

Covenant Chimes

Reaching out with the message and love of Christ

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Nativity Tableau

Covenant Presbyterian Church
welcomes you to a ...

NATIVITY TABLEAU

Silent Actors in Shimmering Costumes,
Glorious Words of Great Joy,
New Songs of an Ageless Event...
A living Picture of Christmas.

Sunday, November 27th

Two Presentations:
5:00 and 7:30 pm

God's love is free
so is this event.

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2011

“When a heart is filled with gratitude, there is little room for such things as grudges, unforgiveness, hatred, envy, jealousy, greed and the like. A sense of gratitude does good for both the spiritual heart and the physical heart. Consider that many heart attacks may be precipitated by stress, worry, pressure and anxiety. Let gratitude fill your heart.”

-Bill Ellis



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Deadline for the December Issue
issue:

November 6th

Nativity Tableau 2011 and You

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.” – Luke 2:10

By Pastor Jay



Actors Brian & Whitney Hull surrounded by “shepherd children” in the 2007 Nativity Tableau. You and your family and friends will not want to miss this top-notch presentation coming Thanksgiving weekend.

Dear Friends:

“Good news of great joy that will be for all the people.” That is what the angel called the message of Christ’s birth. “Good news of great joy that will be for all the people.” That is what the shepherds heard that memorable night in the hills outside Bethlehem. “Good news of great joy that is for all people.” That is what we want people to hear and believe and celebrate today.

“Good news of great joy that will be for all the people.” That is what our 2011 “Nativity Tableau” is all about.

Plans have been underway for months. The work of our

seamstresses is done. Our musicians are getting ready. Our actors have been selected. Our sets and props are built. We are giving our best to share once again the opening scenes from the truest and best story ever enacted in human history--when Almighty God made His unlikely appearance fully wrapped in helpless human flesh, innocent and fresh from a virgin’s womb.

This Christmas season, we want to provide you an opportunity to share in this wonderful good news with your family, friends and

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Tim Ball plays Isaiah in the Nativity Tableau.

neighbors. Bring them with you to our Nativity Tableau presentation on Sunday evening, November

27th at 5:00 & 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. This event promises to be something extra-special, and we hope and pray that it will lead to many extra-special conversations about why Christmas is so important to us and why Jesus Christ is so important “for all the people”!

We want this event to be something special for you and your family--a way to prepare for Christmas before the annual enslavement to the seasonal hustle and bustle becomes too overwhelming. We want the “real meaning of Christmas” to be a forethought

rather than an afterthought for us this year. On the 27th we are going to celebrate together, enjoying the variety of talents and gifts God has given to His people here at CPC for His glory. We are going to worship God together, affirming the privilege of being called to follow that eternally innocent and vital man born one day in Bethlehem. We are going to remember the “good news of great joy” that is Christmas. **But especially we want us all to use this event as an opportunity for sharing the Living Lord of Christmas with others.** Come join with us on Sunday November 27th and bring your neighbors. And may God help us all to see and hear and know and trust that Jesus Christ is the one and only Lord and Savior “for all the people.”

Your friend in Christ,
Jay Hull, Pastor✝

Don't Let Your Extra Bibles Collect Dust!

“A bible shouldn't be... left up on the shelf. It should be read!”

*Grandpa George
(Louis Gossett Jr.)*

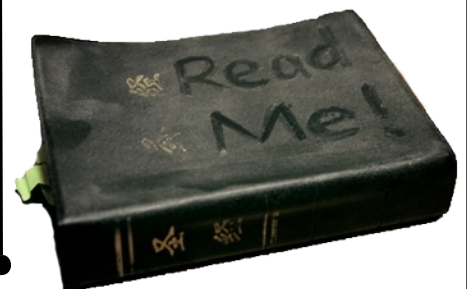
“The Grace Card” Movie

By Patti Hemsley

We all have a favorite bible that we reach for over and over while others remain mostly forgotten to gather dust. Meanwhile, our local mission agencies and volunteers desperately need bibles to give to those they minister to each day.

