



~ Walking in Faith ~ week by week ~

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A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

by Diana Butler Bass

God, there are days we do not *feel* grateful. When we are anxious or angry. When we feel alone. When we do not understand what is happening in the world or with our neighbors. When the news is bleak, confusing. God, we struggle to *feel* grateful.

But this Thanksgiving, we **choose** gratitude.

We choose to accept life as a gift from you, and as a gift from the unfolding work of all creation.

We choose to be grateful for the earth from which our food comes; for the water that gives life; and for the air we all breathe.

We choose to thank our ancestors, those who came before us, grateful for their stories and struggles, and we receive their wisdom as a continuing gift for today.

We choose to see our families and friends with new eyes, appreciating and accepting them for who they are.

We are thankful for our homes, whether humble or grand.

We will be grateful for our neighbors, no matter how they voted, whatever our differences, or how much we feel hurt or misunderstood by them.

We choose to see the whole planet as our shared commons, the stage of the future of humankind and creation.

God, this Thanksgiving, we do not give thanks. We choose it. We will make this choice of thanks with courageous hearts, knowing that it is humbling to say "thank you." We choose to see your sacred generosity, aware that we live in an infinite circle of gratitude. That we all are guests at a hospitable table around which gifts are passed and received. We will not let anything opposed to love take over this table. Instead, we choose grace, free and unmerited love, the giftedness of life everywhere. In this choosing, and in the making, we will pass gratitude onto the world.

Thus, with you, and with all those gathered at this table, we pledge to make thanks. We ask you to strengthen us in this resolve. Here, now, and into the future. Around our family table. Around the table of our nation. Around the table of the earth.

We choose thanks.

Amen.

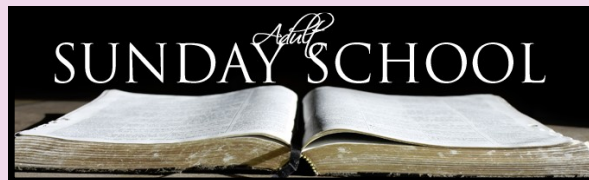
~ LET'S FILL THE WAGON! ~



It's that time of year to share with others!

During the holiday season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, take a yellow bag and fill it up for those less fortunate.

Thank you for your donations!



Adult Sunday School Class starts

November 28 - The first Sunday of Advent

Conference Room - 9:15 am

Johnnie Travis will be the instructor.

Please sign in the narthex or call the office if you are planning to attend.

Advent /Christmas 2021

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| <i>Sunday, November 28</i> | - 1st Sunday of Advent |
| | - Adult Sunday School - 9:15 am |
| <i>Sunday, December 05</i> | - Caroling after church |
| <i>Sunday, December 12</i> | - Choir Cantata in worship |
| <i>Saturday, December 18</i> | - Blue Christmas - 3:00 pm |
| <i>Sunday, December 19</i> | - Communion - Children's Pageant Video |
| <i>Friday, December 24</i> | - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 7:00 pm |
| <i>Sunday, December 26</i> | - Caroling Service |
| | - Guest Speaker, Elder Kay Travis |

~ HOLIDAY CELEBRATION ~



With the

Cochise College Music Department

Holiday Concert Featuring



Nuevo Mundo

Christmas Music from Baroque Europe and the Americas

Cochise College Orchestra

Douglas Campus Binational Chorus

Friday, December 10 - 7:00 pm

Cochise College Student Union Activity Room

901 Colombo Ave

Heather Carter, Jeff and Tina Durham are performing.



*Thank you Heather & Richard Carter,
Janis & George Wheat, Pam & Mike Winters
and Patrick Jones for putting up and
decorating Faith's Christmas tree!*

*Gifts for ages infant to 18 years old will be
given to the Child & Family Resource Center.
December 15 is the deadline for donations.*



Three members and one guest of Faith Mission and Stewardship team had the honor of attending the **Salvation Army Red Kettle Kick-Off**. The **Salvation Army** hosted a breakfast for community leaders and groups to start the Holiday Giving season.

Carolyn Malik and Pam Winters watched on as Mike Winters and Joy Church presented a check for \$500.00. Ty and Heather Blaze were so thankful for our donation! All money received stays locally.

Please consider spending a little bit of your holiday being a "bell ringer" or having your change make a little noise in a red kettle!

Thank you to our congregation for supporting our mission partners throughout the year!!

Ho! Ho! Ho!

The **Men's Group** will meet for lunch at 11:30 am on Tuesday, November 30 at Chili's and continue each Tuesday through the month of December at the same location.

Any questions? Call Tom Mathias 520-678-1626 or email medic523@hotmail.com.



Greeters and Ushers are needed each Sunday. Please sign up in the Narthex for this ministry of hospitality and welcome. Worship Leaders are also needed and asked to sign up. Thank you!



Sierra Vista Sings presents their Holiday Concerts:

***"Sing for Joy"** directed by Debi Godwin*

Friday, December 10 and Saturday, December 11

Sierra Vista United Methodist Church

7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:30)

Tickets on sale now for \$5.00 each

Call Deb Koltveit 520-803-0915



Advent Devotionals

"And the Word was God"

are available for you in the Narthex.

Please pick up a copy or let the office know if you need it by mail.

Be inspired by the daily devotionals during Advent.

