

# ST. PAUL'S UCC NEWSLETTER



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*A Loving Church, Making a Difference in the World*



## Letter from the Pastor Emeritus

The disciple Thomas, often referred to as “Doubting Thomas,” must have been from Missouri. Remember the saying: “I’m from Missouri, you have to show me.” Or the saying: “Don’t believe anything you hear and only half of what you see.”

According to John 20:24-29, Thomas wasn’t present at the first post-resurrection appearance of Jesus to his disciples in the upper room. He refused to believe the other disciples that Jesus had appeared to them. He said he would only believe if he could see Jesus himself and verify it was Jesus by putting his finger in the imprint of the nails in Jesus’ hands and his hand in the wound on Jesus’ side. Eight days later the risen Christ appeared again and this time Thomas believed.

Before we are too hard on Thomas, we need to admit we have all had our doubts at some time in our lives. Not only that, it is by recognizing our doubts and searching for answers that we are able to build up our faith. Following is a prayer that pertains to our following Jesus. Let us pray...

Lord Jesus, when you rose from the dead on Easter, you defeated sin, suffering, and death. You triumphed over the forces of evil and destruction and you came back to us. You did not just rise to new life; you returned to your disciples. Even to those who betrayed you, and in our hour of need deserted you, you returned, gave peace, offered forgiveness and reassuring touch. We have doubts, as they had doubts. We have fears, as they had fears. We have a yearning to be with you, as they have yearned. Come, Lord Jesus. Come to us in body and blood. Stay with us, even when we fail to stay with you. Return to us as you returned to them. In your love, return to us so that we might return to you. Amen.

Pastor Deeker



**The Vietnam Veterans Memorial** stands as a symbol of America's honor and recognition of the men and women who served and sacrificed their lives in the Vietnam War. Inscribed on the black granite walls are the names of more than 58,000 men and women who gave their lives or remain missing. Yet the Memorial itself is dedicated to honor the "courage, sacrifice and devotion to duty and country" of all who answered the call to serve during the longest war, and one of the most divisive wars in U.S. history. It was dedicated on Nov. 13, 1982 and attracts more than 5.6 million visitors each year.

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## May Extra Step - Washington Overseas Mission

A growing group of volunteer Medical, Dental and Construction teams from Washington, Missouri, dedicated to the service of Hondurans since 1992.



### ***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

## Sunday Morning Fellowship

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



**The sign-up sheet is in the lobby.**

*See Merigene Kersten with questions or inquiries.*

*Thank you in advance for your participation.*



## ADULT SOCIAL CONNECTION

**FRI., MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>—4:30PM**

Everyone is encouraged to meet at Hawthorne Inn in Labadie, MO for dinner and an evening of relaxation and visiting with each other. Please sign the sheet in the lobby by Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend so reservations can be made.

NOTE: There is a 20-person reservation limit. Anyone after the first 20 signed up will have to make their own reservation.

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## WOMEN'S GUILD

**WED., MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**—2PM—**

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## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**MON., MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>—6PM**

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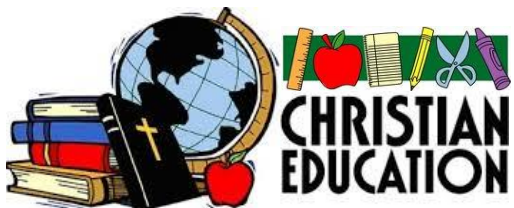


## Quilting

**Mondays  
10am-4pm**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*Contact Audrey Meyer at 433-2210 with questions or inquiries.*



**CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION**

**—SAVE THE DATES!!—**

**Mark your calendars now!!**

**Confirmation Sunday is May 7, 2023—Men's Fellowship will provide breakfast**

**for confirmands and their families, and for high school seniors and their families at 8am. There will be NO Sunday School on this day.**

**The last day of Sunday School before breaking for the summer is**

**Sunday, May 14, 2023. (Celebration activities during Sunday School.)**

**Sunday School Classes will resume in the fall on**

**Sunday, September 10, 2023.**





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# ST. PAUL'S UCC, MARTHASVILLE, MO



## BURGER LUNCHEON

—Sponsored by Men's Fellowship—

**Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

**10:30am-1:30pm—Fellowship Hall—**

**Burgers, Hotdogs, Chips, Baked Beans,  
and Homemade Desserts will be served.**

**\*\*Free-will offering is requested.\*\***



**50/50**



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## —MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!—

### Vacation Bible School

**—M-F, JULY 17-21, 2023—**

**9AM-12NOON**

**THEME: "STELLAR"**

*Plans are in the making!*

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



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### Annual Steak Dinner

**SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023**

- Entrees of Steak or Chicken
- Theatrical Entertainment
- Silent Auction
- ...And MORE!



*(See page 8 for more information.)*

**\*\*We are looking for a chairperson. Please  
contact a council member if you are able to  
help in any way.\*\***

**\*\*Sign-up sheets are in the lobby for making  
reservations & for donations of desserts and  
silent auction items.\*\***



### Church Council Meeting:

**Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>—6:30pm**



*May God watch over all who live in  
Ukraine, and those who are fighting for  
them, and may God keep them in  
the palm of His hand.*



## ALTAR FLOWERS:



**April 2:** in loving memory of Ken DeVore, who passed away 15 yrs. ago (March 26, 2008), by Robbin, Jacob, and Isaiah DeVore.

Extra arrangement in honor of Virginia Lange's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday (March 28<sup>th</sup>), by Don & Wanda Lange.

