

ST. PAUL'S UCC NEWSLETTER



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A Loving Church, Making a Difference in the World



Letter from the Pastor Emeritus



When Carrie developed her heart condition in 2017, she was admonished to go on a low-sodium diet. She tried her best, with quite a bit of success. Using a variety of alternative seasonings and spices, we were still able to prepare some food with some flavor, at least edible. Then, we tried cooking hamburgers with seasoning other than salt. They were the worst hamburgers we ever prepared at home. IOW: NO SALT! NO FLAVOR!

During worship on July 2nd, I heard Rev. Norton expound on Matthew 5:13: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?"

Jesus is talking about us, His disciples. He is talking about the church. Literally, Jesus means for us, our church, to season and add flavor to the world. It becomes a hard saying when He makes it poignantly clear that if we can no longer add flavor to the world, then we are of no use to the kingdom.

When each of us heard the call to follow Jesus, we committed ourselves to season the world with a robust flavor, and in so, doing our part to usher in the Kingdom of God. "Seek ye first the kingdom and His righteousness." (Matthew 33 KJV)

Pastor Deeker



ILLITERACY In America:

- According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, 21% of adults in the U.S. (about 43 million) fall into the illiterate/functionally illiterate category.
- In the U.S., 44% of adults don't read a book in a year.
- In the U.S., the problem of illiteracy has gotten so bad that 44 million adults are currently unable to read a simple story to their children.
- 50% of adults in the U.S. struggle to read books that are appropriate for 8th grade.
- About 50% of Americans have reading skills so poor that they cannot complete simple tasks like reading the labels of prescription drugs.
- Missouri ranks 23rd in the 50 states in Child Literacy Statistics (4th grade). 65% of 4th grade students in Missouri cannot read proficiently.

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August Extra Step - Good Samaritan Fund

This is a St. Paul's UCC fund created to help families in need in emergency situations. Money designated for this purpose, will go into this fund to be used on an as needed basis.



St. Paul's UCC Staff

Pastors by Supply	
Robbin DeVore (office@stpaulsuccmo.org)	Secretary
Sally Rohe	Organist
Sally & Tony Rohe	Custodians
Debbie Garbs.....	Choir Director
Cathie Schoppenhorst, Gene Ahmann, Brenda Daniels, Amy Lange	Projection Technicians
Robbin DeVore	Newsletter Editor

Church Council

Curt Rohe	President/Missions Committee
Bob Aholt.....	Vice President/Pastoral Relations Committee
Kendall Lange	Recording Secretary
Lulu Hasenjaeger	Financial Secretary/Altar Guild/Historical Committee
Diane Freese.....	Treasurer
John Buhr	Buildings & Grounds Committee
Cheryl Swartz.....	Christian Education Committee/Membership Care Committee



BACK TO SCHOOL
AUGUST 21, 2023!!!





WOMEN'S GUILD

hosted a luncheon for ladies of all area churches.

55 ATTENDED

Many thanks to all who helped with this event.

NEXT MEETING—WED., AUG. 2ND

(See pg. 4 for more info.)

2PM—Fellowship Hall

EVANGELISM

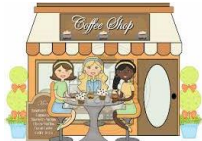
Food Stand & Basket Raffle
proceeds from the
Concert in the Park
in June totaled



\$1,110.68

Sunday Morning Fellowship

We need *volunteers* to assist with coffee, lemonade, and donuts.



The sign-up sheet is in the lobby.

See Marigene Kersten with questions or inquiries.

Thank you for your participation.



Quilting

**Mondays
10am-4pm**

Contact Audrey Meyer with questions or inquiries.

STEAK DINNER UPDATE

Monetary figures are not in yet, but will be relayed as they become available.



A **HUGE** thanks to the many hands that helped make this event a success!



**Sunday School Classes will resume in the fall on
Sunday, September 10, 2023.**

BURGER LUNCHEON UPDATE

**Roughly 100 burgers were served.
Thanks all who helped make this a success.**



**Pat Shacklette won
the 50/50=\$75.**



**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
MON., AUG. 21ST—6PM**

Sudoku Solving Directions: To solve, place a number into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9-box square within the larger diagram (there are 9 of these) will contain every number from 1 through 9. No number can appear more than once in any row, column or 9-box square.

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THE WOMEN'S GUILD

Wednesday, August 2, 2023



The Women's Guild's regular meeting will be at **2pm**. Our project for August is Turning Point in Warrenton, a center for abused women. We are collecting household and personal care items such as paper products, soaps, detergents, kitchen and bath towels, make up, hair products, coffee and coffee filters.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO CONTRIBUTE.

Donated items can be placed in the office. Thank you for your participation.

Turning Point Mission—Turning Point was founded to provide shelter and services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Turning Point believes in the right of all people to live free from violence. Turning Point seeks to reduce the incidents of domestic violence and sexual assault and the devastating effect it has on the lives of the victim and her children. Turning Point strives to provide a safe haven and services for victims and educate the general public. An 800 number is maintained 24 hours a day / 7 days a week for victims' convenience and safety. This number does not appear on their telephone bill.



—St. Paul's VBS Update—



We had 39 students enrolled, and 24 volunteers (over the course of the week) who volunteered their time.

The volunteers were:

Gene Ahmann
Karla Aholt
Bev Buchheit
Josie Buhr
Kay Buhr
Brenda Daniels

Robbin DeVore
Karen Dohrer
Debbie Garbs
Truman Hagenbuch
Colsie Lange
Jodi Lange

Annalese Mayer
Kersten Mayer
Kennady Mayer
Collin Neithardt
Terri Ogle
Sandy Rohe

Cathie Schoppenhorst
Cheryl Swartz
Candace Warner
Emma Zeh
Teagan Zeh
Megan Zeh



SPECIAL THANKS to Terri Ogle for coordinating this event.

—Next VBS July 15-19, 2024—MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!



We'd like to thank everyone in our church for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and for all your delicious food from the Women's Guild and others who brought and served the luncheon. Thanks to Rev. Donald Deeker for having a nice service, to Sally Rohe for playing the piano so beautifully, to Robbin DeVore for singing the beautiful songs, and to Gene Ahmann for working the sound system for the service. Thanks for the thoughtfulness extended to all of our families and for attending Mom's service.

