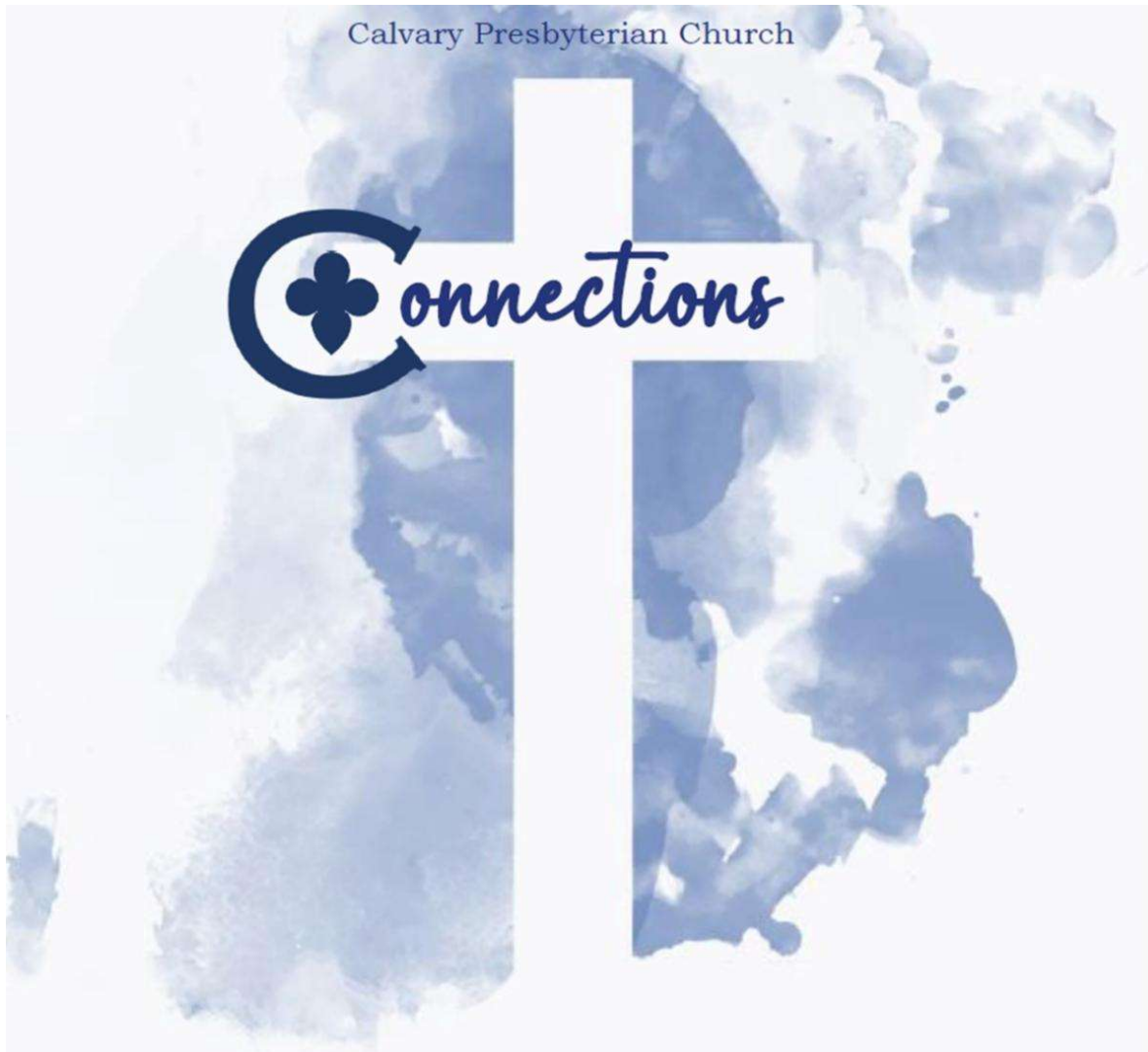


Calvary Presbyterian Churches

A Loving Community to Support you on Your Faith Journey!



Here's your November issue of Connections! Please remember: be sure to click OPEN when your email provider delivers your newsletter so you don't miss any content.

While you are reading this month's newsletter: if you see a word or phrase in **bold** and **walnut** like **THIS**, or if you see the word **HERE** - click on it! These are links that will automatically open a website or document.

