



November 2009



Greetings in the Name of Christ Jesus our Lord,

Last month I gave a synopsis of a book I was reading, "*I Refuse To Lead a Dying Church*" and asked you to comment on it. An interesting thing happened. Some of you talked with me about it but most of the comments came from people who are not part of our congregation. Some of the local pastors and friends of our congregation who get our newsletter wrote, spoke or emailed me about the article. It was actually quite interesting to get this response. Many voiced concerns for their own church or denomination and the direction that it was heading. Also, many talked about choosing those things that bring life over those things that mean death. I know some of you sent the article to your friends in other churches. I think the most interesting reaction was the discussion about the purpose of Church. It broke down to a conversation about "doing": "Do we 'do' what we do for the people who are here now or for the people whom we should be reaching out to?"

Thanksgiving is the season of the year when we often look back and give thanks for what has been done. In the days when farmers did bring in the harvest they would look at all that they had and give thanks.

In the life of our church there is a lot we can thank God for. We can see the directions God has led us, provisions that the Lord has made, situations that Jesus has guided us through. Especially this year in the area of finances alone there are many ways that God has taken care of us.

But Thanksgiving is also a season when we look at the harvest and plan for the future. The farmer would take the best of the seed and put it aside for next year's planting. They thought not only of themselves but the future.

I'd encourage us to do the same. To not only look back and give thanks but to look forward and give thanks as well. Take the best of our efforts and spend it, not on the here and now, but on the future that God is leading us to.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Bob



Remember *in* Prayer

REMEMBERED IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray this week for our members: Barbara Bates, Joy Beurket, Catherine Carroll, Tyler Carroll, Janet Croushore, Margarett Dillinger, Eric Eichenhofer, Pam Harris, Dana Jones, Danny Jones, Faith Krzywicki, Joanne Polivka, Phyllis and Bob Wagner.

Please keep friends of our church in your prayers: Kelvin Arden, Rich Koretsky, Hans Mueller, Helen Murnin and Diane Platt-Keil. To renew names on the prayer lists, call the Church Office (452-2933) by the third Sunday of each month.

Mid-Hudson Love INC update

Thanks to all who supported the Scrabble Tourney and 2nd Annual Inter-Church Choir Fest. They were both successful! Love INC continues to meet needs through caring relationships in the community. To volunteer or be added to our email update list, contact Executive Director, Frances Thompson-Gee (frances.tgee@gmail.com) or our Church Liaison, Pam Terwilliger (p_terwilliger@hotmail.com). To learn more log onto www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org.

PUMC will help Love INC during November by donating Personal Care Items for the personal care pantry. Our wonderful youth group is coordinating this drive and volunteering to deliver items to clients! People in need call Love INC. Personal care items cannot be purchased with food stamps. Delivering a bag of requested items to a client helps stretch their meager dollars that much farther and gives us the opportunity to share the love of Christ. You may leave your donations in the box in Fellowship Hall

Items needed (** equals high priority need)

Soap, Shampoo, Razors, Shaving cream**, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes
Paper towels**, Toilet Paper, Tissues**, Combs**, Brushes**, Deodorant, men's
and women's**, Dish soap, Laundry detergent**, Tampons**, Sanitary pads**

Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus!



United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women unit shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the worldwide mission of the church. Our meetings are open to all women. Come join us!! For information call Geri Hoernes, president (462-2316).

Bazaar Thank You's When you receive this months Journey, our bazaar will have happened!! We are looking forward to another successful event!! Thank you for your generosity and support. Without you it just couldn't be. We are all blessed to have one another. Please read the Charge Conference Booklet about UMW and our Circles and a copy of our annual budget. Again, thank you, thank you!!

Friendship Circle - pie bake information in a separate article

Friendship Circle Wednesday November 18 7:00pm Lounge
Program: Katie Sanchez, Youth Coordinator for PUMC speaking about her work with our youth and her work in the JLife Organization. Katie and Jeff are now living in the Brewster area and she is looking forward to sharing her experiences with us. Our mission outreach will be for Hospice: hand/body lotion (not trial size) for male or female, snack paks, chocolate, sugar-free candy. All women are welcome! President, Anne Christmas (914-474-3438) Program chair, Carla Vinson (849-1706).