**April 9:** to the honor and glory of God, by Terri Ogle.

**April 16:** in recognition of the kindness of St. Pauls' church members, by Sarah Gehlert.

**April 23:** in loving memory of Hertha Berg, whose birthday was on April 26<sup>th</sup>, by Robbin, Jacob, and Isaiah DeVore.

Extra flowers from the funeral of Janet Buescher.

**April 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 May

May 7th — Acts 7:55-60      Psalm 31:1-5,15-16      1 Peter 2:2-10      John 14:1-14

May 14th — Acts 17:22-31      Psalm 66:8-20      1 Peter 3:13-22      John 14:15-21

May 21st — Acts 1:6-14      Psalm 68:1-10,32-35      1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

May 28th — Acts 2:1-21      or      Numbers 11:24-30      Psalm 104:24-34,35b  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13      or      Acts 2:-1-21  
John 20:19-23      or      John 7:37-39

### May 2023

May 7— Don Deeker

May 14— Don Hodgson

May 21— Fred Brandenburg

May 28— Susan King



### June 2023

June 4— Carlton Norton

June 11— Fred Brandenburg

June 18— Richard Brandon

June 25— Susan King



# Services of Worship

9:30am

Pastor by Supply



May	7th	14th	21st	28th
<b>Ushers</b>	Kendall L. (lead) Karen Dohrer Cathie Schoppenhorst Jim Buescher Cindy Buescher	Bob A.(lead) Gene Ahmann Karla Aholt Marigene Kersten Ann Jenkins	Bob A. (lead) Audrey Meyer Terri Ogle John Presser Nancy Presser	Diane F. (lead) Tony Rohe Curt Rohe Robbin DeVore Kylie Rohe
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kersten Mayer	Kennady Mayer	Addy Engelage	Colsie Lange
<b>Readers</b>	Cathie Schoppenhorst	Karla Aholt	Terri Ogle	Curt Rohe
<b>Greeters</b>	Brenda Roloff Cathie Schoppenhorst	Gene Ahmann Karla Aholt	Audrey Meyer John & Nancy Presser	Tony Rohe Curt Rohe
<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>NEED VOLUNTEER</b>	<b>NEED VOLUNTEER</b>	<b>NEED VOLUNTEER</b>	Debbie G. / Addy E.

## Worship Attendance:

4-2-2023----62

4-7-2023----35

(Good Friday)

4-9-2023----80

4-16-2023----50

4-23-2023----45

4-30-2023----(next issue)

## The Adult Choir

Come join us in song! The choir will sing on Sunday, **May 21<sup>st</sup>**, and practice will be on Wednesday, **May 17<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

Contact Debbie Garbs or Sally Rohe with questions or inquiries.



## EASTER LILIES

For those who have ordered lilies, please make your payment of \$16 by dropping in the offering plate or pay at the office. Be sure to mark your payment accordingly.



Mother, the ribbons  
of your love are woven  
around my heart.  
—Author Unknown







## EASTER LILIES

were sponsored by:

*Tony & Sally Rohe—in memory of loved ones*  
*Sandy Rohe—in loving memory of Orville Rohe*  
*Lulu Hasenjaeger—in memory of Delvin Hasenjaeger*  
*Ann Jenkins—in memory of her parents, Ralph & Marge Pruitt*  
*Don DeVore—in loving memory of Elizabeth “Betty” (Lepper) DeVore*  
*and David Allen DeVore*  
*Jodi Lange—in loving memory of Carla Lange*  
*Jessica Hunt—for love*



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### 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, 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  
Marthasville, MO

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### **Arlington National Cemetery Facts:**

- ❖ Arlington National Cemetery is the final resting place of over 400,000 men and women.
- ❖ An average of 25 burials are performed each day.
- ❖ Arlington National Cemetery covers 624 acres of land.
- ❖ More than three million tourists pass through the cemetery each year.

# Annual Steak & Entertainment Dinner

St. Paul's UCC—103 S. Second St., Marthasville, MO

**Saturday, July 8, 2023**



- Entrees of Steak or Chicken
- Homemade Desserts
- Live Theatrical Entertainment
- \$40 per Person (Steak); \$35 (Chicken)
- Beer and Wine available for purchase
- Silent Auction
- 50/50 Drawing
- Lots of Laughs—Fun for All!



**Ladies and Gentlemen...**



**Entertainment by: “Die Laughing Dinner Theater”**

**—Featuring Delia Schindler—**

**“Lucy Goes ‘Cruisin’”**

It's 1951, and Ricky's Act from the Cope-with-your-banana's Club has been booked on a luxurious Cruise Ship. Ricky and Lucy meet crew members Captain Ty Panik, Purser Percy Stings, Cheryl Crowsnest, and Polly Wannacracker. New acts have been added for the show including Elvis, Lee Barachi, Tom Cruise, and the comedy team of Lewis and Clark. Lucy tries to sing and dance her way into the new show. She also wants to renew their wedding vows on the voyage, but Ricky won't agree to either one. When she realizes her wedding ring has been stolen, with the help of Inspector Jacque Cluesew, the famous underwater detective, Ricky gets to the heart of the matter. Maybe Ricky will have some “Splainin' to do” this time! Will he renew their wedding vows and find Lucy's Ring or will everything sink? Get on the passenger's list to sail away with Lucy and Ricky on their Bon Voyage.

