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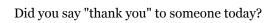
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Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

The Pilgrims gave thanks for the harvest in 1621 and President Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a day of rest and a National holiday in 1863.



Giving thanks doesn't need to be saved for the big things and surely doesn't need to be saved for one official day of the year!? Meister Eckhart, a 13th century Christian said "if the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is 'thank you' – it will be enough."

For your couple 10 and 10 this week consider taking a moment and writing, personal reflection and couple dialogue to each other "What am I grateful for?" ... and then on Thanksgiving when you sit down with family, friends and guests, share what you are thankful and grateful for.

Take a minute today to say "thank you" to your spouse and be thankful for each other. We are certainly thankful for each of you! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Hugs, Mike and Joni

2016 NME Conference Correction

We will meet you in **Stevens Point Wisconsin** (not
Stephens Point as mistyped in
the previous conference update)
for the summer conference:
August 4-7, 2016! You will find
conference information in



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Mindful Marriage Moments



See Mike and Joni's 10/10 suggestion in their introductory message.

monthly updates called *The Gift* of . . .

If you haven't seen them, drop us an email message and we will personally forward copies of the August, September, and October updates.

NME News Team

Weekend/Event Testimonials

"I loved it! It has been both hard and rewarding. And just what my husband and I needed at this place in our marriage. I think it will be more meaningful and ever-lasting than renewal of vows could ever be."

Chippewa Valley



Send us your personal testimonials or ones from past or current weekends. We will only identify them by location as above. If your upcoming weekends don't appear on the list below, send us the dates asap. - NME News Team

Weekend/Event Dates

November

November 6-8 – Green Bay ME November 7-8 – Jefferson City November 21 – Twin Cities (Engaged)

December

December 5-6 – New Mexico December 12-13 – Twin Cities ME

2016 Dates

February

February 6-7 – North Texas February 10-12 – Central Texas February 13-14 – Jefferson City



Board Tools for Affiliates

The NME Board is working on



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In addition, consider the question below from Dr. Gary Chapman; also found on the NME Facebook page, July 8, 2015 as you go through these pre-holiday weeks. Share what that quote, saying, or proverb means to you with your spouse.

What quote, saying, or proverb do you try to live by on a daily basis?



Prayer Network

Please pray for encountering couples and the presentation teams on the fall NME weekends listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

To submit your name to be on the list to pray, or to make a prayer request, send an email to: Mike and Gene Vander Heyden mikengene@gmail.com.

Put Prayer Network in the email subject line.

some exciting initiatives. You will find more information in future newsletters and at the 2016 NME Conference. If there are any issues that you would like the Board to address at the conference and/or in their meetings,



please contact you regional trustees or the Executive Team. See the column at the left for contact information.

One of the current initiatives is the use of Zoom for Board meetings. This option might have implications for weekend teams, small group sessions, regional meetings, and education events for affiliate leaders. **Any more ideas...?**

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