



The Vine & the Branches

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“Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy. Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are his. We are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving; go into His courts with praise. Give thanks to him, and praise His name. For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and His faithfulness continues to each generation.”

Psalm 100

Thanksgiving is coming, a holiday to be thankful for. But thanksgiving needs to be every day, every hour. What are you thankful for?

I'm thankful we live in Oregon! Close to the ocean, and close to the mountains. So many beautiful places to go and see.

I'm thankful for the fresh air to breathe; can't take breathing for granted!

I'm thankful for all the fresh food that's available to us! What variety and flavors and colors, and so many ways to prepare and share and enjoy!

I'm thankful for Reggie, and the miracle that happened just over 10 years ago, so we are still two!

I'm thankful for my girls, and their adventures, and their jobs, and having Lisa at home and Laura on Skype. ☺

I'm thankful that my parents are living a lot closer now, getting to see them much more often!

I'm thankful for my dog, and the pets we have loved over the years, and the Helein horses in our pasture.

I'm thankful for my job, in and out of the pool. I have met and worked with so many wonderful people.

I'm thankful for my volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity, helping provide housing for low-income families. I have met and worked with so many wonderful people there!

I'm thankful for my church family-you are all so special!

I'm thankful to God, for giving us Jesus, and thankful that Jesus will be coming back to take us home soon.

What are you thankful for?

Wishing God's best blessings on all my church family!

Karen Maas, 2013-14 editor

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What makes a newsletter?

Let me know what you would like in a monthly newsletter! Contributions – activity reports, testimonies, healthy recipes – all will be considered. Church box #42, kmaas262@yahoo.com

Thankful

When disappointments come your way
Be glad you're still alive
No need to pout and bitter be
No need to feel deprived
Tomorrow is another day
You'll get another chance
When raindrops fall upon your parade
Just get out there and dance
When doors slam shut, God will provide
Another open door
When you're convinced that you have less
The Lord will give you more
So count your blessings, and you'll find
You're very rich indeed
Now spread your blessings all around
Help other folks in need

Bob Gilmore
10-26-13

From the Pastor's Keyboard:

Dear Church Family,

Our Tuesday morning prayer has been going through the books of Corinthians. Paul has had a lot to say about a lot of subjects. But one thing seems to have stuck in my mind more than any other of the subjects we have looked at. He was talking to people in a town that had a lot of military men in it and therefore the church could certainly have had some of those men in the crowd. Paul uses the language of the military to explain something of great importance. In 2 Cor. 10:3 "For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds (military places of protection)." There is a war going on, but we do not fight like normal, with knives, guns, or swords, but we fight with the divine power. Wow that is great! We have divine weapons. But the question is what is this weapon used on? The answer comes in the next verse. "We demolish arguments and every pretension that set itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." Arguments are reasoning's

that are not Godly. Pretensions are literally high things lifting themselves up, like barriers, or presumptions. So every reasoning, presumption, and thought is to be submitted in obedience to God and if they are not, then they are strongholds that need to be pulled down through prayer. As we look to ourselves and others we need to pray about those things that are not in harmony with God's word, and His thoughts. This is what Paul means by using divine weapons against strongholds. .

Here is an opportunity to add to your prayer life. We can pray for more than about sickness and protection, to praying for anything in the minds of everyone that stands in opposition to God, that they be pulled down, removed, and crushed, so that God may enter into the mind of everyone. Herein lies the secret to having the mind of Christ. Pray sincerely, works faithfully, and stand in the word of God. Have a great month!

Love and Prayers,
Pastor Ballard



November events
Pathfinder Harvest Festival
See Pathfinder page

Baby Shower!

Saturday evening, November 23, 6:00pm – come celebrate Joel and Katie Ellis' soon-coming daughter! Katie is registered at Babies-R-Us. There will be a vegetable tray/fruit tray potluck. Join us!

November Recipe
Millet Loaf
 (recipe shared a few years ago,
 thank you, Marlyn Rogers!)

Ingredients:

- ½ cup raw cashews
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup wheat germ or bread crumbs
- 1 ½ cups cooked millet
- ½ cup quick oats (I used regular rolled)
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon chicken-style seasoning
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- ½ teaspoon sage

Directions:

1. Blend cashews and water until smooth.
2. Combine well with remaining ingredients in a mixing bowl.
3. Pack into oil-sprayed loaf pan or casserole dish. Bake at 350F for 25-30 minutes.
4. Patties may also be foremed and browned in a non-stick skillet.
5. Serve with gravy for a formal meal or this loaf makes an excellent sandwich filling with lettuce, tomato, and vegenaise.

Makes 8 servings.

Per 1/8 loaf:
 Calories, 166; Protein, 5.4 g; Carbs, 20.5g, Fiber, 7.6g; Sodium, 496mg.



November Anniversaries

Bradley, Brielle	Bradley, 15 Brielle
Schmechel, Chet & Kaye	Schmechel, 24 Chet & Kaye
Bynum, Dan & Laurie	Bynum, 29 Dan & Laurie
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November Birthdays

Dean, Tori	1
Bernard, Scott	2
Karkov, David	4
Schacher, Donna	4
Rendon, Ely	10
Coppernoll, Ken	11
Lacy, Bob	12
Miller, Bud	12
Auvil, Michayla	13
Harford, Mike	15
Karkov, Brandon	17
Whitley, Jennifer	19
Keightley, Ed	21
Ellis, Katie	25
Cate, Ryan	27
Fogarty, Heather	30

NEWBERG PATHFINDERS!

Newberg Pathfinders are going to Oshkosh next August for the International Camporee! For those new to Pathfinders, the International Camporee is an event that takes place every 5 years. Thousands of Pathfinder clubs meet for a special Spirit-filled week. And yes, it costs a LOT to go, but is so worth it!

Our Pathfinders have a commitment that they are making to participate in club events and meetings, working on classwork for the different grade levels, earning several honors, and raising their funds to be able to attend. You can help!

Direct donations to help support Pathfinder funds specifically for the International Camporee at Oshkosh can be given through our local tithe envelope. Mark the line and amount "Oshkosh". Funds to support Pathfinders in general can go on a line marked "Pathfinders". (Direct donations to Adventurers, the ages leading up to Pathfinders, can be given on a line marked "Adventurers" – let's support our children).

Other ways to help raise funds:

***November Harvest Festival!
Vespers, then Shamburgers and
Fresh-pressed Apple Cider!
November 16, 4:00pm-7:00pm!***

Bring used printer cartridges-we have access to recycling them and getting funds.

Bring cans and bottles that carry a 5 cent return stamp for Oregon. If possible, rinse and air dry the bottles and cans, and please do not include the plastic caps. Ask your friends and neighbors to save cans and bottles for you! Don't crush the cans and bottles, the machines need to read the bar codes to grant the 5 cent return.

If you have yard/garden/household projects that you'd like help with, contact a Pathfinder leader for a possible work-for-donation trade! ☺