With appreciation,
The Melba Roloff family

St. Paul's Annual Chicken Dinner & Country Store

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

11AM-5PM

—CAFETERIA STYLE / DINE IN OR CARRY-OUT—

\$15 PER PERSON

Homemade desserts, homemade & hand-made items in our country store,
a quilt raffle (1st, 2nd, & 3rd place prizes) & more!!

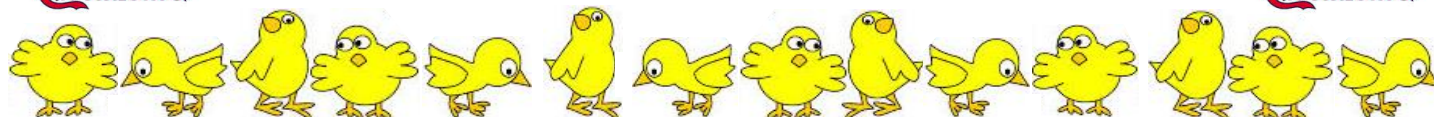
Watch for Sign-up sheets in the lobby—be sure to sign up for the shift you prefer.

Also, the country store can always use homemade and handmade items. They go fast!

Thank you for your participation and contributions.



WORKERS: Remember to wear *Cardinal Red* attire!



QUILT RAFFLE



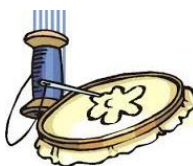
Help with selling quilt raffle tickets would
be appreciated if anyone is interested.

*Tickets for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes will be
drawn at the chicken dinner.*

Sunday, September 17, 2023



Contact Lulu Hasenjaeger,
Audrey Meyer, or Karen Dohrer
with questions or inquiries.

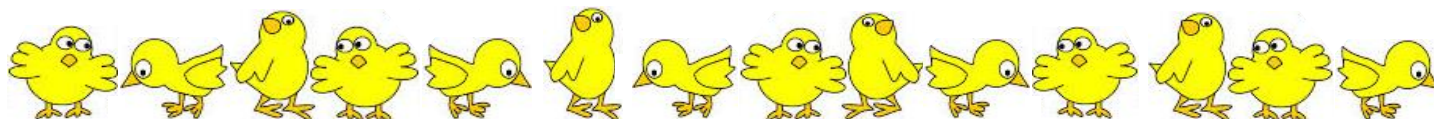


Donations for
The Country Store



Items for the country store are in very limited
supply. It is hot, hot, hot outside, so we tend to
stay in to beat the heat; why not use this time by
putting your talents into making some handmade
and/or homemade items to donate to this effort?
People LOVE handmade items such as crocheted,
knitted, embroidered, or other forms of stitched
doilies, afghans, pillowcases, scarves, etc. Other
craft projects are also welcome, as are all types of
baked goods. These things always sell.

*Thank you in advance for your
time, talents, and generosity.*





ALTAR FLOWERS:



July 2: to the honor and glory of God, by the Women's Guild.

July 9: in memory of Hazel Eichmeyer's birthday (July 12th), by Bob & Karen Dohrer.

July 16: to the honor and glory of God, by the Women's Guild.

July 23: in thankfulness of my great grandchildren's birthdays, by Jeanette Stegner.

Extra arrangement in honor of Dan & Patty Thornton's 37th wedding anniversary today, by Lulu Hasenjaeger.

July 30: to the honor and glory of God, by the Women's Guild.

NOTE: Consider sponsoring the altar flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, a special date, or just because...Sign-up sheets for altar flowers are in the lobby. The flowers are yours to take with you after the service of worship.



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Anyone who is interested in joining St. Paul's UCC should contact a council member or the church office.



Suggested Scripture Readings for August

Aug. 6th — Genesis 32:22-31 and Psalm 17:1-7,15 or

Isaiah 55:1-5 and Psalm 145:8-9,14-21 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21

Aug. 13th — Genesis 37:1-4,12-28 and Psalm 105:1-6,16-22,45b or

1 Kings 19:9-18 and Psalm 85:8-13 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33

Aug. 20th — Genesis 45:1-15 and Psalm 133 or Isaiah 56:1,6-8 and Psalm 67

Romans 11:1-2a,29-32 Matthew 15:(10-20),21-28

Aug. 27th — Exodus 1:8-2:10 and Psalm 124 or Isaiah 51:1-6 and Psalm 138

Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20

Supply Pastors—August

Aug. 6— Carlton Norton

Aug. 13— Nichole Torbitzky

Aug. 20— Fred Brandenburg

Aug. 27— Richard Brandon



Supply Pastors—September

Sept. 3— Carlton Norton

Sept. 10— Tim Wheeler

Sept. 17— Fred Brandenburg

Sept. 24— Richard Brandon



Services of Worship

9:30am

Pastor by Supply



<u>August</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>13th</u>	<u>20th</u>	<u>27th</u>
Ushers	Lulu Hasenjaeger (lead) Karen Dohrer Cathie Schoppenhorst Jim Buescher Cindy Buescher	Kendall Lange (lead) Gene Ahmann Terri Ogle Marigene Kersten Ann Jenkins	Curt Rohe (lead) Audrey Meyer Karla Aholt John Presser Nancy Presser	Cheryl Swartz (lead) Tony Rohe Curt Rohe Robbin DeVore Kylie Rohe
Acolytes	Kersten Mayer	Kennady Mayer	Addy Engelage	Colsie Lange
Readers	Cathie Schoppenhorst	Terri Ogle	Karla Aholt	Curt Rohe
Greeters	Brenda Roloff Cathie Schoppenhorst	Gene Ahmann Terri Ogle	Audrey Meyer John & Nancy P.	Tony Rohe Curt Rohe
Fellowship	NEED VOLUNTEER	NEED VOLUNTEER	NEED VOLUNTEER	Debbie G. / Addy E.

Worship Attendance:

7-2-2023---53

7-9-2023---52

7-16-2023---41

7-23-2023---45

7-30-2023---(next issue)

The Adult Choir

The choir will break for the summer. We will resume meeting in September.



ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Contact Debbie Garbs or Sally Rohe with questions or inquiries.

