



FOOTHILLS Worship Center

Semi-Monthly Newsletter/November 2025 Special Edition
305 Jansen Ave, Johnstown, NY

As the crisp air of November settles in and the golden hues of autumn blanket our surroundings, we find ourselves approaching a cherished time of year—Thanksgiving. While many associate this holiday with turkey dinners, football games, and family gatherings, it offers us, as a church community, a deeper opportunity: to pause and reflect on the spiritual practice of gratitude.

The Apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” This call to gratitude isn’t reserved for moments of abundance or ease—it’s a posture of the heart that transcends circumstance. Whether we’re celebrating joys or navigating trials, thanksgiving anchors us in God’s presence and provision.

Thanksgiving has its roots in the harvest festivals of old, where communities gathered to thank God for the fruits of the earth. Today, our harvest may look different—answered prayers, restored relationships, spiritual growth—but the principle remains. We are invited to recognize the hand of God in our lives and respond with praise.

This season, let us cultivate gratitude not just in our prayers, but in our actions:

- Reach out to someone who may be alone this holiday.
- Share a meal or a kind word with a neighbor.
- Reflect on the blessings of the past year and write them down.
- Offer a prayer of thanks during your daily devotions.

Gratitude is contagious. As we live it out, we inspire others to see God’s goodness in their lives. May this Thanksgiving be more than a holiday—it can be a holy day, where we draw near to God and to one another in love and thankfulness.

“Lord, we thank You for Your great faithfulness, for the many blessings seen and unseen. Teach us to be people of gratitude, not just in November, but every single day of the year. May our hearts overflow with thanksgiving & may our lives reflect Your grace and love. Amen.”

Stewardship Accountability

Foothills Worship Center came to fruition in July 2022.

Of course, we had moving and set-up expenses that goes along with, well...moving. We bought the John Deere Tractor, chairs for the chapel, paint to cover up the primary colors in the chapel and we purchased flooring leading into the chapel to update the teal and purple tiled carpet. However, it wasn't until 2023 we started putting some of our money into the rest of the building for some repairs and esthetic improvements.

If you recall from the last two newsletters I told you about our two spending accounts. The Operating account and the Trustee's account. So, just a recap, the Operating Account also referred to as the General Fund is used for our everyday bills or similar to how you would typically use your own checking account. The Trustee's Account or sometimes referred to as the building fund is our savings account. Kind of like your house. If something has to be fixed, you go to your savings that you have set aside for expenses like a new hot water tank or heating issues that need to be fixed. That is exactly how we are allocating our financial stewardship here. Shortly after moving in, we realized we had leaking skylights so in 2023 we had those fixed. Then in 2024 we started to perform upkeep and enhancements on the rest of the building to make it more functional and welcoming. We upgraded the lights which would save us money in the long run.

We refinished the gym floor, purchased new electric pianos, TV and cameras, and started repairing the boiler, alarm system and giving the halls a facelift with new paint. Moving forward to this year, 2025. We have made more boiler repairs, toilet and sink repairs...remember most if not all of the plumbing is original equipment from 1966. In addition to those repairs, we fixed the picnic tables out on the playground, power washed the mold and mildew off the building, bought a

AC mini-split for the food pantry freezer room so the equipment in there wouldn't overheat. Then the biggie for this year was the paved parking lot for the food pantry and chapel. All-in-all, the past three years a total of \$127,400 was spent out of our savings. It sounds like a lot because it is. BUT we have had a couple trusts (money from people who passed away and left money to FWC) disbursed. S.A.L.T members are trying to be good stewards of the money and investments we have. After all their name has accountability right in it.



**SOON
TO
BE**

60!

**Pastor Brad's Birthday
is next month on
Tuesday December 9th.
It's a big one!
Let's make it a
memorable one!**



**Keep an eye
out for a
Thanksgiving and
Christmas letter
from Pastor
Brad, in the next
couple of weeks.**

**There will be a special
edition December
Newsletter with all the
important dates you need to
mark on your calendar.**



A Thanksgiving Story

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: "I am blind, please help."

There were only a few coins in the boy's hat.

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. Later that afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were.

The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way." I wrote: "Today is a beautiful day but I cannot see it."

Both signs told people that the boy could not see. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people that they were so lucky that they were not born blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

Moral of the Story: Be thankful for what you have. Be creative. Be innovative. Begin to think differently and positively. When life gives you a 100 reasons to cry, show life that you have 1000 reasons to smile. Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. Keep the faith and drop the fear.

The most beautiful thing is to see a person smiling. And even more beautiful, is knowing that you are the reason behind it!

