

A Gift of Gratitude

Eileen Egan is a journalist that you may not have heard of before. She has had many honors and there are journalism scholarships in her name, and the Catholic Relief Services established the “Eileen Egan Journalism Award” in 1995 to not only honor her, but it recognizes journalists who exhibit excellence in their reporting, especially lifting up issues of poverty and struggles in the world. Eileen though had one of those experiences that transformed her life. She was on assignment in Calcutta, India where she met this tiny lady who transformed her life. It was none other than Mother Teresa who worked tirelessly with the poorest of the poor in India. Mother Teresa was a woman who always made a huge impact on those she met. One day, Eileen was extremely anxious and very frustrated. She shared a long list of problems that were the source of her frustration that they seemed to be facing daily. Mother Teresa flashed a warm smile and gently asked, “Why do we have to call everything a ‘problem?’ Why not erase the word ‘problem’ from our vocabulary and instead use the word ‘gift’?”

Life is not always a matter of what happens to us and is far more about the way that we view the world around us and our perceptions of what is going on. If we make an effort to change the way we look at things, and transform the idea of something that might be viewed as a problem, but instead as an opportunity or a gift, then we can create an attitude of gratitude. When we are able to find something, no matter how minute, it changes the way we view everything else around it. When we find something to be grateful for, even as we are faced with difficult problems, we create opportunities to overcome obstacles. Imagine the anxieties melting away when we begin to look for the many things we should be grateful for instead of the things that weigh us down. Consider the happiness that can be discovered when we find the many gifts in difficult situations. Eileen spent the next 30 years learning from this humble servant and her profound vision for the world. May we catch a glimpse of that vision, God’s dream for the world. For life can indeed be a blessing and a gift if we choose to see it that way. May your hearts be filled with gratitude and love.

Shalom,

Daniel

Important Dates:
Board meeting is Dec. 6th
Congregational meeting is Dec. 13th

We are no activities in the church
other than mobile meals.

Psalm 95:2 Let us come into his presence with
thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with
songs of praise!

CWF Christian Women Fellowship will
not meet in the month of November.

We will determine at a later date when we will
resume Tuesday sewing days.



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hopeful
loving

By now you should have received a letter in the mail with your pledge card along with a self addressed, stamped envelope. These pledges are an estimation of giving which helps the church to create a budget for the coming year. We greatly appreciate those who have turned yours in, and understand with everything going on in the past couple of weeks those who have overlooked turning those in. If you have not turned one in, please take a moment and send it today. Thank you and blessings to you!

FELLOWSHIP
November Theme: Take 5

2020 has been unlike any year many of us have experienced, which makes it a perfect time for us to “Take 5” minutes to stop, take a deep breath, and pray for what we are thankful for and to pray for others, no matter what their situation.

During the next two months many of us will be preparing for the holidays. Whether you shop in person or online, fix your own holiday dinner or order in, it will be a busy time.

Here are two recipes using 5 ingredients or less you may want to try!

Tatertot Casserole

Quick and easy casserole everyone will love! (You can half this recipe for a family of 3 or less.)

8 servings

Ingredients

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 pinch salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 (16 ounce) package frozen tater tots

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Step 1

Cook and stir ground beef in a large skillet over medium heat until no longer pink and completely browned, 7 to 10 minutes; season with salt and black pepper. Stir cream of mushroom soup into the cooked ground beef; pour the mixture into a 9x13-inch baking dish. Layer tater tots evenly over the ground beef mixture; top with Cheddar cheese.

Step 2

Bake until tater tots are golden brown and hot, 30 to 45 minutes.

Roasted Green Beans

A great alternative to fast-food French fries.

4 servings

Ingredients

- 2 pounds fresh green beans, trimmed
- 1 tablespoon olive oil, or as needed
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).

Step 1

Pat green beans dry with paper towels if necessary; spread onto a jellyroll pan. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Use your fingers to coat beans evenly with olive oil and spread them out so they don't overlap.

Step 2

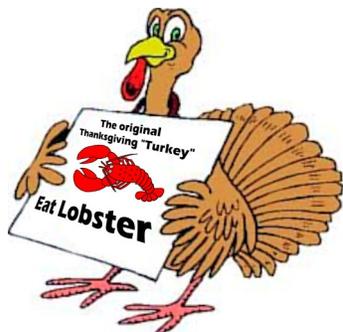
Roast in the preheated oven until beans are slightly shriveled and have brown spots, 20 to 25 minutes.



