

1952

THANKSGIVING



Turkey and all the trimmings!

1953

1956

Thanksgiving on Campus

In the earlier years of CEI/Vennard, students stayed on campus for Thanksgiving. A traditional dinner was shared by the college family, and there was an all-school basketball game.



Preparing dinner

Russell Harris



Serving dinner,
the cook
Arthur Harris (Gramps)
and his staff.



If you know the names of these students, please email us at alumnihome@vcaa.net

Serving Thanksgiving dinner, the cook Arthur Harris (Gramps) and his staff.





THANKSGIVING DAY AT VENNARD 1960

LET US GIVE THANKS

We have so much to thank Thee for, dear Lord—
Thy love that gathers us in sweet accord
To pray and praise. For tables richly spread
And blessed peace that sweetens daily bread.
For joys of life that gild the passing days—
Home, work, love, friends. For freedom's shining rays
That spotlight cherished rights to think, to speak,
To worship as we please. Lord, help us seek
For ways to share these gifts with all mankind!
And hasten on the golden years that find
From sea to sea the battle flags all furled—
Thanksgiving Day observed throughout the world!

MAUREEN MURDOCH



1962

Thanksgiving Day



PORTRAITURE OF THANKFULNESS



COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS



HORN OF PLENTY

Thanksgiving Day is one of both fun and blessing at Vennard. In the morning there is a basketball game. At noon there is a program presented by the Junior class and a wonderful meal with all of the trimmings. The theme this year was "Blessings More Abundant."

1963

Fall Activities

The Juniors prepare the setting for Thanksgiving dinner.



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Thanksgiving



Reminiscent of an earlier Thanksgiving.



Joyce Webb distributing the traditional booklets.

"Trust in the living GOD, who GIVETH us richly all things to enjoy." I Timothy 6:17

1964

Thanksgiving



Joyce Webb and Bonnie Ponder contemplate the significance of Thanksgiving as the Juniors present their skit.



Marilyn Lindsey, Janet Hawkins, Karlene Anderson, and Kenneth Johnson minister in music.

The gymnasium was the scene of the first activity of Thanksgiving Day as a rousing basketball game claimed the interest of players and spectators alike. By noon, however, the cheers had ceased and the ball lay abandoned in the corner; the Vennard dining room was now the center of attention. Students, faculty, staff, and guests gathered around the tables to offer thanks and to enjoy the material blessings. The Junior Class presented the theme, "God Giveth," through a skit and the traditional booklets of verse and prose were given to everyone. A musical program provided by the Juniors completed the dining room activities. Later in the afternoon the theme "God Giveth" was further emphasized in the President's vesper service. Thus, the day closed with praises to God for all that "He Giveth."



Junior ensemble presents theme song, "This is My Country."

1965



True concept of Thanksgiving presented in a reading by Bobbie Fansler.

Traditional Thanksgiving Observed

Food is always an important part of many Vennard functions.

Why can't we use paper plates?



Thanksgiving 1964 was a day of fun, fellowship, and festivities for all Vennard alumni, students, and friends. The day's activities opened with basketball and the rousing cheers of the spectators revealed the enjoyment received. A short time later all were found in the beautifully decorated dining hall for the traditional dinner and the Junior class program which followed the theme "This is My Country." To close the day a vesper service was presented through various musical numbers.

All through the day acquaintances were renewed and old friends visited and recalled memories of their college days. It was truly a day of thanksgiving.



Junior Class Mixed Quartet: Dean McColley, Judy Forney, Sara Radebaugh, Dave Cedervall.



Junior Class Trio: Luann Lester, Joyce Henry, Esther Johnson.

1967 Cups Run Over With Thanksgiving

"Liberty in Christ" was the theme of the Thanksgiving banquet for this school year. The Junior class presented us with the fact that we are not thankful enough for the liberties we enjoy in our country. Following the banquet, Dr. Harris gave a challenging message along this theme.



Junior Class Male Quartet: Tim Hicke, Rich Forney, Gale Dorthy, Dwight Goodman.



Choir presents concert at the Vesper Service.



The delicious banquet was enjoyed by all.

1969

October Open House

Thanksgiving



*One God
One Nation
One Hope*



1970



“Thus Saith the Lord
Stand,
See,
Ask,
Walk”

Jeremiah 6:16



The Junior Class presents a Thanksgiving program contrasting the pilgrim's worship service with a modern day worship service. Preceding the program the students and faculty went on a pilgrimage ending up at the chapel.

