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*Always Praise
and Give Thanks
to God for Everything!*

Dear Families and Friends of Roselle United Methodist Church,

We have been blessed with beautiful, warm autumn weather and colorful works of nature. We see the goodness of the LORD in our land. Very soon, we will transition to the season of Thanksgiving. We are always happy when Thanksgiving approaches because this festive occasion allows us to appreciate and express our gratitude to God and all those with whom we have worked.

This year, I truly thank GOD for my smooth transition to Roselle United Methodist Church and the congregation's warm welcome and gracious acceptance of my husband and family as part of the Roselle UMC family. I give thanks to GOD that I enjoyed a great summer visit with my mother and niece, even amid all the hustle and bustle. With the countless blessings I have received, I thank GOD for answering my prayers and assuring me of His presence and love. I also wholeheartedly thank you for your support, prayers, and presence in many ways. I have seen and experienced GOD's grace in and through you.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is GOD's will for you in CHRIST JESUS." Psalm 136:1 says, "Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. His love endures forever." GOD wants us to live with a heart filled with gratitude and hope that GOD always walks with us even during storms.

However, our minds often are dominated by negative perspectives and

Church Office Closed

Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26
in Observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Connections Deadlines:

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filled with pain, resentment, murmurs, and complaints. We miss counting the blessings that GOD has bestowed upon us and feel that we walk alone. Yet, GOD reveals His very self to us in our daily struggles, sometimes through nature and, at other times, through people around us, as reminders that we are never alone. St. Paul, who gave thanks even in a prison cell and other harsh places, urges us to trust GOD and give thanks in all circumstances.

I pray that GOD continues to bless you and gives you HIS heart to move forward with gratitude in your everyday life. In expressing our gratitude and honoring GOD in everything we do, I invite you to ponder what each of us is giving in terms of time, talent, and money to share the goodness we've received from GOD. I encourage you to pray about your giving for next year and fill out the pledge card that you will receive in the mail soon. Then bring the pledge card to church on Commitment Sunday, November 14, 2021. Remember, as we honor GOD through our generous giving, HE promises to fill our

needs with plenty and overflowing blessings. Please know that regardless of what your giving ability is at this time, you are loved and appreciated!

The month of November will provide many opportunities to worship, give thanks, study, and enjoy fellowship as a congregation! During worship on All Saints Sunday, November 7, remember with us all of our departed Saints who have gone before us this past year. On Sunday, November 14, join us for a celebration dinner in Langdon Hall following the Pledge Commitment Worship Service. Worship with us on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 21, as we thank GOD for His many blessings. Welcome the Advent season with the *Hanging of the Christmas Greens* in the sanctuary during the morning of Monday, November 22. Participate in our weekly Advent studies; further details will be announced.

I hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

With a grateful heart,
Pastor Hyo Sun Oh

Annual Church Conference October 14, 2021

Our new District Superintendent, Rev. Jeffrey Bross led us in the Annual Church Conference. Recently, the Northern Illinois Conference reassigned and renamed the districts with the NIC. Roselle UMC is now a part of the Prairie Central District. As DS, Rev. Bross came to Roselle UMC for the first time. He toured the Roselle UMC Community Food Pantry, and was very impressed with the amount of food we store and distribute to those in need. He also met with the SPRC (Staff Parish Relation Committee) to discuss any concerns. He completed his day with Roselle UMC by leading our Annual Church Conference.



Rev. Jeffrey Bross addresses the Roselle UMC congregation at the Annual Church Conference.



Rev. Jeffrey Bross, holds one of the freezer doors open as Linda Stanish, Mike Magnini and Vicki Johnson, Director of the Food Pantry give our District Superintendent a tour of the Food Pantry facilities.



As is customary, the District Superintendent meets with the SPRC to discuss any concerns. Starting at the bottom, and moving clockwise: Ev Latvys, DS Rev. Jeffrey Bross, Linda Stanish, Sherrie Magnini, Mike Magnini, Carol Thorsen, Dianne Niemann, Donna Taylor and Promila Lal.

What's Going on Around the Church ...

Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord...

