

MERRILL MINISTRIES

M O U T H P I E C E

November 2023

Upcoming Events

November 29 - December 3, 2023

Experience Bethlehem
Port Charlotte, FL

December 10, 2023

Sunday Services & Caroling
Enterprise, AL

December 17, 2023

Live Nativity
Enterprise, AL

January 7, 2024

Sunday Services & Concert
Citrus Springs, FL

January 14, 2024 (pending)

Concert
Ocala, FL

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"It's snowing!" our grandsons announced excitedly as they watched the large white flakes fill the air earlier this month. What a beautiful thing to see God's unique creations!

From cold weather to warm, our travels this month have spanned between northern Ohio and south Florida!

In Boonsboro, MD, Tricia had the opportunity to share her testimony during a ladies luncheon. This week marks 5 years since her cancer surgery! We praise the Lord for His faithfulness, and the

grace and strength He continues to give her each day.

Traveling southward, we enjoyed reconnecting with family and friends along the way. In Georgia, we met up with Mom (Merrill) Booher and had the privilege of serving the Lord together at her church!

This coming week, we'll be presenting music for a special event called Experience Bethlehem. We would appreciate your prayers as we present the gospel in song several times during the 5-night event.

Prayer Requests

1. Open doors for ministry
2. Souls saved & lives changed by the gospel
3. Safety & continued good health
4. Wisdom for new projects & events
5. Provision of summer staff



Thanksgiving Traditions

As Thanksgiving approaches, what do you look forward to the most? Perhaps it's catching up with friends, playing a game as a family, or capturing special memories of the day. Maybe you're eagerly anticipating the taste of juicy turkey with all the trimmings, tangy cranberry sauce, or Grandma's famous pumpkin pie with homemade crust!

If you know anything about our family, you're well aware that we don't necessarily fit the definition of "normal". :) The same applies to our Thanksgiving traditions.

One year, when our children were young, instead of the traditional Thanksgiving feast, Tricia made spinach Spanakopita. It became an instant hit and has been the star of each Thanksgiving meal ever since!

Some people celebrate with Christmas music all year long, but we like to save it until Thanksgiving Day. After a delicious meal, we break out the Christmas music and decorations and spend the afternoon singing along to carols or holiday favorites while we make the house look festively appropriate for the coming season and reflect on the joy that Christ brings!

No matter how you choose to spend the day, remember to take time to thank the Lord for His many blessings!

Perhaps this year you'd like to join us in adding spinach Spanakopita to your Thanksgiving menu. If so, here's Tricia's recipe for you and your family to enjoy! We'd love to hear about your favorite Thanksgiving traditions as well!



Recipe: Spinach Pie Spanakopita

INGREDIENTS: _____ DIRECTIONS: _____
shylo pastry _____ 9x13 butter or spray / nonstick
1- oz frozen chopped spinach _____ Sauté onion and garlic in
1- onion finely chopped _____ olive oil for 5 min. Add spinach.
2 Tbsp olive oil _____ Cook until moisture is off spinach.
2 garlic cloves minced _____ In large bowl mix eggs, cottage
4 eggs _____ cheese, parmesan cheese, parsley,
1- 16 oz cottage cheese _____ salt, pepper, Italian seasoning,
1/4 c parmesan cheese _____ Monterey jack cheese. Mix well.
4 Tbsp parsley _____ In prepared dish place 2 sheets
1/4 tsp salt _____ phyllo brush with melted
1/4 tsp Italian seasoning _____ 1/4 tsp pepper _____ butter.
from the kitchen of: 2 c grated Monterey jack cheese _____
1/2 c melted butter _____

Add 2 more sheets and brush with butter.
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Place a 1/2" layer of filling then repeat
phyllo sheets brushing with butter. 4 sheets
Repeat 1/2" inch layer of filling.
Continue until all filling is used.
Top with phyllo brushed with melted butter.
* Additional grated cheese can be placed
between layers and on top of the final
layer

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Randy Merrill

& the Merrill Evangelistic Team!