With Deepest Gratitude

We would like to thank **REV. CARLTON NORTON, REV. FRED BRANDENBURG, REV. ALLEN LADAGE, REV. RICHARD BRANDON, PASTOR NICHOLE TORBITZKY, PASTOR EVELYN JONES, REV. RANDY HECKMAN, PASTOR DON HODGSON, REV. SUSAN KING, REV. ALLEN GROTHE, REV. DONNA KENDRICK-PHILIPS, PASTOR TIM WHEELER, and REV. JAN BARNES**, for their service to St. Paul's UCC during these months we are without a settled pastor.

Many thanks to **REV. DON DEEKER, PASTOR EMERITUS**, for always being there for us—for keeping us under his wing. We very much appreciate his willingness to cover pastoral care for St. Paul's during this time of transition.

Thanks also to **ALL** who have kept us in your thoughts and prayers, and the many kind and thoughtful gestures you have shown during this period of adjustment. May you all remain safe, healthy, and vigilant throughout these troubled times.

In His name,

St. Paul's UCC Church Council and Congregation



ADULT SOCIAL CONNECTION

The Adult Social Connection breaks for the summer (June-September) and will resume again in the fall.

Attendance at the Concerts in the Park (downtown pavilion) is encouraged on the 4th Fridays of the months of May-Sept.

Be watching future newsletters for further information.



CONCERT SCHEDULE:

AUG. 25TH — "THE DOG IN THE SMOKEHOUSE" (Country/Rock)

SEPT. 22ND — "TEXAS GIANTS" (Country/Blue Grass)





ILLITERACY In America:

(continued from pg. 1)

- 50% of young people claim they read less than 10 books a year.
- 33% of high school graduates never read a book after high school.
- 80% of U.S. families have not purchased a book this year.
- 50% of books started are never read to completion.
- 70% of adults have not been in a bookstore the past 5 years.
- 1 in 4 children in the U.S. grows up without learning to read.
- Students who don't read proficiently by the third grade are 4 times more likely to drop out of school. According to ProLiteracy, 1.2 million teens, (1 in 6 high school students), drop out each year.
- It is seen that 2 out of 3 students in the U.S. who cannot read properly by the 4th grade end up on welfare or in jail.
- 3 out of 5 inmates in American prisons are illiterate.
- 85% of the juveniles who face trial in the juvenile court system are functionally illiterate, proving that there is a close relationship between illiteracy and crime. More than 60% of all inmates are functionally illiterate.
- Reading to kids early on boosts literacy rates over the long term. An estimated 77% of children who are read to are more likely to read or attempt to read on their own, versus 57% of kids who do not have regular story time at home.
- In 2020, according to the United States Department of Education, 54% of U.S. adults 16-74 years old—about 130 million people—lack proficiency in literacy, reading below the equivalent of a sixth-grade level.



Church Finances

NOTE: The following information is from the General Fund only, and in NO way is associated with the parsonage renovations.

On January 1, 2023, our beginning balance was \$158,682.98.

As of June 30th, our income has been \$76,997.53;
our expenses totaled \$55,884.64, giving a gain of \$21,112.89:

(Beginning Bal. 1/1/23)	\$	158,682.98
Income	\$	76,997.53
Expenses	-	55,884.64
Gain	\$	21,112.89
(Ending Bal. 6/30/23)	\$	179,795.87

NOTE: July figures were not available at the time of this mailing.

The monthly financial reports are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office for your review.

Please DO NOT remove these reports from the bulletin board.
Copies are available upon request.

Church Council

Parsonage Update

A big **THANK YOU** to all who have made pledges/donations towards the parsonage renovation fund!

**From March 2019 thru June 30, 2023 pledges/donations totaling \$55,275 have been made—
Of this amount, \$55,235 has been received.**

Please continue to consider this fund in your financial giving.



ST. PAUL'S UCC ANNUAL CAR & BIKE SHOW September 9, 2023



Be watching for further details in the lobby and in upcoming newsletters.

Next car show meeting: Tues., August 8th—6:30pm—City Park Pavilion.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3rd: Nicholas Lange
Nancy Kimball
5th: Ophelia Lange
6th: Nita Hasenjaeger
Shawn Mittler
7th: Wayne Zeh
10th: Eva Gahn
12th: Allan Hasenjaeger
14th: Debbie Garbs
15th: Sarah Gehlert
16th: Cohen Lange
19th: Kennady Mayer
20th: Michael Freese
Trudy Heady
21st: Wanda Lange
22nd: Dana Lange
24th: Derik Roloff
Denny Kammer
25th: Kaela Brueggenjohan
Andrea Swartz
26th: Bonnie Borgmann
Colby Lange
29th: Jodi Lange
30th: Annamarie Voss
Elaine Swartz



**Church Council
Meeting**
Tues., August 8th
6:30pm

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1st: Wade & Cheryl Swartz
3rd: Wyatt & Andrea Swartz
5th: Shawn & Robyn Wohler
26th: Allan & Nita Hasenjaeger
31st: Jim & Cindy Buescher



ANNIVERSARIES OF BAPTISM

9th: Harrison Rodgers
11th: Colby Lange
14th: Calvin Rodgers
15th: Reese Rodgers



"EARLY BIRD" SUGGESTION: School supplies are at unbeatable prices right now. Every year we do a mission project called **Operation Christmas Child**. The boxes arrive in early November. With school supplies at such low costs right now, it might be worth the savings to pick some of those items up to pack in your boxes.

AUGUST 4-6, 2023 IS TAX-FREE WEEKEND.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Escher Yates Ogle
Born on 7-13-2023
son of
Jamieson & Kassidy Ogle
Grandparents:
Jim & Terri Ogle
Jim Galbraith & Shelia Hawkins
Great Grandparents:
Shirley Ogle
Libby Hawkins

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9	3	8	1	5	4	7	2	6
3	6	2	4	1	9	8	7	5
8	4	7	6	3	5	1	9	2
5	9	1	7	8	2	4	6	3

(Sudoku answer from pg. 3)



HI, HO! HI, HO!
IT'S OFF
TO SCHOOL
WE GO...



2023 TRACTOR CRUISE NORTHERN ROUTE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

(Knights of Columbus Journey for Charity)

Collections of non-perishable food items and monetary donations will be collected for the Franklin & Warren County Food Pantries.