Wesley Circle No November meeting - it's Thanksgiving week

Charge Conference

The 2009 Church Charge Conference (annual meeting) will be held Sunday, November 8 at 1:00 pm at the Trinity LaGrangeville UMC. At this meeting we will elect officers, including Trustees, and receive reports. All members are encouraged to participate in this event.

Trinity Lagrangeville UMC is located at 6 South Cross Road in Lagrangeville. To get there from PUMC, make a right out of our parking lot. At the Red Oaks Mill traffic light make a left and then another left at the next light onto Oaks Mill Rd. Continue to Titusville Rd and make a right onto Titusvill Rd. At the intersection of Titusville and Noxon, make a right onto Noxon Rd. Continue approx. 5.5 miles and make a left onto South Cross Rd. The church is on the right.

Veteran's Day Breakfast

The youth would like to recognize our PUMC Veterans by inviting them to a breakfast in their honor on November 8th between services at 9:30 AM. Please sign-up outside of Fellowship Hall on the youth bulletin board for planning purposes. Please contact John Marrine (471-6492) with any questions.

Youth news!



This month has been a time of reflection on the growth and fruit in the lives of our youth at PUMC. Thank you to all who joined us for Missions night, where we got to hear about the various missions that have been offered at our church and the impact they have had on all of those who went to serve and share the love of Christ with those in need. It has been exciting to see all the new faces and see God at work.

One of the highlights of this month was the Lake Champion Retreat for Junior High students. It was a weekend jam-packed with fun and great opportunities for deep friendships to be formed. The adults even got to let their hair loose! Most importantly, it was an opportunity for our teens to encounter God in a real way. It is a privilege for us to see this happen and encourage our teens as they walk through life with Jesus. While the junior high students were recovering from the retreat, our senior high students got to Grill the Pastor. This is an event our students really look forward to as they come up with difficult and controversial questions that keep Pastor Bob on the hot seat!

We really appreciate those in our church family who pray for the youth ministry. Here are some prayer needs:

- Please keep praying for our youth that we will continue to see the fruit of what God is doing in their hearts
- For those teens who may be hearing about Jesus for the first time to respond to what He did for us on the cross
- For God's blessings upon our youth leadership team and all volunteers who make this ministry possible.

November is going to be a busy month. For those of you who feel God tugging on your heart to get involved in some way, we would love to plug you in – whether you are a parent or not! Please feel free to contact me (Katie) or Jeff Sanchez if you would like to know more.

Thanks for your love and support,

Katie and Jeff Sanchez

Upcoming Youth Events

Nov. 1	SUN	Youth Fellowship
Nov. 6	FRI	TGIF Contact person = John Hicks
Nov. 8	SUN	Veterans' Day Breakfast Contact person = John Marrine
		Youth Fellowship
Nov. 14	SAT	ROCK THE SOUND Concert New England
Nov. 15	SUN	Care item collections (thru Love Inc Contact person = Bob Ciraulo
		Youth Fellowship
Nov. 22	SUN	Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors
		Youth Fellowship
Nov. 28	SAT	Homeless Shelter support Contact person = Bob Ciraulo
Nov. 29	SUN	NO Youth Fellowship

Burundi Anyone?

As many of you know we sent a team of 3 last year to Burundi in Africa. They spent 3 weeks with Paul and Rebecca Mosley, our former youth pastor, who with her husband and children, are involved in mission work there. They had numerous opportunities to work with the people, share Christ's love, and experience the culture of that country.

The Mosleys have indicated that they are open to having another team come this year as well. If you are over 18 and interested in this opportunity do let Pastor Bob know and he will fill you in on the details.

Thank You!

A big thank you for the outpouring of support and good wishes this past month. As always the people of PUMC out do themselves during Pastor Appreciation month in finding ways to show their gratitude. The notes and cards are certainly an encouragement as you express how God has used us to touch your life. The gifts, goodies, and this year even the share at Vassar Farm, have been wonderful tokens of your care and love. May God bless us all as we continue to follow the Call of Christ.

