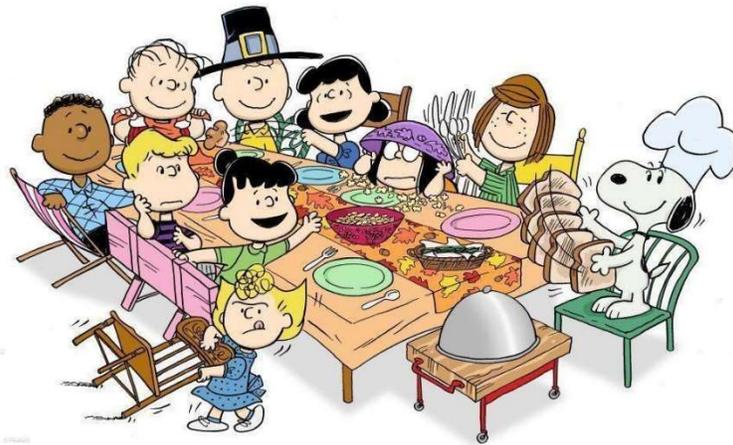


# Chris's Corner 11/24/21

## Happy Thanksgiving !



Thanksgiving is such a wonderful holiday. Not only for most of us working stiffs do we get two days off, but it should usher in a feeling of gratitude and warmth that hopefully will remain for the rest of the year and beyond. In fact, one month from today is Christmas Eve, just in case you forgot.....

I think one of the nostalgic things about Thanksgiving that I love is the traditions that accompany it. We are blessed this year to welcome about 20 to our home for turkey, ham, pumpkin pie and football. Sure there will be the need for sweatpants by 2:00 tomorrow afternoon and hopefully the tryptophan will kick in about 2:15, but we will be surrounded by family and I am grateful. There will likely be a disagreement about something, or the green beans might be overcooked, but at least we are doing it together. We will get out the Christmas decorations Friday, turn on Christmas Vacation and blast the Frank Sinatra/Nat King Cole Spotify channel. Thanks to my brother Matthew, he has scouted all the good egg nog in the grocery store so that will be an easy pickup. Thanks Tig, safe travels.

For all the fun and family we will enjoy, let us not forget that over the past two years many empty seats have been made at tables around the country. My family has been spared thankfully thus far, but I pray for all those that have not and I pray for those who are staring down illness and surgeries. I pray for those who have lost recently, especially my friend Elaine Williams. The holidays are so full of joy for so many, but there are those who are struggling and the holidays only magnify that struggle. I urge to reach out to someone you might not have spoken to lately, or an estranged family member, or even a neighbor you might not be friendly with. Reach out to a veteran and say thank you. Let this day start a pattern of behavior and actions that our Lord would be proud of.

I am grateful and thankful to so many, and there are truly too many to list, but I am thankful for all the kids that have come to youth and our events so far this year. I am thankful for my adult volunteers, thankful for the parents who have prepared meals for us, thankful for our congregation, family and friends who have supported us with prayers and financial gifts. I am especially thankful for our church staff and all they do for me to keep my head on straight. Thank you all.

## Upcoming Youth Schedule

11/28 – No Youth – Thanksgiving Break

12/5 – Regular Youth – 6pm (this is a slight change)

12/12 – Christmas Cheer Shopping – 5pm (More details next week)

12/19 – Christmas Party at Huneycutt's (More details TBD)

12/26 – No Youth - Christmas Break

**I wish you all safe travels and a wonderful Thanksgiving. In closing I want to share the benediction we close youth with each week:**

*May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be grateful to you. May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.*

Amen,

*Chris*