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Good Morning,

One of the coldest mornings we have had so far, 27 degrees. Now it's time to clean off all the flowerbeds and gardens, and dig my dahlia tubes. Hopefully i can get a few of our grandchildren interested in helping me dig the tubers out. For the dahlias I usually take out all the stakes, etc and run a hedge trimmer over top, then i remove all the cut foliage, after digging out the tubes, i let them lay for a day or so. Then I trim, divide, and save only the really nice ones. I transfer them into boxes or paper bags, cover them with wood shavings, and thats where they rest all winter. This year i will store them in our shed that has a little heat all winter. Last year i had them in an unheated shed corner, covered with heavy blankets, but still quite a few froze. So hopefully this years storage will work out better. I really enjoy dahlias in the summer, but it is a lot of work to take care of tubers till spring.

We had an early Thanksgiving dinner the other Sunday. As all the children & grandchildren & great grandchildren were home, except for 2 son-in-laws & 1 grandson from PA, they had to stay home and do chores. The family was home for 3 days, men and 6 oldest grandsons went hunting, while us ladies & children had shopping plans! So Friday was a shopping day to remember. Aunt Mary babysat some of the children, so that I, along with 9 granddaughters, and 5 daughters/daughter-in-laws, could go thrift store shopping in Columbus. They were all happy with their finds, clothing, shoes, toys, etc. I did not need much, but found some flower vases for next year. Was hoping I'd find more vases, but i noticed their shelves were not as full as sometimes. Thrifting brings back memories, as i even remember my mom going, when i was a growing up. When we were old enough to carry things, we were allowed to go with her. We lived along a major highway, 222, so all we had to do was walk out to the end of the lane, and wave our hand or hanky when we seen the bus approaching. The bus would stop, and we'd climb on, and ride along to Reading or Allentown. There we would get off at a certain point, then we had to walk to wherever we wanted to shop, within walking distance, because in evening we would get picked up at same point. And anything we bought we had to carry with us all day. We went Penny's, Ward's, fabric stores, and other stores that I've forgotten the names. Also the missions, as we called them, were like the thrift stores. All i can remember, they had bins and shelves to dig thru. What fun when we came home, dreaming of our new dresses we would get to sew, but first we had to divide the fabric among 6 girls, but my were we tired at the end of the day. Times have certainly changed since 1960.

Our thanksgiving dinner on Sundays consisted of ham, turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie bars, strawberry danish, and icecream. After lunch the PA & IN family headed home again. This thanksgiving dinner will also have to do for Christmas dinner for the PA people. The rest of the OH & IN family plan on getting together for Christmas at son Wilson's. I am working on sewing pillowcases for all the grandchildren for Christmas. The married ones will all get a pair, but the rest will just get 1 pillowcase each. It is interesting when you look at a piece of fabric and match it to each child's personality. My pile of fabric looks interesting for our 38 grandchildren. But like i have said before, i will sew them pillowcases and mend their clothes, but they will not get a pieced quilt from Grandma, like some Grandma's do. I do not like piecing quilts, even tho i am at my sewing machine everyday. I will change any jacket zipper, shorten pant legs, alter prom and wedding dresses, make curtains, piece memory pillows, sew on borders and bindings, the list is endless. There is always a pile of things waiting to be worked on. Yesterday i marked a few quilts, so that the quilters can hand quilt them. And when needed i help with customers and counters.

The week after Christmas is butcher week for the family from Ohio, they like to do it when their children are off of school for Christmas break. They will do beef, pigs, deer. Everything will be done in our heated shop. The list is long of things they'd like to make, ground meat, different kinds of lunch meat, snack sticks, jerky, sausage, bacon, hams, scrapple, and of course their roasts/cuts from the beef & pork. And then last of all they render the lard. Some years we do homemade laundry soap, but i have a lot leftover from last year. Harvey really enjoys it all, but im okay staying in the house babysitting the younger grandchildren so they can play. The older grandchildren like to help, and keeping the hot grill filled with meat, seems they butcher & eat meat all day long.

Will you have pork & sauerkraut for your New Years meal?? When we lived in PA, many years ago, the Berks County natives taught us, never eat chicken on New Year's Day, only pork. Because chickens scratch backwards and pigs roots forward. Remember this is an old folks tale, but it has a valid point. Let's remember to look forward to the New Year with positiveness, not look back at the old year with regrets.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rachel for the Country Fabrics Team

**Christmas isn't show gifts
Or glittering decoration
It's honoring our Savior, Jesus Christ
In humble adoration.**

**It's serving those less fortunate,
Meeting their needs before our own;
It's making sure at Christmas time
That no one is alone.**

**It's taking what we would have spent
On things that no one needs,
And using it to help someone
With Service and good deeds.**

**Our Savior showed us how to live
With charity, faith and service.
It makes the holidays a joy,
More peaceful, and less nervous.**

**So let's remember Christmas is
About our Savior's birth;
That's the way to happiness,
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A Small Wooden Box

Christmas is for love. It is for joy, for giving and sharing, for laughter, for reuniting with family and friends. But mostly, Christmas is for love. I had not understood this until a student, with wide-eye innocent eyes and soft rosy cheeks, gave me a wondrous gift one Christmas.

