Orenco Church News

NOVEMBER Newsletter

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Thoughts from Mark

The season of Thanksgiving is upon us. Thursday, November 26th, is coming soon – a day set aside to give thanks and to remember. So what does it mean to be thankful? And what do we do with our thanksgiving?

The word "thankful" is the word we use to show our happiness, our relief and appreciation, of some specific benefit or outcome – a kindness we've received. It's when you and I "give thanks" because of something good that has happened to us, or a favor we have received from someone.

We are also "thankful" when we have escaped something harmful, or something unpleasant.

How do you and I show our thanksgiving, our gratitude, for what we have received, from our Lord, and from each other?

We know of God's commandment to us to love Him with EVERYTHING we possess – not just in the physical possessions we have, but more so in our spiritual relationship with Him, i.e., no other gods before Him! May our thanksgiving result in gratefulness, to God and to others.

Together, let us strive to show our gratitude to our Lord. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 tells us to seek to give thanks in all circumstances. Philippians 4:6 tells us to present our requests to God through prayer with thanksgiving, rather than anxiety. And Colossians 3:15 tells us to praise God, seeking to glorify Him in our lives!

Together, let us remember these words from James 1:17 – "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." Lord, thank You for life, and thank You for eternal life, found only in Your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ! Amen!

Mark

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November Sundays

Please Join Us at 10am!

November 1st **Communion Sunday**
The Beatitudes Resulting in Thanksgiving **Matthew 5:1-12**

November 8th
Gratitude in Every Circumstance **1 Thessalonians 5:18**

November 15th
Enter His Gates with Praise **Psalm 100:1-5**

November 22nd **Thanksgiving Sunday**
Giving Thanks Through Generosity **2 Corinthians 9:11-15**

November 29th **1st Sunday in Advent**
Our Hope is In the Lord! **1 Peter 1:3-6**




ORENCO CHURCH
YOUTH GROUP
SUNDAYS
7PM-9PM
ENJOY FELLOWSHIP
GAMES
SNACKS
BIBLE STUDY
BE REAL. BE YOU. BELONG.
CONTACT RYAN AT YOUTHMINISTRY@ORENCOCHURCH.ORG


Children's Church
Sunday mornings at 10 am


Orenco Christian Preschool
Now Enrolling!
Serving ages 2.5 to 5 years old
Full and Half Day Programs Offered
TOURS AVAILABLE!
Visit Website
orencochristianpreschool.org
(503)640-8179
preschool@orencochurch.org

Support our *CHANCEL REDESIGN* project!

Construction in progress, please excuse the mess.

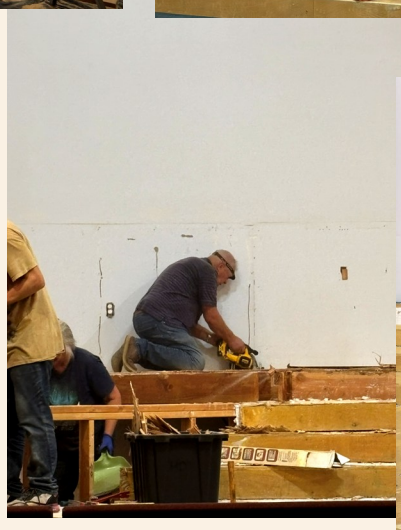
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GIVE ONLINE















Operation Christmas Child

LAST WEEK!

Boxes due Nov. 15

Place on the table in sanctuary.







BottleDrop GIVE

Next BottleDrop Sunday: December 6th

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday Dec. 4th 6:30-8PM

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting & Concert!

Orenco DEACONS

Our Deacons have a limited number of grocery gift cards available to assist those who are running short to provide their family's Thanksgiving meal. Please contact the office or deacons@orencochurch.org if you need a little extra help in this area.

The Community Food Pantry is running low on several items: marinera sauce, pasta, canned chicken and tuna, cereal, peanut butter, soup, chunky soup, boxed meals, canned corn, and canned fruit. Donations may be placed inside the barrel that's next to the library. Anyone may pick up a pre-filled bag of food during office hours.

POTLUCK UPDATE!

This year, instead of a Thanksgiving Potluck in November we will have a Holiday Potluck on December 13th after worship. This is due to the construction in the sanctuary. The deacons will be providing ham this year (instead of turkey). Sign up sheets for side dishes and desserts will be available in the hallway soon.

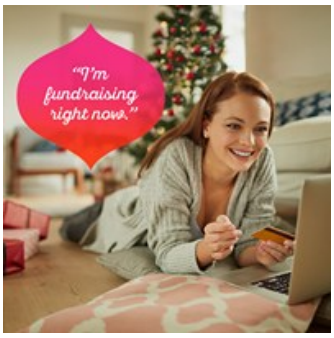
Like Pastor Mark's recent sermon title "*Gratitude in Every Circumstance,*" we are grateful for all the Lord has and will provide us.



Gift Card Fundraiser

Now is the time to get your gift cards to use on Black Friday and for your Thanksgiving groceries. Stop by our desk after Sunday worship to see what we have in stock!

It's never too early to place an order with us for Christmas. Gift cards make great gifts and are popular with every age. And, they're easy to send to family out of town. We're placing our next order on November 16th, be sure to turn in your order form. Forms are on our bulletin board in the main hallway and online at www.https://tinyurl.com/OrencoDocs. You have a much larger selection and denomination choices when you place an order.



We keep some cards onhand too. They are first come, first serve, but we usually have: Amazon, Starbucks, Home Depot, Kohl's, prepaid Visa cards, Safeway/Albertsons, Kroger, Walgreens, and Target - plus a variety of places to eat.





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Online Giving

"We joyfully serve Jesus and our community!"