

THIRD CHURCH NEWS

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This Strange Thanksgiving Season

—HUNTER BRUMELS, YOUTH DIRECTOR

I will admit, this year I have focused more on what I wish could be different rather than what I should be thankful for. Perhaps this strange Thanksgiving season will give us all time to truly pause and think about things.

Growing up, my mother would always remind me, quite frequently

with my snack-heist. My mother would look at me, stirring spoon in hand, and say, "Hunter, dinner is almost ready! Do not ruin your appetite!" To which I would respond, "Mom! I'm starving! I can't wait." Her response whether she knows it or not, taught me a lot about thankfulness. She would, without fail, respond by saying, "Well then, just imagine how great dinner is going to taste!"

Just imagine how great dinner is going to taste!

I wonder if separation, or this year's inability to get together as normal, will make us recognize how great our family and friends really are. When we are unable to see our family for a while, hopefully we realize how much we are thankful for their company, or since our friendships are mostly online, we understand the how important is their trust and support. Perhaps, as a church community, we recognize that, as second-rate as Zoom is, at least we can see one another in some fashion, and can collectively imagine how amazing that first cup of coffee back in the Gathering Space will be!

As we are forced to take a step back, the things we are most thankful for take a step forward.

as a growing kid, to not ruin my appetite for dinner. I remember times in which my parents would mention that dinner would be ready in a few minutes, but to a hungry teenager, minutes were simply too long! I must find a snack right now!! Quietly, I would sneak into the kitchen, pointing out how lovely dinner smelled, hoping to distract my parents with subtle compliments just long enough to grab the bag of chips, or some other salty snack to tide me over for those long and grueling pre-dinner minutes.

I must be heavy footed or something because often I wouldn't get away



Church Family News

Thank You

Dear TRC Friends,

Thank you for all the love you've expressed to (and for George) in recent days since his death and Homecoming. I've been overwhelmed by your generous expressions through cards, phone calls, emails, prayers and gifts of food and flowers and offers of help. Please accept this as a "thank you, much appreciated" to all. I want to hug you all!

—Joyce Magee

Sympathy

Sympathy to Jasmine, Ralph, Isaih, Fabian, Savannah, Layla, Adriana, and Nathan Leal in the death of their father and grandfather, Antonio Olivarez, on November 16.

The Next Issue

of Third Church News will come out on Monday, December 7.

MISS JOYCE'S JOTTINGS

SAVE THE DATE

- Mark Wednesday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. on your calendar for our Children's Zoom Christmas party.
- We will play some games, make a Christmas craft, and reflect upon the mystery and the joy of the birth of Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem. Sign-ups will start after Thanksgiving. Don't miss this fun Zoom event!

SUNDAYS ON ZOOM

All children are invited to join us as we "travel through the Bible" each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom. We hear and reflect on the same scripture passages that are addressed in our morning worship services. We are currently hearing stories of the prophets in the Old Testament. Join us this Sunday as we hear about the prophet Jeremiah.

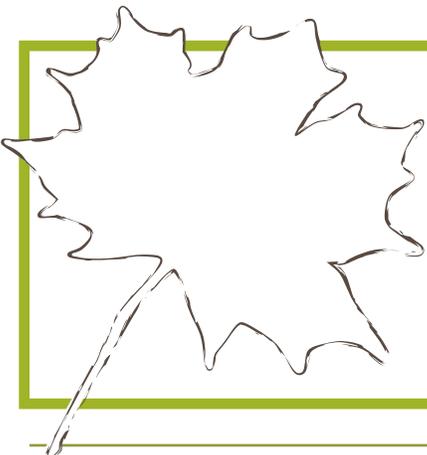
The Annual Christmas Giving Tree

—KIT LEGGETT ON BEHALF OF WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

I am very pleased to let you know that, in spite of the Covid-19 pandemic, this Christmas we are encouraging you to knit or purchase gifts for children served by the Community Action House.

This year especially, these youngsters will be delighted to receive mittens, socks, slippers, scarves, hats and new, unopened packages of undergarments. You have normally placed items under

the Giving Tree before Christmas, but this year, you are asked to put your donations in the mailbox outside the doors to the parking lot. It will help if these gifts are placed in see-through bags and labeled, indicating the type of gift inside and its age-appropriateness. Please drop your gifts off by December 18. Thank you for supporting this yearly WM mission, and know that you will be a blessing to the children!



Give Thanks

Join our Thanksgiving Day Service at 10 AM
Savoring God's Good Gifts



9:00 AM Sundays - Sunday School and Chapel Class.
10:00 AM Sundays - Interactive Worship via Zoom.
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