

# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

## November 18, 2012

✚✚✚ Welcome to our Worship Service! ✚✚✚

**Devotional:**----- Dean Yoder  
**Message:**----- Norman Yoder  
**Offering:**----- General  
**SS Lesson:**----- Psalm 147

**Adult and Youth Verse:** Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely. Ps. 147:1

**Intermediate Verse:** The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Ps. 34:18

**Junior Verse:** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Eph. 2:10

**Today's Host Family:** Norman & Dorothy Yoder

**Next Sunday Hosts:** Robert & Rachel Martin

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Common Sand Dollar, Created on Day 5

**Design** Small but numerous spines of the common sand dollar are its primary tool for burrowing within the upper few centimeters of sandy ocean bottoms. Other specialized spines hold sand and debris aloft while food particles are ingested.

**Features** The sand dollar's test, or skeleton, is round and disc-like, and is covered with deep reddish-purple spines. The sand dollar loses its purple color when it is washed ashore. As with other sand dollars, the common sand dollar has five petal-like furrows or pores on its test. These are used to move sea water into its internal water-vascular system, which allows for movement.

**Fun Facts** Its shell is actually called a "test" since it is not a true shell. The common sand dollar buries itself in the sand for food and protection. The best time to collect sand dollars on the beach is after a heavy storm.

**CLASS:** Echinoidea (heart urchins, sand dollars, and sea urchins) **ORDER:**

Clypeasteroidea (sand dollars) **FAMILY:** Echinarachniidae

**GENUS/SPECIES:** Echinarachnius parma **Size:** Average 3 in (7.6 cm) in diameter

**Diet:** Crustacean larvae, organic matter, diatoms, algae **Habitat:**

Native to the Northern Hemisphere in the sandy bottoms of the coasts

-Kids Answers

**Primary Verse:** "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint" Luke 18:1

**Preschool Verse:** "Pray to thy Father" Matt. 6:6

**SS Lesson for next week:** 1 Corinthians 4

**Adult and Youth Verse for next week:** For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. 1 Cor. 4:4

## Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Singing and testimony service at 7:00.
- ✓ PTA Mon eve. At 7PM
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prison Service Annex 4 PM To go: Elam, Robert, Nevin- devotions.
- ✓ School devotions this week by: Dennis Yoder
- ✓ Hot Lunch this week: Steve Nissleys and Henry Nissleys
- ✓ School will let out at 1:00 on Wednesday(the 21<sup>st</sup>) and resume Monday (the 26<sup>th</sup>) for Thanksgiving Vacation.

### ○ ○ ○ ○ ~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~ ○ ○ ○ ○

(today!) Nov. 18, Happy Birthday! Martha Yoder, 1997

(today!) Nov. 18, Happy Birthday! Tyler Miller, 1999

Nov. 24 Happy Anniversary! Elmer ♥ Pauline, 1983

### Pray ... with Thanksgiving

I've heard a lot of droopy prayers in my life. Hey, I've prayed a lot of them, too.

- Prayers of desperation -- God, you've got to help me!
- Prayers of self-pity -- God, things are so awful!
- Prayers of resignation -- God, if you want to leave me unemployed, then I can't stop you!

But I'm learning how to pray a different kind of prayer -- prayer said with thanksgiving. I learned it from St. Paul who, writing from prison, taught me a most powerful lesson. He said,

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, **with thanksgiving**, present your requests to God."<sup>1</sup> Strange. Here he is suffering himself, yet he's telling me to pray with thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is the seasoning that makes our prayers edible to God. After all, who wants to hear people whine all the time? I've learned that you can't whine and give thanks in the same breath. Self-pity and thankfulness don't

mix any better than oil and water. In fact, mixing thanks with prayer somehow changes it. When we remember what God has done for us in the past and think about who he is in the present -- and express that in thankfulness -- our prayers become more gentle, more trusting somehow. Thankful prayers are offered with faith. And faith is an essential ingredient for prayers that God chooses to answer. We remember the Pilgrims on Thanksgiving Day, not so much for their turkey dinner, but for the sheer faith that inspired them to give thanks in a year that saw nearly half their number die of sickness. Yet they prayed with thanksgiving. When your annual day of feasting is over, you may bemoan your extra helpings of dressing, mashed potatoes, and pumpkin pie. But if you can hang on to the "thanks" part of Thanksgiving, you'll be a different person. Because when you learn to talk to God about your needs -- mixed with a healthy dose of heartfelt thanks -- then you have crossed the divide from whining at God to real prayer. Happy *Thanks*-giving! by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson