

Evergreen News

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Thanksgiving

November is a beautiful time of year. We see the vibrant orange, yellow and red colors of the trees, we feel the nip of cooler weather, we spot pumpkins, odd shaped gourds and golden cornstalks dotting the landscapes and deer running for cover as hunters proudly bring their spoils home. A definition of Thanksgiving is the expression of gratitude, especially to God. It is also a National Holiday that may include church, turkey, football and family get-togethers.

Every Thanksgiving Day, my friend sends me a message that she is thankful for our friendship. She is not much into the Christmas season, but she is very intentional to be thankful. What a wonderful gift to me that a friend expresses her thanks for my friendship.

“Enter his gates with Thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!” Psalm 100:4. I challenge you this November to intentionally give thanks and pray each day of the month for one person. Let them know you are thankful for them with a note or a phone call. Write their name on your calendar.

“I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers” Ephesians 1:16. I also challenge you this November to intentionally give thanks to God for God each day. Place His name on your calendar each day, recite a thanksgiving scripture and sing a song of thanks. “Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ” Ephesians 5:20. May you develop a habit of thanksgiving this November that brings honor and glory to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and may it change your heart.

Chaplain Val

October Fun!!



Lightning in a Bottle

What is the appeal of the mason jar? It conjures rustic romanticism and good, homemade food. Some even say that it captures summer in a jar, to be uncapped and enjoyed in the long, cold winter. Perhaps you'll even be inspired to preserve something tasty in a jar yourself on November 30, Mason Jar Day.



John L. Mason didn't set out to become famous when he invented the mason jar on November 30, 1858. In fact, he didn't invent the jar at all but rather the unique two-piece metal screw cap. Mason was, after all, a tinsmith, so he was well-versed in the utility

of metal. Heat-based canning as a method to preserve foods was common in kitchens prior to Mason's invention. The one problem common to this type of preservation was a faulty seal. As soon as air entered the jar or can, food began to spoil. Mason's airtight lid solved that problem beautifully, advancing the efficiency of the canning process. While his airtight lid kept food fresh, the clear glass jar made the contents appetizing.

The most popular mason jar manufactured today is the ubiquitous Ball brand jar. Ball jars were first manufactured in 1884, and today, they are created at a rate of 17 jars per second. Not only is the glass favored over plastic jars made with synthetic chemicals but these jars are also appreciated for their versatility. A mason jar is no longer singularly used to preserve foods like jam or pickles; the jars are also used as soap dispensers, planters, vases, and drinking glasses—not just for moonshine but for trendy cocktails.

A mason jar is as authentic a piece of Americana as a cowboy hat. Collectors even seek out rare and valuable mason jar specimens. The Universal jar is worth thousands. Produced in Buffalo in 1937, only 50 were ever manufactured. Even more highly prized is the extremely rare Buffalo jar made in amber glass by the Ball company, of which only four are known to exist. From the mundane to the magnificent, mason jars have captured both food and the public's imagination for over a century.

Attention Family Members
Holiday time is fast approaching. If you are planning on taking your loved one out for Thanksgiving, please contact the office and let us know so we can have them ready. Please let us know by November 16th If you would like to join us for our Thanksgiving meal.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

RESIDENTS

NOVEMBER 22ND-ILA

STAFF

2ND-JOANNE

2ND-MANDY

20TH-MIKAYLA

26TH-MORGAN

30TH-TONY

MAY YOUR BIRTHDAY BRING YOU MILES OF SMILES!!



Champion of Chimpanzees



Jane Goodall had no formal training in animal behavior or anthropology when she ventured into the African jungle in Tanzania, East Africa. She simply wanted to observe chimpanzees in the wild. What she discovered on November 4, 1960, changed the way humans view animals forever. For the first time, a human witnessed another animal use a tool of any kind. In this case, a chimp used a twig to extract termites from their mounds. Humans are called *Homo sapiens*, which means “man the toolmaker.” Goodall’s discovery forced the scientific world to reconsider the idea that tool-making is not unique to humans.

As in 1960, Gombe Stream National Park in Tanzania is still the best place to observe chimpanzees in their natural environment. Today, visitors are able to observe the three amazing discoveries that Goodall recorded in her research: (1) that chimpanzees are not herbivores but omnivores, (2) that chimps make their own tools, and (3) that chimps use these tools. In fact, chimps use an entire toolkit to help them accomplish tasks. Stone hammers are used to crack open nuts. Heavy sticks chisel holes into termite mounds. Blades of stiff grass are chewed until frayed at the end to better extract the termites. Chimps will even chew up leaves into a spongy mass and then use the sponge to soak up hard-to-reach water, which they then suck dry. Much like their human cousins, these clever animals have even been known to fashion sharp spear-like tools to hunt small animals.

When the famed paleoanthropologist Louis Leakey became aware of Goodall’s discovery, he said, “Now we must redefine *tool*, or redefine *man*, or accept chimpanzees as human.” Other scientists were not as accepting. Some even went so far as to suggest that Goodall had taught the chimps how to use tools. But after a lifetime of being a champion of chimpanzees, there may be no better-known chimp expert than Jane Goodall, who at her start, wanted nothing more than to be alone with the chimps.

November Birthdays

In astrology, Scorpios are those born between November 1–21. Scorpios are passionate and deep, qualities that help them counsel others in meaningful ways. Resourceful and determined, Scorpios make good managers. Those born between November 22–30 are Archers of Sagittarius. These open-minded travelers are in constant motion, searching the globe for meaning. Curious, optimistic, and enthusiastic, they are not afraid of change and treasure freedom.

Daniel Boone (frontiersman) – November 2, 1734
Roy Rogers (cowboy) – November 5, 1911
Carl Sagan (astronomer) – November 9, 1934
Grace Kelly (actress) – November 12, 1929
Robert Fulton (inventor) – November 14, 1765
Rock Hudson (actor) – November 17, 1925
Chester Gould (cartoonist) – November 20, 1900
Jamie Lee Curtis (actress) – November 22, 1958
Joe DiMaggio (athlete) – November 25, 1914
Tina Turner (singer) – November 26, 1939
Randy Newman (singer) – November 28, 1943
Samuel Clemens (writer) – November 30, 1835

