

The Springfield Redeemer



Pray without ceasing;
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ
Jesus for you. I Thess. 5:18

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Holy Grounds Has a Blessed Thanksgiving Dinner

by Roberta D'Amico

On Saturday, November 16, 2019, we gathered to serve a thanksgiving dinner at Holy Grounds for all who were pleased to join us. Pastor Roberto Quinones directed it, with Manny's assistance cooking and Derek and others helping set up.

At 10 AM, Pastor Roberto was here with Derek setting up tables. We proceeded to decorate, and as people came, they brought many kinds of food. Manny was upstairs cooking, and Sam came in to get the food ready.

By 11 AM, people were gathering at the door waiting to be let in. Sam led with some scripture – reciting Psalm 23. We all joined in with him.

We began serving around 12:30 PM table by table. Guests were lined up the length of the coffee house. We had turkey, ham, gravy, mashed potatoes and potato salad, a variety of stuffing, vegetables, and rice and beans. The food was generously donated by guests. Then there were all the desserts, which were laid out on the front counter; pies, cakes, cookies, and more! As more people came in we had to find more chairs! Perhaps 40 people crowded in to celebrate Thanksgiving and partake of God's abundance with us. Standing room only!



Cathy Marvici and Antonio

to Pat and Barbara Comiskey. We want to remember

them for their five years of service every Saturday

afternoon at Holy Grounds feeding the hungry. At their own expense and effort, they bought, cooked, and served hot soup, and sandwiches to everybody. Last year they were no



Sam preparing food.

longer able to do this because of health issues. We took this opportunity to remember their faithful service, even though they were unable to be with us today.

Afterwards, some guests left but others shared testimonies of God's goodness. Finally, Cathy Marvici took the mic and with her guitar, led us in some songs.

A little later, Pastor Cooley and First Lady



Jackie arrived with the four Cooley boys. Food was brought out again for a second serving along with a cake for Tyrin's 13th birthday. So we gathered around to

sing Happy Birthday to him. Fellowship was sweet and everyone had a great time!

Pastor Scott Holds Board Meeting

Pastor Scott Lively was in Springfield on Sunday, November 3, for the official board meeting of the Redemption Gate Mission Society. It was attended by six of the seven board members at Holy Grounds Coffee House, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The purpose of the meeting was to update information about the ministry, especially the fact that Scott's legal address will be moved from Springfield, Massachusetts, to Memphis, Tennessee as of January 1, 2020. The new pastors, Roberto and Kimberly, will file for their own 501c3, transferring the ministry directly from Redemption Gate to Motivated By Faith in order to remain a tax-free corporation. They will be selecting their own Board also, under their own name.

Having taken care of business, Pastor Scott shared with us how he was certain that God has directed him to use the rest of his life establishing the First Century Bible Church and College in Tennessee. He wants to make it an unregistered church, free from government regulations, according to the Constitution of the United States (Congress shall make no law...). The church will use principles established here in Springfield at Holy Grounds Coffee House, which is the flagship ministry of Redemption Gate, plus what he has learned from the scriptures about the Church of the first century. This church will be free of denominationalism and traditions based on human preferences.

We are excited as we wait with anticipation to see how God will use this new church for His Kingdom.

Commendation for Pat and Barbara Comiskey

At this time we want to recognize a dear couple that some of you may know – Pat and Barbara Comiskey. Many of you have been enriched by their service to us here at Holy Grounds Coffee House.

For around five years they came every Saturday and brought hot soup and hearty sandwiches to feed anyone who came here on Saturday afternoon.

Every so often I would come by just to enjoy their company.

They would shop and cook and bring all the stuff here and serve it to you at your table with a smile and a blessing and prayer. They did this at their own expense and did the work themselves, just as a service to others and to please the Lord Jesus, who instructed us to serve one another.

We want to thank Pat and Barbara (though they can't be here today). They had to stop doing the Saturday lunch last year because of health issues, but we want to show appreciation for the years that God had them here for us!

Thank you, Lord, for blessing us with Pat and Barbara, and all the other volunteers He has brought to us here.



Important Notice!

P.S. You are welcome to join the United Temple Church Family 191 Walnut Street, Springfield, MA. Saturday December 14, 2019 @ 2pm, for our annual birthday party for Jesus, where we celebrate His birth showing love for one another. Merry Christmas to all!

Ongoing Events

SUNDAY SERVICES: 8 a.m.- Redemption Gate Church with Pastor Brian Greene; 10 a.m.-Motivated by Faith with Pastors Bobby & Kim;

MONDAY -- FRIDAY: Morning Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. ***Come and be blessed studying the Bible with us!***

TUESDAY – Calling All men – 6:30 p.m. – for Meeting and Fellowship!

WED – Trust Jesus Recovery at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.(or later!)

THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study 1:00 p.m.; FIAT 2nd and 4th Thursday 7 p.m.

1ST SATURDAY: December 7 , "Marriage with God" 4 to 6 p.m.

SATURDAY NIGHTS: Next Open Mic and Fellowship! December 28, 2019, For more details, call Cathy Marvici at 413-233-7242. Be there, please! 7 p.m.