

Greetings from Ceresco Baptist Church!

Ceresco Messenger, November 2020

In Your Honor

Unselfishly, you left your fathers and your mothers,
You left behind your sisters and your brothers.
Leaving your beloved children and wives,
You put on hold, your dreams-your lives.
On foreign soil, you found yourself planted
To fight for those whose freedom you granted.
Without your sacrifice, their cause would be lost
But you carried onward, no matter the cost.

Many horrors you had endured and seen.
Many faces had haunted your dreams.
You cheered as your enemies littered the ground;
You cried as your brothers fell all around.

When it was over, you all came back home,
Some were left with memories to face all alone;
Some found themselves in the company of friends
As their crosses cast shadows across the land.

Those who survived were forever scarred
Emotionally, physically, permanently marred.
Those who did not now sleep eternally
'Neath the ground they had given their lives to keep free.

With a hand upon my heart, I feel The pride and respect; my reverence is revealed
In the tears that now stream down my upturned face
As our flag waves above you, in her glory and grace.
Freedom was the gift that you unselfishly gave
Pain and death was the price that you ultimately paid.
Every day, I give my utmost admiration
To those who had fought to defend our nation.

~ Author Unknown ~



Governor Bradford of Massachusetts made this first Thanksgiving Proclamation, 1623:
"Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, peas, beans, squashes, and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as He has protected us from the ravages of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience. Now I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and ye little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the daytime, on Thursday, November 29th, of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty three and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Pilgrim Rock, there to listen to ye pastor and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings." William Bradford Ye Governor of Ye Colony First Presidential Proclamation for Thanksgiving

THANKSGIVING DAY 1789 BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor - and Whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness." Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be - That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks - for his kind care and protection of the People of this country previous to their becoming a Nation - for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war -for the great degree of tranquillity, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed - for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted, for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us. And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions - to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually - to render our national government a blessing to all the People, by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed - to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord - To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and Us - and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best. Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.
- GEORGE WASHINGTON.



I AM A VETERAN

by Andrea Christensen Brett

You may not know me the first time we meet, I'm just another you see on the street
But I am the reason you walk and breathe free, I am the reason for your liberty

I AM A VETERAN

I work in the local factory all day, I own the restaurant just down the way
I sell you insurance, I start your IV, I've got the best-looking grandkids you'll ever see
I'm your grocer, your banker, Your child's schoolteacher
I'm your plumber, your barber, Your family's preacher
But there's part of me you don't know very well, Just listen a moment, I've a story to tell

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I joined the service while still in my teens, I traded my prom dress for camouflage greens
I'm the first in my family to do something like this, I followed my father, like he followed his
Defying my fears and hiding my doubt, I married my sweetheart before I shipped out
I missed Christmas, then Easter, The birth of my son
But I knew I was doing what had to be done, I served on the battlefield, I served on the base
I bound up the wounded, And begged for God's grace
I gave orders to fire, I followed commands, I marched into conflict in far distant lands
In the jungle, the desert, on mountains and shores, In bunkers, in tents, on dank earthen floors
While I fought on the ground, in the air, on the sea, My family and friends were home praying for me,
For the land of the free and the home of the brave, I faced my demons in foxholes and caves
Then one dreaded day, without drummer or fife, I lost an arm, my buddy lost his life
I came home and moved on, But forever was changed
The perils of war in my memory remained, I don't really say much, I don't feel like I can
But I left home a child, and came home a man, There are thousands like me
Thousands more who are gone, But their legacy lives as time marches on
White crosses in rows, And names carved in queue
Remind us of what these brave souls had to do, I'm part of a fellowship, a strong mighty band
Of each man and each woman, Who has served this great land
And when Old Glory waves, I stand proud, I stand tall
I helped keep her flying over you, over all

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Martha Circle, Minutes - October 14, 2020

Sharon opened with Devotions, "Day by Day"

Treasurer report, checking balance is \$883.24, Secretary report is on file.

Sharon reported they found a missionary that needed the roller bandages, so she will take them with her when she goes overseas!

