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Give Thanks
By Don Moen

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We have SO much to be thankful for!
In this season of thanksgiving let's take a moment to think of all our blessings.
Despite illness and fear, our congregation got together on the lawn to
worship our Lord. We had good weather for the most part and
all participated as they could. We had communion!
And now that the weather is turning colder and rainy,
we are returning to our beautiful sanctuary (this Sunday!) just in time for the holidays.
We celebrated the confirmation of four of our young adults!
These were the blessings of our church family. What are some
of your own family?
Please share with us! We want to hear from you.



November Thanks

By Elaine Peacock

After receiving the good news that we will be going back inside our beautiful Sanctuary on November 1st; this news gives us just one more reason to be thankful for during these uncertain times that we are still facing. Yes, there is a light at the end of the tunnel and we are entering the season of Thanksgiving so even if we have to dig down deep in our hearts to find something to be thankful for I'm sure God can put some thanksgiving thoughts in our hearts and minds to share with loved ones and friends. Thanksgiving has always been one of my favorite holidays; no presents to buy, just a special meal shared with those we love. My favorite part of the meal is the beginning everyone at the table gets to share what they are most thankful for many times we end up laughing because my cousin usually says the food. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Memorials From

In Memory Of

Designation

Warren & Jean Sheps	Paul Lockwood	Undesignated
Albert & Lynn Heimall	Paul Lockwood	Undesignated
Bill & Dorothy Bowersox	Paul Lockwood	Undesignated
Ellen Lockwood	Paul Lockwood	Undesignated
Kevin & Lorna Carroll	Paul Lockwood	Undesignated
Kevin & Lorna Carroll	Donald Lang	Undesignated
Eleanor Haling	Nancy Carnes	Undesignated



Birthdays

Joanie Warner
Allison Lockwood on her 21st birthday
In memory of Kathryn Peacock on her birthday



Update from Mark & Deb Wilson

September/October 2020

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Rom 12:1

Dear Friends

We are headed back to Cambodia with only one last hurdle - getting our Covid-19 test results within 72 hours of our departure on Saturday September 26th as required by the Cambodian government. However, our (negative!) test results came back *too early* for the requirement and *too late* for another test in time for our flight. So, with suitcases still packed we continued to work remotely from Oregon until October 8th, the next available flight (ready for another round of Covid testing). We are excited about being able to go back home to Cambodia and continue working with our local partners.

Please pray for us to get the next round of test result in a timely manner. As just happened, if the results come in later, they will not allow us to fly out. Cambodia will also require us to quarantine on arrival for at least two weeks (and an additional 14 days if anyone on our plane tests positive on arrival). Thankfully, we were able to use frequent flyer miles to get on the same flights! (when Deb came in March to be with her Dad, she took the next available flight which was different from the airline that Mark used to join her using frequent flyer miles).

It has been an unexpectedly long "exile" in the US; we returned in March because of Deb's Dad's critical condition. We are so thankful to God that Deb was able to spend some time with her Dad in his last days, and also for Mark and Zach to be able to join Deb and the immediate family for his funeral.

As Covid-19 cases increase throughout the US, Cambodia denied entry of Americans into the country for a time. And, even after the travel ban was lifted, we did not feel that it was safe enough to travel to Cambodia until recently.

As many of you know, we have both been working remotely from Oregon at Mark's Aunt's ranch. Living in an RV on the ranch has given us joy being in a beautiful environment, being close to Zach and Mark's extended family, and learning a little bit about cattle ranching. The school year has finished now and the next year starts the first of November.

Deb is also doing all that she can via internet to coordinate the Garden of Life team with counselling training and offering counselling services. Deb is part of the Executive Committee and they have been meeting via Zoom through these past months. Our team put on a training program last month, for Cambodian counsellors, on working more effectively with children. The trainer taught via Zoom from Australia and the students were all together in Phnom Penh but socially distanced. However, students were still able to interact and practice some of the skills together. We are offering another training in late September on Cognitive Behaviour Therapy. We have just been told by our landlord that we must move out of the building we have been

renting so the team must quickly search for, and move into, a new place. **Please pray** for the team to implement the training well AND to find a wonderful and affordable place for the counselling centre. It is difficult to be "displaced" here in the US not being able to help *on the ground*.

This month we were challenged by the wildfires here in Oregon. Our son Zach and Mark's mother had to evacuate and came to the ranch to shelter from a fire which destroyed the towns of Talent and Phoenix and parts of Medford and Ashland Oregon. In this one fire along 600 homes and 100 businesses were destroyed. **Please pray** for those affected. The air quality here was at hazardous levels for weeks. Please pray for gentle ocean winds to thin out the smoke & for rains without lightning to help contain & put out the fires. Please pray for strength and safety for the firefighters and first responders.

Lastly, while we are excited to return, we are also torn about leaving Zach, extended family, friends, our community that is recovering from such devastation from the wildfires. However, we were deeply encouraged by the message this Sunday to *present ourselves as living sacrifices - in view of His mercy - which is our spiritual act of worship*. And so, we present ourselves to serve the Lord in Cambodia by His strength and your ongoing support and look forward to seeing what God will do in & through us - For His glory alone.

Thank you for going with us on this journey. Your prayers, support and care mean so much to us.

-Deb & Mark

PRC People

Congratulations to Michael Warner on his new job in Minnesota! We are sorry to lose your enthusiasm but happy you are moving forward in your adult life. Many prayers are being offered for Michael.

Congratulations to the Carroll family! Lorna and Kevin welcomed another grandchild into the family!

Congratulations to our 4 confirmands! Jared Hollar, Ryan Almeida, Juliette Trowse and Skylar Hanisch

Prayers for Harry Hollar and Brianna Uhlendorf; both were hospitalized recently.





Dear Church Family.

In this season of gratitude, I am once again expressing MY gratitude and thanksgiving for your caring compassion before and following my recent surgery. Calls, cards, messages, prayers, words of encouragement, and assistance have been so gratefully received. I keep saying that it means so much. It does. It means everything. Truly. And I am happy to say that recovery is going well. Looking forward to rejoining everyone inside very soon.

God Bless you all.

Caroline Winter



October 2020

Hello Friends!

Well, we had our final outdoor service this past Sunday and wrapped up this unexpected season of being together online and in person. We had great weather almost every Sunday (we only cancelled twice) and we even figured out how to stream an outdoor service from a cell phone! I enjoyed it so much and we are already thinking about what next summer could look like.

Speaking for myself, finishing with communion was such a powerful time. It reminded me that God is with us in our most uncertain seasons, offering hope by offering himself. As we have looked at these symbols and metaphors in scripture, understanding that they are all intentional, bread and wine came to the center on Sunday. Jesus could have chosen anything for his Last Supper, anything for us to remember him. But he chose a meal...something that brings us together at a common table. He chose bread to remind us that he provides for us daily and shows up daily. And instead of choosing water, which would have symbolized survival, he chose wine. Why? Because it is a celebration. In the midst of uncertainty and scarcity, God throws a feast for us in the desert of our lives.

This is the Kingdom of God!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor John

Our
Confirmation class:
Pastor John, Lucas Spann, Juliette,
Ryan, Jared and Skylar.



Elena setting up individually
prepackaged communion servings.



A beautiful fall Sunday
On the lawn