We are blessed to have beautiful music accompany our Worship Service every Sunday. These two photos feature our Bell Choir and Chancel Choir. Our Praise Band also accompanies our Worship under the Direction of Dia and Bob Madden.



The Hand Bell Choir: first row left to right: Allison Rothamer, Carol Gabriel, Treva Anderson, Gail Tabor, and Karen Mazza-Director of the Hand Bell Choir. Middle Row: Chris Dawson and Marilyn Bogaerts. Back Row: Craig Tabor, Harold Enger and Rozalind Parker.



The Chancel Choir: In the front, Chris Dawson directs the choir. First row left to right: Mary Wrobel, Sandy Sater, Carol Thorsen and Marilyn Bogaerts. Back row, left to right: Tom Shelton, John Walters and Mike McKee.

Recognition of one of our Church's Faithful Servants

Susan Wadkins has served on the Mission & Outreach Committee for 20 years. Susan has organized our service and gifts to so many organizations in need of funds to support their specialized ministries.



Pastor Oh presents Susan Wadkins a bouquet, as she is recognized for her years of service to the Mission & Outreach Committee.

Sharing Love and Appreciation for One Another

Several weeks ago was 'Pastor Appreciation Sunday.' The Roselle UMC members showered Pastor Oh with dozens of cards to let her know that we care about her and her ministry with us. A few weeks later was 'Laity Sunday,' when the lay leaders of the church are recognized. Pastor Oh thanked each of us for our service to God's Holy Church by recognizing each member for their role in supporting the ministries of the Roselle United Methodist Church. Pastor Oh brought us a beautiful cake to share after the worship service.



Let the Little Children Come to Me

Then little children were being brought to Him in order that he might lay His hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." And He laid his hands on them and went on His way.

Matthew 19:13-15



Linda Stanish sits with the little children, as she shares stories and lessons from the Bible. Children's Time is offered every Sunday during the Worship Service. After Children's Time, the children are dismissed, some of the children go to our child care center, while some of the older children may decide to stay in the sanctuary with their families.

Roselle UMC always welcomes families and their children into our Worship. Every Sunday, during the Worship Service we offer a "Children's Time." The children are invited to come to the front of the Sanctuary and sit on the stairs as they learn lessons of sharing, caring, giving and being kind. It is exciting just to see their enthusiasm as they rush forward to the altar to hear about God and Jesus. And their answers to questions are just precious.

Depending on the family's preference, the children can go to the child-care room for more Bible stories and activities or stay in the Sanctuary with their family. Our child-care room is a welcoming place for children, while their parents or grandparents are in the worship service.

In addition to our paid attendant, we have a second adult present at all times in order to comply with the "Safe Gatherings" guidelines.

If you would like to be a volunteer adult in the child-care room, volunteers need to be certified by Safe Gatherings



Left: Three-year old Bennie, built a tower of blocks that is as tall as he is. Right: Miss Susan (Harrenstein) helping Bennie as she teaches him to get ready to draw and color.



through a background check

and a self-paced, on-line training program.

If you love to be with little children helping them to learn about all the wondrous things God has created, and all the miracles Jesus performed during his ministry this is the perfect ministry for you. We would like to have enough certified volunteers so they could serve on a rotating basis in the child-care room.

For more information on how to become a certified volunteer, please contact Linda Stanish – 630-310-9148 or lastanish@att.net



United Methodist Student Day November 28, 2021

Do you remember the “good news” story from the Morehouse College commencement a few years ago? The commencement speaker, billionaire Robert F. Smith, pledged that his family would pay off the \$40 million student loans of all 396 graduating seniors.

Wouldn't it be amazing if we were able to do something like that? What would it look like if, as a church family, we could help students graduate from college without the burden of overwhelming debt? On November 28, United Methodist Student Day, we have the opportunity to do exactly that.

United Methodist Student Day is one of six Special Sundays when we receive an offering for a particular ministry through the denomination. Your gifts through this offering benefit students as they pursue opportunities in higher education. Your contribution will be joined with those of millions of other United Methodists to provide scholarships to deserving recipients. In 2020, United Methodist Student Day received \$236,828.00. These generous donations provided scholarships to many United Methodist students to further their education and enrich the life of the Church.

