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Thanksgiving is no mere multicultural festival of food, no matter what modern history books neglect to tell us.

The Plymouth Rock colony was founded by Christian pilgrims who had a very rough time of it. Does anybody remember that part? During the pilgrims’ first winter, six died in December and eight died in January. In February, they were dying at a rate of two a day — three died some days — and one day even claimed four lives, while only five men remained well enough to care for the sick.

They buried their dead at night, in shallow unmarked graves so that the natives would not know how many they had lost. Thirteen more pilgrims died in March. After the worst of it, they had lost 47 people, nearly half of their original number. Thirteen out of eighteen wives had died and, only three families remained unbroken.

All previous colony attempts had failed in similar fashion: sickness and starvation, followed by annihilation by the “Indians”. That the pilgrims survived their first winter at all was amazing, but in the spring came an even more astonishing surprise. The pilgrims met with a friendly Indian who spoke admirable English, wandering about the coast-land without any tribe. You may remember the name, but probably not the full story of Squanto.

It was Squanto who acted as interpreter, and who helped the pilgrims form a treaty with the neighboring tribe. He taught them to fish local waters; plant corn the “Indian” way; and much more. Without the help of Squanto, the colony would certainly have not survived another winter. But, this story did not start when the pilgrims met Squanto in 1621.

In 1605, Squanto was one of five Patuxet Indians taken captive to England to be taught English, and then questioned for helpful information on the “new world”. After nine years, he caught a ride back home with Captain John Smith, but another captain on the same expedition re-kidnapped him along with 26 other natives to be sold as slaves in Spain.

Squanto and a few others were bought and rescued by local friars, who introduced them to the Christian faith. He soon found his way back to England. And, in another five years, he again caught a ride home back to “the Americas”.

When he stepped ashore, only six months before the pilgrims, he found that a plague had totally wiped out his tribe. The neighboring tribes had shunned the area, certain that some supernatural spirit had destroyed the Patuxets. Hence, the cleared land that the pilgrims settled on literally belonged to no one! The nearest tribe was 50 miles away, and a very sad, lonely, English-speaking native with no tribe was waiting to befriend them. Perhaps Squanto’s journey is just as telling and didactic as the pilgrims.

With Squanto’s help, the next fall brought a very satisfactory crop, and so convinced were the pilgrims that they had received a total miracle at the hand of God, that Governor Bradford declared a public day of Thanksgiving. They invited the neighboring chief, and he surprised them by bringing along 90 of his tribe who had hunted, harvested, and gathered and brought with them their own “native groceries”. The feast lasted three days and included sporting contests — perhaps not so very different to our generation watching football and eating left-overs.

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DENOMINATIONAL MEETINGS
Monday Morning Meetings, 10-10:50am.

American Baptist
Psych Bldg. 116
Assemblies of God
Psych Bldg. 311
Chinese & Asian Prayer Group
Glasser Hall 206
Christian & Missionary Alliance
Library 203
Episcopal/Anglican
Prchng Arts Cnf. Rm.
Korean Fellowship
Payton Hall 303
Messianic Jews
Glasser Hall, China Library
Nazarene
Psych Bldg. 325
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Travis Auditorium
Reformed Church in Am./CRC
Psych Bldg. 120
Seventh Day Adventist
Library 205
United Methodist Church
Psych Bldg. 130
Vineyard Fellowship
Payton 301

Coordinated by The Office of Church Relations, 584-5580. If your denomination is not meeting at this time and you are interested in starting a group, please come by to make arrangements.

MORNING PRAYERS
Daily Orthodox morning prayers, Monday-Friday, 7:30-7:55am in the Chapel above the Library, led by Scott Watson and Fr. Sam Gantt. Everyone is welcome.

ASIAN STUDENTS
Asian students prayer time, Monday, 10:00 am, weekly, Room 206, Glasser Hall.

EVENTS

Important Notice about the Winter 1994 Schedule

Winter classes begin Tuesday, January 4th

New Student Orientation is Monday, January 3rd

CHAPEL - WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH - 10:00-10:50 A.M.

Our guest preacher for Chapel service this Wednesday is Dr. John C. Ortberg, Jr., Senior Pastor, Horizons Community Church of Diamond Bar in Chino Hills. Dr. Ortberg received his MDiv (1984) and PhD in Psychology (1986) from Fuller. In addition to his pastoral duties, Dr. Ortberg is a member of the Board of Trustees of Fuller, is married and has two daughters. This Chapel will focus on our Thanksgiving to God for the many blessings we have received. We will have coffee and a time of fellowship afterwards.