Mark was an 11 year old orphan who lived with his aunt, a bitter middle aged woman greatly annoyed with the burden of caring for her dead sister's son. She never failed to remind young Mark, if it hadn't been for her generosity, he would be a vagrant, homeless waif. Still, with all the scolding and chilliness at home, he was a sweet and gentle child.

I had not noticed Mark particularly until he began staying after class each day (at the risk of arousing his aunt's anger, I later found) to help me straighten up the room. We did this quietly and comfortably, not speaking much, but enjoying the solitude of that hour of the day. When we did talk, Mark spoke mostly of his mother. Though he was quite small when she died, he remembered a kind, gentle, loving woman, who always spent much time with him.

As Christmas drew near however, Mark failed to stay after school each day. I looked forward to his coming, and when the days passed and he continued to scamper hurriedly from the room after class, I decided to stop him one afternoon and ask why he no longer helped me in the room. I told him how I had missed him, and his large gray eyes lit up eagerly as he replied, "Did you really miss me?"

I explained how he had been my best helper. "I was making you a surprise," he whispered confidentially. "It's for Christmas." With that, he became embarrassed and dashed from the room. He didn't stay after school any more after that. Finally came the last school day before Christmas. Mark crept slowly into the room late that afternoon with his hands concealing something behind his back. "I have your present," he said timidly when I looked up. "I hope you like it." He held out his hands, and there lying in his small palms was a tiny wooden box. "It's beautiful, Mark. Is there something in it?" I asked opening the top to look inside.

"Oh you can't see what's in it," He replied, "and you can't touch it, or taste it or feel it, but mother always said it makes you feel good all the time, warm on cold nights, and safe when you're all alone." I gazed into the empty box.

"What is it, Mark," I asked gently, "that will make me feel so good?"

"It's love," he whispered softly, "and mother always said it's best when you give it away." And he turned and quietly left the room.

So now I keep a small box crudely made of scraps of wood, on the piano in my living room and only smile as inquiring friends raise quizzical eyebrows when I explain to them that there is love in it.

The birth of Christ is all about God's love. He gave His Son! Yes, love isn't love until you give it away, and oh the warmth that it brings to all.

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Thursday, January 29th 10:00am - 4pm \$40.00 plus pattern

SIT AND SEW - BYOP (BRING YOUR OWN PROJECT)

Bring a project (or two) of your own choosing and get some serious work done on it. There is always lots of sewing, laughter, & fellowship, so come join the fun!

Tues., Dec. 16th

Wed., Dec. 17th

Fri., Jan. 30th

Tues., Feb. 10th

Thurs. March 5th

10:00am - 4pm

Cost: \$40



NORTHERN NINJAS

This quilt uses 5" squares (cut your own or use charm packs) to create Stars that are created with a unique snowball corner technique.



Monday, February 9th 10:00am - 4pm \$40.00 plus pattern

CROSSHAIRS QUILT

Six half-yard cuts and a favorite background fabric are all that are needed to create this stunning quilt. The 12 blocks are deceptively easy to create, making this 54"x72" quilt a joy to sew.



Wednesday, March 4th 10:00am - 4pm \$40.00 plus pattern

EVENTS BY COUNTRY FABRICS SEWING CENTER

PILLOWCASE SEWING BEE

Whether you're a beginner or an advanced seamstress, we invite you to join us for a FREE pillowcase sewing bee. Country Fabrics will supply fabrics, machines and threads for you. Finished pillowcases will be donated. Finished pillowcases also accepted, if you can't join us to sew.



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

JANUARY 23rd

10:00 - 11:00 or 1:00-2:00 or 3:30-4:30

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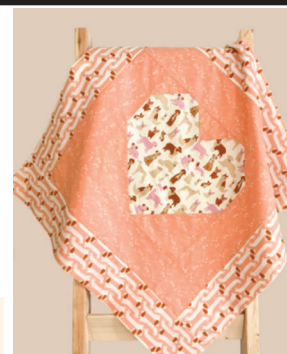
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Country Fabrics will be CLOSED
December 25-26-27, 2025
January 1-2-3, 2026

Changing days and months are a matter of course, what is unusual is the change that occurs in us.

May we always strive to be a better person.

Dressing

Ingredients

1/4 cup butter	1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 lb fresh sliced mushrooms	1/8 tsp. pepper
1/2 cup chopped onion (scant)	2 eggs, beaten
1 cup chopped celery	2 tbsp. parsley
12 cups sourdough bread	1 1/2 cup chicken broth
1 1/2 tsp. poultry seasoning	

Directions

Cube bread and let dry for a day or toast in oven. Sauté onion, mushrooms, and celery in butter until soft. Add remaining ingredients, and mix with bread cubes. Preheat cast iron skillet with butter amount of your choice, add dressing, fry till toasted. drizzle with gravy.

Delicious! Can be made day before and then put into roaster or crockpot to heat up.

Pumpkin Pie Squares

Crust

3/4 cup oatmeal
1/2 cup brown sugar
3/4 cup butter
1 1/2 cup flour (or gluten free flour of choice)

Filling

1 c sugar
1 tsp salt
2 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp vanilla
4 c pumpkin
1 1/2 c milk
4 eggs
2 tbsp flour

Crust

Mix crust and press into 9x13 pan. bake at 350° for 15 minutes

Filling

Combine filling ingredients and pour onto crust. Bake 35-40 minutes longer, or until set.

To serve, garnish w/coolwhip