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Dear Friends,

Well ... truth be told ... I don't know a thing about getting ready for Thanksgiving. In my entire adult life, I have never prepared Thanksgiving dinner. I've never even helped! After spending my early years with my own family where this annual feast was lovingly prepared by my mother and aunts, I married Ed and we started spending Thanksgiving Day with Ed's family. We spend Wednesday night before Thanksgiving with my family at our annual Oyster Roast ... always a fun-filled and festive night hosted by my sister, Nikki, and brother-in-law, Wayne. On Thursday, we make our way to Pinehurst where we enjoy Bloodies, Beers, Burgers, and Fries in the Pine Needles grill. After sufficient napping and sometimes a long walk, we shower and dress for Liz's beautiful Thanksgiving dinner. Just writing about it all makes me so excited!!!

Because I don't cook Thanksgiving dinner, I've asked my sister-in-law to share a few of the recipes we've enjoyed over the years. I've chosen to pass along three of our favorite sides. A bounty for this time of year when we give thanks for the bounty in our lives. As I say this, I am quickly reminded in my spirit of those whose tables and lives are not as full or bountiful. I pray the Lord always quickens us to think of and do for others.

We will not have a newsletter next week ... EE will be observing the Thanksgiving week holiday. I'll try to share a few things on Instagram and look forward to seeing some of your moments there too!

With love, gratitude, and blessings for a very Happy Thanksgiving!





Bourbon Sweet Potatoes

SERVES 8 Adapted from Virginia Hospitality

INGREDIENTS

Collards

SERVES 8-10 Adapted from Magnolia's Restaurant

SWEET POTATOES

4 lbs sweet potatoes

Salt

½ cup butter, softened

½ cup bourbon

1/3 cup orange juice

1/4 cup light brown sugar, packed

1 tsp salt

½ tsp apple pie spice

TOPPING

1 cup pecans, chopped

1 cup brown sugar

1/3 cup flour

1/3 cup butter, softened

INGREDIENTS

- 3 bunches collards, washed, trimmed and chopped
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 tbsp minced garlic
- 1 ham hock
- 1 cup apple cider vinegar
- 9 cups chicken broth
- 2-3 tsp hot sauce

Salt and pepper

Brussel Sprouts with Radicchio and Pancetta

SERVES 8-10 Adapted from Williams Sonoma

INGREDIENTS

2 lbs Brussels sprouts, shredded or sliced

8 oz pancetta, diced or sliced

- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 1 head of radicchio, trimmed and chopped

Salt

1/4-1/2 cup chicken broth

Pepper

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