Pastor's Weekly Devotional - November 25, 2015

"Thinking About Thanksgiving"

What comes to mind as you think of celebrating Thanksgiving tomorrow? Among the many images would be Turkey, Dressing, Family, Get-Togethers, Football, etc. — because all of which are at the center of our celebrations.

Looking beyond the aforementioned things, it is an occasion for us to give God thanks. Everything God gives to us is for <u>free</u> — free sunlight, moon and stars; free rain and snow; free air; free trees, flowers and fruits; free animals, fish, birds. What about the <u>gift</u> of <u>life</u> and laughter? What about the gift of good years/days versus the few bad years/days?

So, as you sit around the Thanksgiving Table, pray and give God thanks for this bountiful blessing. Also, as strange as this may sound, thank God for "dirty dishes" because it tells you that you had a lot to eat unlike those in Third World Countries.

Barbara and I extend our thankfulness to God to our Church Family, the Ogden Dunes Community, our dearest friends and to everyone else.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving. Pastor Sewdin