**DOORS OPEN AT 4PM; ENTERTAINMENT THROUGHOUT THE EVENING,  
BEGINNING AT 5:30PM; DINNER IS SERVED AT 6PM.**

*Reservations and Entrée Choice are Required by Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

*Call St. Paul's UCC at (636) 433-2482 or email [office@stpaulsuccmo.org](mailto:office@stpaulsuccmo.org) to make reservations.*

*Maximum capacity of 112 persons.*

*The steak dinner committee wishes to thank you in advance for your support.*

**[www.stpaulsuccmo.org](http://www.stpaulsuccmo.org)**



## 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 March 31<sup>st</sup>, our income has been \$46,628.08;  
our expenses totaled \$29,421.58, giving a gain of \$17,206.50:

(Beginning Bal. 1/1/23)	\$	158,682.98
Income	\$	46,628.08
Expenses	-	29,421.58
Gain	\$	17,206.50
(Ending Bal. 3/31/23)	\$	175,889.48

NOTE: April 2023 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!

**As of March 31st, pledges/donations totaling \$54,795 have been made—  
Of this amount, \$53,735 has been received.**

***Please continue to consider this fund in your financial giving.***

## MEMORIAL DAY HAS ITS CUSTOMS—

- ❖ General Orders No. 11 stated that "in this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed," but over time several customs and symbols became associated with the holiday.
- ❖ It is customary on Memorial Day to fly the flag at half-staff until noon, and then raise it to the top of the staff until sunset.
- ❖ Taps, the 24-note bugle call, is played at all military funerals and memorial services. It originated in 1862.
- ❖ The World War I poem "In Flanders Fields," by John McCrea, inspired the Memorial Day custom of wearing red artificial poppies. In 1915, a Georgia teacher and volunteer war worker named Moina Michael began a campaign to make the poppy a symbol of tribute to veterans and for "keeping the faith with all who died." The sale of poppies has supported the work of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

1st: Murrill Wohler  
2nd: Jason Lange  
3rd: Kamryn Elder  
11th: Elliott Voss  
13th: DeWayne Schuster  
19th: Charles Anderson  
22nd: Ron Freese  
31st: Carter Chapman



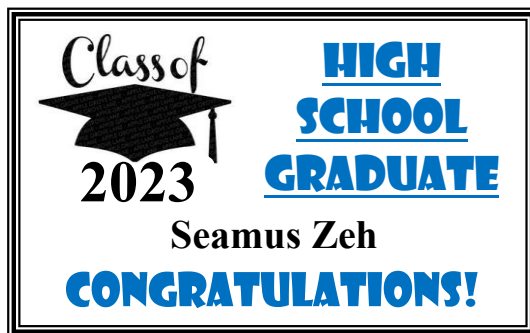
## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1st: Charles & D'Arline Driemeyer-1954  
Don & Wanda Lange  
2nd: Robert & Cathie Schoppenhorst  
3rd: Clay & Stacie Chapman  
8th: Wayne & Wilma Zeh-1965  
9th: Jake & Jenny Rodgers  
16th: Robert & Karla Aholt  
19th: Ron & Diane Freese  
29th: Gene & Ann Jenkins



## ANNIVERSARIES OF BAPTISM

21st: Amelia Lampkin

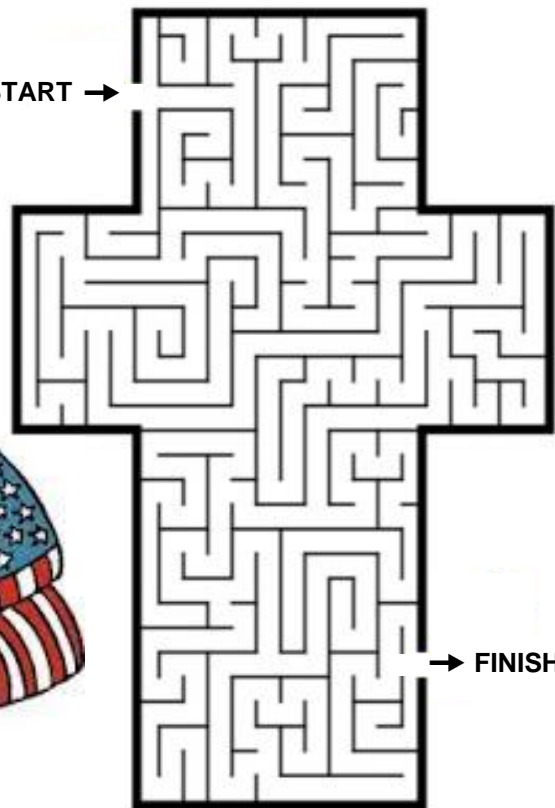


### CONGRATULATIONS!

**John "Jack" Wyatt Swartz**  
**Born on 4-8-2023**  
**son of**  
**Wyatt & Andrea Swartz**  
**Grandparents:**  
**Walt & Mary Lindner**  
**Wade & Cheryl Swartz**  
**Big Sisters:**  
**Eloise & Lainey**



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*Remember our fallen soldiers on Memorial Day,  
Monday, May 29th!  
Remember those, past and present,  
who have fought, and continue to fight,  
for our freedom!  
And may God Bless America!*

# Did You Know?—National Days in May 2023

**May 1—National Loyalty Day**—Recognizing American freedom, and set aside for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States and the recognition of the heritage of American freedom. Every U.S. President since 1955 has set the day for May 1st. Whether they call for Americans to raise the flags, pray, or reflect on their heritage, each of them recognizes an inherent need for the country to be united in our basic ideals. Their messages speak of loyalty and freedom in equal measure, especially those who serve in the military.

**May 1—May Day**—A celebration of spring! Decorate with colorful flowers today. Dance!

**May 1—National Mother Goose Day**—In honor of this day, revisit those wonderful childhood stories with your children—or someone else's children. What's your favorite?