Northern Route Schedule:

9:30am Blessing of the Fleet at St. Ignatius (Breakfast Available)
 10:15-10:55am St. Ignatius, Concord Hill to St. Paul's UCC, Marthasville
 10:55-11:35am St. Paul's UCC, Marthasville to St. Vincent de Paul, Dutzow
 11:35-12:15pm Restroom break, then regroup in parking lot
 12:15-12:50pm St. Vincent, Dutzow to Immaculate Conception, Augusta
 12:50- 1:00pm Immaculate Conception, Augusta to Mercy Hospital Parking Lot, Washington
 [Join the South Route (Franklin County)—to K of C Grounds, Washington]
 2:30-5:30pm BBQ and Tractor Show—Washington K of C Grounds

This will be the **16th annual Tractor Cruise**—the **5th year** this event will include a **30-Mile "Northern Route"**. Let's make it a greater success than last year! Last year a total of 175 tractors participated—77 on the Northern Route. 9,000 lbs. of food was collected for the food pantries. *Thank you in advance for your participation! (More info in the lobby.)*



Festival of Sharing

Faith In Action

In 2022, over 100 boxes were collected.

We are asked to collect as many Food Boxes and Hygiene Kits as possible.

When making your contributions, please submit complete packs.

Boxes will be sent directly to the church.

All items must be returned to St. Paul's UCC by Sunday, September 3rd.

Missouri Family Food Boxes

Each box should contain:

3 different cans of vegetables
 3 different cans of fruit
 3 cans chicken
 3 cans tuna
 1 can pasta sauce
 1 pound pasta
 3 boxes of macaroni & cheese
 1 jar peanut butter

Pack all in a box (provided) and fill with packing material to keep contents secure. Tape securely and clearly label each of the four sides and top of the box as "Missouri Family Food Box".

CWS Hygiene Kits

Each kit should contain:

1 hand towel (15x28" to 16x32",
 No fingertip, bath, or microfiber towels)
 1 tooth brush (in original package)
 1 wide-tooth comb (remove packaging)
 1 wash cloth
 1 bar of soap (bath size in original package)
 10 standard size bandaids
 1 nail clipper (remove packaging)

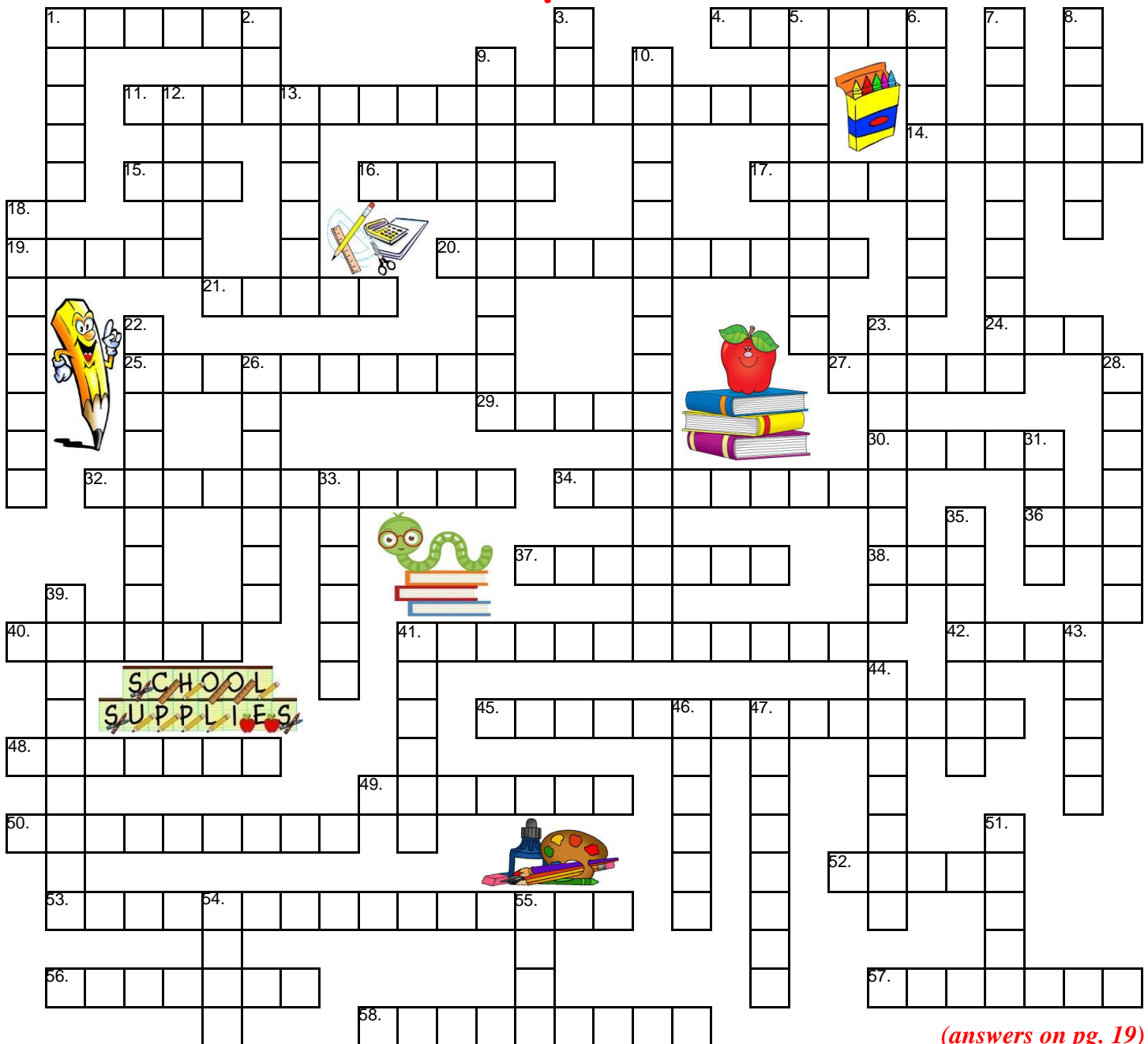
Place all items in a 1-gallon plastic bag with zipper closure; remove excess air from bag and seal. Please do NOT add toothpaste to these kits.

Other types of kits are listed at festivalofsharing.org/kitinstructions

Thank you for your participation!