CHAPEL - THURSDAY, NOV. 25 - NO CHAPEL - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Now You Can Buy Grace & Mercy

Well, not exactly. But, you can buy a copy of Jeff Reynolds’ worship recording, Grace & Mercy, and support ASC Arts Concerns. It was a great time of worship with Jeff and Fuller friends the beginning of the quarter. In case you missed out, tapes and songbooks are now available through the ASC Office. Order CDs for Christmas as well! For more info, contact Kris Saldin, 791-5167. A portion of the proceeds go to support the ASC Arts Concerns Committee. P.S. Hi from Oregon, – Jeff & Kelley Reynolds.
Oh, There’s No Place Like SWM for the Holidays

Well, maybe not, but there’s no place like SWM from December 13-17. The School of World Mission is proud to offer the following stimulating Winter quarter intensive classes -- a good way to learn a lot and earn credit in a condensed amount of time:

- MB 595 Urban Mission in a Multi-National Context
- MC 550 Healing Ministry and World Evangelism
- MC 560 Church Growth in Contexts of Persecution
- ML 560 Change Dynamics
- MT 522 Local Congregation as Mission

Come to the School of World Mission Advising Office for more information.

FULLER GOSPEL CHOIR

Interested in singing gospel music, but afraid you don’t have any rhythm? Fuller Gospel Choir is open to everyone and is fun. We practice Mondays 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in Payton 101. No experience necessary and you don’t even have to read music! What a deal. Come join us! Questions? Call Camille at 683-9548. (p.s. - It’s O.K. if you have rhythm too!)

SAVE THE DATE

Friday December 3, 7:00 p.m.
Payton Hall, 101
for a lovely Benefit Concert featuring

“Songs of Advent and Christmas”

performed by Linda Williams, soprano, Paul Baker, baritone, harp and piano.

Public is welcome. No Charge! A free-will offering will be collected to benefit the I-CAN program.

Thanksgiving

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Few in number, far from home, and welcomed by unlikely hosts, the pilgrim legacy is among the proudest of American traditions. God does prepare a way. He does provide for our every need. No matter what the circumstances, He does not forget us. It would be shameful not to remember the true meaning of the first Thanksgiving. Or, how totally dependent each of us is on the hand of the Almighty.

Note: The story of the first thanksgiving has been heavily condensed and adapted from the book, “The Light and the Glory” by Peter Marshall
MAKING THE MOST OF COMMUNITY

When I returned to campus in September, I was pleasantly surprised to see the change in class scheduling on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:35 am to 1:00 pm. At fall registration, there was a flyer from the Registrar’s Office explaining, in two paragraphs, the purpose of this change. Evidently the time change is to facilitate community building on campus so as to allow “back-to-back chapel and common lunch period with no classes scheduled to get in the way during that time.”

Apart from a few students that are concerned that they are losing an hour of class time, it seems that many students are pleased with the opportunity for community building in the midst of their busy schedules. I can imagine that a lot of work by Grant Millikan and Dr. Rob Bank’s Spiritual Life Committee has gone into providing for this experiment. Certainly the chapels organized this year, by Carol Aldana and William Addai, have been well attended and greatly appreciated by all. The speakers and the musical presentations have been outstanding.

But, is community being strengthened by this time as originally envisioned by the authors? Are people taking advantage of the time to enjoy chapel and lunch together with others here on campus? If it is happening, then I think a far greater sense of community may be achieved during this time. Community life doesn’t happen automatically at seminary. There needs to be programs to gird the intentions, with purpose and direction.

Here are a number of random thoughts that may be prompts for you to come up with other programming ideas. Perhaps during this time we could organize a table tennis and/or volleyball competition; entertainers, musicians, actors could come on campus for lunch-time concerts; and each quarter there could be an inexpensive lunch available for students, faculty and staff to share together. Do you have any other ideas? Come by and see us in the office or drop your thoughts in our suggestion box. Let’s really take hold of this special time to build relationships and make the most of community life.

SPORTS NOTES

You can still sign up for volleyball (Fridays 12 pm - 3 pm) and basketball (Saturdays 10 am - 1:30 pm) if you did not do so during Winter quarter Registration.

*WE NEED CAPTAINS for both sports. This is not a big time commitment and it is a great way to get involved and meet other students and faculty. Captains generally organize their team and are a liaison between the Sports Office and the other team members.

