughout their world. They were each called by God to enter into ministry to serve their Lord and Savior.

There are of course still people today who are called into ministry. Men and women answer the call of Christ every day. Some are called to serve the Lord while they remain in current jobs or life. Others are called to enter professional ministry.

For long centuries these people have been called Timothy’s and Priscilla’s after Paul’s partners. These ministers go to Bible college and/or seminary. Often they need financial help as they follow the Lord’s call.

We at HPCC have a long history of helping women and men who are called into Christ’s service. We gladly continue this heritage through our Timothy and Priscilla Fund. During worship on Sunday November 24th we will see a video of all the Timothy’s and Priscilla’s who have come through HPCC. How exciting!

You can always give to this support fund. Just add to your regular offering and write a note to tell us how much you want to give to this fund. We then use these funds to help whoever the Lord sends to us. Please be prayerful and generous. Thank you!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday November 24th after worship (and before we eat) we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and approve the budget for 2020. The meeting usually takes about 15 to 20 minutes. Please make sure you are with us for this important event.
GIVING REMINDER

When giving to your favorite charity, write the check to HPCC with the name of the charity on the memo line in lower left corner. Betty will send the full amount to your charity and your gift can then be included in our church’s yearly Outreach report to the National office in Indianapolis. It will also be added to your end-of-year report here at HPCC for tax purposes.

A Concern: Because of recent deaths in our congregation and transfers of members, HPCC income is now much less. Please don’t neglect your pledge when you give to other charities.

DIRECT MAIL CAMPAIGN TEAMS TRAINING

Our Direct Mail Campaign is almost up and running! We are reaching out to our neighbors to invite them to join us for Christmas Sunday. Our hope of course is that they will come back after Christmas and become part of our HPCC congregation.

To help our new friends return we need to welcome them, follow up with them after Sunday and pray for them. To make the Campaign as effective as possible, we need to train some of our people to do these very things.

After church on Sunday December 8th we will train our folks. The specific teams to be trained will be: Welcoming Team, Follow-Up Team and Prayer Team. Anyone who would like to join us in these ministries is welcome to come to the training. The training will take about an hour or maybe a little more. Come to the training. Then decide whether you would like to help out in these ministries.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 – Betty London
18 – Kathy Albin
19 – Edward Laso
26 – Katharina Perryman

ANNIVERSARIES

19 – Clair & Lucille Mamigonian

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE
The Christmas Flight

It was a day before Christmas and he was ready to go home. He was tired and irritated. Going to check in his luggage he saw hanging mistletoe. Not real mistletoe but cheap plastic painted red on the rounder parts and green on the flatter and pointer parts. With considerable irritation and nowhere else to vent it, he said to the attendant, "Even if we were married, I would not want to kiss you under such a ghastly mockery of mistletoe." "Sir, look more closely at where the mistletoe is."

"Ok, I see that it's above the luggage scale which is the place you'd have to step forward for a kiss."
"That's not why it's there."
"Ok, I give up. Why is it there?"
"It's there so you can kiss your luggage good-bye."

OUR CHURCH CORNER

Outreach Ministries Last Month:

- Week of Compassion: $305.00
- Reconciliation: $35.00
- Denver Rescue Mission: $65.00
- John Reher Fund: $20.00

HPCC STAFF

- Pastor: Thom Albin
- Administrative Secretary: Betty VanArsdol
- Keyboardist: Jan Moore
- Keyboardist: Kathy Hammer
- Custodian: Jeff Case
- Hark Editor: Betty VanArsdol
December 1, 2019

Elder: Stan Lewis
Lectern: Deacons: Dave Perryman, Kara Van Horn, Candy Faber
Preparer: Preparer: Candy Faber
Hospitality: Hospitality: Greeter: Steve & Laura Olson
Greeter: Greeter: Beth Maes
Scripture Reader: Scripture Reader: Andrea Burmann

December 8, 2019

Elder: Brad Steele
Lectern: Deacons: Michele Arias, Jennifer Laso, Edward Laso
Preparer: Preparer: Candy Faber
Hospitality: Hospitality: Greeter: Clair Mamigonian
Greeter: Greeter: Ray Stockham
Scripture Reader: Scripture Reader: Edie Gamet

December 15, 2019

Elder: Carol Bilello, Alvin Hawkins
Lectern: Deacons: Candy Faber
Preparer: Preparer: Candy Faber
Hospitality: Hospitality: Beth Maes
Greeter: Greeter: Mary Ullmer
Scripture Reader: Scripture Reader: Andrea Burmann

December 22, 2019

Elder: Clair Mamigonian, Ken Smith, Mark Steiner, Grayson Hartley
Lectern: Deacons: Candy Faber
Preparer: Preparer: Candy Faber
Hospitality: Hospitality: Christmas Sunday Lunch
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Scripture Reader: Scripture Reader: Andrea Burmann

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