

TORAH THOUGHTS – INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING

This year's interfaith Thanksgiving service is on Tuesday, November 20th at the Old Brick Reformed Church on Route 520 in Marlboro at 7:30 pm. Money will be collected to benefit the Open-Door Food Pantry in Freehold.

The service is a reminder that we are blessed to live in a free country, and that this shouldn't be taken for granted. We will sing, learn, and ponder the meaning of the holiday in 2018, and pray for health and humility this Thanksgiving.

Here is one of the readings for the service – feel free to adapt it for your holiday table as well.

WE THANK YOU, GOD

For the expanding grandeur of Creation, worlds known and unknown, galaxies beyond, filling us with awe and challenging our imaginations, we thank You, God.

For this fragile planet Earth, its times and tides, its sunsets and seasons, we thank You, God.

For the joy of human life, its wonders and surprises, its hopes and achievements, we thank You, God.

For human community, our common past and future hope, our oneness transcending all separation, our capacity to work for peace and justice in the midst of hostility and oppression, we thank You, God.

For high hopes and noble causes, for faith without fanaticism, for understanding of views not shared, we thank You, God.

For all who have labored and suffered for a fairer world, who have lived so that others might live in dignity and freedom, we thank You, God.

For human liberties and sacred rites: for opportunities to change and grow, to affirm and choose, we thank You, God.

We pray that we may live not by our fears but by our hopes, not by our words but by our deeds. We praise You, God, for You deserve our praise.