As part of the Alternative Christmas Gift Market (coming to CPC's narthex in December), the Mission Team will collect used English and Spanish bibles and also accept donations to purchase low-cost new bibles. These will be kept readily available for distribution by our local mission agencies, mission volunteers and deacons.

More details will be available later this month but please start now to consider if you have any bibles “up on YOUR shelf” you'd like to see placed in the hands of someone truly hungry for God's word!



We Want to Hear From You...



What Christmas traditions do you observe to keep your celebration Christ centered? E-mail chimes@covenant-reno.org or drop us a line in the church office.

Deacon's Thanksgiving Dinner

By Mary Anderson



Mark the date, Saturday November 19 at 5:30 pm on your calendars for the Deacon's Thanksgiving Dinner. This is an evening of great fellowship, fabulous food, and lively entertainment.

In the next couple of weeks you should receive a

call from your Deacon about the Thanksgiving dish that you would like to bring to the dinner. If you are not in a Parish or have not received a call, please write your name on the sign up sheet on the info board in the Narthex or call the church office at 746-8118.

As in years past, we will all be seated in the sanctuary by Parish. Salads - fruit, green, pasta, jello, etc. rolls and butter - will be placed on your Parish table. All other hot food will be placed on the buffet table in the two classrooms or in the kitchen. When you arrive, your Deacons will direct you to the room in which place your food.

The buffet table will be sectioned off by food type – meat, potatoes, yams, and

vegetables. The kitchen will also be sectioned off the same way. Deacons will then refresh the food on the buffet table from the kitchen. In this way we aim to have enough variety of food for all Parishes.

We hope you attend this wonderful annual event and enjoy your fellow parishioners and the great tasting food.✝

**Deacon's
Thanksgiving
Dinner**

☪
**Saturday,
November
19th
5:30 pm**

Homespun Harmony Hour

The entertainment following this year's Deacon's Thanksgiving Dinner will feature the Gabardine Sisters. The sisters, Tulla, Dinah and Nettie, perform "The Homespun Harmony Hour." This old time "radio show" complete with favorite Gospel sing along songs, commercial jingles, family stories and three-part harmony is reminiscent of the "Prairie Home Companion" but with a religious theme.



Covenant Presbyterian & the PC(USA)

An update on developments in Covenant's relationship with the PC(USA)

By Pastor Jay

In August, we your Elders unanimously passed the following motion:

For reasons of faithfulness to Jesus Christ and submission to His Word as an essential of our faith, Session recommends Covenant Presbyterian Church seek dismissal from the PC(USA) and

Since that time, we have continued to pray and work toward this end guided by God's Word, the "Gracious Dismissal" policy of our Presbytery, the wisdom shared by our brothers and sisters here at Covenant, and the voices of our own consciences.

Covenant Family Meetings

We held our first

hope others will do, for us. We must show compassion and love for all people, as Jesus did, regardless of their disagreements with us on moral or theological issues.

4. Our relationship to Jesus Christ our Lord is infinitely more important than our affiliation with any particular denomination.

Gracious Dismissal

We initiated the

Please plan to join us for our next Covenant Family Meeting on Sunday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m.

affiliate with another Reformed and Presbyterian body. Session will be diligent and prayerful in seeking God's will with respect to that appropriate body.

"Covenant Family Meeting" on September 25th where we shared our deep concerns and convictions regarding the recent un-Biblical decisions of our denomination and we heard from many of our members. We came away with an encouraging sense of solidarity as a church family around certain shared affirmations:

1. God's Word is our sufficient and final authority regarding issues of what we believe and how we are to live.
2. We must stand firm together in telling the truth that God has revealed to us.
3. We are called to extend grace to others as God has done, and as we

"Gracious Dismissal" process with the Presbytery of Nevada by informing the Presbytery Moderator and Stated Clerk of our vote. Then, on October 11, we met with the Moderator who then appointed the "Listening Team" from Presbytery who will meet with us and with our gathered church family in another Covenant Family Meeting on Sunday evening, December 11th. Together with our friends from Presbytery, we will examine our crisis of conscience as PC(USA) Presbyterians in 2011, explore possibilities for resolving our issues, and affirm either a new course or

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our present one toward dismissal.

