

Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

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Interesting Facts about Thanksgiving

- The first Thanksgiving was held in the fall of 1621 and included 50 Pilgrims and 90 Wampanoag Indians.
- Thanksgiving was almost a fast not a feast. The early settlers gave thanks to God by praying and abstaining from food, which is how they planned to celebrate their first harvest. However, the Wampanoag Indians joined them and they decided to turn their fast into a three-day feast.
- Thanksgiving didn't become a national holiday until 1863 when Sarah Hale, the woman who wrote "*Mary Had a Little Lamb*", convinced President Lincoln to make it a holiday.
- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird, not the eagle. Thomas Jefferson opposed the idea. Franklin then named the turkey 'Tom' to spite Jefferson.
- The first Thanksgiving was eaten with spoons and knives but no forks. Forks weren't introduced to the Pilgrims until 10 years later.
- In 1953, the food company Swanson, had 260 tons of turkey left over after Thanksgiving and they decided to package it onto aluminum trays with other sides like sweet potatoes and the first TV dinner was born.
- The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began in 1924 in New York City. There were not any large balloons were at this parade, as it featured only live animals from Central Park Zoo.
- Giving Thanks may extend your life. Davis psychology Dr. Robert Emmons, a professor at the University of California, recently wrote that "*Studies have consistently found that gratitude is a positive emotion that can benefit physical health and lead to higher chances of longevity.*"

So, as you sit down at the table with your loved ones this Thanksgiving, remember to give thanks to God for all of your blessings. By doing so, you'll not only be giving credit where credit is due, you also just might increase your lifespan!

Grace & Peace,
Jay

PRAYER LIST



Al & Denton Nuckolls, Kathryn Middleton, Margaret Doyle, Ernest Edwards, Judy Lusk, Jan Reed, Toppi Griffin, Cathy Griffin, Sis Damron, Mildred Dreschel, Ray Anderson, Macoy Griffin, Dot Rann, Gene & Bertha Lou Adamson, Barbara Vaughn, Shirley Gribble, Marilyn Martin, Beverly Bates, Mia Sewell, David Blackwell, *Jan Reed

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

Brooks Lansing-Jim Lansing's Brother

Sue Broome-Friend of Janice Helton

Terry Corcoran-Erin Middleton's Dad

Agnes Sutton-Kay Henderson's Mother

Kenneth Tatum-Veda Nuckolls' Brother

Linda Corn-friend of Susie Webb

Raya Owens-Friend of Jada Barton

Gabarb Vaughn Summers

Breanne Locklear-Jo Anna Davenport's niece

Gladys & Jasper Rogers-Friends of Gwen Maddox

Marge Fox-Cindy Fehd's mother

Robin Faith-Friend of Dawn LaChapelle

Brantley Dean-Friend of Julie Frisbee

Peggy Cochran-Friend of Amy Roberts

Whitley Brooker-Friend of Lindsey Roberts

Orallia Hernandez-friend of the Middletons

Richard Sharp-Friend of Stephanie Loggins

Jackie Neel – Anne Monk's Sister

Nathan Gaddy – Friend of Dawn LaChapelle

Kinslie Marie Flowers-friend of Julie Frisbee

Dolly Hamby-friend of Kay Jernigan

Heather Stiles-friend of Susie Webb

Eddie Mac Sanders-Friend of Kenny Gowin

Ricky Reed-friend of Amy Roberts

Kyler Bass-Friend of Wendy Voiles

Maryann Fowler-Friend of Susie Webb

Glen Dean-Friend of Susie Webb

Agee Martin-Valerie Cleaver's brother

Alyssa Talley

Chet Dreschel

Brecklynn Allgood

Doug Mitchell

Ron Hawkins-Friend of Gwen Maddox

Wesley Weaver-Michael Loggins' Brother

Tina Taylor-Val Cleaver's Sister

Mary Fare-Jo Anna Davenport's Aunt

Carl Hooper-Friend of Amy Roberts

Virginia Campbell

Trish Phillips-Friend of Jeanine Clark

James Breeden-Friend of Butch Middleton

Virginia Campbell

Charlie Painter-Thelma Harrod's son

*The Family of Mrs. Johanna Moody Morrison

(*Denotes new additions)

Please contact the church office at 706- 673-4022 or thumc@optilink.us to add/remove a friend or loved one from the Prayer List. – Thanks!



Thursday, November 16

7:00 PM Grief Support Group (THUMC)

Sunday, November 19

9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

Tuesday, November 21

5:15 PM Girl Scouts-Cadettes (Ch. Room)

6:30 PM Brownies & Juniors (YR)

6:30 PM Cub Scout meeting (F.H.)

7:00 PM Boy Scout meeting (F.H.)

Wednesday, November 22

No Meal or Wednesday activities.

Thursday, November 23 - THANKSGIVING DAY (Church Office closed.)

Friday, November 24

(Church Office closed.)

Sunday, November 26

9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

Tuesday, November 28

5:15 PM Girl Scouts-Cadettes (Ch. Room)

6:30 PM Brownies & Juniors (YR)

6:30 PM Cub Scout meeting (F.H.)

7:00 PM Boy Scout meeting (F.H.)

Wednesday, November 29

6:30 PM "Hanging of the Greens" - Fellowship Hall
and Sanctuary

6:30 PM Oasis Student Ministry will meet.