**May 1—Melanoma Monday**—(1st Monday in May)—Set aside to raise awareness about skin cancer. The deadliest of skin cancers, the observance focuses on skin health, sun safety, tanning prevention, and skin cancer screenings. Reduce your risk by wearing sunscreen, find shade, don't let the clouds fool you, avoid tanning beds, and regularly check your skin for abnormal moles.

**May 1—National Chocolate Parfait Day**—YUM!

**May 2—National Foster Care Day**—The first Tuesday in May is dedicated to all the children in the U.S. foster care system. It encourages everyone to wear blue and raise their voices to show their support for foster youth everywhere.

Statistics:

- ❖ 250,000 children enter foster care each year.
- ❖ Only 50% of youth in foster care graduate high school.
- ❖ Foster children suffer PTSD at more than twice the rate of U.S. war veterans.
- ❖ 1 in 5 foster children experience homelessness within 1 year of aging out of care.
- ❖ At ages 17 & 18, one-third of young women in foster care are pregnant or parenting.
- ❖ More than 70% of inmates incarcerated were at one point in the foster care system.
- ❖ Stipends don't cover the essentials of a growing child.

If you know of someone in the foster care system, send a card, a gift, or just be "a friend" and do something special—make a "play date."

**May 2—National Teacher Appreciation Day**—(Observed on the 1st Tuesday of the first full week of May)—Recognizing the dedicated educators across the country, honor an exceptional teacher you know by saying "Thank You." NOTE: We have many "teachers" in life—not only those in the school classroom, but Sunday School teachers, ministers, scout leaders, 4-H group leaders, parents, grandparents, even friends and neighbors—anyone that has taught you something you didn't otherwise know is a teacher. Recognize them with a card or a phone call, a gift, or another nice gesture. It will mean more than you know!

**May 3—National Paranormal Day**—People who believe in the paranormal are encouraged to get together and share their experiences with each other.

**May 3—National Chocolate Custard Day**—Who wouldn't want some of that?!

**May 4—National Day of Prayer Designated**—In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed for this day to be the first Thursday of May.

**May 5—Cinco De Mayo**—It's tacos & margaritas for dinner tonight!

**May 6—National Nurses Day**—(The first day of National Nurses Week, which concludes on May 12<sup>th</sup>—Florence Nightingale's birthday). On this day, we raise awareness of all nurse contributions and commitments and acknowledge the vital role nurses play in society. Tell the nurses you know how much they are appreciated, especially these past few years, throughout this pandemic!

**May 6—National Fitness Day**—(1st Saturday in May)—This day is to encourage everyone to try new ways of becoming fit and healthy. If you already have a routine, shake it up—walk or jog a different route, try a new, healthy recipe, take the stairs instead of the elevator, park at the back of the parking lot, make a goal to go to bed and wake at the same times every day to get better sleep.



May 10—National Clean Your Room Day—That will make Mom happy!

May 10—Receptionist's Day—(2nd Wednesday in May)—Now there's one to remember!!!

May 11—National Eat What You Want Day—Blow the diet, you'll get back to it tomorrow.

May 13—National Apple Pie Day—Make or buy an apple pie and indulge! Or take one to a friend or someone who is unable to get out.

May 13—National World Migratory Bird Day—At least 4,000 different species of birds migrate, which adds up to about 40% of the entire avian population. And they all do it in pursuit of food. Twice every year, these birds will fly to warmer climates for the winters, and then return home to breed. As humans, we can all appreciate the value in following food all around the globe.

May 14—Mother's Day—(Always occurs the second Sunday in May)—Celebrate your mother, grandmother, godmother, someone else's mother, or someone who is just "motherly."

May 15—International Day of Families—"Family is not an important thing—it's 'everything'" (Michael J. Fox). Celebrate your family. Do something special together today.

May 16—National Do Something Good For Your Neighbor Day—This day encourages individuals and organizations alike to be neighborly to each other. Help a neighbor with a chore, plant flowers, run an errand, invite them over for a cup of tea or coffee, or drop a note in the mail just to let them know you are thinking of them—any act of kindness to make them feel special.

May 17—National Cherry Cobbler Day—YUM!!

May 17—National Walnut Day—The Walnut Marketing Board established this day in the 1950s...because "sometimes you feel like a nut!" Use them today in cookies, oatmeal, salads, sauces, cakes, or alone as a snack.

May 19—National Endangered Species Day—(3rd Friday in May)—Observed for everyone to learn about the importance of protecting endangered species. It also encourages learning about wildlife habitats and the actions necessary to protect them. Make a donation to a charitable organization dedicated to conserving endangered species, volunteer at a local nature center, or go on a nature walk. See what animal species you spot. Look at the Endangered Species list and research some of them. Share what you have learned. NOTE: The leatherback turtle is the largest of all living turtles, is thousands of years old, and is considered "vulnerable," although, in many areas it is "critically endangered." There was a report on the news about this last year. Interesting animal—learn more!

May 20—National Rescue Dog Day—According to the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), a non-profit organization established in 1866, more than 3 million dogs enter shelter homes every year. In observance of this day, adopt/shelter, or donate to this very worthy cause.

May 21—National Take Your Parent to the Playground Day—Everyone is a kid at heart! Go have some "kid" fun! Your children will love you for it!

May 22—National Vanilla Pudding Day—Oh yeah!