Turkey Talk Trivia

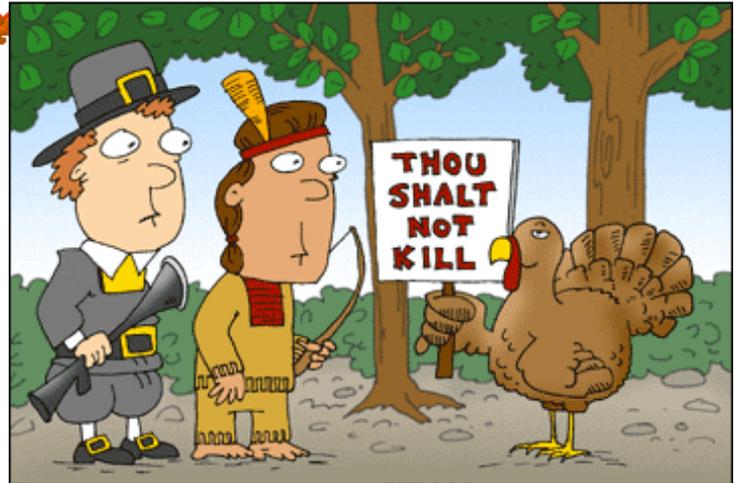


- Which President made Thanksgiving an annual holiday?
A. Washington B. Lincoln C. Franklin
- Approximately how many feathers does a mature turkey have?
A. 500 B. 1,000 C. 3,500
- How fast can wild turkeys run?
A. 15 mph B. 25 mph C. 5 mph
- What do you call the skin that hangs from a turkey's neck?
A. a gobble B. a wattle C. a gagle
- What do you call a male turkey?
A. Joe B. Tom C. Tim
- How high must a cranberry bounce before it is harvested?
A. 2 inches B. 8 inches C. 4 inches
- What is in turkey that, when eaten, can make you sleepy?
A. Chloroform B. Fat C. Protein D. Tryptophan
- Which Indian tribe taught the Pilgrims how to cultivate the land and were invited to the Thanksgiving meal?
A. Apache B. Wampanoag C. Cherokee
- Approximately how many turkeys are eaten each year on Thanksgiving in the United States?
A. 125 million B. 46 million C. 85 million
- A group of turkeys is referred to as a
A. Rafter B. Gaggle C. Flock D. Gobble
- Turkeys can see in color.
A. True B. False
- How many pilgrims came over on the Mayflower?
A. 212 B. 87 C. 102 D. 165
- In what year did the first American Thanksgiving take place?
A. 1621 B. 1776 C. 1863 D. 1552
- What is another name for a turkey's wishbone?
A. Corona B. Furcula C. Swot D. ossein
- Where was the first Thanksgiving held?
A. Pittsburgh B. Jamestown C. Plymouth



It was November 1621, Pilgrims gathered around a feast to celebrate the harvest. But what was on the menu that day we now call Thanksgiving? Not Turkey, but Lobster among other things. "It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November."

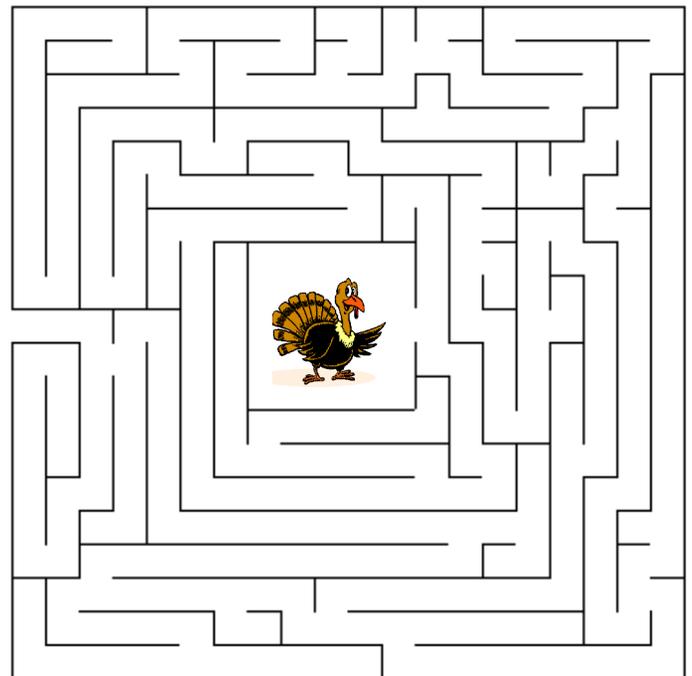
History.com



Thanks to Jay Benfield (See Exodus 20:1-21)

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Can you help the turkey escape?



- Q: Why do turkeys always go, "gobble, gobble"?
- A: Because they never learned good table manners!
- Q: What sound does a space turkey make?
- A: Hubble, Hubble, Hubble.
- Q: Who is not hungry at Thanksgiving?
- A: The turkey because he's already stuffed!
- Q: In what country is Thanksgiving ironically not celebrated?
- A: Turkey.
- Q: What did the turkey say to the turkey hunter?
- A: "Quack! Quack! Quack!"
- Q: Why did they let the turkey join the band?
- A: Because he had the drumsticks.

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- Nursery Attendants: Shaylee White and Janet Harper

ATTENDANCE

11/15/20	10 AM	18	Cars	29	People
11/08/20	10 AM	21	Cars	29	People

GIVING

11/15/20	General	\$1,578.00	Blessing Fund	\$20.00
11/08/20	General	\$7,469.00	Blessing Fund	\$55.00

Everyone entering the church building is required to sign in and have their temperature taken. There is a forehead thermometer at the sign in table.



You must use the hand sanitizer provided before taking your own temperature and recording the results. Anyone running a fever over 100° is asked not to enter the building and contact the church office or pastor as well as your family physician.

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

- 9 am Worship on Vimeo or Facebook
- 10 am Drive in church
- 10 am Worship Live broadcast online
- 11 am Zoom Fellowship

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