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Daily Gratitude

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. As we begin the month of November, we enter the season of busyness. Preparing for the holidays, both Thanksgiving and Christmas, can be a full time job. I keep a running list of what I'm supposed to be working on throughout the month and I continually try to work ahead in order to be ready early. Full confession, I am not too successful at working ahead. I find myself saying, "As soon as I get through (insert event/project title here), I'll give (insert next event/project title here) my full attention." I get the job done, but I have realized that by just moving from one project/task to another, I'm missing the special nature of these events and projects. I'm not appreciating them like I could be and consequently, I am missing the gift of gratitude within the experiences. I know there is something to learn and something for which to be grateful in all I do. Consequently, as the holiday of Thanksgiving draws closer, I intend to slow down, notice, and take the time to recognize and give thanks for the variety of gifts that life offers – even the gifts that challenge me. If you do not already do so, I invite you to join me in beginning a Gratitude Journal this month. At the end of each day, take a few moments and write down that for which you are thankful. Some days you may find a long, extensive list. Some days, these items may be short and sweet. Within each, notice what happened, and why you are grateful for that experience. What did you learn? How did you experience God's presence within it? How did it make you feel?

I pray that you all experience a blessed Thanksgiving and as we enter into the season of Advent together, may God's light continue to illuminate all for which we are grateful.

Thanksgiving by Ella Wheeler Wilcox (1850-1919)

We walk on starry fields of white

And do not see the daisies;

For blessings common in our sight

We rarely offer praises.

We sigh for some supreme delight

To crown our lives with splendor,

And quite ignore our daily store

Of pleasures sweet and tender.

Our cares are bold and push their way

Upon our thought and feeling.

They hand about us all the day,

Our time from pleasure stealing.

So unobtrusive many a joy

We pass by and forget it,

But worry strives to own our lives,

And conquers if we let it.

There's not a day in all the year

But holds some hidden pleasure,

And looking back, joys oft appear

To brim the past's wide measure.

But blessings are like friends, I hold,

Who love and labor near us.

We ought to raise our notes of praise

While living hearts can hear us.

Full many a blessing wears the guise
Of worry or of trouble;

Far-seeing is the soul, and wise,

Who knows the mask is double.

But he who has the faith and strength

To thank his God for sorrow

Has found a joy without alloy

To gladden every morrow.

We ought to make the moments notes

Of happy, glad Thanksgiving;

The hours and days a silent phrase

Of music we are living.

And so the theme should swell and grow

As weeks and months pass o'er us,

And rise sublime at this good time,

A grand Thanksgiving chorus.



November Scripture

November 6	Job 19:23-27a 2Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17 Luke 20:27-38
November 13	Isaiah 65: 17-25 Luke 21:5-19
November 20	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20
November 27	Isaiah 2:1-5



Celebrate Our Saints: All Saints Remembrance Day on November 6

We will celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 6th this year. We will honor the memory of the saints in our lives during worship by adding to our 'Circle of Saints' wreath. The Circle of Saints holds ribbons with the names of beloved people in our lives who have died. Each year we add to the circle as we honor their memories. You can repeat the name(s) you included last year as well as adding any new names this year. Ribbons will be available in the church office and on the table at the rear of the sanctuary. We invite you to take one (or many) and write the names of the people in your lives whose memories you wish to honor. Please return the ribbons to church before or on the morning of November 6th, and they will be attached to the circle. We will have a processional time during worship when you can come forward and place the ribbons on the wreath. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Santina.

Stewardship 2023: A Statement of Our Faith

Hope UCC kicked off our 2023 Stewardship Campaign on Sunday, October 23. Hopefully you have received your packet containing Hope UCC's 2023 Mission Plan, proposed 2023 operating budget, and a pledge card with a return envelope. Over the next few weeks, members and friends will share their thoughts about supporting our mission during the Stewardship Moment during worship. We hope you will prayerfully consider how you will participate in our church's mission in 2023. If you have any questions about any of the information in the packet, please contact Pastor Santina or our Treasurer Bob Tallitsch. We are ever grateful for your support of Hope UCC in all the ways you offer that support!





FROM
GENERATION
TO GENERATION...

Advent at Hope UCC

Advent begins on Sunday, November 27th. We will focus on an intergenerational theme this year as we explore scripture, traditions, and the stories that lead us to the Light that comes to us in the birth of Jesus. Each Sunday, following worship during Fellowship Hour, you will find a table set up with all the materials ready for you to create a decoration to make and take home. The weekly decoration will reflect the stories we have shared during worship and are designed for all ages to enjoy creating together. I hope you will find joy, peace, hope, and love throughout the season as together we share time, prayer, laughter, and creative energy in preparation for welcoming our savior.

Reel Theology November 11: Top Gun Maverick

I know this sounds like a strange choice for Reel Theology, but trust me – it will be a GREAT discussion!!

Top Gun: Maverick is a 2022 American action drama and is the sequel to the 1986 film Top Gun and the second installment in the Top Gun film series. It stars Tom Cruise and Val Kilmer reprising their roles from the original film, alongside Miles Teller, Jennifer Connelly, Jon Hamm, Glen Powell, Lewis Pullman, and Ed Harris. In the film, Maverick confronts his past while training a group of younger Top Gun graduates, including the son of his deceased best friend, for a dangerous mission.

If you would like to eat together before the film, please bring your own dinner at 5:30. The film will begin at 6:00 with the discussion to follow. This film is rated PG-13; all are welcome.



Youth Group News

November 6: No Youth Group (Pastor Santina has to attend an ordination in Springfield)

November 13: Youth Group Meets 3-4:15

November 20: Youth Group Meets 3-4:15 Giving Thanks

November 27: Youth Group Meets 3-4:15 Advent Begins:

Turning Christmas Upside Down: Discuss what a gift is;
Create Gratitude Journals

December 4: Youth Group Meets 3-4:15 Turning Christmas Upside Down (continued)

December 11: Youth Group Christmas Party 3-4:15: gift exchange

December 18: Youth Group Meets: Christmas service project

December 25: No Youth Group

January 1: No Youth Group