Pastor Bob

November Calendar

Sun, Nov 1
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship

Mon, Nov 2
8:00 am Pie Bake and Sale
6:30 Bible Study

Tues. Nov 3
8:00 am Pie Bake and Sale
9:00 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Trustees

Wed, Nov 4
7:30 am Prayers
6:00 pm Joyful Ringers
7:00 pm Christian Edu
7:15 pm VIP's

Thurs, Nov 5
3:00 pm Collate Bulletin
7:00 pm Choir

Fri, Nov 6
11:00 am Bible Study
7:00 pm TGIF

Sat, Nov 7
8:30 am Men's Breakfast

Sun, Nov 8
9:30 am Veteran's Break-
fast
1:00 pm Charge Confer-
ence
1:00 pm Sandy's Share Gr
6:00 Youth Fellowship

Mon, Nov 9
4:00 pm 2nd HR Giving
6:30 Bible Study
7:00 pm Visitation

Tues, Nov 10
9:00 am Bible Study

Wed, Nov 11
7:30 am Prayers
12:15 Christian Mom's
6:00 pm Joyful Ringers
7:15 pm VIP's

Thurs, Nov 12
3:00 pm Collate Bulletin
5:00 pm Down Home Din-
ner
7:00 pm Choir

Fri, Nov 13
11:00 am Bible Study

Sat, Nov 14
8:30 am Men's Breakfast

Sun, Nov, 15
6:00 pm Youth fellowship

Mon, Nov 16
6:30 Bible Study

Tues, Nov 17
9:00 am Bible Study

Wed, Nov 18
7:30 am Prayers
6:00 pm Joyful Ringers
7:00 pm Friendship Circle
7:15 pm VIP's

Thurs, Nov 19
3:00 pm Collate Bulleti
7:00 pm Book Club
7:00 pm Choir

Fri, Nov 20
8:00 am Collate Journey
11:00 am Bible Study

Sat, Nov 21
8:30 am Men's Breakfast

Sun, Nov 22
1:00 pm Sandy's Share Gr
Thanksgiving Senior Dinn

Mon, Nov 23
6:30 Bible Study

Tues, Nov 24
9:00 am Christian Moms
Soup
9:00 am Bible Study

Wed, Nov 25
7:30 am Prayers
6:00 pm Joyful Ringers
7:15 pm VIP's

Thurs. Nov 26
Thanksgiving Day
Office Closed

Fri. Nov 27
11:00 am Bible Study
3:00 pm Collate Bulletin

Sat, Nov 28
8:30 am Men's Breakfast

Sun, Nov 29

Mon, Nov 30
6:30 Bible Study

Salute to the Staff

This month the SPR Committee would like to highlight Polly James, Music Director and Director/Organist. We would like to recognize her wonderful job of planning, rehearsing and coordinating all aspects of the music program for the 10:45 am service under the direction of Pastor Bob and the Worship Commission. Polly is a wonderful organist and is a friendly team player who instills confidence in the soloists, musicians and the chancel choir members. She assists and promotes individual and group musical performances that enhance the congregation's experience at the traditional Sunday worship service. Behind the scenes for every service there are countless hours of selecting, preparing and rehearsing the music selections that provide a meaningful musical contribution to the worship experience of the congregation. Polly conducts the choir at the worship service and at special services. Special services include but are not limited to Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, and Easter.

Polly also prepares a monthly article for The Journey under the title of "From the Organ Bench," which is both interesting and informative and previews the choral and instrumental music appropriate to the church season and worship setting for the upcoming month. She covers news about the choir, praises the last month's events, comments about the special services coming up and even provides email addresses for music events occurring in the area which would be of interest to members of the congregation. Polly networks well within the church as well as within the broader community in regard to musical programs. Throughout the year, there are inter-church programs in which she is directly involved.

Please take the opportunity to express your thanks to Polly for the excellent musical program she provides to our church congregation and for her positive attitude in meeting her other responsibilities as Music Director and Director/Organist.

The SPR Committee



We send our sympathy to the family of Thomas H. Lecount, Sr., who died on October 19.

Margaret Slomin's brother, Robert, Passed away on September 9. Our condolences to Margaret and her family.

Mary Stoll, a church member, passed away on September 23. Our deepest regrets to all who knew her.

