## Hopeful things

## MAPLE PECAN PIE

Makes 1 (9-inch) pie

I love this recipe because it uses maple syrup instead of corn syrup. The whiskey is optional, and it adds another layer of flavor.

1 (9-inch) unbaked pie shell Filling

1 cup maple syrup

1 tablespoon whiskey

3 large eggs

3 tablespoons butter, melted

1 teaspoon vanilla bean paste or

vanilla extract

<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup brown sugar

2 tablespoons flour

1/4 teaspoon salt

1½ cup chopped pecans

In a bowl, whisk together all filling ingredients except the pecans. Place pecans in unbaked pie shell and pour syrup mixture over pecans. Bake at 350°F for 45-50 minutes, or until top starts to puff up and center seems set.