From Session

The Pilgrims had it rough. They expected to land in Virginia, not up in Massachusetts. They did not make landfall until December 1620, and of course it was cold by then. They'd been able to bring only a few things from England to help them get established; room on the Mayflower was limited. Game was scarce, geese and ducks had flown south, fish were torpid, and it was too late to plant any crops. They had the good fortune to find cleared land near a supply of fresh water, and there they began to build shelters as hastily

as they could. No furnaces, no central heat, no hot showers, not a lot of spare clothing that was not badly worn out and ragged after months of wear. During the first harsh winter, nearly half of the 102 settlers died.

One big blessing was the friendliness of Samoset and Squanto. Squanto, a Pawtuxet native American, had been taken in a slave raid in 1608 or so. He served a kind master who taught him English and who was willing to let him return to his own country, although that did not take place until 1619. Poor Squanto found that his tribe had all perished in some outbreak of illness--it was the land where his village had stood that the Pilgrims settled on. Squanto was invaluable in helping these strangers make peace with the Wampanoags and in teaching them how to find or grow food in this new land. They were accustomed only to the things they'd had in England, and did not know about lobster, clams, eels, cranberries, cod, bass, the wild berries that grew there, oysters, or corn.

In mid-October of 1621, the Pilgrims invited the natives to a feast with them. Massasoit came with 90 other native Americans, outnumbering their hosts almost 2 to 1. Luckily, they noticed how little food there was, and brought deer and other provisions. The Pilgrims sincerely gave thanks for what little they had. The feast lasted 3 days! There would have been no potatoes, mashed or otherwise, no cranberry sauce, no white rolls, no apple pie, no plump turkey (the wild turkeys were small and stringy birds). Venison and eel pie were more likely. Not exactly what we are used to on our tables.

They who had so little and had endured so much hardship....they were able to be grateful to God for what they had, not focusing on what they had left behind or lost. We have so much more to be grateful for! But do we thank God for our blessings on a regular basis, or only once a year? Shouldn't we do better than that?

Let's try every day to express our thanks to God. And be creative! Dear Bert McClellan, a member who died many years ago, would make a deliberate effort every single day to find something she had not given thanks for before. It could be her mailman, a kind neighbor, the brilliant leaves on the tree across the street, her comfortable chair, the gift of being able to hear the geese honking as they flew overhead, clean running water. What can you give thanks for, right now?

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. (Psalm 106:1) Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! (Psalm 100:4)

Lyn Wargny

Update on Nominating Committee...

We have selected a Pastor Nominating Committee. Committee Members: Jerry Blackman, Valaree Bower, John Cecchini, Steve Gilbert, Lori Gilmore, Dave McGrath, and Lyn Wargny. They have begun meetings. Stay tuned for more updates.



Riverton's Festival of Fibers was a huge success. Exhibitors, vendors, volunteers, and guests agreed that it was unique, educational and exciting. The event was conceived to celebrate Burlington County's long connection to the textile industry: clothing manufacturing; sewing supplies like buttons and twill tape; sail making; rope making; and the raising of sheep, angora rabbits, and more recently, alpaca.

Vendors offered a variety of hand-crafted, artisanal products for sale. Several of them demonstrated the use of spinning wheels, looms, crochet and macrame. Guests were invited to try their hand at these, under the guidance of skilled instructors. A professional quilt appraiser gave guests helpful information about their own family heirlooms. Classroom projects done by students of the Rowan College of Burlington County Fashion Design Program attracted interested attention.

Community service was emphasized, with displays by the Angel Gown Sewers, and PAWS Discovery Farm. Teens from Palmyra and Cinnaminson High Schools Interact assisted with the festival. Schwering's Hardware Store, a pillar of the community and long-time source for rope, burlap, cord, and other essential products, continued the 100th birthday party they had begun the previous week.

A pop-up museum displayed a carefully curated collection of children's and adult clothing ranging over a period of almost 200 years. Live cabaret music serenaded participants as they enjoyed free hot dogs and sodas. The highlight of the day were the live alpacas outside the building.

Guests delighted in feeding the animals, petting them, and taking pictures with them. Their owners charmed guests with a wealth of information.