Healing Prayer Corner

Healing Prayer ministry continues at PUMC in many ways with many answers to prayer! You are welcome to receive prayer for yourself or on behalf of someone else during Holy Communion at both services the first Sunday of the month. There will be a team in the back and a team just down the hall next to the choir room for more quiet and privacy. (note location changes) Please come!

You are welcome to "drop by" for prayer between services on any Sunday. We are in Room 34 upstairs (last room on the left) prayerfully awaiting your visit ☺

We have a team available during the Thursday night dinners (November 12 and December 10) and would love to pray with you.

We are available just about any time you want....just call us to make an appointment and we will gladly pray with you for your need.

Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in the midst." There is power in praying with someone! God cares intimately about EVERYTHING in our lives so include Him in the healing process.

For more info: speak with Frances Thompson-Gee (462-2468 or frances.tgee@gmail.com) or call the church office (452-2933)



Child Care Volunteers Needed

If you love young children, can spare an hour or so, and want to receive more than you give, we've got a place for you!!

Our Cribbery is often busy on Sunday mornings, and an extra lap or pair of hands can help things to run smoothly. Please volunteer to share your time with our youngest members. You can sign up for one time or on a regular basis. A sign-up sheet is available on the Cribbery door, or you can contact Betty Harrel (462-2141 or bharrel28@msn.com) or Doris Stahl (462-1922 or dorisstahl(at)verizon.net).

Thank you!



Annual Election Day Pie Bake Nov 2 & 3

Pies will be available for sale during the following times while supplies last.

Monday 11:00 AM-4:00 PM
Tuesday 8:00 AM-8:00 PM

Apple \$8.00 Cherry \$10.00

Any questions call Anne Christmas
914-474-3438.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Our Church will again be collecting food and monies to provide a nutritious, Thanksgiving meal to needy families in the Poughkeepsie area. We hope to be able to feed 150 families. We are asking those who can, to provide the following items to feed a family of 4:

Box of instant potatoes (fresh are too heavy)
Box of stuffing mix
2 cans of vegetables
1 can of yams
1 can of cranberry sauce
1 large can or plastic bottle of juice
2 cans of turkey gravy



OR

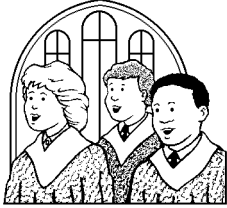
Donate funds to help pay for a turkey, rolls, margarine, and a pie to be included for each family. You can make a check out to the church or place cash in an envelope and note clearly on it "Thanksgiving Baskets". We will also happily accept donations of turkeys.

In the past many of you have been extremely generous by providing "extras", but in fairness to all recipients we would like to limit the food given to the above listed items in quantities to feed a family of 4. Larger families will receive quantities sufficient to feed their families. If you wish, you may sponsor more than one family.

Please sign up to sponsor a family, donate a turkey, or contribute funds in fellowship hall on the following Sundays: November 1, and November 8, and November 15. The groceries and turkeys will be brought to the church on Sunday, November 22 and be placed in the Narthex or the coat rack by Fellowship Hall. The ingredients for the Thanksgiving dinners will be distributed on Tuesday, November 24 at The Reformed Church of Poughkeepsie, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie.

We will need helpers to bring the food to The Reformed Church, on Sunday, November 22, after our last service and on Tuesday, November 24 when the food will be distributed. For information contact the Church office (452-2933).

FROM THE ORGAN BENCH



With Thanksgiving around the corner, I have been searching for that "special" hymn. I found new words for a favorite hymn that we sing often, "FOR THE BEAUTY OF

THE EARTH". You, dear reader, probably know

it quite well-see if you can use these new words from Sister Miriam Therese Winter of the Medical Mission Sisters written in 1993 and 1995.

THANKS-GIVING DAYS

For the gift of each new day,
for the wisdom living brings,
for support along the way,
for a universe that sings:

Gracious God, we count the ways
all days are thanks-giving days.
For earth's blessings: how profound
nature's cosmic harmony;
for earth's peoples who abound

with divine diversity:

Gracious God, we count the ways
all days are thanks-giving days.
For the grace to shape the times
so that peace defines our days,
for community that mimes
love for all through lives of praise:
Gracious God, we count the ways
all days are thanks-giving days.
For the good that love inspires,
for a world where none exclude,
for a faith that never tires,
and for every heart renewed:
Gracious God, we count the ways
all days are thanks-giving days.