Sunshine – Joanne sent cards to Ron Chisholm, Mary Ivey, Ellen Grimes, Penny Wood, & Art Ruthruff. Will send a card to Bud Halder. Need to send a card to Linda Chisholm after her surgery later this month.

Scholarship Girl – Veronica had to take her SAT's today for 5 hours! Stressful, but done! College is now virtual instead of in-person. High school is already in-person. Veronica needs 15 hours of community service. Will be helping Jenny Markos with the Burmese.

Motion by Joanne Henley, second by Joyce Cary \$25, to the Region Offering, motion carried. Scripture Reading – Ecclesiastes 5:1-7, Fulfill Your Vow to God/Stand in Awe of God (Reverence, Humility, and Contentment)

Love Gift \$16.66, Devotional \$23.60

Pastor Appreciation Month – Oct 25 will be Pastor Appreciation Sunday, Motion by Gretchen, second by Joanne Henley to give Pastor Mary \$50 for Pastor Appreciation Month, motion carried.

After the meeting, we enjoyed refreshments.



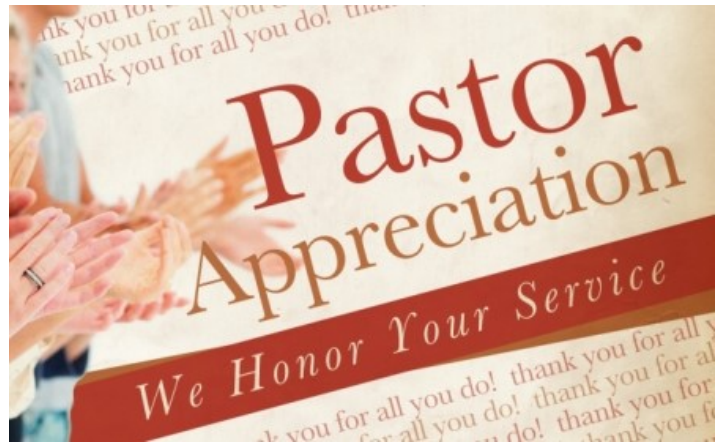
- Nov 2 Barry Vavrina
- Nov 3 Alex Goodman
- Nov 5 Lora Finch
- Nov 6 Devin Phelps
- Nov 10 Jean King
- Nov 13 Brad Gary
- Nov 17 Lisa Cavinder
- Nov 26 Roger Sommers
- Dec 13 Glennie Swann
- Dec 18 Ryan Boysen
- Dec 21 Rayna Sommers
- Dec 28 Donna Ruthruff
- Dec 28 Candace Ivey
- Dec 30 Viviana Anthony



- Nov 12 Rick & Marcy Bonney
- Nov 15 Art & Donna Ruthruff
- Dec 23 Ken & Kay Davis

To All Veterans

Whether At Home Or Abroad
Active Duty ~ Reserves ~ Retired
All Americans Say:
THANK YOU!



On Sunday, Oct. 25th we honored
 Pastor Mary Fair-Matthews
 for Pastor Appreciation Sunday.

We love our Pastor!



Thank you to our veterans!

Glen Cary - U.S. Army

Dave Hadley - U.S. Marines

Albert 'Bud' Halder - U.S. Army

Arthur 'Art' Ruthruff - U.S. Navy

Donald 'Don' St. John - U.S. Army

November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Communion Sunday		Election Day Bible Study 10 am				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Veteran's Sunday		Bible Study 10 am	Veteran's Day Thank you for your service! Martha Circle 6:00 pm			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Operation Christmas Child boxes due back today!		Bible Study 10 am				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Bible Study 10 am	Thanksgiving Eve Service at First Baptist Marshall, Pastor Mary giving the message!	Happy Thanksgiving! Count Your Blessings!		Hanging of the Greens 10:00 am, luncheon follows at noon
29	30	12/1	12/2			
		Bible Study 10 am	Information for December Messenger is due by noon.	Operation Christmas Child boxes are due to the church by Sunday, Nov. 15th. Boxes are available at the church. A \$9 shipping fee needs to be submitted with each OCC box. Thank you!		

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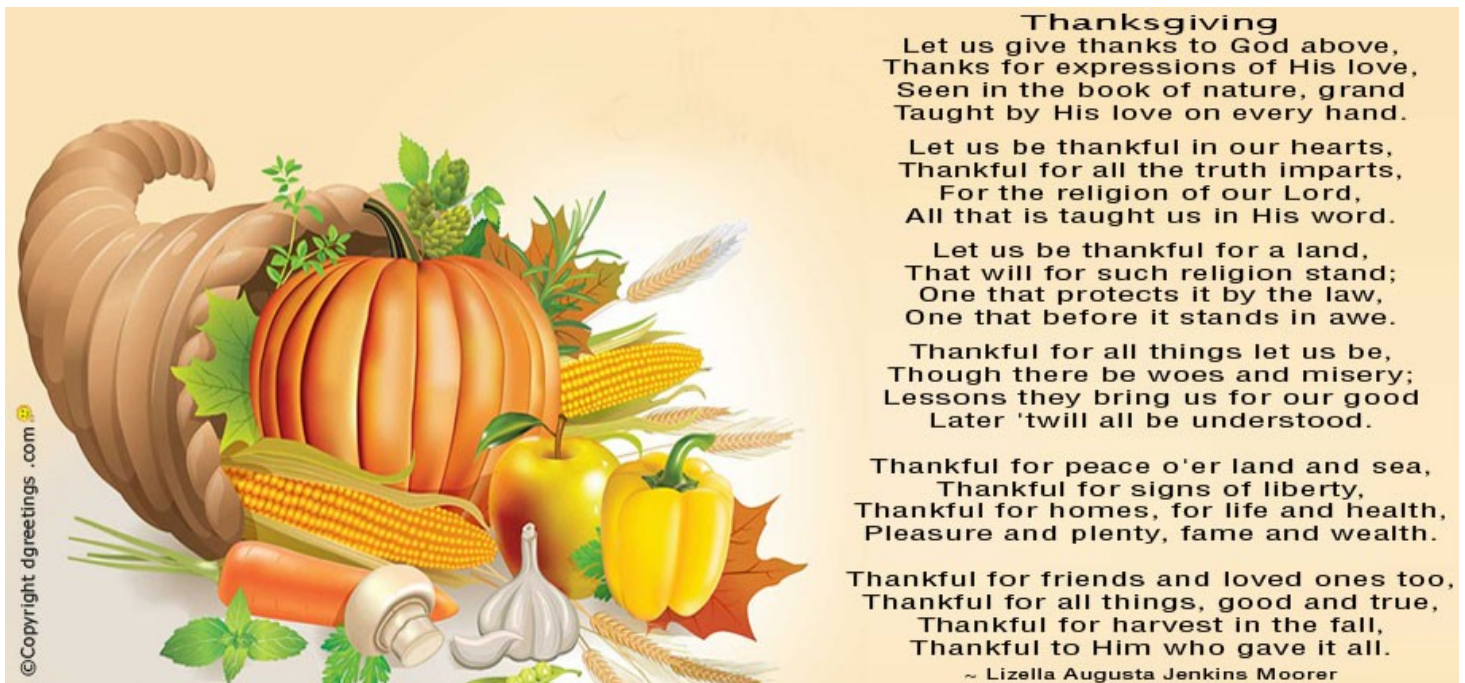
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Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God above,
Thanks for expressions of His love,
Seen in the book of nature, grand
Taught by His love on every hand.

Let us be thankful in our hearts,
Thankful for all the truth imparts,
For the religion of our Lord,
All that is taught us in His word.

Let us be thankful for a land,
That will for such religion stand;
One that protects it by the law,
One that before it stands in awe.

Thankful for all things let us be,
Though there be woes and misery;
Lessons they bring us for our good
Later 'twill all be understood.

Thankful for peace o'er land and sea,
Thankful for signs of liberty,
Thankful for homes, for life and health,
Pleasure and plenty, fame and wealth.

Thankful for friends and loved ones too,
Thankful for all things, good and true,
Thankful for harvest in the fall,
Thankful to Him who gave it all.

~ Lizella Augusta Jenkins Moorer