Student Day was first celebrated in 1940 when a college education could be attained for \$450 annually. Today, that same education costs an average of \$23,000 each year.

Education matters — Please give generously on November 28

The United Methodist Church believes that every person has the right to education and that the responsibility of educating young people rests with the family, faith communities, and the government. On United Methodist Student Day, we have the opportunity to support scholarships and low-interest loans that help young leaders achieve their dreams.

Morgan Murdock, a 2018 graduate of North Carolina State University, was a Gift of Hope scholar. According to her, when we give on United Methodist Student Day, “You are reminding and encouraging students of all majors and walks of lives to remain constant in their faith and to continue to uphold the great qualities that The United Methodist Church has instilled in us. The church has shown me so much unconditional love over the years in many forms, and this was a very meaningful form of that love. I was encouraged to pursue more in my community and remember the church that helped make me who I am.”

As a child who experienced being bullied, Benjamin Carlson found refuge in his church. As a college student, the Gift of Hope scholarship offset some of his college expenses and he says it “reinforced my understanding that The United Methodist Church supports [its] students.”

As a community of faith, let's make this United Methodist Student Day the most successful yet. We have the opportunity to contribute to the development of young people like Morgan and Benjamin. Together, we can help propel the next generation toward success.

Support United Methodist students with our prayers and gifts

As a congregation we have been in prayer with students who are away at college, like Kaitlyn Parsons. They are not always with us in person, but we know that we are still connected as the body of Christ. We give thanks for their leadership and pray for them to have what they need to do well and to go into the world equipped as agents of change.

On United Methodist Student Day we have the opportunity to lift up these students during worship, to give thanks for who they are and the ways they are growing into strong leaders.

We are mindful that many students struggle financially, spiritually or emotionally. They are preparing themselves to face a world that in many ways is broken and hurting. Together we can support them and remove some of their anxiety to make space for them to experience God's peace.

As we join together with other United Methodist Churches to help those who struggle with the financial obligations of education. While many young people have the privilege and resources to attend college, many others do not. On United Methodist Student Day, we come together as a community to invest our resources in education.

We are indeed one body, but investing in our individual members will take us to the next stage in building the beloved community. When you support United Methodist Student Day, you make it possible for students to change the world in the name of God's love—to live out their dreams for a better world.

We are invited to invest in young leaders by giving generously on United Methodist Student Day as part of our offering on November 28 or online:
umcsgiving.org/giveUMSD.

Mission and Outreach



These mission projects are linked to scripture. Jesus' blessings during his Sermon on the Mount as recounted in Matthew 5, known as the beatitudes. The projects and ministries described in Mission Links are matched with one or more beatitudes that allow the church to "advance" the cause of Christ and work for the public good. The projects are organized to allow local churches to make a commitment to support local, regional, and international mission projects. Church members can continue to make contributions with the Rainbow Covenant designation



Cienaguita Ngobe Community Health Project

November Mission Link donations will be sent to the Cienaguita Ngobe Community Health Project in Panama. This project promotes health, literacy, economic, cultural and community development and empowerment. The goal attempts to effect change through empowerment, enabling members of the community to get involved in efforts that improve their quality of life. The strategy involves organizing and training the women and men of the communities to promote the health and well-being of their own communities. Please support this project with your prayers and donations.



Midwest Mission Distribution Center

December Mission Link donations will be sent to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, Illinois. Since 2000 MMDC has shown God's love in practical ways through the distribution of education, health, micro-business and disaster relief supplies meeting basic human needs around the world and around the corner.

MMDC distributes its kits, resources and supplies after receiving a request. Supplies are given free of charge regardless of gender, race or religion. One of 10 cooperating depots in the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) supply Network, MMDC distributes UMCOR supplies in response to disasters within the U.S. Many in our congregation have had first-hand experience with MMDC either serving in several day mission trips there or making donations of goods for their various kits. MMDC has recently been very busy supplying relief materials to help with natural disasters. Please support this worthwhile organization with your donations and prayers

Shopping?