(All other activities will resume on January 3rd, 2018.)

Thursday, November 30

7:00 PM Grief Support Group (Legacy Club House)

FH-Fellowship Hall

CB-Church Bldg.

FEL CL-Fellowship Classroom

FC-Friendship Classroom

S-Sanctuary

OPPORTUNITIES TO ASSIST FAMILIES THIS CHRISTMAS

If you would like to assist families in Whitfield County this Christmas, please bring an unwrapped toy or clothes item & place it under the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall on or before December 10th.

New Toys - For children ages infant to 18 years. Toys need to be new & valued over \$20. If the toy needs batteries, please tape batteries to the toy.

New Clothing - All children and youth sizes needed. These items will be delivered to "The Sharing is Caring Program of Whitfield County" and distributed to families that have applied for assistance.

Financial Donations - If you would like to assist families in our church and community this Christmas, you can contribute to THUMC's Birthday/Anniversary Fund or THUMC's Benevolence Fund. Both of these funds will be used to purchase gifts and gift cards for families in our church or community who may need a little help this Christmas. Make your check payable to "THUMC" and mark it "Birthday Fund" or "Benevolence Fund".



UMW CHRISTMAS PARTY

All women of the church are invited to the United Methodist Women's Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be catered by Lisa's Café. Menu: pot roast, chicken and dressing, green beans, sweet potatoes, tossed salad, chocolate delight and a cobbler. After dinner, those attending will play Bingo for simple prizes that each person brings to share. All ladies of the church are invited. Reservations must be in by Friday, Dec. 1 at noon so enough food can be ordered. RSVP to Ann Kuzniak - 706.673.7904, Vera Nations - 706.226.5468 or Nancy Hampton - 706.278.4774



BIRTHDAY DINNER FOR TOPPI GRIFFIN

There will be a 99th Birthday Celebration for Toppi Griffin at Western Sizzler at 501 Legion Drive, Dalton, this Saturday, November 18th from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Each person will be responsible for their own meal. A money tree will be available for those who wish to participate. No gifts please.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER SCHEDULE

Meals will not be served beginning November 22nd through December 27th.
Wednesday Night Dinners and all activities will resume on January 3rd, 2018.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

All adults and youth are invited to help decorate the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for Christmas at 6:30 PM on Wednesday evening, November 29th. Everyone welcome!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

The Children of THUMC will present their Christmas Musical on Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Following the program, we will have our annual Christmas party in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us!

UPCOMING MARRIAGE RETREAT

Rev. Jay & Joni Tenney will be leading a marriage retreat in Pigeon Forge, TN sponsored by Varnell UMC. The Retreat will take place at the Spring Hill Suites by Marriot on February 9-11, 2018. Cost is \$320 per couple which includes a King Suite, 4 meals, 3 marriage sessions and worship on Sunday morning. Registration information will be available soon.



WELCOME NUCKOLLS FAMILY

We offer a warm Tunnel Hill UMC welcome to our newest members, Andrew, Lauren, Gavin, Graham, and Ella Nuckolls. We are so glad you are a part of the THUMC Family!

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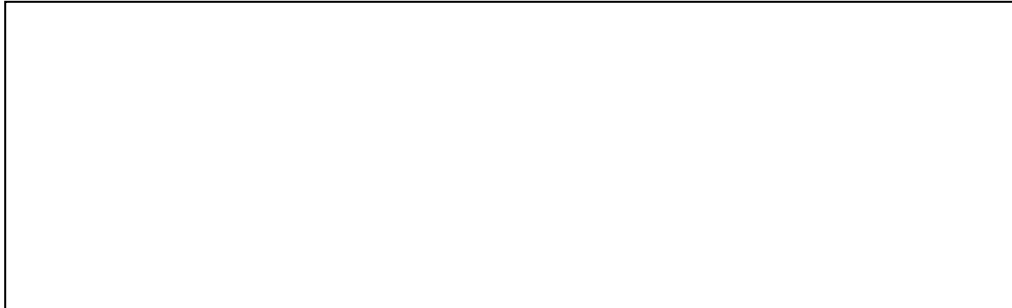
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

USHERS: Butch Middleton, Mike Hampton,
Blake Griffin & Chris Griffin

NURSERY: Julie Frisbee

OFFERING TEAM: Becky Gowin &
Lee Grimmett

GREETERS: Stacy, Julia & Chuck Davidson

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

USHERS: See Sunday, Nov. 19

NURSERY: Joni Tenney

OFFERING TEAM: Becky Gowin &
Lee Grimmett

GREETERS: Becky & Ken Gowin

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

USHERS: Frank Moody, Maurice Moody,
Reece Moody & Zack Moody

NURSERY: Nancy Hampton

OFFERING TEAM: Brenda Hampton

GREETERS: Marilyn Martin

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed: \$5,094.00

GIVING FOR OCTOBER 29

GENERAL BUDGET: \$3833.00

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$10.00

GIVING FOR NOVEMBER 5

GENERAL BUDGET: \$6942.10

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$844.00

GIVING FOR NOVEMBER 12

GENERAL BUDGET: \$5853.99

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$1492.00

ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER 29

Sunday School - 63

Worship - 119

ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER 5

Sunday School - 85

Worship - 188

ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER 12

Sunday School - 69

Worship - 135