School Days Crossword



(answers on pg. 19)

ACROSS:

1. Jesus' earthly father.
4. A break in the day for students; playtime.
11. America's National Anthem. (three words)
14. Jesus dying for our sins makes Him our _____.
15. Form of transportation to school for most students.
16. The number of red stripes on the U.S. flag.
17. How many humans were aboard the Ark?
19. On the first day of creation, God created _____.
20. Spending the winter in a dormant condition like deep sleep.
21. To avoid being sent to the principal's office, students must obey the _____.
24. How many of each animal were aboard the Ark?
25. In the classroom, the three "Rs" refer to Reading, Writing, and _____.



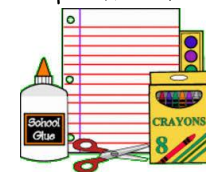
27. Coins or paper notes authorized by a government as a medium of exchange.
29. The third planet from the sun.
30. Musical instrument played most at church.
32. The formal statement written by Thomas Jefferson and signed by Congress in 1776, proclaiming the freedom of the thirteen American colonies from Great Britain: "_____ of Independence."
34. Samuel Clemens' pen name. (2 words)
36. High School students take this test for college placement.
37. August birthstone.
38. First woman.
40. Shooting star.
41. United States capital.
42. Opposite of bad.
45. The production of organic substances, especially sugars, from carbon dioxide and water by the action of light on the chlorophyll in green plant cells.
48. To settle in another country or region; to move to another region with the change of the season.
49. The planet in the solar system closest to the sun.
50. Animals that are active at night are said to be _____.
52. The number of stars on the U.S. flag.
53. Sports, theater, clubs, etc. are _____ activities.
56. According to the book of Genesis, _____ Day is a day of rest, keeping it holy.
57. The style of script-like writing in which all of the letters of a word are connected; longhand.
58. Jesus' profession.



DOWN:



1. According to the Old Testament, in the book for which it was named, who was swallowed by the whale?
2. Another pronoun meaning "she".
3. The Creator.
5. An animal that feeds on flesh or meat.
6. Either of the two times a year at which the sun is the farthest from the equator (June 21st and Dec. 21st).
7. After high school, to earn a degree, students attend a community college or a _____.
8. A caterpillar forms this silky case around itself for protection in the chrysalis stage.
9. Many classrooms begin their day with the "Pledge of _____."
10. American Baptist minister and civil rights activist, best known for his "I Have A Dream" speech delivered on August 28, 1963. (3 words, no suffix)
12. "In God We _____" is written on all American money.
13. August reminds us that students are "Back to _____."
18. The United States flag is often referred to as "_____." (2 words)
22. America's national bird. (2 words)
23. The stripes on the U.S. flag represent the thirteen British _____ that declared independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain and became the first states in the United States.
26. The act of skipping or staying away from school without a good reason; absenteeism.
28. The largest planet in the solar system.
31. Who built the Ark?
33. Eighth month of the year.
35. This bird does not fly.
39. An animal that feeds on plants.
41. The coldest season of the year in America.
43. A six-pointed star formed by two intersecting triangles; a hexagram; otherwise known as the "Star of _____."
44. The first book of the Bible.
46. The warmest season of the year in America.
47. The United States of America is in the _____ hemisphere.
51. Songs sung in church.
54. First man.
55. The book of the Bible that tells of Jesus' birth.



BALD EAGLE FACTS



Bald eagles are large birds of prey native to North America. Since 1782, the bald eagle has been the United States' national emblem and mascot. They live in forests that are near rivers, lakes, reservoirs, marshes and coasts. Some also live near fish processing plants, dumps and other areas where they can find food.

Even though they are a symbol for freedom in the United States, these birds are known for harassing smaller birds and stealing their prey.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "For my own part, I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen the representative of our country. He is a bird of bad moral character. He does not get his living honestly.... Besides he is a rank coward: The little king bird not bigger than a sparrow, attacks him boldly, and drives him out of the district." Franklin wanted the wild turkey to be the national bird.



Bald eagles have a massive wingspread of about 7 feet. Their bodies are much smaller, though, at only 34 to 43 inches. Normally, bald eagles weigh 6.5 to 14 pounds.

Bald eagles aren't bald—their heads have bright white plumage that contrasts with their dark body feathers, giving them a "bald" look. But young bald eagles have mostly brown heads. In fact, for the first four or five years of their lives, they move through a complicated series of different plumage patterns; in their second year, for instance, they have white bellies.



Bald eagles are thought to be monogamous. Once the birds find a mate, they will continue to only mate with each other for the rest of their lives. A bald eagle will find another mate only if it is widowed.

Bald eagles make large nests from sticks, grass, feathers, moss, and cornstalks to accommodate their eggs. The largest bald eagle nest on record was found in St. Petersburg, Florida. It was 9.5 feet in diameter and 20 feet deep. It was estimated to weigh 4,409 lbs.

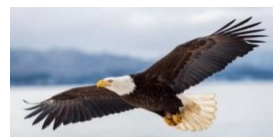


In the nest, the female bald eagle will lay one to three eggs and will incubate the eggs for 34 to 36 days. When they hatch, the chicks are covered in light gray down. Young bald eagles spend their first four years exploring and can fly hundreds of miles per day. Bald eagles can live up to 28 years in the wild and 36 years in captivity.



The bald eagle almost became extinct. Over-hunting was one cause of the population decline. Manmade products are also to blame. DDT, a pesticide, contaminated many of the fish that the birds ate. After eating contaminated fish, bald eagles would lay eggs with very thin shells, making reproduction difficult. Once the poison was restricted in the 1970s, the bald eagle population started to rebound. Today, the bald eagle is not endangered. There are currently more than 10,000 bald eagles in North America.

The bald eagle's main food source is fish. They often steal fish from other birds, chasing them down until they drop their prey. They will also eat smaller birds, other bird's eggs and small animals like rabbits, reptiles, amphibians and crabs. They'll scavenge in dumpsters, feed on waste from fish processing plants, and even gorge on dead, decaying animals. Bald eagles have no sense of smell, but they can taste. So, if a bald eagle thinks something is spoiled, it won't eat it.



Both sexes have the same plumage patterns, but male bald eagles weigh about 25% less than females. To identify them in flight, not to mistake a turkey vulture for an eagle, look at their wings—eagles usually soar with their wings almost flat; turkey vultures hold their wings up in a shallow "V" shape called a dihedral. A lot of large hawks also soar with slightly raised wings.

