

Lewiston Church of Christ

November 20, 2022

 **MESSENGER** *Growing Friendships, Families & Faith.*



Weekly Services

Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship 10:45 AM
Sun. Day/Evening Groups
Wed Bible Study 6:30 PM

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“Would You Have Been Thankful?”

If you had been a Pilgrim in America in 1621, would you have been thankful? Their 65 day trip across the Atlantic (“a sea of troubles”) was cold and damp. Aiming for Virginia, the Mayflower was blown north to the unknown land of Massachusetts. Scurvy, typhus and personal loss followed them all the way until they landed at Plymouth on December 11, 1620.

Would you have been thankful?

The colony record keeper, Nathaniel Morton, wrote that they had “no friends to welcome them, no inns to entertain or refresh them, no houses, or much less towns, to repair unto to seek for succour; and for the season it was winter... What could they see but a hideous and desolate wilderness, full of wilde beasts and wilde men?”

Would you have been thankful?

Of the 103 who boarded the Mayflower, only 55 souls were still alive after their first winter in the new world. 12 of the 18 married women perished. Those remaining barely had the strength to put in the next year's crop. Supplies soon ran out. The seeds they brought from Europe for growing wheat wouldn't grow in the stony soil. The flour was gone so there was no bread or pastries. There was no milk, cider, potatoes or domestic cattle.

Would you have been thankful?

These Pilgrims lived under conditions far more harsh than anyone reading this bulletin can imagine. Nevertheless, in 1621, Gov. William Bradford chose a day for expressing gratitude to God and invited Indians to share the feast. Chief Massasoit came with 90 Native Americans to feast on fish, berries, watercress, lobster, dried fruit, clams, venison, and plums. For ongoing strength and resolve, they cited King David's words in the 92nd

