

thanksgiving

2021

menu

1. roasted mushrooms with garlic + thyme
2. pumpkin spice cashew cheese dip
3. asiago dip
4. baked kosher salami
5. veg-all casserole
6. honey maple roasted carrots
7. praline sweet potatoes
8. slow cooker creamed corn
9. white chocolate pumpkin mousse cake

roasted mushrooms with garlic + thyme

[cakescottage.com]

32 even sized open cap mushrooms
4 cloves garlic
1 tsp garlic powder
2 tbs thyme fresh
3 tbs lemon juice
salt + pepper
6 tbs olive/veg oil
10 tbs breadcrumbs, fresh
6 tbs butter, unsalted

1. lightly fry the mushrooms, cap-side down, in hot oil for 2-3 minutes.
2. arrange the mushrooms in a 9x13" cooking dish (or whatever rectangular oven-proof dish you have on hand) with the stalks facing upwards.
3. in a small bowl, mix together the butter (make sure its softened), garlic, thyme, lemon juice and seasoning.
4. spoon a little garlic butter on to each mushroom, then lightly press breadcrumbs on top.
5. either refrigerate for later use or bake immediately in the oven for 15 minutes or golden around the mushroom cap.

pumpkin spice cashew cheese dip

[lunchboxbunch.com]

1 can 15 oz pumpkin (unsweetened, pure)
2 c raw cashews (soaked and drained)
½ c water (use soaked nut water)
¼ c maple syrup (sweeten to taste)
2-3 tbs grapeseed oil (olive/pumpkin seed oil)
½ tsp sea salt (to taste)
¼ c lemon juice (orange or tangerine)
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp nutmeg
½ tsp cayenne

1. soak the raw cashews overnight in salted water. drain but reserve the water for the dip.
2. preheat the oven to 250°F.
3. add the drained cashews, pumpkin, maple syrup, lemon juice, oil, salt and spices to a food processor or high speed blender.
4. add the water in a few splashes at a time. add more if needed. you want to process the cheese into a thick texture - a bit thicker than hummus. process until the desired texture is reached (at least 2 minutes on high).
5. do a taste test. add in more spices/salt/sweetener/lemon juice as you see fit. you can also add in additional flavor changers like harissa for smoky/spicy taste. or crushed sage for a warm herbed flavor. or extra black pepper for a peppery flavor.
6. when your flavor is perfect, pour your cheese into your baking/serving dish. sprinkle a few modest spices on top. you can also top with a few pumpkin seeds as a nice garnish. the seed will toast up nicely in the oven. shallow dishes will result in a firmer/drier end product. deep dishes will keep your smooth creamy texture.
7. for a shallow dish, bake at 250°F for 50+ minutes. for the deep dish where you only want to warm the center and crisp the top, you only need to bake at 250°F for 20-30 minutes. the cheese dip will dry out the longer you bake it.
8. serve warm, you can also chill and firm up in the fridge if you'd like a cold dip. serve with veggies, crackers, bread cubes. you can also drizzle oil and/or maple syrup on the top if you would like.

asiago dip

[rae ellen stewart]

7 oz can of artichoke hearts, drained
1 c asiago cheese, shredded
8 oz sour cream
1 tbs garlic
2 c mayonnaise
salt + pepper to taste

1. combine all ingredients into a bowl and mix well.
2. warm up the dip in toaster oven and serve with vegetables or crackers.

baked kosher salami

[princesspinkygirl.com]

1 kosher salami, any size
1 jar apricot preserves
(12 oz)
½ jar dijon mustard
(6-8 oz jar)

1. slice salami about ⅛ to ¼ inch thick, but not all the way through.
2. leave it intact enough at the bottom so it will hold together
3. place salami, apricot preserves and dijon mustard all in a large ziplock bag.
4. shake the bag so the marinade covers the entire salami + let it sit overnight in the fridge.
5. bake at 350°F for 30-40 minutes and then place under broiler for a few minutes to toast the top.
6. cut up salami and use toothpicks to serve. use extra marinade as a dipping sauce.

