



NOVEMBER NEWS/2016

November is a month that encourages us to stop and count our many blessings. We need to be more intentional in letting others around us know how grateful and thankful we are for them. We celebrate our heritage and the many freedoms that we have. It is a true blessing to be able to worship God freely. It's what the Pilgrims risked their lives for.

We are excited to share with the children the true story of our country's first Thanksgiving. They will hear stories, make activities and prepare songs and lines so that they can present our Thanksgiving Program/Play & Feast for you. This is a long-standing tradition at our First Church Preschool.

Please carefully read the attached directions for our Program's activities.

The 3s will be the turkeys. The 4s will be the Native Americans, and the Pre-K and 4s/Pre-K will be the Pilgrims. It will be an event that you will not want to miss! We will conclude the Program with a Feast enjoyed by all our Preschool families. Watch for the food sign-up sheet that will soon be posted outside of your child's classroom.

Our Parent Committee has been busily working behind the scenes on the costumes needed for this event. (The children can keep their hats, headbands/necklaces after the feast as our gift to you. Please return their costume in the bin provided at the conclusion of the program. We decided to reuse the costumes from year to year so that the Parent Committee would not be overextended every year.) I am so thankful for their support!! If you would like to help, please let me know, and I can connect you with the parents working on the committee.

Your child will be delivering your invitation soon! Due to the Marsh Building renovation, our space will be limited this year. You will receive more information about numbers with their invitations.

I am so grateful and thankful for each one of you. Thank you for supporting our First Church Preschool. I feel so humbled and blessed to be a part of such a great community of families. :)

OTHER NEWS TO NOTE:

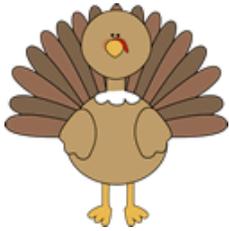
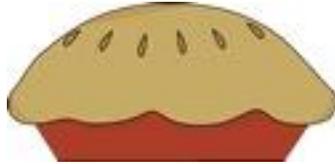
- **EXTENDED SESSIONS ONLINE:** We have openings in our Extended sessions. Please check out the themed days and sign up. You will not be disappointed! When you register for the Extended Sessions online you will receive an email confirmation immediately after you've completed your registration. If you do not get a confirmation, please recheck your registration and/or contact Pat, if you need assistance.
- **ALERT:** Thank you to everyone who has donated recycling! We have had a tremendous response and have enough egg cartons, TP and paper towel tubes for now. **The only items we are still collecting are large oatmeal containers,**

baby food jars and cardboard drink trays. We appreciate the great response!
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- Pictures are expected to arrive next week! Please give me your feedback as to how you like the new photos. I want you to be happy with the results.

We are excited to move into the holiday season with you and your little ones. We have a lot to celebrate and be thankful for. Thanks again for entrusting your little ones to our care every week. They are such a blessing!

Warmly, Vickie



PLAY & FEAST FACTS:

Please read carefully because our location has changed. The Marsh Building will be closed do to some amazing renovations.

- **Feast** will be located downstairs in the Fireside room and Room 7 (across the hall).
- **Please remember to sign up for the Feast.** (A sheet is posted outside your child's classroom):
 1. Food that you are bringing to share
 2. Number attending. (**Due to lack of space downstairs**, we *can* only accommodate 3 total (student included) for the meal. All babies are welcome.
 3. Look for your **assigned seats** for the feast. Your child will have his/her special creations as table decorations.
- The **Play** will be located in our historical Meetinghouse. We have plenty of room for **ALL to attend the Play**. So feel free to invite family and/or friends. We would like for the parents/siblings to have seating priority. The center *sections* will be *reserved* for parents & elderly grandparents. The outer boxed seating and balcony is available for extended family and friends. We will have photo opportunities for each age group after they sing. You will be invited to come forward and take close-up photos.

- There are 2 days of Plays/Feasts, Monday, November 21 and Tuesday, November 22. 11:00-1:00. Check your classroom *calendar* for your assigned day. On your child's "feast day" they will **only attend** the feast activities. The day they are not participating in the feast, they will attend their regular school day, including EMD & Lunch Bunch. There will be NO EXTENDED SESSIONS on our feast days.
- Those registered for our Afternoon Add-on classes: please see Mrs. Bighinatti for your schedule.
- On the day of your feast, PLEASE BE PROMPT AND DROP YOUR CHILD OFF IN THEIR CLASSROOM AT 10:40. The play begins at 11:00 sharp.

Costumes:

- 3s (Turkeys) — Dress them in adorable clothing. :) They will be wearing headbands designed by their little hands.
- 4s (*Native Americans*) —they will be wearing a decorated larger brown T-shirt over their clothing. A long sleeved shirt and dark pants *or* leggings would look great.
- Pre-K & 4s/Pre-K (Pilgrims) —the boys will have black capes and hats provided. Dark pants and white or light shirts would look nice. The girls will have burgundy skirts with muslin aprons provided. A long-sleeved top and leggings would be comfortable and look nice for the play.

Please remember to return your child's costume by the end of this event.

