

In such a time like this, with all of the bad news engulfing us, it's good for us to remember that Jesus came into a Roman world of turmoil and unrest and oppression. The traditional gospel lesson for Thanksgiving is the story of ten lepers who came to Jesus to be healed and Jesus healed them all and sent them to the Temple to show themselves to the priests. They all left joyfully; then, **only one of them turned back and went to Jesus**

to thank him. That might be a message for modern-day America as we spend the day relaxing, watching football games on TV, and stuffing ourselves with turkey and all the fixings. **Like the one leper who returned to thank Jesus, may we stop and honestly thank God for all of our blessings.**

History reminds us that, at the height of the Civil War in 1863, **President Abraham Lincoln issued a Thanksgiving Day proclamation encouraging Americans "in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea, and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens."** So, despite all turbulence and trouble of today, as in Lincoln's Civil War America, let us pause and set aside this November 28 as a "Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer to our beneficent Father who dwells in the heavens."

Of course, we members of St. Timothy, **celebrate The Great Thanksgiving every Sunday in Holy Communion,** as we proclaim, "It is right to give God thanks and praise" and I respond "It is indeed right that in all times and places we should give thanks... and join with the choirs of angels... and all the hosts of heaven,,, followed by our singing "Holy, Holy, Holy, God of power and might..." Maybe, like our national day of thanksgiving, we sometimes take the Great Thanksgiving for granted. **But, this year many stop and remember that God has done something amazingly gracious for us**

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in giving all of humankind God's one and only Son, Jesus Christ, to take away the sin of the world.

So, despite all the bad news that enshrouds the world with cloaks of darkness, let us remember Paul's encouragement to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." **So, while it may be hard to give thanks for the horrible circumstances of the embattled and beleaguered Gazan and West Bank Palestinians, the Lebanese, the Ukrainians, Sudanese, and the people enduring war and oppression, let trust that God is there even in the midst of all of that.** And, because God is there, we know that God can speak into the darkness as God spoke into the void of creation and said, "Let there be light" and it was good. Let us pray and give thanks that God is ultimately in control and there will be light. At the Last Supper, Jesus taught the disciples, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." May those words be a reality for us so that we be able to thank God and our hearts will not be troubled nor afraid. **God is with us! God loves us! THANKS BE TO GOD!!!**

Information from your Council:

We are working together to continue to reach out to our neighbors and plan for the future.

2025 is fast approaching and we will be electing some new council members. Positions to be filled will be Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and at-large members.

If you are interested please contact Karen Olomua Nominating Committee Chair.

The Council is in the process of finalizing a proposed budget for 2025 which will be presented at the Annual Meeting in January.

Honoring Veterans

November 11th is Veterans Day. Several of our members have served in the Armed Forces. We take a moment to pause and thank them for their service to our country.

Thank you for your service:
Bill Haase
Tim Jupp
Allen Perhus
David Ruppert



TRUNK OR TREAT

Rain and wind forced the Trunk or Treat activity indoors but did not stop the kids and adults or the fun activities.



November Worship Services

If you are unable to make your scheduled Sunday, please contact another person to take your place.

	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24 Christ the King
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Sherry W.	Shannon H.	Sherry W.	Sherry W.
Lector	Karen O.	Karen R.	Tim H.	Cathy H.
Usher	Ernie & Allen P.	Steve & LeAnn T.	Gladys K. & Greta C.	Ernie & Allen P.
Sunday Sch. Helper	Daniel R.	Greta C.	Cathy H.	Karen O.
Communion	Elaine S. & Karen O.	Candace O. & Gladys K.	Cathy H.	Elaine S. & Karen O.
Video & Sound	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.
Counters	Elaine & Cathy H.	Ray & Cathy H.	Tim H. & Elaine	Ray & Candace
Music	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.
Care Coordinator	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.



Social Concerns:

The Food Pantry:

Food Pantry: Our food pantry remains very busy with many varied shoppers from people on the street to those supporting families of 7. Useage is highest the last two weeks of the month. Thanks to all those who ship to help keep our shelves stocked. We also are blessed by Portland Food Project and had our delivery on the 12th of October with numerous members volunteering to receive 700+ pounds of food. We also received \$500 Winco gift card which will be used to purchase food when our cupboards become bare. Special thanks to Cheryl and Karen O for stepping forward to volunteer at the pantry due to Jean's illness.

Shopping can be challenging. Here are some hints to help our shoppers for the pantry and possibly for your own home:
1. The first Saurday of the month bread at the Franz Outlet on Foster is just \$1 a loaf off the back wall. Wednesday is senior day at the outlet.
2. Other senior discounts include:
1st Tuesday a Fred Meyers with their rewards card. You can get coupons or clip coupons to get cereal for \$1.79.
Grocery Outlet has daily discount with their discount card until noon. The best day to shop Gresham Outlet is Thursday due to restocking.
If you have other tricks please let Sherry or Karen O know.

Remember shoppers, you can get reimbursed for your purchases.

Snow-Cap: We continue to support this agency with egg cartons and used clothing in good shape. Recent news is that they have purchased Crown Carpets in Gresham to be remodeled to provide a place for clients to shop for used clothing. Currently the items are available in Gresham Station. Food is still at the main site and all items are donated there. Clean your closets and give!
Sherry Willmschen

Health Ministry and Prayer Chain:

Our new AED has been installed in it's case in the hallway outside the office. Please take a moment to check out the location—just in case.

Congrats to 3 of our members who have completed CPR/AED education
-Sherry Willmschen
-Shannon Holley
-Twila Reis.



In case of emergency need for the AED you do not have to be certified to use it. Pull it out of the case and hit the "on" button and you will hear step by step directions for use.

- Joel Tobias
- Kaitlyn Markwart
- Joe Ropar
- Tanya Strutz
- Dorian Willmschen
- Pastor Chuck Hunt
- Georgia Vogle
- Julie Strutz
- Melissa Standley
- Fred Warren



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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Set your clocks back on the evening of Saturday, November 2 					1 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs	2 9—noon Property Work Party if weather permits 
3 <i>All Saints</i> 9:20am Choir practice 10 am Worship Zoom available <i>Coffee Time After church</i>	4 10 am to 1 pm Office & Food Pantry	5 11am 1pm Food Pantry hours	6 10 am to 1 pm Office & Food Pantry 10 am-1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hours 10 am-12 pm Craft Group	7 10am-1 pm Food Pantry 7 pm—8:30 Choir Practice	8 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs	9 <i>Veterans Day</i> 9—noon Property Work Party if weather permits
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Portland Singing Christmas Tree:



The performances are :

Nov. 30th and Dec. 1, both 2 and 6pm

Dec 6th at 7 pm,

Dec 7th and 8th both 2 and 6 pm.

Location Sunset Church, 14986 NW Cornell Rd, Portland. (right off 26).

Get tickets at singingchristmastree.org or 503-557-8733

Sherry (yes I'm singing again)

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