



Table Talk

The monthly newsletter of
Welcome Table Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
"An everyday church for everyday people"

November, 2006

Seeing Through 'Thankful Lenses'

DATELINE

EVERY SUNDAY -

KidZone & YouthZone!! @ 9:30 AM
Cooking, games, art/crafts, & puppetry,
Adult fellowship and Bible discussion too!!
Worship@ 10:40AM!! - informal

EVERY WEDNESDAY -

Bible Study @ Inglebrook!
2195 Egbert St, Brighton
9:45 - 10:45 AM in 'The Nook' upstairs
Come join us!!

Wonderful Wednesdays @ Starbucks!
2:00 to 4:00 @ Starbucks, 4th & Bromley
Share relaxing fellowship with others living
and growing in faith in the 'real world'

Game Night @ Starbucks!
7:00 to 9:00 PM @ Starbucks, 4th & Bromley
Come join in the fun! Play Uno, SkipBo,
WhoNu, or bring your favorite game!

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS -
Disciples Bible Study @ 7PM!!

Sunday, Nov 5 - Core Leadership
Team, 2PM

Fri-Sat, Nov 10-11 -30 Hour Famine
event, led by YouthZone!!

Nov 11 - Pastor @ regional board
meeting, Denver

Friday, Nov. 17 - YouthZone Coffee
House, 5:30 - 9PM

Tuesday, Nov 28 - Hughes Station
potluck & rummage, 5:30PM

A friend recently told of a scene he witnessed in a grocery store. A young woman, upset that she had received the wrong cut of meat, was berating (and generally chewing out) the meat department worker.

Busy with her righteous indignation at being so slighted, it took a moment for her to notice the little elderly lady who had approached the meat counter. As the older lady addressed the young woman (OK, pointed her finger at her and began to chew her out), her sleeve slipped up her arm to reveal a concentration camp number tattoo.

My friend told me that as he listened it became obvious the two women were from the same congregation as the older lady challenged the younger one's behavior (and perspective). He said to me, 'If this woman, having gone through what she did in the Holocaust, could live with dignity and civility, why not this younger woman?'

Well, perhaps there were a lot bigger things to her than a wrong cut of meat. Maybe having food at all was a huge blessing. Maybe being alive and free was the biggest blessing of all. Maybe it's a matter of what lenses we see our world and circumstances through.

November, with its Thanksgiving holiday, seems to be a good time to adjust (or maybe put on) our 'thankful lenses'. Try it. It just might change your life (or at least clear your vision a bit)!

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Pastoral Ponderings...

What Do You Say?

I held the door open for the small boy as he balanced his drink and backpack. "What do you say?", his grandma asked him. He turned halfway toward me and mumbled a hasty "thank you" as he hurried on.

That got me thinking. How many times do I say (or think) a "thank you" hastily because I should, because it's "the thing to do"? How much do I really mean it? Do I even think much about it?

In other words, it's just as much about what I mean as what I say. Do I make time to be truly thankful? Just a second more to look the person in the eye who holds a door, or smiles at me during a tough day, or....

Oh, and what about God? How do I show God how TRULY thankful I am for all God does for me? Do I take time just to be in God's Presence in prayer? What about time in Holy Scripture, being thankful God is speaking to me and teaching me?

How much am I really into Thanks...Giving? November is the time I take an honest look at how my life of thankfulness before God is going. Each week I ask myself the questions above in an attitude of prayer and listening before God. Won't you join me? Who knows, maybe it'll become a habit....of thankfulness!

Peace & Presence,

Rev. Al

November Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Send a card! Make a surprise phone call! Send a whoo-hoo! Email, because... here are some upcoming birthdays and anniversaries:

Nov 2 – Kevin Bell

Nov 17 – Claudia Beck

Dec 1 – Don Hughes

Dec 6 – Belinda & Kevin Zessin

Know a Veteran?

