



FIELD NOTES FROM THE FARM NOVEMBER 2022

What if today, we were just grateful for everything?
Charlie Brown

WELCOME NOVEMBER

This is the time of year when we are all constantly reminded to be thankful. Wouldn't it be nice if we didn't need a reminder...if thanksgiving were always at the front of our minds? It starts with each one of us – you and me, so I'll start...in addition to family, faith and friends, I'm thankful for the work of Inn Along the Way, the volunteers who have made it happen and the vision of its founder, Sherry Flint. And here are some of the things that IAW is thankful for, but, in reality, there are too many things to list here.



- Again this year, we have turkeys being donated for the Thanksgiving baskets – we are so thankful for this generous gift.
- Thank you to our long-time treasurer, Tim Kimpton. He has worked with us from the beginning and has guided us well.

- Cory Ethridge will take the reins from Tim as our new treasurer. We look forward to her leadership and guidance. Thank you for stepping up into this position.
- Jim Hush will be assuming the position of Finance Chair. His expertise will add to a solid base from which to lead IAW into the next phase of construction.
- Recently, we received a grant from the John Andrews Fund at Second Congregational Church. The money will help us level the floor in the barn. Many thanks to the Service Team for their approval of our request.
- We are so thankful for all the guests who found IAW a special place this year – our first year in operation. We had several guests who came back more than once!
- We want to thank all the people who contributed their skills for many successful gatherings – from music to arts and crafts to discussions on aging and more
- We couldn't do all we do here without our wonderful volunteers – both new and seasoned – you are all appreciated. It is because of you that we have been able to complete the farmhouse and welcome guests.

Here's what's happening at IAW in November:

- ◇ Wednesdays from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM – LUNCHES WITH THE BUNCHES
- ◇ Tuesday, November 23rd will be prep day for the Thanksgiving baskets. Food that can be baked ahead can be dropped off at IAW.
- ◇ Wednesday, November 24th from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM, LUNCHES WITH THE BUNCHES will have their Thanksgiving Dinner. Following the dinner, meals will be packed up for neighbors in need.
- ◇ Friday, November 18th from 11:00 AM to Noon there will be a BOUGH BUILDING – boughs are used to adorn the Thanksgiving baskets that are distributed to local friends and neighbors. Bring your glue guns, greens and any festive decorations and join for this seasonal event.
- ◇ Stay tuned for more CHALLENGING CONVERSATIONS CIRCLES !
- ◇ Wednesday, November 16 from 1 PM to 3 PM – COLLAGE WORKSHOP – Come make a gift for a loved one this holiday season. Guests are invited to bring an object of their own or select from our collection of collage worthy pieces. The collage workshop is designed to help teach and guide others to give new meaning to overlooked items. Paper materials, glues and brushes will be provided. If you have paper materials you'd like to use, we encourage you to bring them Our hope is to create decorative and functional pieces and develop an artistic space for those to feel both inspired and at peace. Space is limited, so please call Sherry at 751-6261 to reserve your place.
- ◇ Monday, November 21st at 1:00. We will have our monthly CIRCLE OF CARE. For more information call Sherry at 751-6261

We encourage you to check our website for dates and times of activities at Inn Along the Way.

Go to: www.innalongtheway.org/, then click on "UPDATES," then select "Calendar."

As always, everyone is invited to join in and participate in any or all of the activities here!

WAYS OF GIVING

If you would like to make a financial donation, there are numerous ways to accomplish that. All gifts – large and small – make a difference.

For more information, go to:

www.innalongtheway.org/contribute

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Again this year, we will be sharing Thanksgiving baskets with our neighbors who need them.

Each basket is filled with enough food for the number of people being fed – with maybe a little left over, but not so much that it becomes a burden for the recipient. So often, individuals receive a big turkey (that they need to cook) and veggies that need to be prepared. Many of these people don't have the ability to prepare a meal, so our meals come precooked and ready to eat. They have turkey (of course!), stuffing, gravy, mashed potato, veggies, cranberry sauce, roll or sweet bread and pie! (Remember: Each baked item needs to have an ingredients list) And last, but not least, each basket is adorned with one of the boughs made on 18th. Donations of dinner items are always welcome.

We will have the baskets ready for pickup on Wednesday afternoon, November 24th. If you know someone who could use one, we are currently compiling a list. Please let us know as soon as possible so we can make certain we have enough food to fill all of them.

OPPORTUNITIES – AKA “HELP!”

Here at Inn Along the Way, there is always a need for someone to share their talents. It may be cooking, hosting, preparing, cleaning or helping in some other way. Contact [Jan John](#) or [Cindi Hasty](#) for more information about how you can join in the fun!

We are continuing to host grief and caregivers support groups. For more information or to sign up, call Sherry, at 207-751-6261, or contact us at info@innalongtheway.org.

For more information about who we are, what we do and our hopes and dreams, please check out our website: www.innalongtheway.org.

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If you would like to make a suggestion about content for an upcoming newsletter or have a comment you'd like to share, you can contact us at: info@innalongtheway.org.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,
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