Sen. Troy Singleton featured his visit to the Festival on his Facebook page, and the Palmyra Sun newspaper published an article about this unique event.



Joanne Swank Davis

A Special Thank You!

From Joanne Swank Davis:

“Thank you, Dorothy, for your hard work to honor me at the Festival of Fibers. And thank you all for being part of such a special day for me. I love you all.”

Some of the recipients of Joanne's talent posing with shawls that she made!



Main Exhibit Hall





Linda Fioretti manning shop.



Dorothy with guest: Senator Troy Singleton





Kudos to our fearless fiber leaders, Dorothy Talavera and Bobbie Beck, and all the countless others that made this day so special.

From our historical clothing "museum" exhibit.



Lyn Wargny with a very special quilt.





Nancy Hall with Swiss clothing examples.

Children's Crafting area with Sarah Wood and Allison Farnen



Vendor Hall & Cafe





Mike Haider serving up hot dogs and snacks at the Cafe.

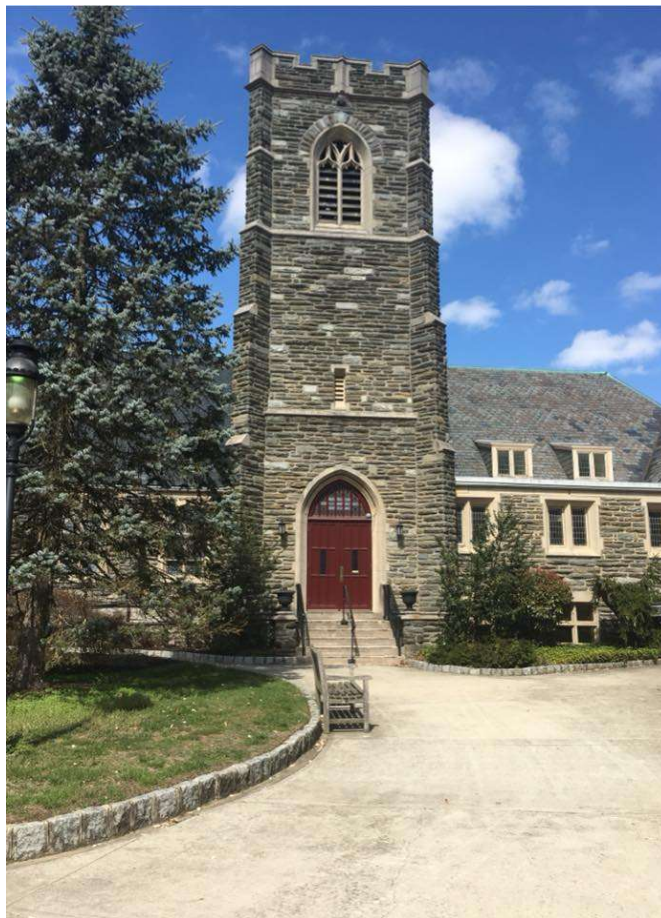
Arrival of special guests!





Social Links

Links to Facebook pages, Live streaming services, YouTube and Church Websites all in one place. Just click on the buttons and stay connected!



Staying connected to your church family has never been easier. Use the links below to worship with live streaming services on Facebook. Our YouTube channel is a repository for past services.

You can access videos, websites and streaming services right from this email!
Just click on the buttons for a direct link!

Visit the Calvary Facebook Page

Visit Calvary Website

Visit the YouTube Channel

Be MORE Social and Help Us Spread the Word

Social media is a great way to tell the community about our events and services. But, we need YOUR help! Platforms like Facebook only work if users LIKE and SHARE posts.

You put the 'social' in 'social media'. So, what can you do? First, be sure to visit and LIKE the church pages. Then, share a post - on your personal page, in any group pages you belong to, or even to a friend's page. This is the best way to spread the word about your church, worship services and especially, upcoming events. So, BE SOCIAL!

**GIVING
TUESDAY**

**Make Giving Tuesday your new
Holiday tradition.**

November 29th is Giving Tuesday. This is a global movement designed as a counterpoint to the consumerism of both Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Instead, Giving Tuesday puts the focus on generosity: using your time, dollars or energy for impactful giving. Participation is easy. To join the movement: simply GIVE! Whether it's your time, a donation to a charity, the power of your voice in your local community or a kind word or gesture - a smile - any act of giving.

