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## **Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Hike in Aurora**

• A 70-Year Tradition Continues at First Presbyterian Church

**Aurora, Ill., Nov. 19, 2013 (*The Religion Wire™*)** — It's been an annual Aurora Thanksgiving tradition for 70 years, that's First Presbyterian Church's ***Thanksgiving Turkey Hike and Breakfast (Nov. 28)***.

First Presbyterian Church of Aurora extends an invitation to the Fox Valley community to join this annual event that culminates at the Harkness Family Center, 60 S. Fourth St.

**Starting at 6:30 a.m.** there will be a choice of two different hike lengths. Hiking on park district paved paths (tentative with construction) along the Fox River, hikers may start from McCullough Park or take a 3.1 mile circular hike starting and ending at the Harkness Family Center. A current map of both routes is available at church's office.

**Breakfast will be served from 7:30-8:30 a.m.** It includes pancakes, sausages, cereal, fruit, and beverages. Following breakfast, there is a time of thanksgiving to God in song and a brief devotional message.

Last year, over 150 individuals were served Thanksgiving morning breakfast. This year planners are hoping to serve 200 plus hikers and non-hikers. Organizers note...it's true — some hikers just hike from the parking lot to the breakfast table!

Breakfast tickets are \$3.00 for adults; \$1.00 for children age 10 and under. Advance ticket purchases are encouraged. Hike day walk-ins are always welcomed.

The Thanksgiving family hike is a First Presbyterian tradition. Back in 1943 a hike and breakfast was started for the “young people” and remained a high school event until it gradually became something for everyone in the seventies and eighties.

For more information about the ***Thanksgiving Turkey Hike and Breakfast (Nov. 28)*** and tickets call (630) 844-0050 or visit [firstpresaurora.org](http://firstpresaurora.org).

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