We have continued to ask where our God might be leading us, where we will best be able to continue our worship and service to Him as faithful, Reformed Presbyterians. We have sought and found good counsel from a wide network of fellow Presbyterians from around the country. From the options we have been made aware of, two possibilities have come to the fore: The “Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC)” and the “New Reformed Body” that is being formed by and for those in our denomination who are no longer able in good conscience to remain in the PC(USA). These organizations’ websites – www.epc.org and www.fellowship-pres.org – offer a great place for you to learn more about these real and potential Reformed and Presbyterian bodies.

A Visit to the EPC

Pastor Jay and elders Samuel Duenas, and John and T. J. Hill recently attended an EPC Pacific Presbytery meeting in Roseville, CA and they gave a positive report regarding their warm welcome and clear emphasis on faithfulness to God’s Word, understanding and affirmation of Reformed theology, and freedom for local churches concerning various non-essential

matters. Pastor Jay is also considering further education regarding the EPC through a Discovery Workshop they offer for inquiring pastors and elders.

Get Your Questions Answered

Finally, let us reiterate that we care about you, and we want to hear your thoughts on these vital matters. Please plan to join us for our next Covenant Family Meeting on Sunday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. Please call one of us or invite one of us to meet with you at your convenience to discuss these things personally. Thank you for the trust you have placed in us. We are striving with the energy God gives us to be your good and faithful servant-leaders, and we believe our God is leading us into a wonderful future as His church here in Reno.

Sincerely,
Your Session

Dave Berry, Samuel Duenas, Patty Geiger, Jim Hemsley, T. J. Hill, John Kanuch, David MacDonald, Kevin Nolen, Chris Rhodes, & Pastor Jay †



Englishman Robert Raikes, born in 1735, was a Christian layman who was pained to see unschooled children working six days a week in factories or mines. On Sundays, children roamed the streets, often getting into trouble. Most didn’t know how to read or write and knew nothing about Christ or the church.

As Raikes labored to reform England’s prison system, he noticed that many children were imprisoned, stirring him to action on their behalf. He arranged for halls and homes to be used for educational purposes on Sundays, the one day children didn’t have to work. He found volunteers to teach reading, writing and math, as well as the Bible and Christian beliefs.

The first Sunday school class was held in July 1780. Amazingly, by 1788 some 250,000 children were attending such schools. This occurred despite some people’s opposition to the education of lower-class children.

Countless boys and girls have attended Sunday school classes since then, thanks to Raikes, who brought Christ’s light and love to children around the world. †



Advice to New Missionaries

"I could NEVER be a missionary!" Have you ever heard that said (or said it yourself)? Most of us will never serve Christ in a foreign country but **we all can benefit from these "exercises"** for new missionaries. They were written by ACTION USA founder Douglas Nichols (used by permission). (ACTION USA is the agency our missionaries George and Anne Harper serve under in the Philippines.)

1 No Bible, no breakfast! Do regular daily devotions and be serious about this.

"O how I love Your teaching! It is my meditation all the day." (Psalm 119:97)

2 Read! Read! Read! Read good books and read the Bible through at least once each year. A wise man once wrote "If you do not read, you will not grow."

"Grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18)

3 Live by faith. *"But my Righteous one shall live by faith; and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him."* (Hebrews 10:38)

4 Build friendships with local believers, unbelievers and fellow missionaries. *"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity."* (Psalm 133:1)

5 Network for the glory of God. *"...but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another..."* (1 Peter 1:7)

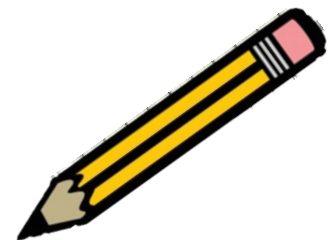
6 Preach the Gospel to others. *"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved..."* (1 Corinthians 15:1)

7 Practice hospitality whether you are single or married and do this often. *"Be hospitable to one another without complaint."* (1 Peter 4:9)

8 Learn to love the Savior, love saints, and love sinners. *"...You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"* (Matthew 22:38-39)

9 Put on humility daily. *"... clothe yourselves with humility toward one another..."* (1 Peter 5:5b)

10 Be a servant of Christ by serving others. Remember manners are "the kindness of Christ in action." *"As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ..."* (1 Peter 4:10-11) ☩



Share Thanksgiving with an International Student

By Patti Hemsley

It's about SO much more than what you read in history books! There's green bean casserole, Aunt Jane's colorful creations with Jello, football games, Uncle George's lame jokes and praying with corn kernels – so many peculiar and wonderful things make up our own unique Thanksgiving Day celebrations.

Yet many of our local international students have never experienced a traditional Thanksgiving – or even been inside an American home. This November 24, why not expand your holiday get-together and include one

or more of these students at your family's dinner table?

On October 30 and November 6, International Students, Inc. missionary Mike Cutler will be at CPC to sign up those willing to invite an international student into their homes on Thanksgiving Day.

Stop by the table in the narthex and find out more about sharing your holiday

with a student. Mike can also be reached at 775-830-7142 (cellular) or mcutler@isiwebnet.net †



Thanksgiving Proclamation



We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has grown.

But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

Intoxicated with unbroken success we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole of the American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens 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 as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.

—Abraham Lincoln,
1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation

Milk Cartons needed for Gingerbread Houses

Preparations have begun for Covenant's annual Gingerbread House Workshop. The Fellowship Ministry Team is eagerly awaiting your donations of clean, dry ½ gallon milk and juice cartons that can be transformed into graham cracker-covered carton houses. Donated cartons may be placed in the donation box in the Narthex.

Volunteers with glue guns are also needed to help prepare the houses on Saturday, December 3rd at 10:00 am.

The Gingerbread House Decorating will take place on Sunday, December 4th following the 11:00 am Worship Service. Children will have the opportunity to decorate the houses with frosting, cereal and candies.

Participants are asked to contribute \$5 for each house to cover the cost of materials and candy.

Be sure to sign up on the info board early to reserve your spot for this popular event. †



Got Jeans? We Need Them!

By Mary Anderson

The Good Shepherd's Clothes Closet (GSCC) provides clothing to more than 150 people each day. Unfortunately many of the men who visit looking for jeans leave empty handed because

there are no jeans available. Men, please donate your gently used jeans of any size. Jeans for donation may also be purchased at a thrift store such as Savers or Goodwill.

We are hoping to collect 100 pairs of jeans between now and November 13th. Donated jeans may be placed in the jeans donation box in the Narthex. †

The Deacon's Bulletin Board

By Mary Anderson

Moving? Are your children growing up? Decided to downsize? What do you do with all your extra stuff that is perfectly good? Give it away to Good Will or Savers? Do you try to give it to your grandchildren or neighbors? Here is another idea! Check out the Deacon's Bulletin Board located in the hallway across from the restrooms.

(The Deacon's Bulletin Board shares the space with the Sunday flower sign-up).

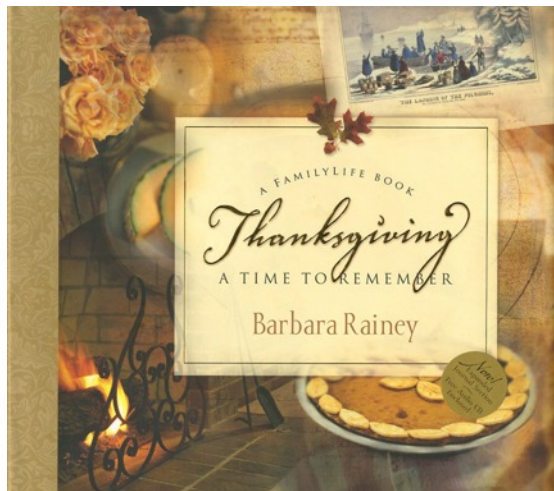
The purpose of the Deacon's Bulletin Board is to share Christ's love within the CPC congregation by giving away items to those in our congregation who have a need. All the items are to be given free of charge, clean, and in good working order. Those who have a need for an item

can also post on the Deacon's Board. All posts will be reviewed by the Deacons and will remain on the Board for two months.

