

ST. PAUL'S UCC NEWSLETTER



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A Loving Church, Making a Difference in the World

Letter from our Pastor Emeritus

Consider these November dates in the worship life of St. Paul's UCC:

November 2 – Reformation Sunday
November 9 – Recognizing our veterans, both living and dead.
November 23 – Totenfest and Thanksgiving Sunday
November 30 – First Sunday in Advent
Every Sunday in November – Easter Sunday

We have probably not yet thought much about celebrating our nation being 250 years old, come July 4, 2026. It is time we do. While the United States of America is not perfect, I believe it is by far the greatest nation to ever exist on earth. Our motto is "In God We Trust."

Our trust in God has been well-placed. In the two and a half centuries—through civil war, women's suffrage, two world wars, the Great Depression, the labor movement, the civil rights movement, environmental reconsideration, and reconsideration for the native peoples we have harmed in our westward expansion—our leaders have found the will, and the leaders, demanded by those many tribulations.

Where did our leaders get that will and determination? For most of them, in a community of faith, the church. With all the problems we face in America and in the world, we need the church and the worship life of the church now more than ever. I sincerely hope more and more we will learn to "trust and obey" as we gather with a great cloud of witnesses for the remainder of 2025. Let's plan on celebrating our faith and citizenship in a big way every day all the way up to July 4, 2026. As it says in Hebrews 12:1, "*we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.*"

Don Decker, Pastor Emeritus



MANY THANKS to all for the numerous tasks that are often "behind the scenes" and may seem to go unnoticed—whether it is preparing meals for the sick, decorating, filling the soda machine, teaching, serving on committees, serving as worship leaders, tending to needed work/jobs at church, quilting, donating items, etc....These are jobs that many of you so faithfully tend to. Please know your dedication is appreciated.

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- November Extra Steps -

Pregnancy Assistance Center

(Angel Tree)—Display is in the lobby.

Samaritan's Purse

(Shoeboxes)—Display is in the lobby.

(See pg. 5 for more information.)



St. Paul's UCC Staff

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Sally & Tony Rohe	Custodians
Debbie Garbs.....	Choir Director
Cathie Schoppenhorst, Gene Ahmann, Brenda Daniels, Amy Lange	Projection Technicians
Robbin DeVore	Newsletter Editor

Church Council

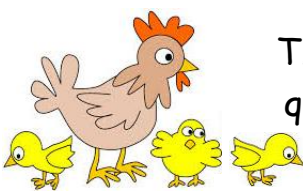
Bob Aholt.....	President, Altar Guild Rep.
Jim Buescher.....	Vice President, Pastoral Relations Committee Rep.
Bonnie Borgmann	Treasurer
Cathie Schoppenhorst	Financial Secretary, Missions Committee Rep., Historical Committee Rep.
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John Buhr	Buildings & Grounds Committee Rep.
Jodi Lange.....	Social Media Rep., Christian Ed. Committee Rep., Membership Care Committee Rep.



—TIME CHANGE—
Saturday, November 1st
"FALL BACK"
1 hr. @ bedtime

Chicken Dinner Update

Proceeds from the Chicken Dinner totaled
\$9,864.08
 The Women's Guild
 quilt raffle raised
\$809




Thanks to all who helped in any way to make this annual event a success.
A SPECIAL THANKS to the Chicken Dinner Committee.

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.

Church Council Meeting:

Mon., Nov. 10th — 6pm



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
MON., NOV. 17TH—6PM



Women's Guild

WED., NOV. 5th
Meeting in Fellowship Hall—2pm

MON., DEC. 1st — 8:30am
Christmas Music Program & Luncheon
Those who are attending have previously signed up;
Attendees will leave church at 8:30am.



ST. PAUL'S UCC CAR & BIKE SHOW



The figures from this year's car & bike show were not yet in at the time of this mailing. They will be relayed as they become available.



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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING UPDATES:

Thank You to those who attended the annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 19, 2025. The Congregation approved Jacob DeVore to serve on the Church Council for a three-year term starting January 2026. We are still looking for someone to serve another position on the Council, which will be vacated at the end of this year.

It is an honor to serve your church and see what it takes to keep this church in operation. It is extremely important to have these positions filled in order to execute the operations of this church and its council. If you would be interested or know of someone you would like to recommend, please contact myself or anyone on the council. Remember: If not you....., then who will serve?