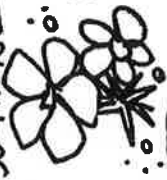
May the love of our Lord & the joy of Jesus be evident to everyone that you meet and please remember this wise old saying:

**Thanksgiving is good but
Thanks-living is even better!**

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

Pastor Brad C.

☐ FLOWERS



I'm Thankful for...

check all that apply:



☐ FAMILY and Friends



☐ God

☐ Food to EAT



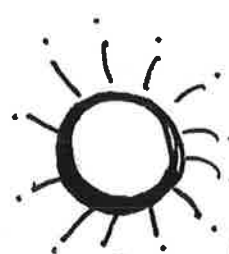
☐ My House

☐ LOVE



☐ Water

☐ BUGS



☐ Sunshine



☐ clothes to WEAR



☐ TRUCKS



☐ crayons



☐ books



☐ CATS



☐ DOGS



☐ BOOKS



☐ toys



☐ my baby

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How Many Books of the New Testament Can You Unscramble?

KELU _____

TCAS _____

NAALITAGS _____

ASNSIOSCOL _____

HOMT1TY _____

EWHTAMT _____

SUITT _____

YTOIT2MH _____

IO1HTCIRNNSA _____

WBERHES _____

HN1OJ _____



Come Caroling with the Choir

In December the Choir will be going to houses and nursing home to sing Christmas Carols. If you would like to join them or know of someplace that needs some Christmas cheer, let Malcolm (Choir Director) know.

God, Remind Me That...

You are for me,
not against me

Romans 8:31



You are the only
solution to my anxiety
Philippians 4:6-7

You are my refuge and
strength, ever-present

Psalms 46:1

You have the answers,
even when I don't

Psalms 137:6

@missstarabun

Have You Heard?

Do you have questions about Medicare? Are you worried you won't choose the right supplemental or advantage plan for your needs? Is your plan getting canceled at the end of the year and now you don't know what plan to choose?

Holly Lewis, a representative from Mosaic, WSG, Ltd., is a Medicare Solutions Advisor and she is scheduled to meet with whomever would like her help. She will be here on Monday, November 17th at 12, noon in the Lounge.

If you are interested in attending the meeting with Holly, please contact Lorrie Elmendorf or Lynn  in the office.



Things to Remember

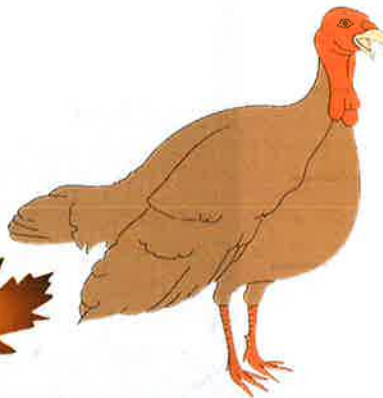
Nov. 16th – Women of Foothills Meeting
 Bagged Lunch -11:30 am
 Nov. 17th – Christmas Child Boxes Due
 Nov. 17th – Medicare Meeting at 12pm

Dec. 5th – Foothills First Friday Feast
 Menu Chicken & Biscuits

Dec. 9th – Pastor Brad's Big 6-0

Dec. 21st – Choir Christmas Cantada

More Dates in Next Month's Newsletter



THANKSGIVING Dinner
 FOR **THOSE IN NEED**
 SPONSORED BY :
 EMPOWERING DESIGNS
 LASHAWN'S HEART
 44 LAKES CUSTOMIZED GIFTS AND DECOR
 CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
 & HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH | **AT HOLY SPIRIT OF MT.CARMEL (KITCHEN)**
 PICK UP OR DELIVERY 12-2PM
 RESIDENTS OF GLOVERSVILLE & JOHNSTOWN
 TURKEY, POTATOES, GRAVY, STUFFING, GREEN BEANS, CRANBERRY SAUCE AND A SLICE OF PUMPKIN PIE

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DEAD LINE TO SIGN UP NOV 19TH

The Office and Food Pantry will be closed on Thanksgiving and Friday, the day after.
 We hope everyone has a wonderful and blessed holiday whether you are with friends, family or working.



November Birthdays

Tim Johnson	November 2
Brinley Claus	November 6
Roy Bishop	November 6
Mary Catherine Caron	November 18
Norm Harrington	November 18
Billie Lee Stewart	November 20
Arianna Brown	November 23
Ellen Brault	November 28
Debbie Maryanapolis	November 28



November Anniversaries



Richard & Dorothy Johnson
 November 7

Duane & Susan Rhodes
 November 25

