

NEWSLETTER

The Crucifer

The Magic of Thanksgiving

Once more, we find ourselves in November, and it's always a bit of a shock, isn't it? Although this happens every single year, the calendar still seems to sprint ahead startlingly fast, and suddenly it is that time of year again. To make matters worse, Christmas enthusiasts sneak in earlier every year, as if we won't notice. But rest assured, you won't catch me with a Christmas tree up this month. I'm a devoted lover of Thanksgiving, so don't be surprised if you see me glaring at your early decorations, it's all in good fun.

The arrival of fall, for me, marks a moment of pure delight. It brings football, the aroma of all things apple-flavored, respite from the relentless summer heat, and, of course, a holiday dedicated entirely to gratitude and feasting - two of my most cherished things. It's not uncommon to catch me serenading potato-based side dishes with songs of love and devotion during Thanksgiving, just ask my mom.

One of the things I treasure most about this season is the quiet and transformative power of gratitude. It feels almost magical. The world around you remains unchanged, but by simply closing your eyes and consciously summoning to mind all the wonderful things in your life that provide comfort, joy, safety, or peace, you can profoundly alter your mind, heart, soul, spirit, and perspective. No prerequisite to fix anything, solve problems, or create space is necessary. Personally, I find this magic even more special when done in prayer. A shared moment between



just myself and the Lord for me to whisper all the things about this fantastically intricate world he created that bring me such happiness.

In Luke 17:15-19, we read, "One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. Jesus asked, 'Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?'" This passage reminds us that gratitude is not only a feeling but an action. It's an action that can serve as a *bridge* in our lives – a connection to the divine and to one another. As we journey through this season, may each of our hearts be full of thankfulness, and may we be eager to share the magic of gratitude with those around us, that they too might be blessed by its power.

I pray, this year, that the joy of Thanksgiving and the transformative power of gratitude this November will empower us, Holy Cross, to be a community that embraces the magic of gratitude and shares it boldly with all whom God enables us.

*Grace, Peace, and Potatoes,
Janelle Berger
Youth Minister
Lay Clergy Assistant*

Sunday Worship

8:00am – In Person Worship & Live Stream
10:30am – In Person Worship & Live Stream

Sunday Classes

9:25am - Nursery
9:30 am - EYC Sunday School
9:35am - Contemporary Exploration (Lanier)
9:35am - The Wisdom Group (Holy Cross Rm)
9:35am - Women's Studies (Chapel)
9:35am - Children's Ministry



2023

Wednesday Nights

5:30pm - Church Dinner

6:00pm - Nursery

6:15pm - Adult Class

6:15pm - Youth Group - EYC

6:15pm - Children's Ministry - Sea Stars

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 All Saint's Day	2	3	4	
			9:00am - Food Pantry 9:15am - 6:00pm - Library Open 10:00am - Worship 10:00am - Hagar's Basket (Rm 3) 5:30pm Wednesday Dinner & Classes ***Details above	5:00pm - Handbells 6:15pm - AA 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm - ACA Group (Youth Rm)	9:00am - 12:30pm: Library Open 10:00am - GriefShare (Chapel) 10:00am - Heavenly Handmade Crafts (Lanier Hall)
5 Consecration Sunday All Saint's Day	6 JUST Pensacola	7	8	9 ECW Lunch	10	11 Veteran's Day
CLASSES: See Above 8:00am - Worship 9:00am - Delicious Breakfast 9:15am - 12:15 pm: Library Open 10:30am - Worship & Potluck Lunch	4:00pm - Pensacola Philatelic Society (Stamp Club) 5:30pm - Girl Scouts (C 1) 6:00pm - ACA Group 6:00pm - JUST Pensacola	5:30pm - Girl Scouts (C 1) 6:15pm - AA	9:00am - Food Pantry 9:15am - 6:00pm - Library Open 10:00am - Worship 10:00am - Hagar's Basket (Rm 3) 5:30pm Wednesday Dinner & Classes ***Details above	11:30am - ECW Lunch at McGuire's 6:15pm - AA 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm - ACA Group (Youth Rm)	8:00am - Brotherhood of St. Andrew (Lanier Hall) 9:00am - Daughters of the King (Holy Cross Rm) 9:00am - 12:30pm: Library Open 10:00am - GriefShare (Chapel) 11:00am - We Care (Holy Cross Rm)
12 Remembrance Concert	13	14	15 HC Family Thanksgiving	16	17	18 ECW Breakfast & Movie
CLASSES: See Above 8:00am - Worship 9:00am - Delicious Breakfast 9:15am - 12:15 pm: Library Open 10:30am - Worship 5:00pm - Remembrance Concert	4:00pm - Pensacola Philatelic Society (Stamp Club) 5:30pm - Girl Scouts (C 1) 6:00pm - ACA Group	5:30pm - Girl Scouts (C 1) 6:15pm - AA 6:30pm - Compassionate Friends	9:00am - Food Pantry 9:15am - 6:00pm - Library Open 10:00am - Worship 10:00am - Hagar's Basket (Rm 3) 5:30pm NO Thanksgiving NO Classes	5:00pm - Handbells 6:15pm - AA 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm - ACA Group (Youth Rm)	9:00am - 12:30pm: Library Open 10:00am - ECW Breakfast & Movie 4:00pm - P.E.O. Christmas Auction (Lanier Hall)
19	20	21	22 No Dinner or Classes	23 Thanksgiving	24 Office is Closed	25
CLASSES: See Above 8:00am - Worship 9:00am - Delicious Breakfast 9:15am - 12:15 pm: Library Open 10:30am - Worship	4:00pm - Pensacola Philatelic Society (Stamp Club) 5:30pm - Girl Scouts (C 1) 6:00pm - ACA Group	5:30pm - <u>NO</u> Bunco 5:30pm - Girl Scouts (C 1) 6:15pm - AA	9:00am - Food Pantry 9:15am - 6:00pm - Library Open 10:00am - Worship 10:00am - Hagar's Basket (Rm 3) 5:30pm NO Wednesday Dinner & Classes ***Details above	6:15pm - AA	6:00pm - ACA Group (Youth Rm)	9:00am - 12:30pm: Library Open 10:00am - We Care (Holy Cross Rm)
27 Christ the King Greening the Church	27	28	29 Christ the King	30 Vestry Meeting		
CLASSES: See Above 8:00am - Worship 9:00am - Delicious Breakfast 9:15am - 12:15 pm: Library Open 10:30am - Worship followed by	4:00pm - Pensacola Philatelic Society (Stamp Club) 5:30pm - Girl Scouts (C 1) 6:00pm - ACA Group	5:30pm - Girl Scouts (C 1) 6:15pm - AA	9:00am - Food Pantry 9:15am - 6:00pm - Library Open 10:00am - Worship 10:00am - Hagar's Basket (Rm 3) 5:30pm Wednesday Dinner & Classes ***Details above	5:00pm - Handbells 6:00pm - Vestry Meeting 6:15pm - AA 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal		