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Birds of a Feather

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Bunting
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Cardinal
Chickadee
Chicken
Cockatoo
Condor
Crane

Crow
Cuckoo
Dodo
Dove
Duck
Eagle
Egret
Emu
Falcon
Finch
Flamingo
Goose
Grackle
Grouse

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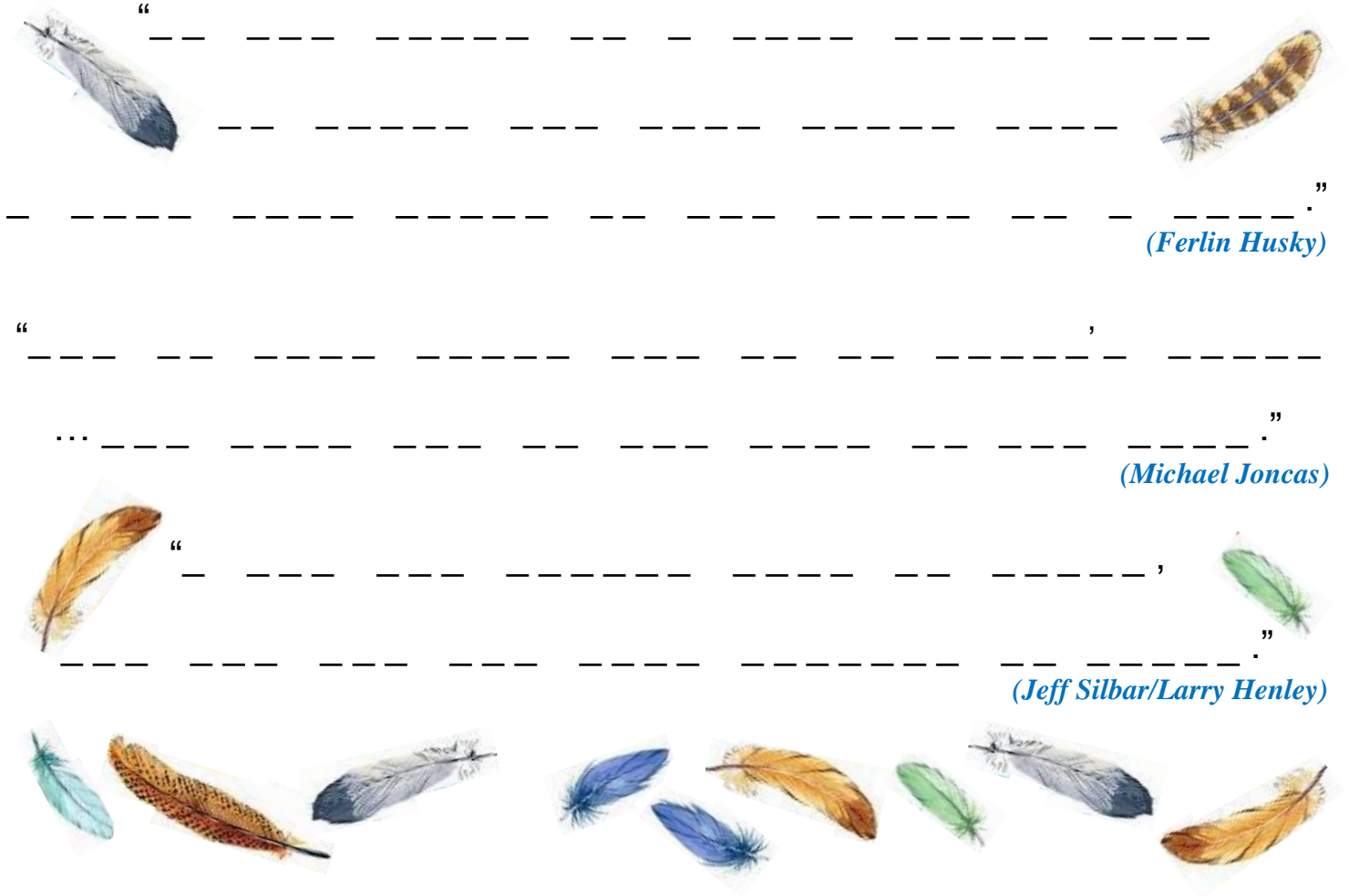
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Besides the usual pair of eyelids, bald eagles have a see-through eyelid called a nictitating membrane. They can close this membrane to protect their eyes while their main eyelids remain open. The membrane also helps moisten and clean their eyes. Eagles also have sharper vision than people, and their field of vision is wider. Plus, they can see ultraviolet light. With both of those attributes, the expression "eagle eye" is spot-on.

Many eagles fly south for the winter and return north for the summer—as do plenty of other bird species, but not all bald eagles migrate. Some of them, including individuals in New England and Canada's Maritime provinces, stick around all year. Whether or not a bird migrates depends on how cold it is and how much food is available.

A bald eagle is shown swimming in a body of water. The eagle's head, with its characteristic white feathers and yellow beak, is above the water. Its wings, which are dark brown, are also visible above the surface, creating a splash. The water is a deep blue-green color.

Although bald eagles can't swim, they can cross water without flying over it. They will sit in the water and row themselves across with their wings. Eagles have hollow bones and fluffy down, so they can float pretty well. Sometimes, an eagle will swoop down and grab an especially weighty fish, then paddle it to shore to eat. American eagles have been known to drown trying to haul heavy fish out of the water.



Bald eagles sound so silly that Hollywood dubs over their voices. Eagles emit a sort of high-pitched giggle or a weak scream. These noises are so unimpressive that Hollywood sound editors often dub over bald eagle calls with the piercing, earthy screams of the red-tailed hawk.



