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From the President!

Thanksgiving

Abraham Lincoln established this day as a national holiday in 1863 although it was practiced by people throughout the nation going back to the first in 1621. This is when a group of puritans and Wampanoag natives celebrated the start of a 50 year alliance (probably the only one in the history of America) following a winter where half of the settlers died.

We all know this story that we learned in grade school. We also know that harvest festivals of thanks far pre-date the pilgrims. The pilgrims did not call the day Thanksgiving, but did practice something called thanksgiving which, ironically, included fasting.

The Bible tells us 'Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you' (1st Thessalonians 5:16-18). Now as we enter the Christmas season I would ask you, what are you thankful for?

In God's Love,

Your servant,

Art Richards

December Reunion

December 2 7-9pm Open to All

1st Congregational Church of Thomaston
135 Main Street, Thomaston CT 06787

Please join us for a Christmas Party, with games, food (of course!), carols and fun! Invite your friends!

If Anyone wants to host a reunion at their church, or if you would be interested in giving a talk at an upcoming reunion, please contact Amanda Johnson. Thanks!!!

Please feel free to send prayer requests to our 'prayistas':

Barb Clavette (JEClavette@snet.net or 482-0172)
Sandy Miller (SanJeanM@AOL.com or 482-5601)

They will pass the appropriate ones along to the Croaker to be listed here and send out emails to the prayer chain. Be sure to let them know if you wish to remain anonymous or if you don't want the prayer published at all.

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