

Making Life Better

with **Jesus**, in **Community**, on **Purpose**

a weekly email from **Pastor Lynn**

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Greetings –

This Sunday is **THANKSGIVING Sunday**. Our worship services will be built upon the theme of **Gratitude**. Mutual love and respect for people was the early Church's signature identity mark. A close second was their *attitude toward life*. In the midst of challenging, difficult times the early Disciples were individuals that focused on their blessings. They "gave thanks"! Instead of *greed* and *grumbling*, there was joy and generosity. Join me for the last message in this series.

- **This Sunday** will be our **Annual Congregational Meeting**. It will take place immediately after our 10:30 Sanctuary Worship. The Nominations Team will present a slate of nominees for our 2017 Church Officers, Elders, Diaconate, and Trustees. In a congregational style of government these people and their areas of service become extremely important to the health and welfare of the congregation. Please support them.
- The congregation will also **vote to affirm the 2017 Ministry Vision Plan**. A lot of thought has gone into constructing this plan. Some challenges are never met unless people unite in vision and faith. Your participation is essential to our success.
- On Sunday, December 4, you are asked to help underwrite the 2017 Ministry Vision Plan by submitting your personal **Faith Promise Pledge**.
- Our **Thanksgiving Dinner** will immediately follow the Congregational Meeting. The Church is providing the main course, and members are asked to provide salads, sides and/or desserts. Someone once asked me what some of my favorite memories were of growing up in the church. I've always answered – The Fellowship Dinners. 😊
- Sunday the Youth will return to fix the late afternoon meal at Guadalupe Shelter.
- Like to help with **Decorating the Church for Advent?** Join Colleen Heitman and other volunteers next Monday morning any time after 9:00 a.m.



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