What can you do? From food pantry donations, to paying the tab of the person behind you in line at the coffee shop, to neighbors helping neighbors - like bringing the trash bin from the curb to the house. It's all about giving in kindness.

Balancing the seasonal spending frenzy with a generous heart will help you find the true spirit of the season. Consider donating to your church for an upcoming repair or improvement project. Your donation of time, dollars and energy is always appreciated.

Learn more about Giving Tuesday **HERE**.

Mark Your Calendars!



Silent Auction at Calvary

Calvary's annual Silent Auction is open to the public and will be going on through December 11. We have lots of great items for sale, including

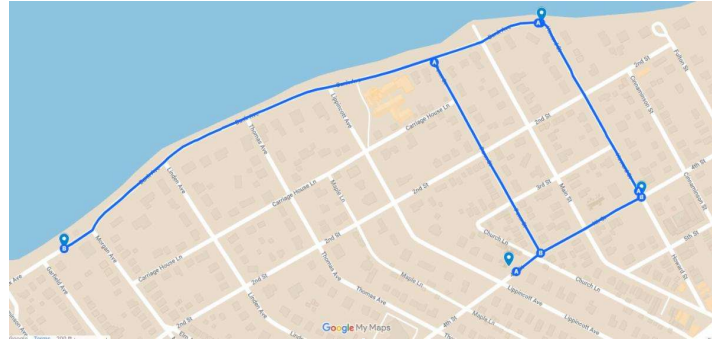
two vintage quilts from the Festival of Fibers, a dinnerware set - service for 12 for the upcoming holidays, a Phillies bobble head and Phillies memorabilia for your favorite fan, Hess toy trucks, antiques, AND a river view Sunday brunch for 6 right after church given by Dorothy Talavera.

Items can be viewed Wednesdays 12:30-1:30, Thursdays 6-7 and Sundays 11-12 until December 11th.

Your Church at Work in the Community

Sole4Souls Donation Event

Please read below about our Soles4Souls Charity Drive and the ways that you can help. From October 23rd through November 27th you can Walk, Donate Shoes or Donate Dollars - or all three!



WALK: The Soles4Souls walk will be considered our Sunday school (meet at 9am in front of Calvary).

The Route (see map) goes from:

4th street to Howard,

Howard to the river,

Walk down the river to the water company house,

Turn around walk back down the river and turn onto Penn.

Penn to 4th and back to church.

DONATE SHOES:

There will be a box outside of the church labeled for community members to donate shoes.

DONATE MONEY:

Online at: <https://charity.pledgeit.org/t/HzQqUofZ3x>

Questions? Contact **Sarah**. Learn more about Soles4Souls **HERE**

Help Wear Out Poverty: Calvary Shoe Donation Event

Turn shoes into opportunity!

Soles4Souls is an organization that provides shoes to people in need and also fights poverty while empowering women. Soles4Souls not only distributes free shoes to the needy, but are also committed to helping people around the world create small businesses selling new and gently worn shoes. The shoes you donate act as a tool to help people in developing nations start and sustain small businesses (a micro-enterprise) to provide for themselves and their family. Soles4Souls helps create long-term solutions to global poverty!

Here's how you can help us Wear Out Poverty!

What shoes can you donate? Soles4Souls accepts all styles and sizes of new or gently-worn shoes. You can also donate single shoes to Soles4Souls. They work with a variety of partners that serve amputees and others in need of single shoes.

What do they do with the shoes? Soles4Souls distributes to people in need across the U.S. and around the world.

When can you donate? October 23rd to November 27th

Where do I donate? Please place new or gently used shoes in the Soles4Souls box located in the Fellowship Hall at Calvary. If possible, place a rubber band around the pair of shoes. Shoes can be dropped off during office hours or on Sundays. Contact Sarah Wood for more times and locations to donate shoes.

What is our donation goal? Our goal is to donate 100 pairs of shoes and \$100 to Soles4Souls.

Other ways to get involved:

Make a monetary donation at: <https://charity.pledgeit.org/t/HzQqUofZ3x>

Share our Facebook post and get your friends and family to donate new or gently worn shoes.

Did you miss the shoe drive? DSW takes shoe donations and if you are a member of their rewards program you will get 50 points! Shoe donation bins are located in the store. The closest location to Calvary is in Mt. Laurel.