Remember to use AmazonSmile.Com, select Roselle United Methodist Church as your charity, and a small percentage of your sale will be donated to Roselle United Methodist Church.

Holiday Gifts for Children

Mission & Outreach also will sponsor the donation of Christmas gifts for the children of RoselleUMC Community Food Pantry clients. Our Roselle UMC congregation has always been generous in giving to the children at this special time of the year. Starting on Sunday, October 31 *Paper Christmas Ornaments* will be available for the children of our Food Pantry clients. Each Ornament will list the child's age, gender and their wishes for Christmas

If you would like to participate in the 2021 Christmas Giving Program, please follow these guidelines:

1. Select a *Paper Christmas Ornament* with a child's wish from the table behind the parlor.
2. Sign out your ornament with a member of Mission & Outreach Committee. This is a most important step, so we can keep track of the ornaments, so that no child is forgotten.
3. Purchase a gift with a value of \$25 to \$30
4. Wrap the gift and securely fasten the *Paper Christmas Ornament* on the top of the wrapped package. Please don't misplace the numbered *Paper Christmas Ornament*, as they help us identify the gift recipient.
5. Bring the wrapped gift to church on any Sunday, and give it to a member of the Mission & Outreach committee. All gifts MUST be received by Sunday, Dec. 5.



Please consider making Christmas happier for the children of the RoselleUMC Community Food Pantry clients with a Christmas gift from their wish list.

VOLUNTEER

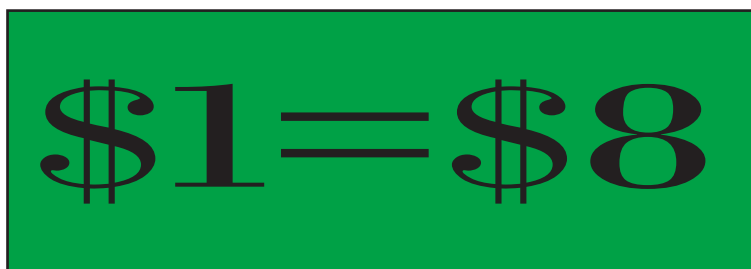
Another form of Stewardship, is Volunteer Service. There are so many ways you can help your church and your community.

- Work with the Food Pantry volunteers, sorting foods, re-packaging some items into smaller sizes. Picking orders for Food Pantry clients on Saturday. Talk to Vicki Johnson, she has plenty of things to get done, and needs volunteers to do them.
- Help Mission & Outreach when they are preparing meals to take down to the Night Ministry.
- Have you been blessed with a good singing voice? Can you read music and would like to learn to play hand-bells? Our choir can always use new voices, and the hand-bell choir needs more people to play the bells. Talk to Holley McKee about Choir, and Karen Mazza about hand-bells.
- PLARN Workshops meet every Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM (except in December). We meet in Langdon Hall and fold, cut and roll the plastic bags into the PLARN that is then crocheted into sleeping mats. Just bring a pair of sharp Scissors
- Ushers and Greeters are always needed for Sunday morning Worship services. If you have a friendly smile you are perfect for the job. Talk to John Walters.
- Our 'No Name' group gets together every-other-week to make small repairs around the building (and have coffee and donuts). Talk to Harold Enger.
- God's gardeners meet on Monday mornings and water the indoor plants, and in the summer months, tend to the outdoor plantings and do some weeding. Talk to Susan Wadkins.



“Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.”

Isaiah 58:7



As you and your family are considering your pledges to the church, consider a pledge to the Food Pantry and every dollar will grow eightfold.

November Needs for the Food Pantry

For the month of November the Food Pantry is asking for donations of:

- Toilet Paper
- Hot Chocolate Mixes
- Canned Kidney Beans
- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Bouillon

No, this isn't the new math, this is value added math. For every \$1.00 donated to the RoselleUMC Community Food Pantry, they can buy \$8.00 worth of food at the Illinois Food Bank. Think of that! In one year if you gave \$1.00 every week the Food Pantry would be able to purchase \$416.00 worth of food to distribute to the families that need food assistance. Exponentially that grows so fast, if you donate \$5.00 a week, the food pantry can purchase \$2,080.00 worth of food. This goes a long way to feeding those in need.