May 23—World Turtle Day—Learn about these resilient animals. Turtles and tortoises are two different animals. The main difference between the two are that turtles sometimes live in water, while tortoises only live on land. Turtles live up to age 40 and have streamlined and mostly flat shells. Tortoises live up to 300 years and have larger, more domed shells. NOTE: The box turtle (those we occasionally see on the road or in our yard) is "near threatened," as their status has been declining statewide, mainly due to loss of habitat and being hit by vehicles. If you see a box turtle that may be in danger, such as on the road, move the turtle to the other side of the road in the direction it was going. Do NOT try to relocate it. Box turtles have a homing instinct, and they will try to get back to where they came from.

May 25—National Missing Children's Day—This day shines a spotlight on child safety. While the observance honors those who've gone above and beyond to protect children, it also offers resources to continue protecting them further. Here are ways to keep your children safe every day. It's important to:

- ❖ Maintain custody documents.
- ❖ Keep recent photos of children handy.
- ❖ Also, keep medical and dental records up to date.

Protect your children by:

- ❖ Making "online safety" a priority.
- ❖ Complete background checks on caregivers and check references.

- ❖ Never leave young children unattended in strollers and car seats.
- ❖ Whenever possible, don't dress children in clothing with their names on it.
- ❖ Teach them their address and phone number as young as possible.

**May 26—National Road Trip Day**—(Friday before Memorial Day)—Everyone needs to "get away" once in a while. Whether it's to pay tribute to fallen soldiers by visiting war memorials across the country, or simply going for a few-hours drive, make it a special time. If you can't physically go for a drive, take a "trip down memory lane"—share memories of a trip you once shared with someone.

**May 28—National Hamburger Day**—Guess what's for dinner?

**May 29—Memorial Day**—(The last Monday of May)—Honor those who died while fighting in the U.S. Armed Forces. This day began as "Decoration Day," following the Civil War, when mourners placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers. Let's remember the heroes who have fought for the freedom we all enjoy.

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## 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 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the months of May-September. Be watching future newsletters for further information.*

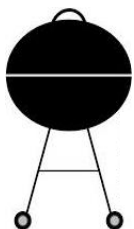


## CONCERT SCHEDULE:

**MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>—"THE BAKER FAMILY"**  
(Classic Country)



**JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>—"GARDEN PARTY"**  
(Country/Rock)



St. Paul's UCC will have the food stand at this concert.



*Contact a council member if you are interested in assisting in the stand.  
Further additional information to follow.*

**JULY 28<sup>TH</sup>—"AQUA-HOLICS"**  
(Country/Rock)

**AUG. 25<sup>TH</sup>—"THE DOG IN THE SMOKEHOUSE"**  
(Country/Rock)

**SEPT. 22<sup>ND</sup>—"TEXAS GIANTS"**  
(Country/Blue Grass)

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# **INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL WALL:**

**LENGTH**—Each wall of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is 246 feet, 8 inches long. They meet at an angle of 125 degrees, 12 minutes, and point exactly to the northeast corners of the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial. The walls are supported along their entire length by 140 concrete pilings driven approximately 35 feet to bedrock.

**HEIGHT**—At their vertex, the walls are 10 feet, 1.5 inches high.

**COMPOSITION**—The stone for the walls, safety curbs, and walkways is black granite quarried near Bangalore, India. All cutting and fabrication was done in Barre, Vermont.

**SYMBOLS**—Each name is preceded (on the west wall) or followed (on the east wall) by a symbol designating status. The diamond symbol denotes that the service member's death was confirmed. The "plus" symbol denotes missing in action. In the event an individual's remains are returned, the diamond symbol is superimposed over the plus.



**THE NAMES**—As of May 2017, there are 58,318 names on The Wall. The original 57,939 names were grit-blasted in Memphis, Tenn., using industrial equipment and stencils produced through a photographic process. Since 1982, 376 names have been added to The Wall (as of 12/31/2016) by craftsmen using the same photo-generated stencils. The letters are 0.53 inches high and are inscribed to a depth of approximately 0.015 inches. The names were provided by the Department of Defense, which compiled a list of combat zone casualties according to Presidential Executive Order #11216, handed down by President Lyndon B. Johnson on April 24, 1965. It specified Vietnam and adjacent coastal waters as a combat zone. This zone was expanded to include Laos, Cambodia, and Air Force bases in Thailand.

**WOMEN**—The names of eight women, all nurses, are inscribed on The Wall. Seven are from the U.S. Army; one is from the Air Force.

**MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS**—The names of 160 Medal of Honor recipients are on The Wall. However, one of those recipients earned his Medal of Honor during World War II, but died while serving in Vietnam. Michael Blassie was awarded the Medal of Honor when he was interred in the Tomb of the Unknown at Arlington National Cemetery. The Medal was rescinded when his remains were identified, and he is not counted with the 160.

**CHAPLAINS**—There are 16 clergy members listed on The Wall: seven Catholic, seven Protestant, and two Jewish.

**PEOPLE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES**—There are 120 individuals on The Wall who listed foreign countries as their home of record. The countries include: Australia, Bahamas, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Pacific Island, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, and Switzerland.

**PANEL NUMBERING**—Each wall contains 74 separate panels, including four each end without names, for a total of 140 panels of names.

**FUNDING**—The Vietnam Veterans Memorial was paid for by donations from more than 275,000 individuals, veterans and civic organizations, corporations, foundations, and unions. No federal funds were used.



## **"WALL MAGIC"**

"Wall Magic" describes miraculous, unbelievable coincidences at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The Wall has many stories surrounding it—stories of friends who reconnect, of families who meet men who served with their loved ones, of friendships and marriages forged there. These occurrences come about through events that seem more than coincidence and bring their own story of healing.