MY PRAYER FOR ALL WOULD BE THAT
ALL OUR "DAYS ARE THANKS-GIVING
DAYS"! BLESSING UPON ALL AS YOU
CELEBRATE WITH THANKS-GIVING!

In Christ's service,
Polly James

Stewardship

"Bringing in the Sheaves" is the theme of this year's stewardship emphasis. We hope that every one of us will do our utmost to bring our best to God's harvest! During the month of November a number of the members of our congregation will write out their reflections on stewardship. We thought it was time to catch those who had some great thoughts or stories to share but would never get up in Church to speak. These will be included in the weekly bulletin for our encouragement and inspiration. Commitment Sunday will be Sunday November 22, the week before Thanksgiving. We'd ask that each of us would come ready that Sunday to make our commitment. If you're unable to be there that Sunday do try to get your commitment card into the church office before hand. Look for your Stewardship letter and card in the mail and/or Email in the early days of November.

Electronic Giving

At this time of year we begin to think about our financial commitment to Poughkeepsie UMC for 2010. As we do so the Finance Committee would ask all of us to consider using the option of Electronic Giving. Many in 2009 moved to this form of giving. Those who did found it eased their Sunday morning rush to get to church. No longer did the envelopes need to be located, the check-book found, and the check written. It also put their mind at ease as they knew their pledge was always up to date. Finally, it also helped the church as it made for a more consistent giving pattern and helped us have the resources that are needed to be good stewards. Please consider joining others in this form of giving.

You can find forms at the entrances to the Sanctuary, in the church office, and on our church web site. You can also call the Church Office and have it sent to you.

FOOD COLLECTION – During the month of November, the Youth Group will be collecting non-perishable food for veterans who are registered with Castle Point VA. Please bring in non-perishable food and Sarah Hicks will see that it gets delivered. In December, the Youth Group will resume collecting non-perishable food for Dutchess Outreach.

November, 2009



Give thanks...with a grateful heart...for what the Lord has done for you!

Have you stopped recently to say thank you to God? How many things can you think of in just one minute

to thank God for...things that God has done for you, as an individual, not for the world in general. God blesses each of us personally...take the time to particularly thank him. Take a moment right now...it will bless him...and it will change your frame of mind instantaneously. An attitude of gratitude gives us a perspective shift.

Here's a challenge...for every complaint you want to make, thank God for something. What a great way to change our thinking! The Bible says that what we think is what we become. Thankful thoughts make us grateful people. Try some thanks-living today!

Please contact Anne at (845) 462-5582, or by email at bobeepbeep@hotmail.com for information about Voices in Praise 8:30 service worship team or Joyful Ringers bell choir. We are always welcoming new folks!

Thank you, Lord, for each one who serves you in these ministries!

Anne Ciraulo
Worship/Music Leader
Handbell Director

PUMC Finance Committee Report

The PUMC Finance Committee has continued to closely monitor this year's church budget and has met on a periodic basis to ensure that the church financial obligations are met. Budget projection models created earlier in 2009 are continually assessed against actual year-to-date expenses and income. This process provides the committee with an on-going and evolving year-end outlook and early insight into any required actions necessary to ensure a positive result at year-end.

At the end of the summer season...

The PUMC budget had a small positive cash balance. The committee's outlook was that the budget will finish in 2009 either flat or slightly positive. This outlook is highly dependent upon receiving anticipated contributions during this year's final quarter.

The Seeds of Strength (SoS) campaign completed having raised \$22,075. The SoS funds are now managed outside of our normal budget in order to be reserved, as intended, to address cash flow issues that historically occur during the winter months of each year. Any depletion of the fund is to be recovered by year-end, each year, for availability in the following year.

Our pledged contributions, comprising 80% of the full-year PUMC income budget, were ahead of year-to-date projections by approximately 15%. This is as a result of some contributors' prepaying their pledges and also results from some contributors' increasing their pledges. Non-pledge and plate contributions that comprise 13% of the full-year income budget were behind year-to-date expectations by approximately 17%.