Veterans' Day is November 11th. Be sure to call, write a note, send an email, or maybe even take a veteran you know out for lunch! Make a special point to pray for all our veterans and active military personnel. Let's show them how much we appreciate them and the sacrifices they make and have made for us.

New Disciple Bible Study!

A new Disciple Bible study begins Tuesday evenings (7-8:30PM), November 7th in the Koinonia room at church. Come join in the fellowship and learning!

Prayer Breakfast Coming Up!

That's right! If you missed the first Welcome Table prayer breakfast, be SURE to mark your calendar for the next one: **Saturday, December 9th, 9:30 AM @ church.** Good food, good fellowship, and awesome prayer time – don't miss it! Contact Lisa Worthington for more information or to volunteer your help!

Walk to Emmaus Spiritual Growth Retreats

Register now for this unique and life-changing retreat experience. The Walk to Emmaus is a **renewal and faith-deepening time away to nurture and grow** your relationship with God and your call as a disciple of Christ.

Retreats begin on Thursday evening and conclude Sunday afternoon.

Participants experience living together in Christian community, worshipping, learning, praying, and having fun too!

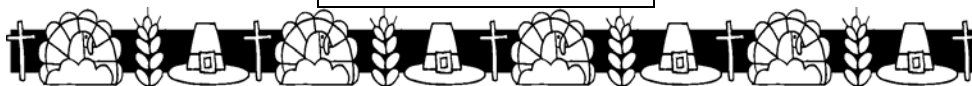
The cost is \$75 and scholarships are available.

The **men's retreat weekend is next April 12-15**, and will be held in Westminster.

The **women's retreat is April 19-22**, and will be held in Northglenn.

Applications and more information are available from Rev. Al.

November



* Sunday *	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 All Saints' Day 2PM - 4PM - relax @ Starbucks! 7-9PM - Game Night	2	3	4
5 9:30 - KidZone, YouthZone, Adult Bible study 10:40 - worship! 2PM - Core Leadership Team	6	7 Election Day 6PM - Music Team	8 2PM - 4PM - relax @ Starbucks! 7-9PM - Game Night	9	10 30 Hour Famine begins, 5PM	11 Veterans' Day 30 Hour Famine Feast, 6PM! Regional Board, 10-3
12 9:30 - KidZone, YouthZone, Adult Bible study 10:40 - worship!	13	14 6PM - Music Team	15 2PM - 4PM - relax @ Starbucks! 7-9PM - Game Night	16	17 5:30-9PM - YouthZone Coffee House	18
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*How can I repay the LORD
for all his goodness to me?*

Psalms 116:12, NCV



YouthZone Newz!!

Well, if you missed the October Coffee House and Corn Maze night, you missed a lot of FUN!! Remember our Youth Coffee House the third Friday of each month (that's the 17th this month) @ the 'little house' next door to St. Elizabeth's across the street. Also, get ready for:

- **November 10-11 - 30 Hour Famine Lock-In**
- **December 10 - district Christmas party, including Broncos Christmas and rock band Christmas concert/singalong!**
- **December 16 - Annual Cookie Bake for Inglenook**

**Don't miss YouthZone Sundays @ 9:30AM
in the loft!!**

Hughes Station News!

The 'chopstick apple-bobbing' and finger food snack night is going to be GREAT!! Here's the plan for the next few months. Don't miss out on the fun and wonderful ministry opportunity! Rummage set up is 10AM; food set up begins at 5PM, and the event opens at 6PM!!

- **November 28 – Thanksgiving Favorites** (turkey & trimmings, and 'bring your favorite dish' night!
- **December 26 – 'Ham it Up' Night** (ham, potato dishes, salad, bread, dessert)
- **January 23 – Potato Bar** (sweet and 'regular' potatoes & trimmings, bread, salad, dessert)
- **February 27 – Chili Cook Off!** (chili(s), bread/crackers, salad, dessert)

Don't miss this fabulous and fun ministry opportunity!!



Nursery worker!

We need an adult to supervise the nursery. Plans and materials are provided! **This is a paid position!**

Scripture Readers and Greeters!

