

Lines from Leigh

Dear Friends,

I am writing this on Tuesday, before Thanksgiving, and the church is bustling with folks trying to "get things done" before our break for the holiday. Yesterday, the Assembly Room was chaotic as hundreds of bags of food collected by the congregation and the Scouts were packed up in numerous vehicles and we had our own caravan... over to Elizabeth to drop them off. But you know what? This is the church at its best!

The church is the living, breathing body of Christ. God has no hands and feet and voices and hearts on this earth but ours. So, being busy with the work of God is what we should be doing every day. Ponder this holiday what you can do to make it a better one for someone else. Pray, as we head towards Christmas, that, as far as is within our power, no one will be lonely and struggling with "Blue Christmas" issues on our watch.

You are all on my mind and in my heart as I prepare for my first Thanksgiving in NJ. Thank you for your warm welcome, and blessings to all,
Pastor Leigh

"What good is it, brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save us? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." James 2:14-17