



**Looking ahead to the Thanksgiving holiday, please prayerfully consider how you might offer the gifts of time and talents. Please mark your calendar for worship and the meal. All are welcome and we encourage you to use these services to invite others to Shepherd of the Woods.**

**Holiday Meal Baskets** – We are collecting non-perishables for our friends in ministry at Angel Aid for their family Thanksgiving Baskets. There will be a specially marked bin in the Gathering Area for this food drive. You are welcome to continue providing items to our food pantry during the drive.

**For the Thanksgiving baskets:** canned fruit and vegetables, boxed stuffing, instant potatoes, jars of gravy or gravy mixes, baking items, cranberry sauce. Grocery store gift cards and financial donations are also appreciated. Just mark your check or envelope Thanksgiving Basket or use the Care Square for debit/credit donations.

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Community Luncheon** – We will have Thanksgiving Eve worship on Wed, Nov 22 at Noon and at 6:30pm. This is a time of worship through gratitude and a wonderful opportunity to worship with friends and family. Please invite someone to attend with you.

Our Community Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held at 1:00pm and all are welcome. Please indicate your attendance on the Yellow Insert and let us know how many guests you will have.

**Luncheon Volunteers**

**Would you like to donate and/or roast a turkey** – we need four more turkeys to be donated and we need five willing to roast. If you can do one or both, please sign up on the Yellow Insert.

**Would you like to help cook an item?**

We prepare a set menu each year and invite you to assist. helping with a vegetable or dessert, please indicate your interest on the Yellow Insert and our coordinator will be in touch with specific information.

**Would you like to deliver a meal to a shut-in?** – We have a number of members and others in our community who are no longer able to get out for worship and a meal or to be with their families this year. If you can deliver one or more meals on Wed, Nov 22 following Noon worship, please indicate this on the Yellow Insert.



**2024 Peru Mission Trips**

We are beginning to plan our 2024 trips to Tarma, Peru, targeting later January or early February for our first trip and mid-summer for the second one. Our early trip is usually more administrative in nature, planning projects and estimating needs but

does include work on the property as needed. Our summer trip usually is more project-oriented with larger repair and construction projects. If you would like information about possibly travelling with us on either trip, please indicate your interest on the Yellow Insert. We will continue to provide more details as they become available.

When folks support a Peru mission trip, each individual purchases their own air fare and pays for accommodations – we are in a modest hotel (safe and clean but not fancy!) and for meals. Most meals are provided by our ministry partner Fatty Jimenez – his team cook for us in their restaurant to ensure we are eating foods that have been prepared safely and do not contain raw fruits and vegetables. These tend to not agree with most travelers! Total costs will depend on airfares.

The early trip occurs during the Peruvian summer and tends to provide mild days and cool nights. The June/July trips occur during their winters with cool days and cold nights. We'll make sure you are equipped with proper packing lists! We'd love to have you join us!