Thanksgiving



Working up an appetite!



Thanksgiving dinner for friends and relatives.

1971



You would think the turkey was chasing THEM!

Carol Resleff, Ron Farnum, and Joyce Hall practice for Thanksgiving vesper service.



A choral reading set the mood in the opening moments of the vesper service.



Thankful Thinking Theme of Vespers

The call to thankful thinking, the content of such thoughts, and the consequences of thinking thankfully in daily life were presented to the Vennard Family by the Junior class at the vesper service. An early morning turkey-chase, basketball games, and the traditional feast also marked the day.

Jim Vander Schuur speaks on "Thinking Thankfully".



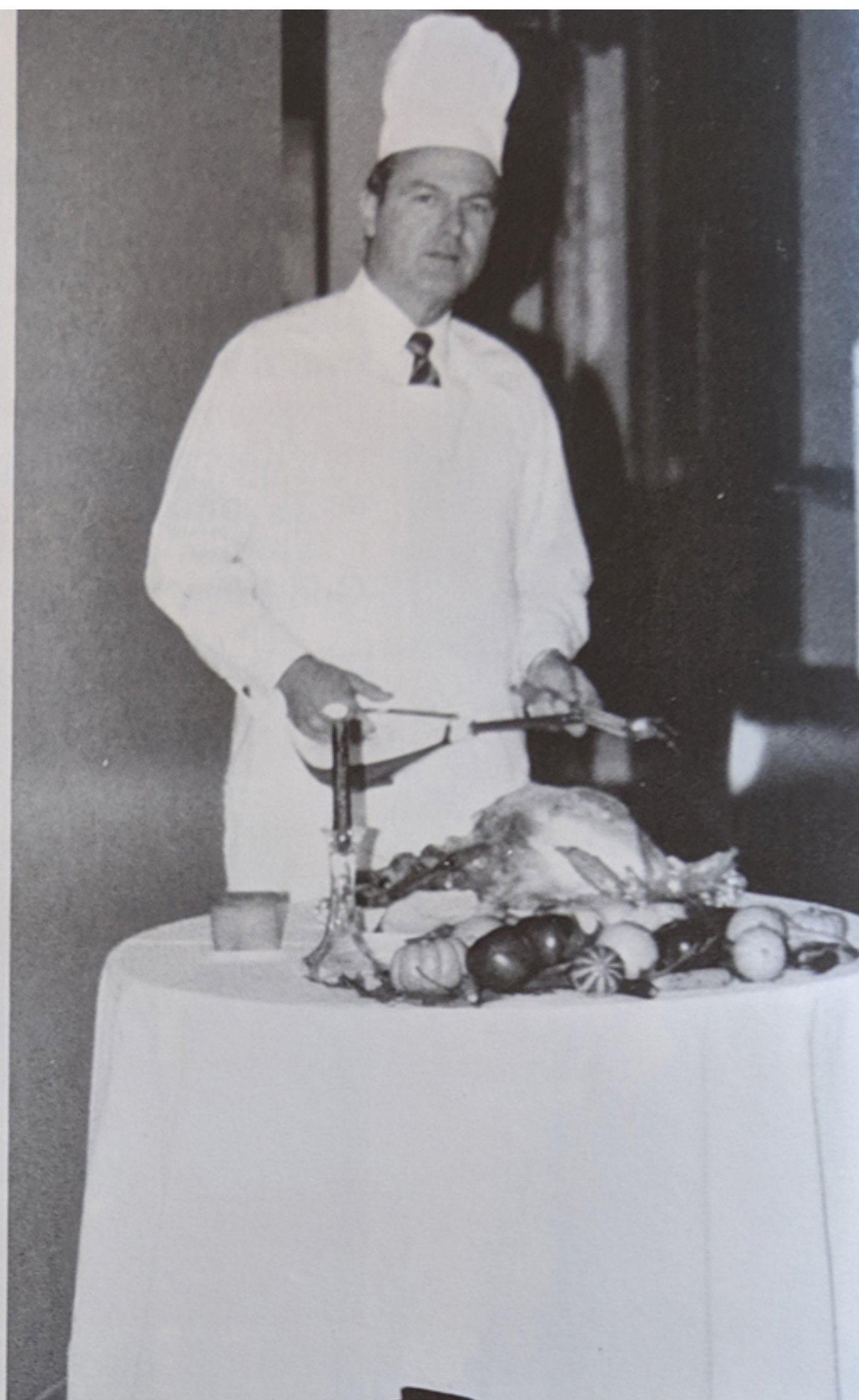
1989a

Thanksgiving Vespers

A bountiful banquet sponsored by the Vennard Ministerial Association includes all of the Vennard Campus family. It was a beautiful time of fellowship and of giving thanks.