Bob Aholt, St Paul's UCC Council President

- ❖ **NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS (JAN. '26):** Jacob DeVore will be a new council member for 2026, and we are still looking for another nominee.
(Thanks to Bob Aholt and John Buhr, whose terms end in Dec. 2025)

- ❖ **CEMETERY BOARD MEMBERS:** There are no members whose terms are ending this year.



During our **November 9th** service of worship, we will honor veterans who have served or are currently serving in our armed forces.

If you have photos of family members to include in our existing slide show, please get them to Amy Lange no later than **Sunday, Oct. 26th** or email them to her at amyllange@gmail.com or Ph: 314-608-3987.



TOTENFEST SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2025



In remembering those who have passed away, if you have any photos of loved ones you would like to be projected during our existing slide show, please give them to Amy Lange no later than **Sunday, November 3rd** or email them to her at amyllange@gmail.com or Ph: 314-608-3987.



Advent



*The season of Advent begins on November 30th. Please join us in celebrating this holiday season. The Sunday School classes will be a part of the services of worship during Advent. With classes only every other week, classes will be practicing during class time, beginning in **October**. Please make every effort to have your children at Sunday School.*

Mission Moment - Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. The organization serves the church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Operation Christmas Child (OCC) gives gift-filled shoe boxes and gospel booklets to children in desperate situations around the world, some of whom are refugees of civil war, while others are survivors of a natural disaster or victims of extreme poverty.



Visit them on their website: www.samaritanspurse.org/occ

Boxes and additional information in the lobby.

MUST BE SUBMITTED BY SUN., NOV. 16TH.

NOTE: POSTAGE FEE IS \$10 PER BOX.



Mission Moment - Pregnancy Assistance Center

Because of your generosity, local needy families will be receiving help at Christmas from the Pregnancy Assistance Center.

Many of these families have children or parents with physical impairments, terminal illnesses, have been victims of natural disasters, or other situations that have caused them to fall on hard times.

Ornaments with suggested needed items will be displayed on the tree in the lobby as Christmas draws nearer.

Consider making a contribution to help these families in need.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR DONATIONS WITH THE ORNAMENT ATTACHED BY SUNDAY, DEC. 7TH.

You may return contributions/items wrapped or unwrapped.





—Christmas Services—

There will be a Christmas Eve service of worship at **7pm** on Wednesday, December 24th.

There will be NO service of worship on Christmas Day.





ALTAR FLOWERS:



Oct. 5: in loving memory of Lillie Rekate's birthday, by Karen Rekate Bartizal.
We love you Grandma!

Extra arrangement in loving memory of Delvin Hasenjaeger who passed away
20 yrs. ago today, by Lulu Hasenjaeger.

Oct. 12: in honor of Dylan Borgmann's 21st birthday (Oct. 18th), by Bonnie Borgmann.

Extra arrangement in honor of Sally Rohe's 78th birthday (Oct. 17th), by Tony Rohe.

Oct. 19: in loving memory of Arlene DeVore, whose birthday was Oct. 24, 1951, by Tim DeVore.
Extra arrangement in honor of Rosalie Carter's baptism (Oct. 13, 2024), by the Carter & Parsons families.

Oct. 26: 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.***



With Deepest Gratitude

We would like to thank **THE MANY SUPPLY PASTORS** for their service to
St. Paul's UCC during these months we have been 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 be our constant supply and 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

November Supply

Nov. 2— Don Deeker

Nov. 9— Don Deeker

Nov. 16— Fred Brandenburg

Nov. 23— Don Deeker

Nov. 30— Don Deeker



December Supply

Dec. 7— Don Deeker

Dec. 14— Don Deeker

Dec. 21— Don Deeker

Dec. 24— Don Deeker (7pm)