veg-all casserole

[mom]

2 cans (16 oz) veg-all,
drained
1 c mayonnaise
1 can cream of chicken
soup
1 can water chestnuts,
sliced
1 can corn
ritz cracker crumbs
for topping

1. mix all ingredients and bake in greased casserole dish for 350°F for 30 minutes.
2. top with cracker crumbs + bake for 10 more minutes.

honey rosemary carrots

[all recipes]

4 large carrots, peeled and
cut diagonally into ¼ inch
slices
¼ c water
2 tbs butter
¼ c honey
1 sprig fresh rosemary,
leaves stripped

1. bring carrots, water and butter to a boil in a small saucepan; reduce heat to medium and simmer for 10 minutes. add honey and rosemary; continue simmering until carrots are tender, about 5 minutes more.

praline sweet potatoes

[mom]

4 c sweet potatoes
½ c white sugar
2 tbs vanilla extract
4 eggs, beaten
½ pint, heavy cream
¼ lb butter
1 c packed brown sugar
½ c all purpose flour
1¼ c chopped pecans

1. drain and mash the sweet potatoes.
2. butter one 2 quart casserole dish. preheat to 350°F.
3. in a mixing bowl, combine the sweet potatoes, sugar, vanilla extract, eggs + cream. blend well and spread evenly in a casserole dish.
4. prepare the topping by combining the butter, brown sugar, flour + pecans. mix until crumbly + sprinkle over sweet potato mixture. bake 30 minutes in a preheated oven.

slow cooker creamed corn

[damndelicious.com]

3 x 15.25 oz whole kernel corn, drained
1 c milk
1 tbs sugar
¼ tsp pepper
8 oz cream cheese, cubed
½ c (1 stick) butter, unsalted

1. place corn into a slow cooker stir in milk, sugar and pepper until well combined. without stirring, top with butter and cream cheese. cover and cook on high heat for 2-3 hours.
2. uncover and stir until butter and cream cheese are well combined.
3. cover and cook on high heat for an additional 15 minutes.
4. serve immediately.

white chocolate pumpkin mousse cake

[adapted from paula deen]

crust

2 c crushed graham crackers
¼ c sugar
½ c (1 stick) butter, melted

filling

6 tbs apple cider
1¼ oz (1 envelope) pkg unflavored gelatin
2½ c heavy cream, divided
10 (1 oz) squares white chocolate, chopped
3 (8 oz) packages of cream cheese, softened
1 c sugar
¾-1 c pumpkin butter or 1-¼ c pumpkin pie filling
1½ tsp pumpkin pie spice
1½ oz white chocolate, grated or shaved into curls, for garnish
2 c water

crust

1. mix together the cracker crumbs, sugar and butter. press the mixture into the bottom and 1 inch up the sides of a 10 inch springform pan. set aside.

filling

1. in a medium saucepan over medium heat, add the apple cider. whisk in the gelatin and ½ c of the heavy cream and bring to a simmer. remove the pan from the heat. add 10 oz of white chocolate and stir until smooth. allow to cool.
2. using an electric mixer, blend together the cream cheese, sugar and pumpkin pie spice in a medium bowl, until smooth. slowly beat in the cooled white chocolate mixture into cream cheese mixture.
3. using clean, dry beaters, beat the remaining 2 c heavy cream in a small bowl, until it forms soft peaks. fold it into the white chocolate mixture. gently mix in the pumpkin butter/pie filling to create a marbling effect. pour into the pie crust. cover and freeze overnight.
4. remove from freezer and run a sharp knife around inside of springform pan to help loosen the pie. release springform ring from the bottom of the pan and transfer the pie to a serving plate. grate or curl the white chocolate over the top to garnish. cut into wedges with a knife that has been dipped into hot water and serve.