At this time our annual offering for the Bethany Children's Home in Kentucky was received. Our love gift provides these children with a shopping trip to the big city and lunch at McDonalds. With our gift of cash they can buy something special for someone at Christmas. It is a treat they look forward to year after year.

V.M.A. officers for the 1988-'89 school year were: Jay Miiller, President; Terry Chapman, Vice-president; Kevin Klucas, Secretary-Treasurer; George Smith and Owen Recor, Members at Large



Top:
Chef Boy-ar-dee? Naw, it's just our beloved Dr. Israel carving the traditional turkey.

Bottom: The presence of food brings out the "beast" side of Doug Murphy. "Don't you DARE touch my turkey!" Becky Boese and LeeAnn Owen aren't too sure it's safe to stay in the vicinity.





Top left: Doris Adutwum and daughter, Jessica, enjoy the evening with friends.

Right: "Patience, Reed, your din-din will be served up shortly." Reed's wife, Mary, checks to see if her neighbor has anything better to eat.

Center: Carl Davis, for the table service for Sprunk's table, checks to see if anyone wants more pie.

Bottom left: Dale Ecklid thinks that the pumpkin pie is delicious, down to the very last crumb.

Right: Steve Pickens, Jason Comstock, Mark Becker, and Trudy Rivera are ready for the program to get underway.

1989b



THANKSGIVING VESPERS 1990

The Thanksgiving Vesper service is sponsored yearly by the Venard Ministerial Association. Officers for 1989-90 are Jay Müller, President; Terry Chapman, V.P.; Eleanor Coster, Sec./Treas.; and Members-at-large Shawn Rundquist and Owen Recor.



Top to bottom, left to right: Dr. Israel gets ready for the annual "carving of the turkey" ceremony.
Servers left to right . . . Masako Arai, Lisa Cole, Carole Hofer, Trudy Rivera, Linda Stateler, Heidi Harrington and Jodi Hofer.
Jay and Sonia Müller, with their children, begin filling their plates from the buffet.
The cooks are pleased at the prospect of a good meal. L to r: Tasha Druhl, Darren Key, Annie Williams and Joel Tooley.
Mary Stevens shares her testimony from her heart.

THANKSGIVING 1992 VESPERS

This dinner sponsored by the Vennard Ministerial Association included all of the college family. At this time nearly \$890.00 was raised to bring Christmas cheer to the children at the Bethany Christian Center in Kentucky.

Below: Turkey talk - Professor Ralph Sprunk used a paper gobbler to give his devotional during the vesper service.

Below left: Students shared in a bountiful meal provided by the Vennard Food Service. From left to right are: Rusty Cochran, Greg Witzenberg, Paula and Brian Kushman.



Above left: Roy Nelson did a noteworthy job of directing the music following the meal.
Above: Priscilla Roberts couldn't get home for the Thanksgiving holiday, so her parents came here to share in this special family dinner. Joel Tooley had the honor of doing table service for this evening event.