Wow, what a great song by our Choir. A responsive song, and with so much meaning! Here's a version of that song, a video with lyrics, of "Is He Worthy" by Chris Tomlin. In YouTube, search "Chris Tomlin – Is He Worthy (lyric video)". Enjoy!

Mike & Sherrie Magnini



Financially Speaking ...

Roselle United Methodist Church General Operating Fund July 2021 to September 2021

	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	% of Budget
Income	\$ 51,489.02	\$ 60,149.25	\$ (8,660.23)	86%
Vibrant Worship	\$ 20,805.75	\$ 22,106.76	\$ (1,301.01)	94%
Vital Faith	\$ 159.94	\$ 331.25	\$ (171.31)	48%
Changing Lives	\$ 5,435.00	\$ 7,138.75	\$ (1,703.75)	76%
Administrative	\$ 12,979.35	\$ 11,868.75	\$ 1,110.60	109%
Building	\$ 18,662.17	\$ 20,473.75	\$ (1,811.48)	91%
Total Expenses	\$ 58,042.21	\$ 61,919.26	\$ (3,877.05)	94%
Total Gain (Loss)	\$ (6,553.19)	\$ (1,770.01)	\$ (4,783.18)	370%

Roselle United Methodist Church Cash and Investment Account Balances as of September 30, 2021

Operating (General) Fund	\$ 31,710.14
Benevolence Fund	\$ 20,954.12
Building Fund	\$ 36,391.85
Financial Gifts Fund	\$ 25,919.99
Total Cash in Banks	\$ 114,976.10
Financial Gifts Fund Investments	\$ 79,675.52
Total Cash and Investments	\$ 194,651.72
PPP Loan	\$ 0.00
Total Cash and Investments Net of Debt	\$ 194,651.72

In September we celebrated becoming debt free as our second Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) loan was forgiven. Thank you to everyone who regularly supports our ministries financially. In November you'll have the opportunity to make a financial commitment for 2022 via our annual pledge drive. During 2022 we plan to enhance our worship experience and expand our small groups and Bible study groups. Please give generously to support these new efforts.

There are several ways you can give faithfully to Roselle UMC

- In Person.** Use the pew envelopes or your numbered Giving Envelopes to make your donation by cash or check. The collection plate(s) for donations will either be at the entrance of the Sanctuary or passed by the ushers during the service.
 If you do not have a box of numbered Giving Envelopes, which includes an envelope for every Sunday, plus holidays and special Sundays, please reach out to Chris Dawson at Giving@RoselleUMC.org. Giving envelopes
- Mail.** Write your check to Roselle UMC, fill out the front of your Giving Envelope, then place your Pledge Envelope in a standard mailing envelope and address it to:

 Chris Dawson, Financial Secretary
 Roselle United Methodist Church
 206 S. Rush St.
 Roselle, IL 60172.
(Please do not mail cash)
- Automated Debit Program.** Recurring debit giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account on a monthly or weekly basis. Go to the website: Giving@RoselleUMC.org. Giving scroll down and click the Blue Button. Complete the form with your account information. Completed forms should be returned to Chris Dawson via the Giving email or mailed to the church office.
- Online giving.** You can use your credit card to give a one-time gift. Go to the website: Giving@RoselleUMC.org. Giving scroll down and click the Green Button. This will take you to a page to enter your credit or debit card information and the amount you wish to donate. You can direct your donation to either the General Fund or the Building Fund. There may be a fee for this transaction, which you may or may not cover.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Dawson at the Roselle UMC giving website.

The Widow's Mite

Jesus was at the temple ... as he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Mark 12:38-44

This scripture warns us not to be haughty and pompous about our gifts to the church. That a gift of love, such as the poor widow gave is indeed valuable in the sight of God.

For many years, the Roselle United Methodist Women have take up a collection of the Least Coin. Each month when we gather for our meetings, we give coins from our purse, or a plastic bag filled with small coins from the bowl or container at home where we empty our coins. Every year these small donations of loose coins usually add up to over \$100.00, sometimes nearly \$200.00. Pennies, nickels and dimes add up fast to become dollars. The amount collected during the year is donated to a charity. Where it is combined with other small donations to make a big difference.

