

Breakfast in a Bag, November 2020

Dear Families,

We intended our Breakfast-in-the-Bag for the first Sunday of each month; however, this month, we are also celebrating Thanksgiving. Given our current times, many of us may decide to adjust our Thanksgiving traditions. Perhaps this year, we will be gathering around smaller tables, with family and friends linked virtually. Therefore, you may want to use our recommendations for the first week of the month or save them for your Thanksgiving meal.

We have also included some great ideas for creating Thanksgiving decorations, two possible MHCUCC service projects for our youth, and some ideas on how to include thanksgiving celebrations from other cultural perspectives.

Peace and joy,
Judy and Jeany

Family Arts and Crafts for Thanksgiving Celebrations

- Table and Home Decorations to Make Together
<https://www.weareteachers.com/diy-thanksgiving-crafts/>
- Thanksgiving Crafts for Kids
<https://www.countryliving.com/diy-crafts/g22626432/thanksgiving-crafts-for-kids/?slide=6>
- I love Thankful Pie!
<https://www.countryliving.com/diy-craft>

Service Projects

- **Workshop Sunday, November 22.** See details in the *Good News*. The children and youth are invited to participate in making paper lanterns for a MHCUCC Christmas event in December.
- We will have a **card-making party on Saturday, November 14, 6 to 7 pm**. Send an email to Judy Hammer at youth@mhcucc.org by Saturday, November 7. Items will be delivered to your home on Sunday, November 8.

Thanksgiving Traditions From Around the World

- <https://www.goabroad.com/articles/gobble-up-these-7-thanksgiving-traditions-around-the-world>
- <https://www.startribune.com/how-cultures-around-the-world-show-gratitude-in-their-ceremonies-of-thanksgiving/565530632/>

Thanksgiving Menu Options From a Variety of Cultural Perspectives

- <https://mashable.com/2015/11/10/multicultural-thanksgiving/>
- <https://www.insider.com/regional-thanksgiving-dishes-us-2017-11>

Grace

Dear Abba, (teen's prayer)

We call on you to be at our table in this season of thanksgiving. We pray that you give us peace and insight into the good things that we have experienced this year, even in the midst of such calamity. We also ask that you also give us the wisdom to share our troubles with you, seeking your support and everlasting love so that we can live our days with courage and peace. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, both at this table and at the other tables of those we love.

In His name we pray,

Amen

Dear God, (kids' prayer)

We thank you for being with us today as we gather together to celebrate with our family and friends. Even during these past months when our lives have been different and maybe even hard, we know that you are with us. You give us love and support as we live our lives. We thank you for our family and friends and the blessings that these loved ones bring to us.

We pray this in Jesus' name,

Amen

Bible Verse

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 4:6-7

petition: to ask something of God in a humble, respectful manner

transcends: to go beyond normal limits

Possible Discussion Questions

1. What has happened in our life that makes us happy to be together?
2. What do we hope that God will help us handle in the coming months?
3. How can God help us in these times? How can we enjoy our family traditions and still maintain our quarantine?