*YMCA and PAC memberships are available with student discounts. Come to the ASC office if you would like more info.

*Flag Football is going great. Play-off Saturday is December 4th. We will be having a barbecue on the field. Come out and support your favorite team.

THE POSADA IS COMING

The Posada is a walk to raise money and awareness of the AIDS crisis. On Saturday, December 4th, churches, charity organizations, schools and the entire Pasadena community will take part in a procession through Pasadena. An Interfaith Worship Service will begin the procession at 4:00 at All Saints Church. For more information of how you can participate and walk with a group representing Fuller, contact Tracy at x5454.

ASC Office Staff: Nancy Moomaw, administrator; Joyce Suckney, vice-president; Rob Gallagher, president; Barbara Driskoll, treasurer; and Ana Gan, events coordinator.

IF BY CHANCE YOU ARE READING THIS ON FRIDAY...

Come to the Country Western Line Dance! If you enjoy friends, fun, fellowship and fancy footwork, you won’t want to miss this great event on Friday, November 19 at 7:00 pm in Payton 101.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Yes, the 9th week is a time of academic stress, but it is also a time to sit back and reflect upon God’s overwhelming goodness and presence in our lives. There can be no greater remedy to the present worries of our day than to worship God with the whole of our being. Take time out this Thanksgiving to spend time with God. He has some wonderful things to say to you.
What Lies "In The Remains Of The Day?"

After I went to see Remains Of The Day, the latest movie from the makers of Howard's End, with my friend Stacy, I told her that I thought it was a story that only a Japanese man raised in Britain could have written. The connection is that both the Japanese and the British have reputations for being...well, repressed.

Remains Of The Day is based on the novel of the same name by Kazuo Ishiguro, who really is a Japanese man who grew up in Britain. The movie tells the story of James Stevens, played by Anthony Hopkins, the only actor who has won an Academy Award for portraying a cannibalistic madman. Stevens is the head butler for a British Lord in the decade before World War II, and who adds to his staff a strong-headed housekeeper named Miss Kenton played by Emma Thompson.

About the movie itself: I liked it! The acting was pretty damn flawless, with Hopkins and Thompson imbuing the stiff and rigid language of British servants with sharp acidity and subtle tenderness. The plot, which pivots between Stevens' and Kenton's repressed romance and the intrigue of European aristocratic politics going on "upstairs," provides a great counterbalance so that the viewer never gets too suffocated with the lethargic and ponderous action (or inaction) being played out.

But contrary to the television previews, the romance in Remains Of The Day is not the essence of the movie. This is truly Stevens' story, which tells the story of a human being that has believed in the importance of duty over all other concerns, only to realize that his philosophy of life has led to a wasted life.

Stevens is a human being that is being held fast to his world by a set of principles that lack stability. He and Miss Kenton have meaningful lives only in context to the universe of the manor, but it is only Kenton who seems to recognize how bizarre this situation is. Stevens has never had a choice, having been bred all his life for service. Dignity, as Stevens' father explains in a butlers' folk story, is the highest aspiration of the service class. Emotions, it would seem, is the lowest.

A few people with whom I've discussed this film have mentioned their frustration in watching these characters constantly in states of denial and repression. In American movies, we are used to seeing men and women lunging at one another in explosive passion, and we think it is normal.

Watching Thompson and Hopkins comes closer to reality than we'd like to admit. It's the reality of human miscommunication with one another, and even our miscommunication with God. We are often too afraid to trust others, to leave our selves vulnerable to the possibility of pain. And so we also close the door to the possibility of redemption.

Watching Remains Of The Day may be uncomfortable and frustrating, but it may also be an event that can shake your whole perspective on the values you have taken for granted your entire life. For an opportunity like that, seven bucks isn't that big a sacrifice, yes?
This section of the SEMI is for the announcement of events or services not directly offered by a Fuller office or organization. For information about rates, contact the Office of Student Services at 584-5430. Note: Each person is responsible for checking on the quality and type of service before contracting or using it. The SEMI and Office of Student Services do not personally recommend or guarantee any of the services listed.

Help! Single parent needs loving child-care for my 3 year old son. Monday - Thursday, 3 pm - 6 pm. Please call 818-794-5965. Will trade room and board or pay $5/hr. (negotiable).

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Auto Repair: SMOG CHECKS, tune-ups, oil change, brakes, batteries etc... Complete service. Hrant Auto Service, 1477 E. Washington Blvd., Pasadena. 798-4064. Call for an appointment.

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