We are in the midst of our Stewardship Drive, and asking our church families to contribute generously to the church. We often talk of Tithing, giving 10% of your income. But we have also cautioned you not to try to start out at 10%, but to calculate a smaller percentage as you work your way up the ladder to a goal of 10%. Start at 1, 2, 3 or 4% and then increase your gift to the church until you are tithing. GOD has asked for the FIRST FRUITS OF YOUR LABOR, not the scraps.

Remember that Jesus told us to "store up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is your heart will be also. (Matt. 6:20–21).

What does this scripture mean? JESUS was telling his disciples not to mindlessly stockpile material possessions (Matt. 6:19). Worldly goods can easily be lost to thieves and natural forces. Every treasure—here meaning money and objects—that can be stockpiled on earth is temporary. Having it comes with no guarantee of keeping it; it's not eternally reliable.

Now JESUS tells His followers to focus instead on stockpiling treasures in heaven. These rewards are eternal. They cannot be lost to moths, rust, thieves, or anything else. In financial terminology, they are a far better investment. Our hearts and our sincerity towards GOD matter most of all, so having wealth is not a problem until we start to prioritize it over godliness.

How did JESUS mean for His followers to store up rewards for themselves in heaven? He has spoken a few times in this Sermon on the Mount of acts GOD will reward. These have included being persecuted for Jesus' sake (Mat. 5:11–12); giving to the needy in secret (Matt. 6:4), praying in secret (Matt. 6:6) and fasting without calling attention to oneself (Matt. 6:18). It short, GOD rewards His people when they lead lives of sincere devotion and worship to HIM.

Sunday, November 14 will be our Commitment Sunday, when we will come forward with our pledge to support the missions and ministries of Roselle UMC. Give as you are able, and faithfully keep your commitment to GOD and HIS church. Every gift is valuable in our quest to share and spread the Good News of JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD AND SAVIOR.



Celebrate!

The Roselle United Methodist Women
sponsor a time of Joy for our Congregation.

The day is Commitment Sunday, November 14, 2021,
the day when we each make our personal commitments to our
church to support the ministries of Roselle UMC with our talents,
our service to others, and our financial gifts to
Roselle UMC for the upcoming year.

Roselle UM Women will serve a Pasta Dinner in Langdon Hall
immediately following the worship service.
Join us for this time of commitment, joy and fellowship.

Menu

Salad • Pasta • Marinara Sauce • Italian Meatballs
Bread and Butter • Dessert • Beverages

Suggested Donation

Adults \$8.00 • Children ages 4 to 12 \$3.00 • 3 and under Free
Proceeds will benefit the Missions and Ministries of the United Methodist Women

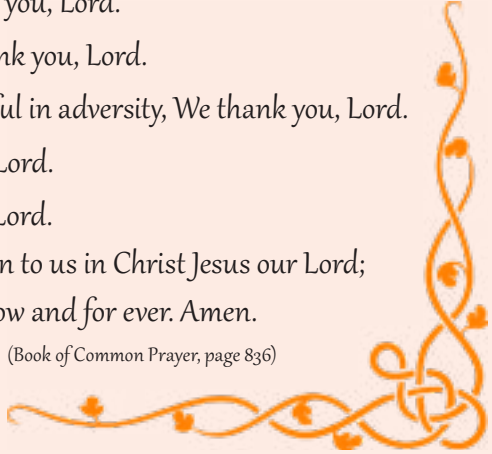
Please sign up to attend – we will not be able to accept walk-ins.
Sign up sheets are in the Narthex, Parlor and the Hallway
Preparations and food service procedures for this Celebration meal
will be in accordance with CDC Guidelines.



Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.
For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea. We thank you, Lord.
For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ, We thank you, Lord.
For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends, We thank you, Lord.
For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve, We thank you, Lord.
For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play, We thank you, Lord.
For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity, We thank you, Lord.
For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice, We thank you, Lord.
For the communion of saints, in all times and places, We thank you, Lord.
Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;
To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

(Book of Common Prayer, page 836)



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