Cards are available on the Deacon's Board to fill out and drop in the box on the hutch opposite the Deacon Board. †



Thanksgiving: A Time To Remember



Thanksgiving: A Time to Remember

by Barbara Rainey

Crossway Books
(September 25, 2003)

ISBN: 1581345380
80 Pages

\$14.99

For many families, Thanksgiving has diminished into little more than a food and football filled “speed bump” on the way to Christmas. This Thanksgiving, why not be intentional about returning the spiritual focus to your celebration? One tool in my arsenal is Barbara Rainey’s beautifully illustrated and well researched book ***Thanksgiving: A Time to Remember***. This book will help to reacquaint you with the history behind this uniquely American celebration of faith, freedom and gratitude that you won’t find taught in school these days.

You’ll gain a fresh appreciation for the Pilgrims as you read the stomach-turning description of conditions inside the Mayflower during the 65 day journey to the new world. You’ll be moved by their will to survive in spite of disease, food rationing and famine. You’ll be inspired by God’s amazing provision for the Pilgrims through his gift of land not occupied by others as well the friendship of the Native Americans who helped them to survive.

This book includes excerpts from the Pilgrim’s letters and journals as well as scripture quotations and a bonus CD of beautiful instrumental Thanksgiving hymns. You’ll also appreciate Barbara Rainey’s suggestions for making your own celebration more meaningful.✝

Grace is like “grits” at a Southern breakfast. It’s there ... you don’t ask for it; it’s just given to you.
—Henry Barton

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Senior Version of Jesus Loves Me

One Sunday, I visited a church in Atlanta honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 at that time and I wondered why the church even bothered to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age.

After a warm welcome and introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down, he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gait to the podium. Without a note or written paper of any kind he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak...

"When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson ever learned in my 50-odd years of preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears, heartbreak, pain, fear and sorrow paralyzed me... The only thing that would comfort me was this verse...."

"Jesus loves me this I know.
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong,



We are weak but He is strong.....
Yes, Jesus loves me....
The Bible tells me so."

The old pastor stated, "I always noticed that it was the adults who chose the children's hymn 'Jesus Loves Me' (for the children of course). And, it was the adults who sang the loudest because I could see they knew it the best."

"Here for you now is a Senior version of Jesus Loves Me":

Treasurer's Report September 2011

	MTD	YTD
<u>General Fund</u>		
Revenue	\$28,880	\$245,018
Expense	\$35,430	\$271,826
Net	-\$6,550	-\$26,808
Interest Income	\$0	\$154
Net	-\$6,550	-\$26,654
<u>Building Fund</u>		
Revenue	\$375	\$45,343
Expense	\$0	\$1,300
Net	\$375	\$44,043
<u>Parking Lot Loans Paid</u>		
	\$0	\$26,000

Jesus Loves Me (Senior Version)

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.

(CHORUS)

Yes, Jesus loves me..
Yes, Jesus loves me..
Yes, Jesus loves me,
for the bible tells me so.