OUR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES & BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

NEWS FROM

HAGAR'S BASKET

is collecting new or gently used children and adult size winter coats for our K-12 students.

THANK YOU for your ongoing support of this important ministry!

MUSIC OFFERING!

Honoring your loved ones

HOLY CROSS CHANCEL CHOIR
Remembrance Concert

Sunday, November 12th at 5pm
Holy Cross Episcopal Church
7979 N 9th Ave.



November Birthdays

- 03 - Steve Roberts
- 03 - Sarah Tarkus
- 04 - Gabe Lukow
- 05 - Anna Brault
- 07 - Diane Henehan
- 10 - Jeffrey Simpler
- 11 - Joe Nunnari
- 12 - Britt Landrum
- 13 - Rena Killam
- 14 - Kathy Baggett
- 15 - Paige Hotopp
- 16 - Tiffanie Coleman
- 16 - Camille Lukow
- 16 - Faith Smith
- 21 - Steve Atha
- 21 - Bonnie Fouts
- 22 - Linkon Andrew
- 23 - Ed Austin
- 23 - Howard Johnson
- 24 - Marguerite Byrd
- 25 - Warren Jerrems
- 27 - Jonathan Peacock
- 28 - Anne Ryan
- 29 - Brenda Brown
- 29 - Mike Haskins
- 30 - Paula Clark
- 30 - Andrew Gregg

Join us at the Community Problems Assembly

November 6th, 2023 at 6:00pm
Gateway Church of Christ
445 Creighton Rd, Pensacola, FL 32504

JUST Pensacola
Justice United Serving Together

We'll gather together to strengthen our relationships, discuss serious community problems, and recenter ourselves around the prophetic call to do justice!

We'll meet at the church at 5:30 pm and carpool over to the event.

Wednesday, November 15th, 5:30pm in Lanier Hall

Bring you family's favorite holiday dish to share as we enjoy a special time of gratitude as a church family.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK



November Anniversaries

- 04 - Ed Hume & Paula Kummeling 7 Years
- 05 - Al & Alla Bressler 18 Years
- 06 - Jordan & Leslee Williams 13 Years
- 11 - Roy & Lorrie Wilkinson 35 Years
- 21 - Chris & Erica Dake 25 Years
- 25 - Larry & Kaki Chamers 20 Years
- 26 - Russ & Carla Hardin 2 Years
- 28 - Fr. Rob & Amanda 15 Years
- 29 - Brad & Jennifer Brennan 26 Years

HAGAR'S BASKET

Thanks to your donations, Hagar's Basket is well stocked with socks for the upcoming winter! We will also offer gently used coats to the students.

Our current needs:

1. Pull ups: size 4T - 5T
2. Underwear for Middle School students:
Women's bikini panties - sizes S M L
Men's boxer underwear - sizes S M L
3. Deodorants
4. Toothbrushes

Hagar's Basket now serves 10 schools!

The school navigators appreciate the support of Holy Cross!

Holy Cross ECW presents A PIECE OF THE PIE

Saturday, November 18th
10:00a.m. to 11:30a.m.
in Lanier Hall

JOIN US FOR THE FUN – STAY FOR THE PIE!

Thanksgiving Bingo, "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" movie, and Thanksgiving pie!!

Holy Cross Episcopal Church
7979 N. 9th Avenue
Pensacola, FL 32514
(850) 477-8596

NONPROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID NO. 400
PENSACOLA, FL

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

www.holycrosspensacola.org

www.facebook.com/HolyCrossEpiscopalPensacola

Daughter's of the King