Volunteers at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial have seen many instances of Wall Magic. These stories, and there are many, involve these remarkable moments that happened at or because of The Wall.

An early Wall Magic story comes from Doubek, who worked so hard to make the dream of a Memorial a reality.

In the final days before the National Salute to Vietnam Veterans in 1982, construction and landscaping crews still had the Memorial fenced off in order to keep crowds off the newly laid sod. Doubek was down at the site, wrapping up for the night. A young man approached and asked if he could go down to The Wall. Doubek asked him to return another time. The young man said he was from California and still in the military. He had to leave the next day.

Doubek agreed to walk the man down to The Wall. "As we were walking, I was telling him how the [panels] are like pages in a book. He was getting emotional. I had the directory with me. So, we looked up the location of this name, then he thanked me and left."



The morning after the dedication, Doubek and his wife were watching Charles Kuralt on "CBS Sunday Morning." Kuralt traditionally ended the show with a snippet of film, and that day, he showed footage of the Memorial. Gradually the camera moved in closer, Doubek recalled, "until you were seeing one wall . . . then 10 panels . . . then one panel . . . then a few rows of names . . . then the camera stopped to focus on a single name . . . and it was the same name that the guy had asked me to see."

He sat stunned for a moment, then thought to himself, "Maybe that guy was an angel telling me I've done OK."

That day, Doubek experienced a little bit of Wall Magic.

## **"AND THERE SHE WAS"**

At the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremony of the Wall, a long line of people waited in the November cold to read the names inscribed on the memorial. An elderly, frail-looking lady was standing next to a man as large as a football player. They chatted nearly two hours as they waited to read their personal list of names.

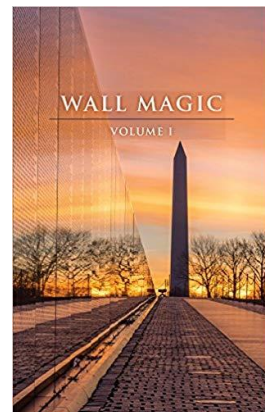
When it was the woman's turn, she stepped onto the stage and read all the names on the list except the last one. Pausing, she said, "...and my son," and then she read his name. The big man nearly collapsed. For 25 years, he had been looking for the mother of the soldier who died in his arms...and there she was, reading his name.

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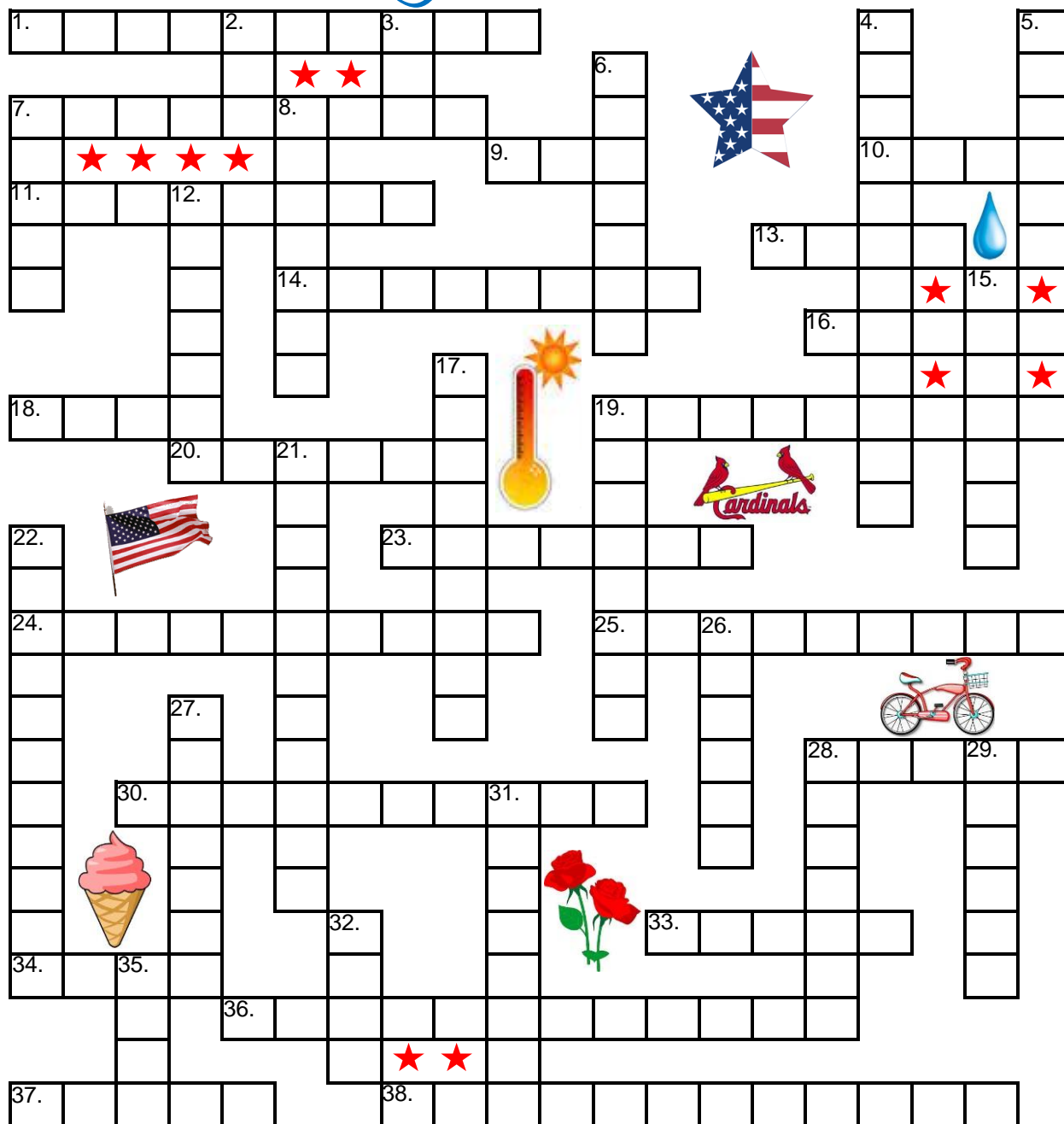
## **"WALL MAGIC: VOLUME 1"—(available on Amazon)**