Did You Know?—National Days in August 2023

- Aug. 1—**National Mahjong Day**—This 19th-century game was popular in the 1920s. Play the game with family or friends—or any game for that matter!
- Aug. 2—**National Coloring Book Day**—Color with your kids—they'll love you for it. Or color for yourself; it's relaxing.
- Aug. 2—**National Ice Cream Sandwich Day**—Yum!
- Aug. 3—**Watermelon Day**—Indulge!
- Aug. 4—**International Beer Day**—(First Friday in August) Cheers!
- Aug. 4—**National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day**—Make some for a friend or neighbor just as a friendly gesture. Don't forget to make a dozen or two for yourself!
- Aug. 5—**National VFR Day (VFR=Veteran & First Responder)**—(First Saturday in August) Showing support for veterans and first responders needing mental health services. According to the Department of Homeland Security, 4.6 million career and volunteer first responders support the communities where they live. Sadly, first responders and veterans are exposed to traumatic events on a daily basis. These events lead to PTSD, depression, and other mental health issues. Today we focus on improving mental health for these brave men and women.
- Aug. 5—**National Play Outside Day**—(First Saturday of every month) Everyone put down your electronic devices and get outside! Stretch your legs and expend some energy in the great outdoors. Being active is healthy, and your children will love you for it!
- Aug. 6—**National Friendship Day**—(First Sunday in August) Visit, write a letter, call, or send a card to a friend—any thoughtful gesture to show someone you care.
- Aug. 6—**Hiroshima Day**—Hiroshima is observed on Aug. 6th as this is the day when the atomic bomb went down on the Japanese city of Hiroshima in 1945.
- Aug. 6—**Balloons To Heaven Day**—Releasing balloons into the sky is a symbolic gesture on this day, when we remember the countless lives lost to gun violence. It's a time for families everywhere to mourn loved ones and keep up the fight to end gun violence.
- Aug. 7—**Purple Heart Day**—Commemorates the creation of the oldest American military merit. The Purple Heart honors the men and women who are of the military Order of the Purple Heart. The badge symbolizes the courage and devotion of an American Patriot and is presented to soldiers for "any singularly meritorious action."
- Aug. 9—**Book Lover's Day**—Enjoy some peace and quiet with a good book. Or read with your children—it develops listening skills, enhances cognitive and language development, expands vocabulary, creativity, and attention span.
- Aug. 10—**S'mores Day**—Mmm, Mmm, Good!
- Aug. 12—**National Bowling Day**—(Second Saturday in August) Set up the pins. Now go roll some strikes!
- Aug. 12—**World Elephant Day**—Dedicated to the preservation and protection of the world's elephants. Some conservationists state that both African and Asian elephants face extinction within twelve yrs.
- Aug. 13—**International Left-Hander's Day**—Celebrate the uniqueness and differences of the left-handed individuals in your life.
- Aug. 15—**National Relaxation Day**—Take a load off.
- Aug. 16—**National Tell A Joke Day**—After all, laughter is the best medicine!
- Aug. 18—**National Fajita Day**—Guess what's for dinner?
- Aug. 18—**National Ice Cream Pie Day**—Yum!

Aug. 19—World Humanitarian Day—Honors aid workers who put their lives at risk to better the lives of others. This day raises awareness for those living in crisis.

Aug. 19—World Honeybee Day—(Third Saturday in August) Stop in gratitude for the honeybees that make our world a beautiful place. Encourage buying locally grown honey, and provide honey bees with a supportive environment.

Aug. 19—National Soft Ice Cream Day—Who wouldn't want some of that?!

Aug. 20—National Chocolate Pecan Pie Day—Oh, yeah!

Aug. 21—National Senior Citizens Day—Honors our elderly population. On this day, we are encouraged to recognize and show appreciation for the value and contribution of elderly people to home, family, and society.

Aug. 22—National Be An Angel Day—Encourages good deeds and kindness to others. The smallest deed could mean the most to someone.

Aug. 24—National Waffle Day—Guess what's for breakfast?

Aug. 24—National Peach Pie Day—Yum!

Aug. 25—Kiss and Make Up Day—Make amends. Life's too short. Be happy!

Aug. 25—National Banana Split Day—I'll have some of that!

Aug. 26—National Women's Equality Day—This day commemorates the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote.

Aug. 26—Cherry Popsicle Day—The #1 flavor!

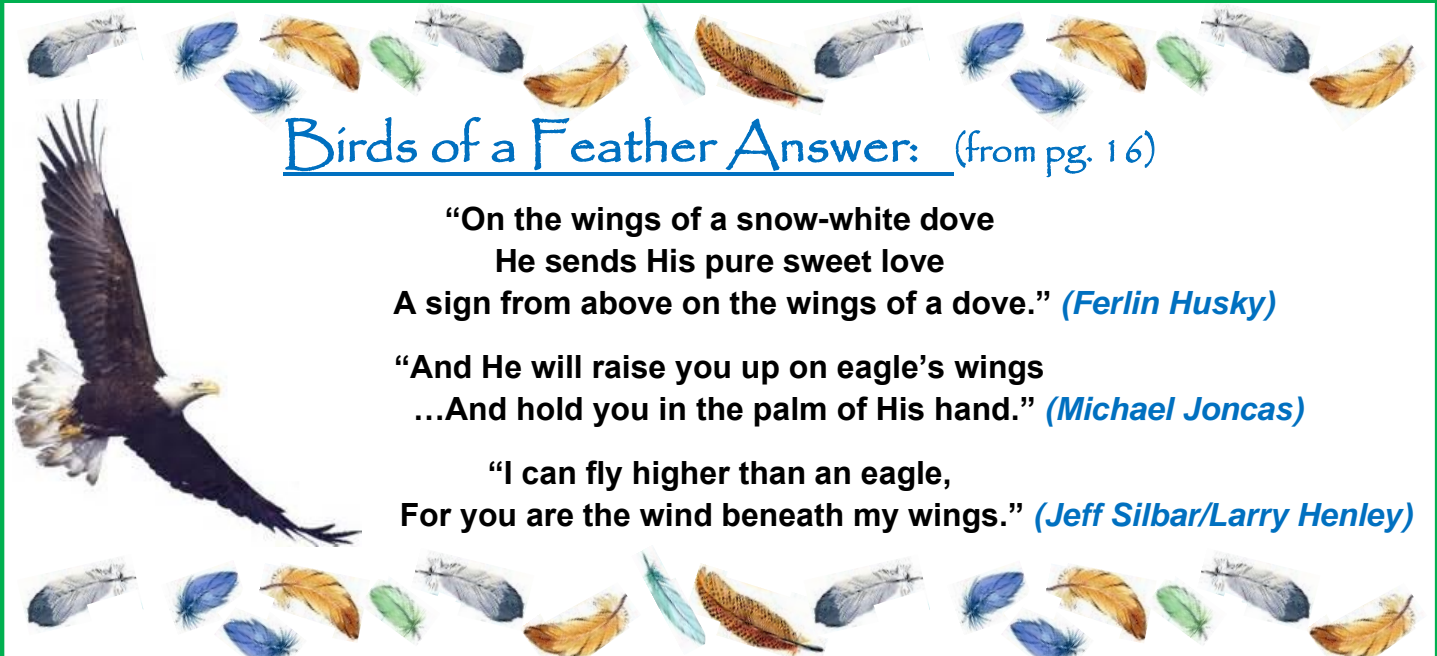
Aug. 27—National Just Because Day—Here's your chance to do something for no rhyme or reason. Do something for yourself or someone else "just because" —not because you have to or are expected to. You'll feel better for it, and they will, too!

