

Holiday Food: Stories, Recipes, Traditions

Sunday, November 11 at 9:00 am in the Bloom Room

What do we eat at the holidays? Turkey with oyster dressing for Thanksgiving? Grandma's apple cake or mincemeat pie? What about the feast of 7 fishes on Christmas Eve? Do all the aunties gather to make tamales? What are the stories behind those favorite (or not so favorite) dishes? Why don't the Higleys put marshmallows on their candied yams? Why does Aunt Jane make that strange Jell-o salad when she never makes Jell-o at any other time? From appetizers to desserts and everything we eat and drink in between, we are a cornucopia of diverse culinary traditions, so let's share them! Bring your food stories, your recipes. Please! You'll be happy you did! We have a collection of "church lady" cookbooks going back fifty years. Let us at GSP, church guys as well as church ladies, continue this ancient tradition of sharing during this season of our greatest thankfulness. This is a participatory event! Bring the good, the bad, and even the ugly of your family's holiday food traditions. And bon appétit!

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