Though my steps are oh,
so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.
(CHORUS)

When the nights are dark
and long,
In my heart He puts a song..
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near."
(CHORUS)

When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won.
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love.
(CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day.
(CHORUS)†

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Sunday Services

8:30 am

Contemporary Worship Service

10:00 am

Sunday School

11:00 am

Traditional Worship Service



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 pm Liturgist Training	2 3:00 pm Pioneer Club 5:45 pm LLW 6:15 pm JH Youth Group 7:45 pm Praise Team	3 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	4	5 7:45 am Men's Bible Study
6 Chimes Deadline 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm HS Youth Group	7	8 9:30 am Florence Circle 5:30 pm Deacons 6:30 pm Fellowship 7:00 pm Admin MT Mission MT	9 3:00 pm Pioneer Club 5:45 pm LLW 6:15 pm JH Youth Group MOPS 7:45 pm Praise Team	10 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	11 Veteran's Day 	12 7:45 am Men's Bible Study
13 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 1:30 pm Worship MT 6:00 pm HS Youth Group	14	15 10:00 am Chimes Folding & Mailing 1:00 pm Martha Circle 7:00 pm Christian Education MT	16 3:00 pm Pioneer Club 5:45 pm LLW 6:15 pm JH Youth Group 7:45 pm Praise Team	17 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	18	19 7:45 am Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm Deacon's Thanksgiving Dinner
20 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm HS Youth Group	21  Final day for Operation Christmas Child Boxes -11/20	22	23 3:00 pm Pioneer Club 7:45 pm Praise Team	24 Church Office Closed 	25 Church Office Closed	26 7:45 am Men's Bible Study
27 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Nativity Tableau 7:30 pm Nativity Tableau	28	29	30 3:00 pm Pioneer Club 6:15 pm JH Youth Group 7:45 pm Praise Team	I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving. Psalm 69:30 		

Celebrate November!

Birthdays

- 1 Kevin Nolen
- 2 Claudia King
Richard Mathieu
- 6 Tonya Hunt
- 7 Michaun Hayes
Kris Pierson
- 8 Jon Sturtz
Matthew Wicks
- 10 Ryan Ludwig
- 11 Maggie Hull
- 13 Hannah Hull
- 14 Olivia Ludwig
- 15 Alex Wade
- 16 Jerry Audet
- 17 Hudson Lynam
- 18 Michelle Johnson
Guy Ray
- 23 Andrea Huffman
- 24 Ellenor Colvin
Jennifer Libbon
Scott Wade
- 26 Rita Huneycutt
- 27 Peter Aiyuk
Edith van Rossem
- 28 Betty Ziegler
- 29 Don Colton
TJ Hill
Christina Jackson
Chris Rhodes

Anniversaries

- 10 Ginny & Lew Young
- 11 Lorrie & Brent Ford
Cassie & Adam Hemsley
- 18 Sandie & Steve Crawford
- 19 Barbara & John Kanuch
- 23 Stefany & Dave Berry

Thanksgiving Blessing Mix

Ingredients:

- 2 cups Bugles brand corn snacks
- 2 cups small pretzels
- 1 cup candy corn
- 1 cup dried fruit bits or raisins
- 1 cup peanuts or sunflower seeds
- 1 cup M&Ms-brand chocolate candy
- 16 Hershey's-brand chocolate kisses
- 4 Blessings Mix gift tags.

Directions:

In a large bowl, gently mix all ingredients except Hershey's Kisses.

Place 1/3 to 1/2 cup Thanksgiving Blessing Mix in small cellophane treat bags. Add one Hershey's Kiss to each bag.

Close bag with ribbon, chenille stems or twist-ties.

Print copies of the Thanksgiving Blessings Mix gift tag, or hand-write your own tags with the wording below.

Cut out tags, and attach one to each bag.

Makes 16 Blessing Mix gift bags.

Thanksgiving Blessing Mix

Bugles: Shaped like a cornucopia or Horn of Plenty, a symbol of our nation's abundance.

Pretzels: Arms folded in prayer, a freedom sought by those who founded our country.

Candy corn: Sacrifices of the Pilgrims' first winter. Food was so scarce that settlers survived on just a few kernels of corn a day.

Nuts or seeds: Promise of a a future harvest, one we will reap only if seeds are planted and tended with diligence.

Dried fruits: Harvest gifts of our bountiful land.

M&Ms: Memories of those who came before us to guide us to a blessed future.

Hershey's Kiss: The love of family and friends that sweetens our lives.