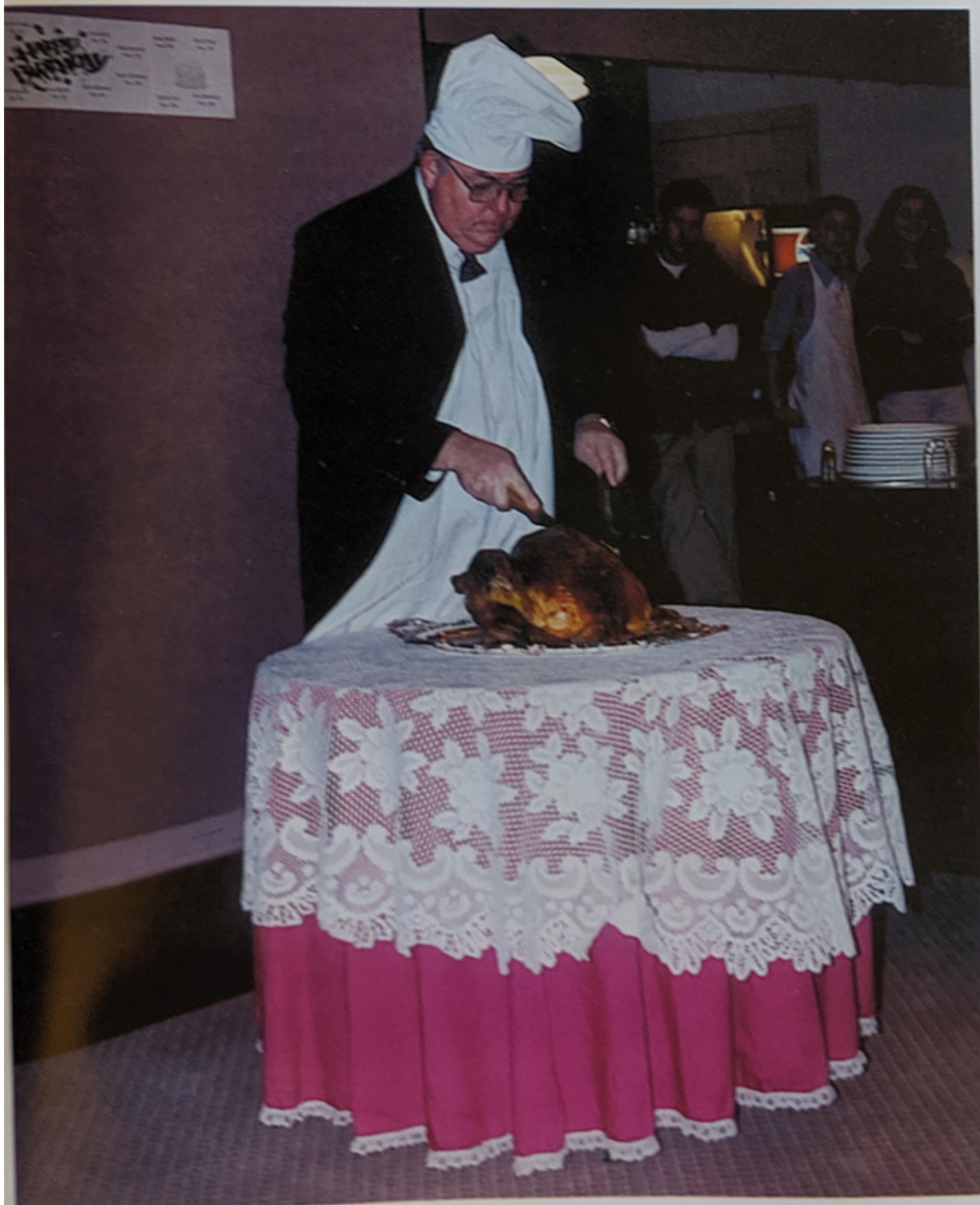
Thanksgiving Vespers

2001



Left: Faculty, staff, and students enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

Below: Rev. David Smith presents the challenge to give thanks in all of life's circumstances.



Left: Dr. Rickman keeps with tradition by cutting the turkey.

2002



Above: Dr. Rickman carves the turkey. Center: This group of ladies (l to r: Caree Nearmyer, Rosa Kermeen, Jodi Beck, and Shannon Byerly) provide the evening's music. Right: Students ponder things for which they are thankful.



2004 Vennard Celebrates the Holidays

Right: Bryan and Becky Canny take time to pose for the camera.



Above: Dustin Stewart (front), Donnie Powell, Leanne Merrill, and Dan Deminsky are ready for some turkey and stuffing.

Lower center: Missionary John Muehleisen uses Dr. Moyer as his ventriloquist "dummy."



Right: Dr. Moyer carves the turkey for the Thanksgiving Dinner.





2007a

Reggie, Mike, Dave and Dustin at the Wheeler's table

Thanksgiving Banquet

Brandon, Steve, Kyle, Jake and Jessie at the Penn's table



2007b



Blake and
Jillian



Daniel and Jonie with their
respective typical poses while
Liz just grins.



They're all couples and all
best buddies: Chris & Kim,
Mark & Tana, Krista & Adam,
Meggan & Trevor



Daniel, Rachelle, Lynne and TJ all dressed up and ready to eat.