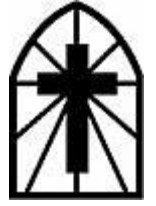
Dec. 28— Don Deeker



Services of Worship

9:30am

Pastor by Supply



November	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Ushers	Cathie S. (lead) Karen Dohrer Cathie S. Lulu Hasenjaeger Cindy Buescher	Jodi L. (lead) Gene Ahmann Karla Aholt Marigene Kersten Ann Jenkins	Terri O. (lead) Audrey Meyer Terri Ogle John Presser Nancy Presser	Bonnie B. (lead) Tony Rohe Curt Rohe Robbin DeVore Kylie Rohe	John B. (lead) Kay Buhr Debbie Garbs Karen Sida Kersten Mayer
Acolytes	Kersten Mayer	Kennady Mayer	Addy Engelage	Colsie Lange	Colsie Lange
Readers	Cathie S.	Karla Aholt	Terri Ogle	Curt Rohe	Jodi Lange
Greeters	Brenda Roloff Cathie S.	Gene Ahmann Karla Aholt	Audrey Meyer John & Nancy P.	Tony Rohe Curt Rohe	Karen Sida Kersten Mayer
Fellowship	NEED VOLUNTEER	Wayne & Wilma Zeh	NEED VOLUNTEER	Debbie Garbs	NEED VOLUNTEER

Worship Attendance:

9-28-2025---40

10-5-2025---67

10-12-2025---40

10-19-2025---62

10-26-2025---41

The Adult Choir

Come join us in song!

The choir will sing on Sun., Nov. 23rd.

Practice will be on Wed., November 19th at 6:30pm.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Contact Debbie Garbs or Sally Rohe with inquiries.



Suggested Scripture Readings for November

Nov. 2nd — Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Psalm 119:137-144 *or*
Isaiah 1:10-18 and Psalm 32:1-7 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

Nov. 9th — Haggai 1:15b – 2:9 and Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 *or* Psalm 98 *or*
Job 19:23-27a and Psalm 17:1-9 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

Nov. 16th — Isaiah 65:17-25 and Isaiah 12 *or*
Malachi 4:1-2a and Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19

Nov. 23rd — Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Luke 1:68-79 *or*
Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43

Nov. 30th — Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 3:1-12



ADULT SOCIAL CONNECTION

"FALL HARVEST DINNER"

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

6PM—FELLOWSHIP HALL



The leaves are falling, there is a crispness in the air, the crops are being harvested, and it is a time to be thankful. Please join us!! The meat and drinks will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert to complete the meal.

Please sign up on the sheets in the lobby by Tuesday, November 11th if you plan to attend, and indicate which side dish you will bring. Everyone is welcome to bring their favorite board games or playing cards for after dinner entertainment.

Contact Karla Aholt or Diane Freese with questions or inquiries. Hope to see everyone there!



THANK YOU
to all our military personnel for the sacrifices
you have made for our freedom. We salute you.
May God bless you and keep you
in his tender loving care.
VETERANS DAY
TUESDAY, NOV. 11TH





WWI ended on the eleventh month on the eleventh day on the eleventh hour.

Today I saw a man selling poppies stop a lady and asked if he could re-position her poppy. While doing so, he told that lady she should wear the poppy on her right side; the red represents the blood of all those who gave their lives, the black represents the mourning of those who didn't have their loved ones return home, and the green leaf represents the grass and crops growing and future prosperity after the war destroyed so much. The leaf should be positioned at 11 o'clock to represent the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the time that WWI formally ended. He was worried that younger generations wouldn't understand this, and that his generation wouldn't be around for much longer to teach them. We must remember those from our current wars too!

For those that do not know, the eleventh day of the eleventh month is Veterans Day! My son found this on Facebook and shared it with me. The person who sent this asks that this story be shared. Please do the same to pass this knowledge on to those who don't know the meaning and who care enough to know.

God Bless America and all our veterans!



NOVEMBER CRYPTOGRAM

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! (Psalm 100:4)
4 23 15 1 1 13 7 1 6 24 8 15 (answer on pg. 12)