Those of us who stand at The Wall know of the unbelievable coincidences, twists of fate and, well, "magical moments" that bring long-awaited healing and reunite loved ones. These "Wall Magic" stories were submitted from our volunteers so that you can experience it for yourself. Look for more stories in future volumes. This book is dedicated to the selfless volunteers at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, those who know firsthand that Wall Magic is as real as The Wall itself. They make visits to The Wall magical for so many . . .



# May Crossword



## **ACROSS:**

1. Many classrooms begin their day with the Pledge of \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Old familiar song: "\_\_\_\_\_ keep falling on my head..."
9. The fifth month of the year.
10. A scheme or idea.
11. Old familiar song: "You are my \_\_\_\_\_, my only sunshine..."
13. The sound that an owl makes.
14. St. Louis' favorite sport.
16. These are budding this time of year; where birds build their nests.



18. Individuals ride this on the Katy Trail.
19. Trips that families plan to have fun, usually during the summer.
20. The warmest season of the year; this season follows Spring.
23. "Roses are red, \_\_\_\_\_ are blue..."
24. Second Sunday in May. (two words)
25. The study of the moon, stars, and planets.
28. One hears these creatures croaking near water this time of year.
30. High School Seniors are looking forward to this at the end of the month.
33. On a breezy day, you might find children flying these.
34. An obligation that must be performed for moral or legal reasons.
36. A snack of caramel-coated popcorn and peanuts, often enjoyed at baseball games.
37. God's only son.
38. Degrees of heat that tend to begin to rise this time of year.

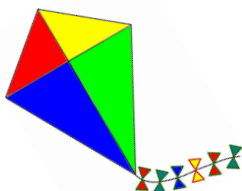


### **DOWN:**

2. "In \_\_\_\_\_ we trust" is printed on all American money.
3. Hibernation is settling down for a long winter's \_\_\_\_\_.
4. A nocturnal bird which calls his own name on a warm summer's eve.
5. An informal meal eaten outdoors.
6. A flower-decked pole with ribbons hung, which festivities are held around on May 1st.
7. These flowers come in various colors, but the red ones are a symbol of love.
8. This array of colors sometimes adorns the sky on a day when it is raining and the sun is simultaneously shining.
12. "...It's one, two, three \_\_\_\_\_, you're out! At the old ballgame."
15. "...Buy me some \_\_\_\_\_ and crackerjacks. I don't care if I ever get back..."
17. The Red Birds; our favorite baseball team.
19. On Memorial Day, we honor the memory of fallen \_\_\_\_\_ of all wars.
21. The national holiday that falls on the last Monday in May. (two words)
22. A small, brightly-colored bird with wings that vibrate rapidly making the sound for which it is named; the only bird with the ability to fly backwards and upside-down.
26. A game for two or four players, played by hitting the ball over a net with a racket.
27. A winged nocturnal beetle whose abdomen glows with a soft intermittent light.
28. These beautiful plants adorn our yards and window boxes, in many arrays of color; a popular Mother's Day gift.
29. Star \_\_\_\_\_ is a night-time hobby that is done by looking into the sky through a telescope or with the naked eye.
31. A popular summertime treat. (two words)
32. This national symbol is placed on each veteran's grave on Memorial Day.
35. This song is often played by a trumpet at the close of a Memorial Day service.



*(Answers on pg. 19)*





# MAY WORD SEARCH



D	R	A	U	G	O	V	F	A	M	E	R	I	C	A	S	T	G
A	B	R	S	I	N	T	E	H	B	R	A	V	E	R	Y	R	E
F	L	O	W	E	R	S	P	T	R	E	E	M	T	E	A	T	Y
A	U	P	R	O	T	E	C	T	E	S	E	I	L	N	D	K	S
L	E	L	O	P	Y	A	M	Y	H	R	U	L	D	N	I	D	R
L	T	R	E	C	R	L	D	S	A	O	A	M	F	L	L	B	A
E	I	E	E	S	O	I	N	L	T	V	A	N	H	E	O	P	T
N	H	U	R	V	L	U	D	P	E	L	E	C	L	O	H	S	S
V	W	E	I	R	G	H	R	H	U	T	N	D	R	E	D	E	E
S	O	N	F	B	D	I	T	A	R	D	O	G	S	T	P	H	R
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I	E	G	I	Y	N	G	S	H	B	Y	B	T	U	T	R	T	C
M	D	O	L	N	E	D	M	O	O	T	S	H	E	R	A	A	E
A	T	I	H	E	R	S	U	R	U	A	T	W	H	O	L	P	C
F	L	A	G	A	E	W	O	N	R	C	H	E	R	I	S	H	L
D	O	V	C	E	R	E	M	E	M	B	E	R	O	N	O	H	R

