



Thanksgiving

*is the response of a grateful
soul to a gracious Savior.*

Thanksgiving 2017

Dear Anaheim Family,

Thanksgiving is nearby with Christmas just around the corner. We often put so much emphasis on Christmas that we fly by this significant holiday.

I like Thanksgiving because it's about counting your blessings, catching up with family and friends again, and doing what we all enjoy - eating. Can you imagine the delicious spread and the smell of Turkey in the oven? I love the crispy Turkey skin. Andy calls us all down when the skin is ready. Now that our children are out of the house, I have the skin all to myself; yum!

The first Thanksgiving lasted for three days when the Native American Indians feasted with the Pilgrims. However, this day of gratitude arose from hard times after nearly half of the pilgrims perished from a difficult winter and year.

This year has been the roughest ten months since I've been at AFMC. From January 1, I became my mom's care giver preparing her meals, taking her to doctor appointments, finding new specialists, adjusting her lifestyle, etc. Watching the grandchildren and serving here all make for two full time jobs. Andy supports me and the Lord has sustained me.

I am learning that living and climbing out of the valley deepens my gratitude. I can see the Lord's faithful hand carrying me through the crisis, the hundreds of steps through the long and winding road. God is good!

*Praise the Lord! Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures
forever!
Psalm 106:1*

The Bible does not say, "Give thanks unto the Lord when you *feel good*," but rather, because "He is good!"

*Always be joyful;
pray continually;
give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

I encourage you to count your blessings daily and give thanks to the Lord on this special holiday whether you are on a mountain top, in the valley, or somewhere in between. Join us for our all-church Thanksgiving Sunday Communion service on 11/19 at 10 a.m. A Thanksgiving offering designated to the chapel remodel will be received. Many thanks and we will see you soon.

Sincerely yours,
Pastor Nancy Wong