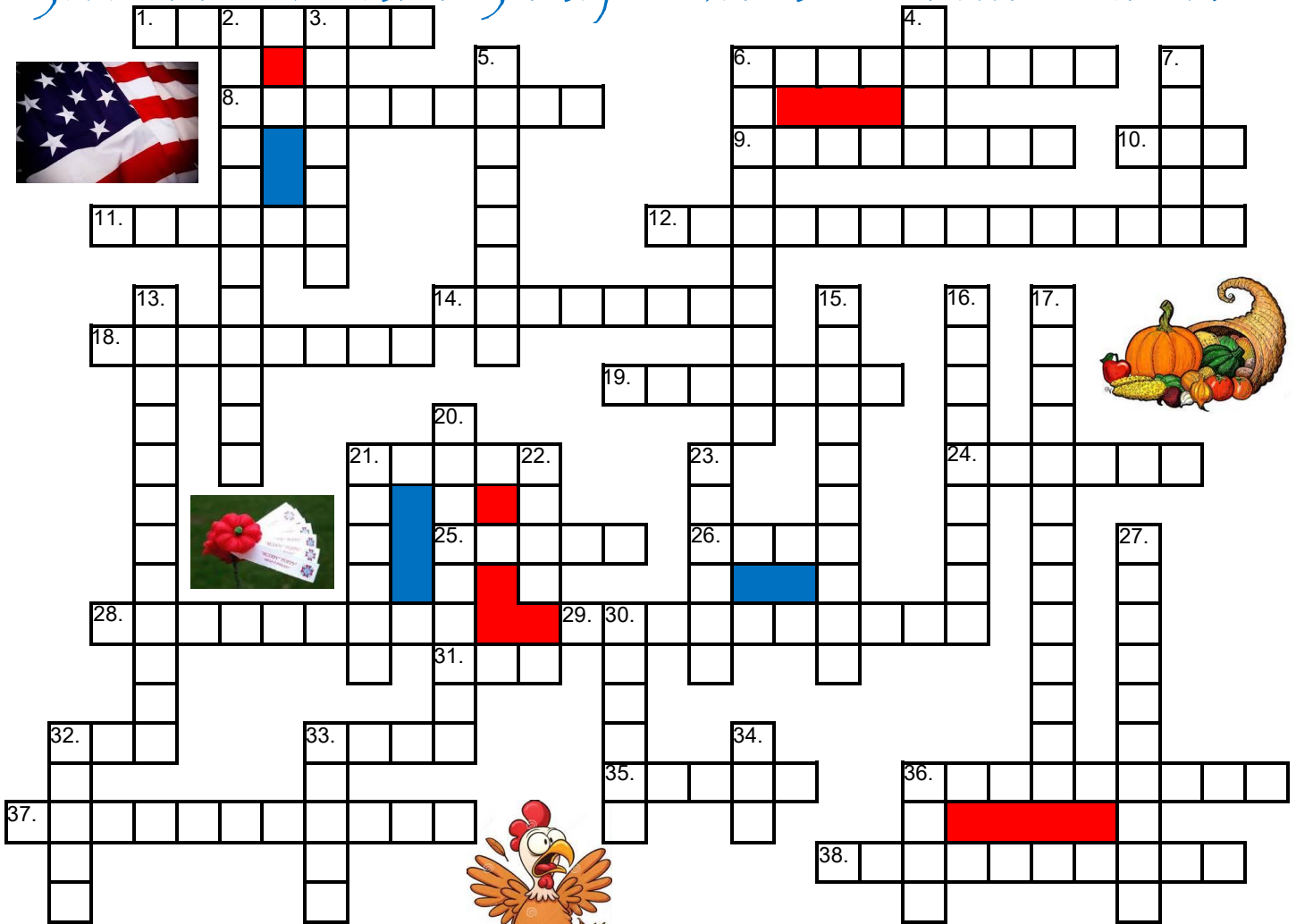
NOVEMBER WORD SEARCH

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ADVENT
APPLE PIE
ARMISTICE
BLACK FRIDAY
CORNUCOPIA
CRANBERRY SALAD
DECORATING
DEEP FREEZE
GRAVY
HOLIDAYS
MUMS
NOVEMBER
PILGRIM
PUMPKIN
SOLDIERS
STUFFING
SWEET POTATOES
THANKSGIVING
TOTENFEST
TURKEY
VETERANS
WINTER CHILL



"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart." 1 Thessalonians 5:18



Across:

(Answers on pg. 16)

1. As defined under Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations: "a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable."
6. Veterans Day gives thanks to those who served their country honorably during war or _____.
8. Veterans Day originated as _____ Day.
9. The armed forces of a country.
10. A nationwide favorite Christian hymn: "How Great Thou _____".
11. In 1919, President Woodrow _____ proclaimed November 11th as the first commemoration of Armistice Day.
12. Each year on Veterans Day, an official wreath-laying ceremony is held at the Tomb of the _____ (2 words)
14. Veterans Day pays tribute to all _____ veterans, living or dead.
18. Veterans Day falls on the _____ day of the eleventh month of the year.
19. In 1926, Congress made Veterans Day a national _____.
21. A light that shines in a bright but brief, sudden, or intermittent way.
24. These fall from trees, covering the ground this time of the year.
25. This artificial red flower is a symbol of Remembrance, and is sold to raise funds for veterans.
26. "Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you _____." (Matthew 11:28 NASB)
28. The wreath-laying ceremony referred to in #12 Across is located in _____ National Cemetery.