Walk in fellowship with Sarah Wood!

Join Sarah Wood every Sunday from October 23rd to November 27th for a walk. Sarah has set a goal to walk 12 miles in 6 weeks. Her donation goal is \$5 per mile. Every Sunday at 9am, Sarah and her children will start at the front steps of Calvary and walk 2 miles around Riverton (the walk will be about 30-45 minutes). If you are available to walk, please join Sarah and her children. Walking is a great time of fellowship and reflection! If you would like to donate or create your own challenge please contact Sarah at sarahjwood@gmail.com

More about the organization: <https://soles4souls.org/>



Calvary continues to help support **Bread of Life Food Pantry**. The Pantry is also looking for donations of Thanksgiving Day fixings, including turkeys. Please bring these items directly to the Bread of Life at 5th & Morgan Aves. in Palmyra. check the pantry's website for drop off days and times.

Music in November

Calvary Music for November

November 6th - The Chancel Choir sings the dynamic William & Gloria Gaither hymn "Because He Lives", arranged by Mark Hayes.

November 13th - "Glory to Thy Name, Most Holy" is another spirited choral anthem by Mary McDonald, lyrics taken from scripture.

November 20th - "Festive Praise" by Allen Pote will feature the Choir with Bob Cornatzer on trumpet fanfares.

November 27th - The first Sunday in Advent the choir will sing Felix Mendelssohn's "Behold a Star from Jacob Shining" from the Oratorio "Christus".

Diana Dohrmann

Sunday Worship Schedule

November 6

Rev. Pam Foxx will deliver the message.

November 13

Rev. Paul Grenier will deliver the message.

November 20

Rev. Floyd White will deliver the message.

Holy Communion

Stewardship Commitment Sunday

Baptism of Walter Donald Fala

"Greening" of the church

November 27

First Sunday of Advent

Rev. Robert Reader will deliver the message.

Our Church Family



Happy November Birthday to you!

Calvary Birthdays

Sarah Bridge 6

Gerri Gilmore 8

Nancy Ruggiano 10

Bridgette Breece 12

Mary Matzer 12

Lauren J. Gilmore 29

As Seen at Calvary: A Patchwork Quilt of Fall Color!



Dorothy captured this beautiful patchwork of fall leaves on the lawn at Calvary. Too pretty to not share!

Your Church Needs YOU! VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Sunday, November 13th, please stay at the end of the service and help bring down



Christmas decorations from the attic. We will store the stuff in the side rooms along the hallway with the intention of decorating on the 20th, following worship.

Sunday School News

There is no in person Sunday school until December 4th.

We are looking for actors and actresses for our children's Christmas pageant which will be held on December 11th.

And, we need adult volunteers to help with Sunday school.

Sarah Wood



Calvary Thrift Shop

November Sale at the Thrift Shop! Save on anything with the color **ORANGE**!

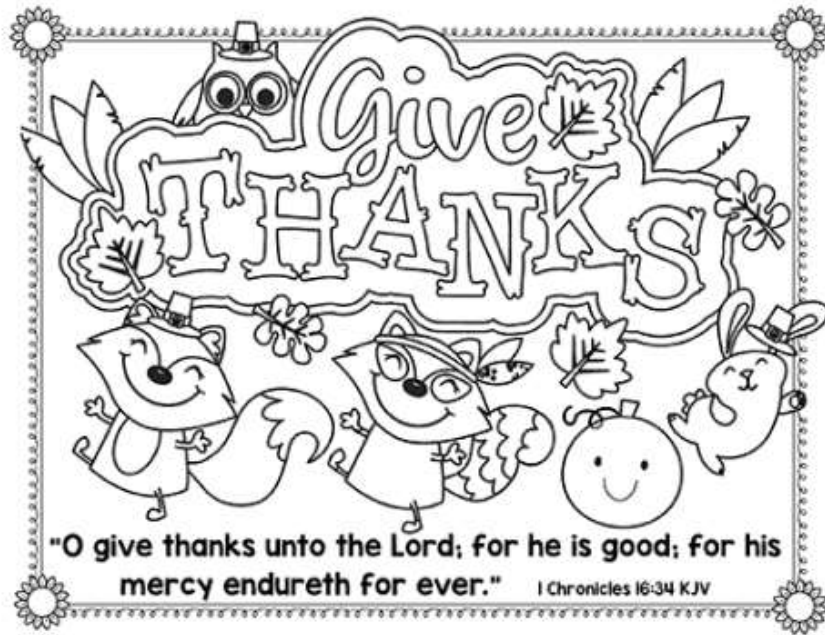
And, mark your calendars in advance: we'll be open all day December 3, 10am-8pm, for Riverton Day, with special sales. Check the Thrift Shop's **Facebook** page often for new items as they come in.



