

G.R.A.C.E. PLACE FALL NEWSLETTER

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NO ZOOM THIS WEEK!

Instead, see Kelsey at 9:00am at the church office for an advent calendar! We will have nut-free, milk chocolate advent calendars to give out!

We are going to take a break this week from physical health and instead focus on Thanksgiving! There are some fun family activities that you can do as a household or even with your extended family!

This year has been long and rough and sometimes it can be hard to find the light in the midst of the shadows. May this week be a time to reflect on all of God's goodness and blessings.

Thankfulness Tree

You'll need all colors of construction paper, scissors, markers/crayons, and tape good for the walls.

To start off, take brown construction paper and crumple it up hot dog style (length, not width). Take your crumpled papers and tape them on the wall in the shape of a tree!

Each day this week, take a couple pieces of construction paper and draw a handprint on the paper. Cut out the handprints. Each person should write on a handprint something they are thankful or grateful for. It could be for their health, for their parents, for sleep, or food, or friends. It can be anything!

Write it on the handprint and then tape the handprint to tree.

To include family (or friends) outside your household, have your family members create their own handprint leaves and drop them off or send them via snail mail to your house!

Watch your thankfulness tree grow, just as our faith grows!

By Thanksgiving, your tree will be full of thanks!

THANKFULNESS

Colossians 4:2

“Devote yourself to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

Thanksgiving this year may look different for your family as we continue keeping our distance during COVID-19. How are you going to stay connected with your family and your faith this Thanksgiving when you may be physically apart?

We can see all the things that are not going right, things that we aren't thankful for such as being stuck in the house with our families, not being able to go to school, to see our friends, and family. All these things can be difficult but what good has God brought in all of this? Have you learned more about your family? Have you had more time with your parents? What has God done amid this time that you are thankful for?

Activities that you can do with your family to show your thankfulness:

- Thankfulness pumpkins from the Halloween newsletter
- Helping cook dinner or desserts
- Help clean up
- Write thank you cards to your family, friends, and teachers

Each night this week, when you say your prayers, go through the word **“Thankful”** and thank and pray to God on each letter. For example: “Dear God, thank you for my **t**eachers who are there to support me. And for my **h**earth that beats each day. I pray for **a**pple-pickers and **n**ice people. Please be with my friend **K**en and help us **u**nderstand how to share your love.

Service Project

Are you missing our church community? So are others. Come together and write a Christmas card to a family at Grace.

If you'd like to participate in this service project, please email Kelsey to get a name!



Sylvia the Serving Spoon