



Dear Friends,

Many of you may be surprised that the first Thanksgiving feast was a week-long celebration between the newcomers to this country and those natives who helped them survive. It was a feast to honor the spirit of cooperation and friendship, as well as an opportunity to thank God for the new life they had come to know. I love Thanksgiving and all that comes with it in a “normal” year. This year, however, is anything but normal; and Thanksgiving will most likely be very different from the traditional ones I recall from my childhood. Oh, we will have turkey and all the fixings, but there are those who will be missing from the celebration for many different reasons.

That does not mean all our traditions need to change; for example, the tradition this church has honored for many years: the giving of gifts to assist those who have little to get them through the coming seasons. This year’s Thanksgiving Offering will be directed to the Salvation Army to assist them in serving those in the community who need help. It is a way we can honor that early feast and that spirit of cooperation and friendship, and a means to honor our God who supplies our needs.

Won’t you consider giving generously to this year’s Thanksgiving Offering, to help those celebrate all that is good in this new life God has given us? You can give by sending a check to the church office marked “Thanksgiving”; or give on-line through our website, designating that gift in the same manner. Thank you in advance for your spirit of generosity and friendship, and for your gift to assist those in our community.

May You Be Always Blessed,

*Pastor Dennis Bromley*