Fun & Games!

Kids Korner Activities



















What are you thankful for?



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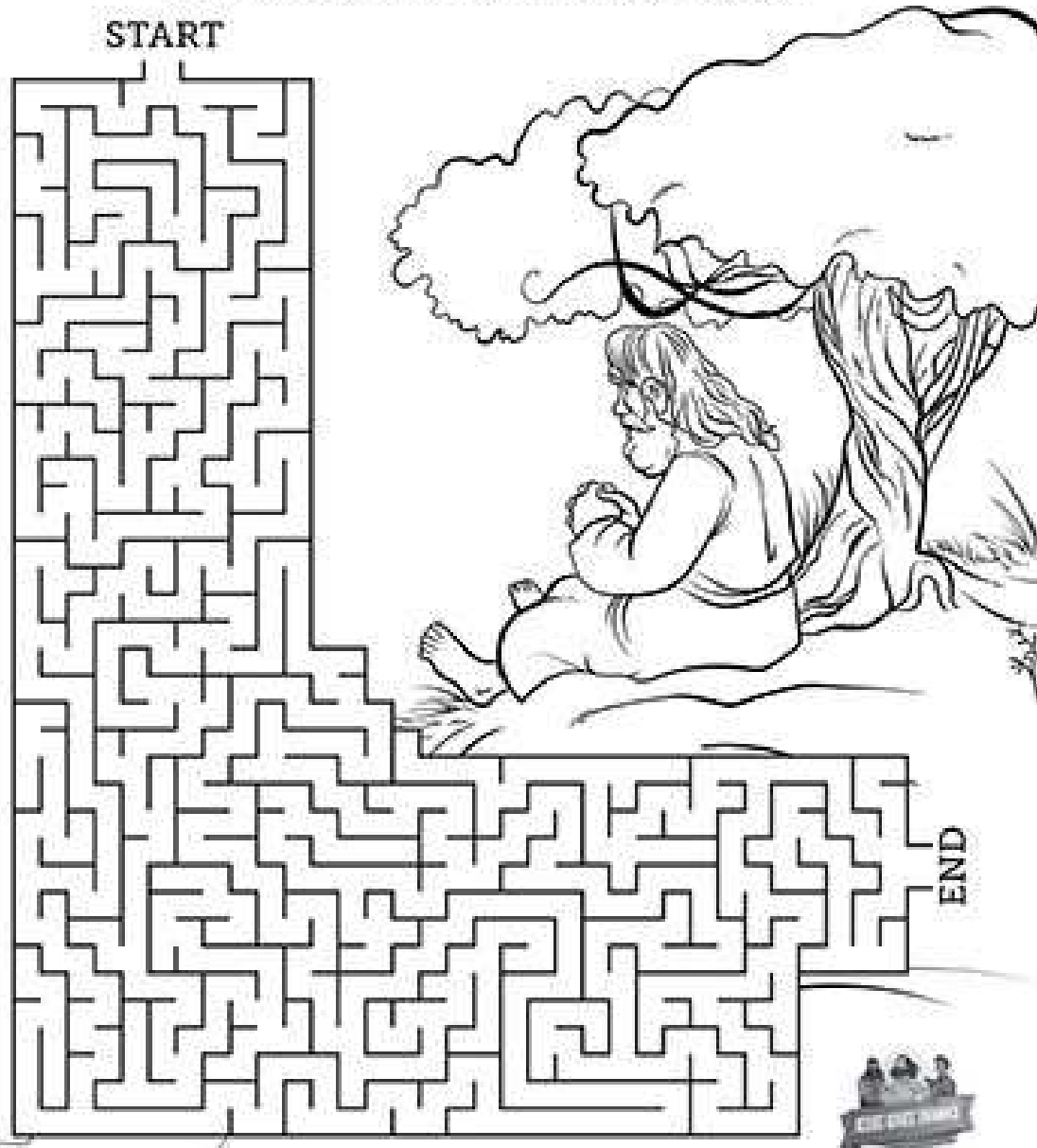
I SPY THANKSGIVING



JESUS GIVES THANKS

Guide Jesus to the mountaintop to pray.