29. In 1954, President _____ established the Veterans Day National Committee to oversee national planning and coordination of the Veterans Day observance.
31. Veterans Day originated on the first anniversary of the end of World War _____.
32. Acorns are the fruit of this tree.
33. An American tradition, in honoring veterans, is to display our nation's _____.
35. The Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy are branches of the United States _____ forces.
36. _____ often present colors at a Veterans Day ceremony. (2 words)
37. While the United States celebrates Veterans Day, England and Canada call it _____ Day.
38. Persons killed or injured in a war.

Down:

2. In 1941, Congress recognized _____ as a national holiday.
3. A small remaining quantity of something.
4. The first English settlers traveled _____ from England to America.
5. The first _____ arrived in America in December of 1620.
6. A popular present-day dessert served at Thanksgiving. (2 words)
7. The first Thanksgiving lasted for _____ full days.
13. The very spot that the Pilgrims first set foot on land. (2 words)
15. The first Thanksgiving was celebrated at Plymouth _____ in the fall of 1621.
16. The Pilgrims traveled to America on the _____.
17. The answer to #13 Down is located in what state?
20. The Native American tribe invited to the first Thanksgiving dinner were the _____ Indians.
21. Thanksgiving is always celebrated on the _____ Thursday in November.
22. A feeling of expectation or desire for a certain thing to happen; a feeling of trust.
23. Most popular main course for Thanksgiving dinner today in the United States.
27. Otherwise known as a "horn of plenty."
30. Samoset, an English-speaking Abenaki Chief, was the first Native American _____ to greet the Pilgrims and introduce them to Massasoit, the Wampanoag Chief.
32. The Pilgrims sailed the Atlantic _____ to reach America.
33. The Pilgrims called their first Thanksgiving dinner a Harvest _____.
34. The color of cranberries.
36. The 1992 hit song for Vanessa Williams: "Save the _____ for Last".



Answers to CRYPTOGRAM 2 (from pg. 10)

*"Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!
Give thanks to Him, bless His name!" (Psalm 100:4)*

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Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd: Britni Beck
 4th: James Buescher
 5th: Patsy Berg
 6th: Marvin Engelage
 Brian Lange
 7th: Paul Freese
 Amelia Lampkin
 8th: Cullen Richardson
 11th: Amy Lange
 15th: Mark Kimball
 19th: Cindy Buescher
 Joell Engelage
 21st: Stacie Chapman
 22nd: Thekla Hagenbuch
 23rd: Brenda Roloff
 24th: Jarrod Harrison
 25th: Mabel Eichmeyer
 28th: Mona Anderson

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

12th: Michael & Janna Chambers
 22nd: Tony & Sally Rohe-1969
 24th: Bryan & Cindy Niemeyer
 28th: Otto & Susie Thierbach



ANNIVERSARIES OF BAPTISM

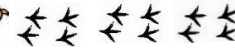
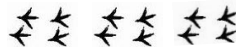
10th: Cohen Lange



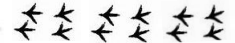
**REMEMBER
OUR
VETERANS**



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



**THANKSGIVING DAY
THURS., NOVEMBER 27TH**





TURKEY FUN FACTS:

- As far back as 1000 A.D., Native American Indians raised turkeys for food. Aztec Indians in Mexico were raising them as early as 200 B.C.
- Turkeys are actually a type of pheasant.
- The heaviest turkey weighed in at 86 pounds.
- Mature turkeys have about 3,500 feathers. I wonder who took the time to count them?
- The turkey industry grosses over \$1 billion a year.
- The Average American consumes about 17.6 pounds of Turkey per year.
- Americans will cook over 45 million turkeys on Thanksgiving Day.
- In 1947, the first Presidential pardon was ceremoniously given to a turkey.
- The "Turkey Trot" was named after how turkeys walk.... in short, jerky steps.
- Sleepy after the big meal? Turkey contains an amino acid called "Tryptophan." Tryptophan sets off a chemical chain reaction that calms you down and makes you sleepy.
- The Native American name for turkey is "Firkee".
- You can tell the sex of a turkey from their poop. Males form a spiral on the ground, while females leave "J" shaped poop. I'm sure you wanted to know this.
- In 2012, more than 210 million turkeys were consumed in the United States. About 46 million of those turkeys were eaten at Thanksgiving, 22 million at Christmas, and 19 million at Easter.
- Because its eyes are on the sides of its head, the turkey has periscopic vision, which allows it to see objects that are not in its direct line of vision. By rotating its head, the turkey has a 360-degree field of vision.
- Domesticated turkeys cannot fly; they have been selectively bred to be much heavier and possess a larger, broader breast, the weight of which keeps them perpetually grounded.
- The turkey is native to northern Mexico and the eastern United States.
- 235 million turkeys were raised in 2014. The record is 302.7 million in 1996.
- Turkey, like poultry, is lower in cholesterol than beef and many other meats.
- Male Turkeys are called "Toms" or "Gobblers", female turkeys are called "Hens" and baby turkeys are called "poults".
- Male turkeys (toms) gobble, but hens do not. They make a clicking noise instead.
- Wild turkeys can fly 55 miles per hour, and run 25 miles per hour.
- The long, red, fleshy growth from the base of the beak that hangs down over the beak is called the *snood*. The bright red appendage on a turkey's neck is called the *wattle*.
- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the country's official bird, and wrote, "For the Truth the Turkey is in Comparison a much more respectable Bird, and withal a true original Native of America."
- In the 18th century, Congress voted between the bald eagle and the turkey to represent the national symbol of pride. The turkey lost by a single congressional vote.

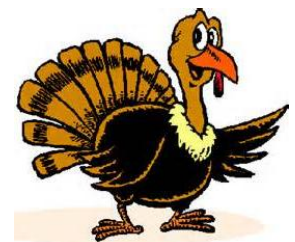




Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day—a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

There are approx. 19 million living military veterans in the United States (about 7% of the adult population).

- 19 million living veterans served during at least one war as of April 2021.
- 11 percent (2,090,000) veterans are women.
- Frank Woodruff Buckles (born Wood Buckles, February 1, 1901 - February 27, 2011) was a United States Army corporal and the last surviving American military veteran of World War I, aged 110.
- The last combat WWI veteran was Claude Choules, who served in the British Royal Navy (and later the Royal Australian Navy) and died on May 5, 2011, aged 110. The last veteran who served in the trenches was Harry Patch (British Army), who died on July 25, 2009, aged 111.
- 52 years prior to the first World War, America was embroiled in the most casualty producing war in its history by far: the Civil War. Peter Conover Hains served in both of those wars. Hains did not come from a long line of military men.
- 6.4 million living veterans served during the Vietnam War era (1964-1975); their median age is 71.
- 7.8 million veterans served during the Gulf War (representing service from Aug. 2, 1990, to present).
- Of the 16 million Americans who served during WWI (1914-1918), the men and women are now in their 90s or older. According to US Department of Veterans Affairs statistics, 167,284 are still alive in 2022.
- 933,000 veterans served during the Korean War (1950-1953).
- As of 2021, the top 3 states with the highest percentage of veterans among their population were Alaska, Virginia, and Montana.



Thursday, November 27, 2025

- Thanksgiving is always celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November in the United States. In Canada it is celebrated on the second Monday in October.
- The first pilgrims arrived in North America in December of 1620.
- The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in Plymouth in the fall of 1621.
- The Native American tribe invited to the first Thanksgiving dinner were the Wampanoag Indians.
- The first Thanksgiving feast lasted for three full days.
- Thanksgiving was not recognized as an official holiday until 1941, when Congress decided that the holiday should be observed officially on the fourth Thursday in November every single year. The date was chosen by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in order to make the Christmas shopping season longer to aid in the country's financial recovery from the Great Depression. Prior to the date being set in 1941, it was up to the president to set the date for Thanksgiving each year.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The family of Barb Buescher (Larry Buescher's wife; sister to Allan Scholz) who passed away on 10/19; the family of Trisha Glosemeyer (of Peers) who passed away on 10/10; the family of Norman Schwoeppe (Marthasville) who passed away on 10/4; Murrill Wohler—on hospice; Dale Hackmann—on hospice; Gene Cornell (of Holstein church)—diagnosed with brain cancer; Rev. Jeff Mueller—diagnosed with leukemia; Bev Wohler—health issues; Brenda Roloff—recent eye surgeries, dealing with complications; Carrie Deeker—health issues; Steve Calvert (friend of Curt Rohe)—health issues; Arnold & Marcia Rekate (Walean Bunge's brother & sister-in-law)—Arnold is in a rehab facility with pancreatic issues, Marcia has stage-4 cancer; Ellen Engelage—health issues; the families who have been affected by armed violence in this country and in the world; the people of Ukraine & Israel, 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 as well as those on the front lines, caring for those who are ill.