Would you like to read Scripture in worship? How about greeting folks and sharing the announcements on Sunday mornings? Both of these teams have a spot reserved just for you!

Welcome table Café Hosts!

Bring 'goodies' for fellowship time. Brief set up and clean up time also required. Would you help with this vital welcoming ministry?

To volunteer for any of these vital ministries, please call the church office @ 303.637.0858!

We do not know how to
pray as we ought, but that
very **Spirit**
intercedes ...



Romans 8:26

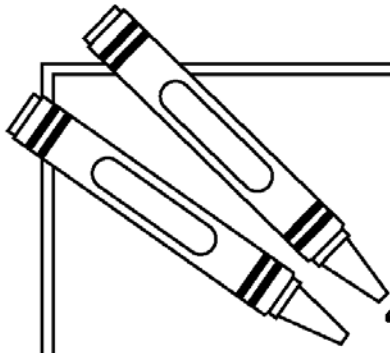
But I'm SO Tired...!
(too tired to pray?)

Have you ever said that? Well, here's good news! A life lived in the habit of prayer is a life with HOLY ENERGY! Try it, and you'll soon see!

It's a holy habit that will strengthen and enrich your relationship with God. Before you know it, you'll truly be 'praying without ceasing' (1Thess. 5:17)!

Our prayer team, led by Lisa Worthington, Gloria Bellis, and Jo Pinto, intentionally covenants to lift prayers for God's Welcome Table Church here in Brighton, as well as prayer joys and concerns that are brought to their attention (either by us or by the Holy Spirit). They know the strength prayer brings, and they also understand the joys and struggles of growing in prayer relationship with God.

So when they say 'We'll pray for you', you can count on it! If you'd like to begin and grow your prayer relationship, and/or you'd like to join this ministry which is the bedrock of our life in Christ together, contact one of them (see the directory for their contact information or call the church (303.637.0858)!

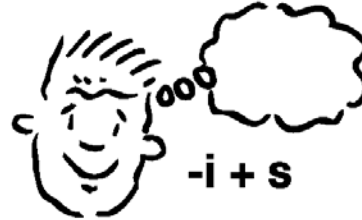
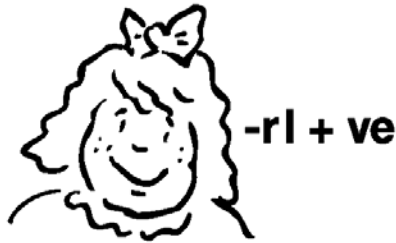


Just for **KIDS**

"Thank You, God"

Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for all the good things in our lives. God is pleased when we are thankful because He knows that we remember the wonderful things He does for us every day.

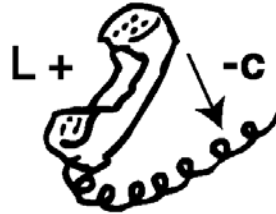
Directions: Use the picture clues below to figure out the verse about being thankful. The minus (-) sign means take out the letter(s). The plus sign (+) means to add the letter(s).



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Psalm 107:1

_____ .

Answer: "Give thanks to the LORD for he is good."



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Prayer, Scripture, and
Singing!
7PM @ Brighton United
Methodist Church on S. 8th
Avenue

ALSO....

Don't forget the Hughes
Station Thanksgiving
theme food & fun –
November 28,
beginning at 5:30PM!!

October Scriptures and Sermons!

November 5

"Flying Blind"
Mark 10: 46-52

November 12

"Living Vision"
Mark 8: 15-25

November 19

"Spit-Shined!"
John 9: 1-12

November 26

"Whispers of Thanks"
Psalm 146

December 3

"Ready? Set?"
Mark 1: 1-8



**YouthZone Sponsored
30 Hour Famine!**

**Friday & Saturday,
November 10th & 11th**

Begins Friday evening with
'Third World Cooking' and
games, followed by
Saturday service project
and special fun event and
FEAST Saturday evening!!