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Adult Diversions: Word Search & Grown-up Coloring Sheet



Word Search



See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

Created by Sue Lindquist
Grand Forks Herald 2012

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| 1. GIVING | 5. GRATEFUL | 9. FAMILY | 13. RESPECT |
| 2. THANKS | 6. GRATITUDE | 10. FRIENDS | 14. THANKFUL |
| 3. THANKSGIVING | 7. KINDNESS | 11. HEALTH | 15. POLITE |
| 4. HOLIDAY | 8. CARING | 12. APPRECIATE | 16. MANNERS |

Click above on the word search puzzle to open a printable version.
Click for a printable version of this coloring sheet for grown-ups!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Inspire Gratitude all Month Long

Give thanks all month long with these 'grateful' scriptures. Recite a verse with your family before dinner though out November to inspire gratitude! Print out the .pdf file for use at the table.



30-Day Bible Scripture CHALLENGE

<p>Day 1</p> <p>Colossians 4:2 "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving."</p>	<p>Day 2</p> <p>2 Corinthians 9:15 "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"</p>	<p>Day 3</p> <p>1 Thessalonians 5:18 "...in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."</p>	<p>Day 4</p> <p>1 Chronicles 16:34 "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever."</p>	<p>Day 5</p> <p>1 Corinthians 15:57 "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."</p>	<p>Day 6</p> <p>Psalm 106:1 "Praise the Lord! Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever."</p>
<p>Day 7</p> <p>Colossians 3:15 "In You, O Lord, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed; Deliver me in Your righteousness."</p>	<p>Day 8</p> <p>Psalm 100:4 "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name."</p>	<p>Day 9</p> <p>Psalm 107:21 "Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!"</p>	<p>Day 10</p> <p>Colossians 1:12 "...giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light."</p>	<p>Day 11</p> <p>Psalm 79:13 "So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture, Will give You thanks forever; We will show forth Your praise to all generations."</p>	<p>Day 12</p> <p>Luke 2:38 "And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem."</p>
<p>Day 13</p> <p>Leviticus 22:29 "And when you offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord, offer it of your own free will."</p>	<p>Day 14</p> <p>Psalm 30:4 "Sing praise to the Lord, you saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name."</p>	<p>Day 15</p> <p>Psalm 35:18 "I will give You thanks in the great assembly; I will praise You among many people."</p>	<p>Day 16</p> <p>Psalm 69:30 "I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving."</p>	<p>Day 17</p> <p>Psalm 26:7 "That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all Your wondrous works."</p>	<p>Day 18</p> <p>Psalm 95:2 "Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms."</p>
<p>Day 19</p> <p>1 Chronicles 16:8 "Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!"</p>	<p>Day 20</p> <p>Hebrews 13:15 "Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name."</p>	<p>Day 21</p> <p>Psalm 140:13 "Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name; The upright shall dwell in Your presence."</p>	<p>Day 22</p> <p>Mark 14:23 "Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it."</p>	<p>Day 23</p> <p>Luke 17:16 "...and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan."</p>	<p>Day 24</p> <p>Ephesians 5:20 "...giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ..."</p>
<p>Day 25</p> <p>Philippians 4:6 "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."</p>	<p>Day 26</p> <p>Matthew 15:36 "And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitude."</p>	<p>Day 27</p> <p>2 Corinthians 2:14 "Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place."</p>	<p>Day 28</p> <p>2 Corinthians 4:15 "For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God."</p>	<p>Day 29</p> <p>Colossians 2:6-7 "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving."</p>	<p>Day 30</p> <p>2 Thessalonians 2:13 "But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth..."</p>

Faithfully Funny...



Can we get an AMEN?!



Seasonal Reminder: FALL BACK!

Daylight Savings ends November 6th. Fall back and gain an extra hour of sleep! Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on the 5th, Saturday night, before going to bed .



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