Those Battling Cancer: Gene Cornell, Bonnie Borgmann, Rev. Jeff Mueller, Caiden Thies, Mildred Hinnah, Teresa Wheeler, Marcia Rekate, Brenda Gratz, Marigene Kersten, Glennon Hepperman, Rev. Jeffrey Willey, Eric Moritz, Marsha Meyer, Kurt Gildehaus, Dave Pruitt, Ted Lepper, James Heady, Isaac Mercer, Kristi Warnecke.

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:

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



Mary Mittler
 Homestead at Hickory View
 1481 Marbach Dr., Room 211
 Washington, MO 63090

—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.

(Answers to Crossword from pg. 11)

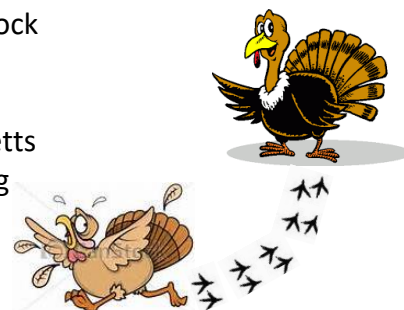
Across:

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| 1. Veteran | 28. Arlington |
| 6. peacetime | 29. Eisenhower |
| 8. Armistice | 31. One |
| 9. military | 32. oak |
| 10. Art | 33. flag |
| 11. Wilson | 35. armed |
| 12. unknown soldier | 36. Boy Scouts |
| 14. American | 37. Remembrance |
| 18. eleventh | 38. casualties |
| 19. holiday | |
| 21. flash | |
| 24. leaves | |
| 25. poppy | |
| 26. rest | |



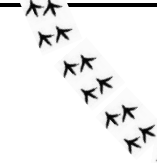
Down:

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| 2. Thanksgiving | 27. Cornucopia |
| 3. remnant | 30. Indian |
| 4. west | 32. Ocean |
| 5. Pilgrims | 33. Feast |
| 6. pumpkin pie | 34. red |
| 7. three | 36. Best |
| 13. Plymouth Rock | |
| 15. Plantation | |
| 16. Mayflower | |
| 17. Massachusetts | |
| 20. Wampanoag | |
| 21. fourth | |
| 22. hope | |
| 23. turkey | |



****All puzzles in this publication except the mazes were created by Robbin DeVore; they are originals.****
—Any historical or trivia information is collected from various public online sources.—

St. Paul's UCC Church Calendar—November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <i>"Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son..." ("Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart" by Henry Smith)</i>  						
2 Bring A Meal Sunday 9:30am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am AM Fellowship	3 10am-4pm Quilting 	4	5  2pm Women's Guild	6 	7	8
9 9:30am Worship NO Sunday School 10:30am AM Fellowship	10 10am-4pm Quilting  6pm Church Council	11  VETERANS DAY! 6:30pm-7:30pm Food Pantry @ CBC	12 	13 	14  Adult Social Connection 6pm Harvest Dinner	15 11am-12N Food Pantry @ CBC
16 9:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am AM Fellowship	17 10am-4pm Quilting   6PM MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	18	19  6:30pm Choir Practice	20 	21 	22 
23 TOTENFEST 9:30am Worship NO Sunday School 10:30am AM Fellowship 	24 10am-4pm Quilting  	25  	26 	27 	28 	29 
30 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am AM Fellowship	<i>"I will praise the name of God with a song; and will magnify Him with Thanksgiving." (Psalm 69:30 NKJV)</i> 					

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