AMERICA  
BLUE  
BRAVERY  
CARDS  
CARING  
CHERISH  
COURAGE  
EMERALD  
FALLEN

FAMILY  
FLAG  
FLOWERS  
GEMINI  
GRANDMA  
GUARD  
HAWTHORNE  
HOLIDAY  
HONOR

LILY OF THE VALLEY  
LOVING  
MAYPOLE  
MEMORIAL  
MOTHER  
OLD GLORY  
PATRIOT  
PROTECT  
RED *(find this vertically)*

REMEMBER  
SERVICE  
SOLDIER  
STARS  
STRIPE  
TAURUS  
VETERAN  
WHITE

After completing the word search, use the **UNUSED** letters to complete the message:  
(Answers on pg. 19)

"Hundreds \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ only \_\_\_\_\_."

Author Unknown

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The family of Winnie Utterback (Marilyn Norton's sister) who passed away on 4/19; the family of Jenny Buescher who passed away on 4/18; the family of Arlie Berg, Sr. who passed away on 4/10; the family of Mark Pruitt (Ann Jenkins's brother) who passed away on 4/9; the family of Don Utterback (Marilyn Norton's brother-in-law)—who passed away 3/22; the family of Aaron Duenke—missing after seen floating on a piece of ice on the Missouri River; the family of Kenny Loudermilk, the paraglider who went down in the Missouri River on 10/26; Marilyn Norton—heart issues; Faith Benson (friend of Robbin DeVore)—on hospice with lung disease, pray for peace for her; Rev. Donna Kendrick-Philips—surgery on 4/19; Clarence Lammers (Jeanette Stegner's brother)—diagnosed with cancer, receiving radiation; Klyde Koirtz (grandson of Steve & Janet Glosemeyer)—recovering from head injury as a result of a fall; Marvin Engelage—aortic valve replacement on 4/25; Lynette Woolley—hospitalized with complications following emergency hernia surgery on 4/2; Marigene Kersten—recovering from a surgical procedure for breast cancer; Gary Scoutin—brain tumor; Grady Thayer (Lulu Hasenjaeger's great-grandson)—on dialysis; Ralph Roloff—health issues; Ellen Engelage—health issues; Maurice Mittler—health issues; Ed Thierbach—health issues; Mark Jones—health issues; the families who have been affected 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:** Winnie Utterback, Clarence Lammers, Rev. Donna Kendrick-Philips, Marigene Kersten, James Heady, Maurice Frick, 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, Ralph Roloff, 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!

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**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:**

Charles & D'Arline Driemeyer  
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New Haven, MO 63068

Ellen Engelage  
Union Care Center  
1080 Marie Lane  
Union, MO 63084

Ralph Roloff  
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.

### ACROSS:

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|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. Allegiance | 18. Bike         | 33. Kites        |
| 7. Raindrops  | 19. Vacations    | 34. Duty         |
| 9. May        | 20. Summer       | 36. Crackerjacks |
| 10. Plan      | 23. Violets      | 37. Jesus        |
| 11. Sunshine  | 24. Mother's Day | 38. Temperatures |
| 13. Hoot      | 25. Astronomy    |                  |
| 14. Baseball  | 28. Frogs        |                  |
| 16. Trees     | 30. Graduation   |                  |

### DOWN:

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|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| 2. God          | 15. Peanuts      | 29. Gazing    |
| 3. Nap          | 17. Cardinals    | 31. Ice Cream |
| 4. Whippoorwill | 19. Veterans     | 32. Flag      |
| 5. Picnic       | 21. Memorial Day | 35. Taps      |
| 6. Maypole      | 22. Hummingbird  |               |
| 7. Roses        | 26. Tennis       |               |
| 8. Rainbow      | 27. Firefly      |               |
| 12. Stripes     | 28. Flowers      |               |

(Answers from pg. 16)



(Answer from puzzle on page 18)

*Hundreds of stars in the pretty sky,  
Hundreds of bees in the purple clover,  
Hundreds of birds that go singing by,  
But only one mother the whole world over.*



# St. Paul's UCC Church Calendar—May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10am-4pm Quilting 	2 	3  2pm Women's Guild	4	5 	6
7 Bring-A-Meal Sunday 9:30am Worship w/ Holy Communion <b>CONFIRMATION</b> NO Sunday School today 10:30am AM Fellowship	8 10am-4pm Quilting 	9  7pm-8pm Food Pantry @CBC	10	11 <i>God Bless America</i> 	12  Adult Social Connection 5:30pm Hawthorne Inn Labadie, MO	13 
14 <i>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!</i> 9:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School <b>LAST DAY OF SS UNTIL FALL</b> 10:30am AM Fellowship	15 10am-4pm Quilting  <b>6PM MEN'S FELLOWSHIP</b>	16	17  7pm Choir Practice	18 <b>Ascension Day</b> 	19 	20  11am-12N Food Pantry @ CBC
21 9:30am Worship 10:30am AM Fellowship	22 10am-4pm Quilting 	23 	24 	25	26 7pm Concert in the Park 	27 
28 9:30am Worship 10:30am AM Fellowship	29 No Quilting today <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> 	30 	31	<b>A Mother's Hands</b> The hands of a mother are like no other. Filled with warmth and safety, They are the first hands to hold us. The first hands to dry our tears. The first hands to touch our faces. A mother's hands say "I love you without words."  —Lisa Goich—		

*"So then after the Lord had spoken unto them,  
He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God." (Mark 16:19 KJV)*



## 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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