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Grateful for Christmas

"Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words!" - 2 Corinthians 9:15 NLT

The holiday season kicks off with a reminder to be thankful. Gratitude is a powerful mentality. When we force a smile onto our faces, it actually triggers positive thoughts in our minds! The world is a difficult place, but God is bigger. His faithfulness gives us strength. God loves us so much, He sent His Son, Jesus, to earth to save us.

"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 NLT

To this, let us force our faces into a smile if we have to this holiday season, in gratitude for:

Forgiveness And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save people from their sins." Matthew 1:21 NLT

Hope "All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God with us')." Isaiah 7:14 NLT

The Word of God. "So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son." John 1:14 NLT

Peace "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." Luke 2:14 NLT

Salvation "The Savior- yes, the Messiah, the Lord- has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!" Luke 2:11 NLT

God's Faithfulness "And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her firstborn son.

She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them." Luke

2:6-7 NLT. God is faithful. "Great is his faithfulness;" Lamentations 3:23 proclaims, "his mercies begin afresh each morning."For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 NLT excerpts from Grateful for Christmas by Meg Bucher

NEWS & NOTES

Wed. Night Bible Study via zoom -7pm

Mail at Trumbull has been placed on hold due to a rash of stolen mail in the area.

Dan Cooper is heading up a 12 day inspirational trip to Israel and Greece May 23-June 3,2024. Fliers will be on the table in the auditorium. See Nadine if you have interest in going.

Spooner House has specific needs for towels, washcloths, pillow cases, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Toiletries for 4 women without families. If you would like to bring a meal or sandwiches Contact Liz Holcomb at (203)2250455X105

To Our visitors: We welcome you to the worship service of the church of Christ that meets in Trumbull. Please fill out a visitor's card and place it in the collection plate when it is passed so that we may have a record of your attendance. If you have any questions concerning why we worship the way we do or what we believe, please feel free to ask. We would be happy to set aside time to study the Bible with you. Please let us know if we can be of service

Prayer Requests

- *Pray for the family of Randy Springer's friend, Ed, who passed away.
- *Pray for the family of Mel Skiegen who passed away this past week.
- *Pray for **Nadine** who will be having a bone biopsy 12/20.
- *Pray for Debbie Christy's brothers- **Frank** recently diagnosed with multiple myeloma and **Clarence** recently lost his son
- *Pray for **Emily and Jose** (friends of Kristen Wilson) who are going through IVF treatment.
- *Pray for Michelle's brothers- **Al and Tony** who are both dealing with health issues.
- *Pray for **Nancy (Roldan) Johnston** and family, her husband passed away Wednesday a few weeks after she lost her son.
- *Prayers for **Karen Ohrenberger's parents** who are going through a difficult time, and for the family as they care for them.
- *Prayers for **Mike Ross** that his pain will subside.
- *Prayers for Marie Preteska, JoAnne, Toni and Greg's sister.
- *Prayers for Gus & Nancy Roldan, and Mike & Ginny Lichac (former members), lost their son, Christopher Roldan.
- *Randy Springer is at home recovering from a spinal infection,
- *Pray for **Toni Bonadio**, she had an angiogram this week which discovered a 50% blockage.
- * Continued prayers for **Flo** who is recovering at home and her daughter **Lauren** who is having many health issues and awaiting medical test results.

- *Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments- Judith Gomez, David Fritzinger, Cohen (Ron's friend), Sarah (Angela's niece), Teri (Ray's S-I-L)
- *Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past year.
 *Pray for our country & our leaders in government ,first
- responders and health care workers.
- *Pray for families, relatives, friends and people we are reaching out to, that they may turn to the Lord.

Special prayers for our church leaders.

Prayers for all families caring for their elderly or sick loved ones: Allie Saracino-Cherie,

- *Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses:Jeremy Sazone,Flo Repecko, Pat Yaglowski. Meegan and Irene, Sylvia Sandoval, Nuris Gomezl, Mildred,Gladys Howley, Karen O, Angela's mom Connie Scalzo, Anthony Katz., Jasmyn Malagutti,Daniel Ruiz., Zak Pappas Fernandes., Jim Walkup's brother (Sam), Cyrus (Zach's friend) dad who has brain cancer, Lance Flood, Zach Saracino, Joshua Ruiz, Brody Streety & all children with diabetes.
- *Anyone interested in helping with **World Bible School** contact Ron
- *Opportunities to serve: any men willing to participate in worship service in other capacities for the church, please contact Bruce Post. Anyone interested in leading and/or helping with the building or church house maintenance please contact Bruce Pancoast.

Mildred is celebrating her 95th birthday. Her address: 115 Kaye Vue Drive Hamden,CT 06514

Please bring nonperishable food items for the **Spooner House** - a list of all items needed is on back table: Jelly/Jam/Peanut Butter, Cereal/Oatmeal, Canned Meats: Chicken, Tuna, Corned Beef Hash, Canned Ravioli/Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit/Applesauce, Crackers/Snacks, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Ramen, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Baked beans/Pork and Beans, Canned/Dried Beans (i.e. Black, Chick Pea, Cannellini, Kidney, Pinto), Rice/Rice-A-Roni, Soup/Stew/Chili, Instant/Canned Potatoes/Yams. Bring these food items to the building to be delivered to the Spooner House. Please make sure that items do not have expired dates. Thank you

Sunday Bible Class 10 am @ church building Wednesday Bible Classes: 7:00 p.m canceled til further notice, participate online via Zoom

Worship Service @ 11 am

Elders: Bruce Pancoast 203-452- 0426 Ron Saracino 203-913-8345

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Deacons: Ray Fernandes 203-459- 0284 Luis Ruiz 203-610-2396 Week of 12/18/22 Song Leader: Greg Payne Lord's Table: Wiley Mullins Closing Prayer: Derin Wilson

> Week of 12/4-12/17 Donations: \$5402 Expenses: \$6115