After consideration of all outstanding year-to-date expense obligations for 2009, PUMC's actual expenses were 1% less than the projected year-to-date expenses. However, it is noteworthy, that the 2009 expense plan does not include any replenishment, in 2009, for the outstanding \$18,000 borrowed in an earlier year from the church maintenance accounts. The Finance Committee is committed to begin replenishment for that loan beginning in 2010 and the replenishment expense is to be carried as an expense item in the 2010 budget.

With God's grace, our continued generosity, and our generous responses to the 2010 pledge campaign, the Finance Committee looks forward to a flat or positive financial finish in 2009 and an opportunity for an improved budget in 2010 that will provide blessings and opportunities for PUMC as God's work is continued.

Curtis Vinson
PUMC Finance Committee Chairman

Hi everybody, It's Timothy,

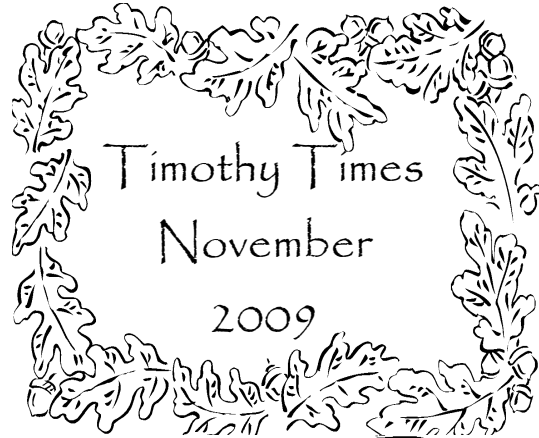
Well it finally got cold and with the cold the leaves started changing color and that means only one thing!!!! Halloween and chocolate are not far away. You may know that after Christmas my favorite holiday is Valentines Day but believe me Halloween comes in a close second! I wonder if that has to do with the candy? However I learned something about Halloween from Pastor Bob. He said that originally Halloween was called "All Hallows Eve". It just got shortened to Halloween after a number of years.

I had no idea what All Hallows Eve meant so I asked him. He said that November 1 is All Saints Day. This is a special day in the Christian church. It is the day that we remember the people who have died in the last year and have gone to be with Jesus. For some Christians a special service is held and they visit the graves of friends and family who have passed away.

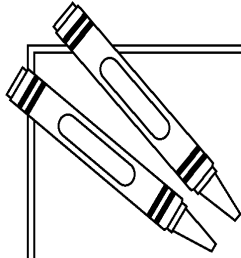
The night before was called All Hallows Eve. All Hallows Eve means in old English "All Holy Eve". It was holy because it was the evening before All Saints Day. Just like Christmas Eve is the evening before Christmas. It was only later that people started dressing in costumes and going trick or treating and stuff.

I am glad that I know that now. Not only so that I can tell my friends about it but also so that I can think about how Jesus takes care of us all the time especially after we die. So I hope you have a good All Hollows Eve. And remember,

God loves you and so do I,
Love,
Timothy



Thanksgiving



Just for KIDS

A Special Song of Thanks

Use the music code to find the words for this familiar song of thanks.

CODE:

A ≡	E	I	O	U
B	F	L <	P	V
C	G	M ^	R	W #
D	H	N	S	X ∞
			T	Y

The Great Thanksgiving Song

Challenge: What do we commonly call this song?

The

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

Doxology

MAKE A TABLE LANTERN

Make this candleholder to decorate your family's

Thanksgiving dinner table.

What you need:

- Tiny leaves
- Glue
- Small glass jar with a wide mouth (salsa jars work great)
- Colored tissue paper (use fall colors if you can)
- Paintbrush
- Small votive candle

How to make it:

1. Collect tiny autumn leaves.
2. Glue the leaves to the outside of the jar.
3. Tear tissue paper into small pieces.
4. Use the paintbrush to cover the outside of the jar (including the leaves) with glue. Work on small parts of the jar at a time.
5. Lightly press the tissue paper pieces onto the glue until the entire outside of the jar is covered.
6. When the jar is completely dry, place the candle inside.
7. Ask an adult to light the candle during Thanksgiving dinner.



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