Aug. 28—Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day—This day is set aside to remember the pet companions we've lost.

Aug. 28—National Cherry Turnover Day—Mmm, sweet!

Aug. 30—National Grief Awareness Day—Reach out to someone who is grieving a loss—be that ray of sunshine that can make all the difference.

Aug. 30—National Toasted Marshmallow Day—Mmm, so good! Let's make S'mores!



Birds of a Feather Answer: (from pg. 16)

**"On the wings of a snow-white dove
He sends His pure sweet love
A sign from above on the wings of a dove." (Ferlin Husky)**

**"And He will raise you up on eagle's wings
...And hold you in the palm of His hand." (Michael Joncas)**

**"I can fly higher than an eagle,
For you are the wind beneath my wings." (Jeff Silbar/Larry Henley)**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The family of Ron Rottman who passed away on 7/2; the Homeyer family who lost a son-in-law and Herb's mother; the family of Rosemary Doyle (friend of Norbert Shacklette)—who passed away on 6/28; the family of Velva Sherman (wife of Don Sherman) who passed away on 6/28; the family of Melba Roloff who passed away on 6/25; Faith Benson (friend of Robbin DeVore)—on hospice with lung disease, pray for peace for her; Gary Schouten—cancer has progressed, hospitalized at Barnes-Jewish hospital; prayer of thanksgiving for the birth of Jim & Terri Ogle's grandson, born on 7/13; Brenda Gratza (Bonnie Borgmann's sister-in-law)—diagnosed with breast cancer; Ray Birch (friend of the Shacklettes)—liver transplant; Grady Thayer (Lulu Hasenjaeger's great grandson)—on dialysis; Ellen Engelage—health issues; Maurice Mittler—health issues; Ed Thierbach—health issues; Mark Jones—health issues; the families who have been effected by armed violence in this country and in the world; the people of Ukraine and of those who are in harm's way trying to protect them; those who have been affected by natural disasters; all who are ill with the COVID-19 virus and their families as well as those on the front lines, caring for those who are ill.



Those Battling Cancer: Brenda Gratza, Gary Schouten, Susie Lenzenhuber, Marigene Kersten, James Heady, Glennon Hepperman, Raejean Lause, Rev. Jeffrey Willey, Marie Schneider, Peggy McGinnis, Marsha Meyer, Kurt Gildehaus, Dave Pruitt, Ted Lepper, Emma Todd, Holly Schneider, Isaac Mercer, Tom Smith, Kristi Warneke, Michelle Mueller, Eric Moritz, Jim Grafrath, Ron Palitzsch.

Those serving in the Military: Andrew Gildehaus, Nick Sullentrup, Tyler Buescher, Luke Bronstrup, Caleb & Sarah Murphy, & others seeking to faithfully serve God & Country!

**Please remember those who are not always able to worship with us at St. Paul's UCC.
Remember them in prayer, with a visit, card, or a phone call:**

D'Arline Driemeyer
New Haven Care Center
9503 State Hwy. 100
New Haven, MO 63068



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Union Care Center
1080 Marie Lane
Union, MO 63084

-Meals on Wheels-

If anyone needs or knows of anyone who needs home-delivered meals from the Warren County Senior Center, please contact the center at 636-456-3379. **Volunteers are also needed** to deliver meals.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS: (from pg. 12)

ACROSS:

1. Joseph
4. Recess
11. Star Spangled Banner
14. Savior
15. Bus
16. Seven
17. Eight
19. Light
20. Hibernation
21. Rules
24. Two
25. Arithmetic
27. Money
29. Earth
30. Organ
32. Declaration

34. Mark Twain
36. ACT
37. Peridot
38. Eve
40. Meteor
41. Washington, D.C.
42. Good
45. Photosynthesis
48. Migrate
49. Mercury
50. Nocturnal
52. Fifty
53. Extracurricular
56. Sabbath
57. Cursive
58. Carpenter

DOWN:

1. Jonah
2. Her
3. God
5. Carnivore
6. Solstice
7. University
8. Cocoon
9. Allegiance
10. Martin Luther King
12. Trust
13. School
18. Old Glory
22. Bald Eagle
23. Colonies
26. Truancy
28. Jupiter
31. Noah
33. August
35. Penguin
39. Herbivore
41. Winter
43. David
44. Genesis
46. Summer
47. Northern
51. Hymns
54. Adam
55. Luke



St. Paul's UCC Church Calendar—August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2  2pm Women's Guild	3 	4 	5 
6 Bring-A-Meal Sunday 9:30am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:30am AM Fellowship	7 10am-4pm Quilting 	8 6:30pm Church Council Meeting  6:30pm Car Show Meeting City Park Pavilion 7pm-8pm Food Pantry @ CBC	9	10 	11	12 
13 9:30am Worship 10:30am AM Fellowship	14 10am-4pm Quilting 	15	16  NO Adult Choir until Sept.	17	18 	19 11am-12N Food Pantry @ CBC
20 9:30am Worship 10:30am AM Fellowship	21 10am-4pm Quilting    6PM MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	22 	23	24 	25 7pm Concert in the Park 	26
27 9:30am Worship 10:30am AM Fellowship	28 10am-4pm Quilting 	29	30	 <p>"but Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.'" (Matthew 19:14 RSV)</p>		



Pledge Sheet to Remodel Parsonage House

Contractor Bid for Remodeling material & labor	Estimate	\$ 49,500
Cost for 25 new windows		\$ 4,900
Cost for new heating/air conditioning system		\$ 14,924
cost of new kitchen cabinets \$4,500, plus misc.		\$ 4,500
	Contingency Fund	\$ 6,176
June 4, 2018	Total Estimated Cost:	\$ 80,000

Funding for Remodeling House—Direct Gifts

Return to financial secretary Lulu Hasenjaeger

One-time Donation of:
OR
Monthly Donation of \$ X MONTHS

Total Pledge
Amount

\$
\$

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

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