ST. PAUL'S UCC NEWSLETTER



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A Loving Church, Making a Difference in the World

Letter from our Pastor Emeritus

On the 23rd of September, had she lived, Carrie and I would have been married 54 years – years that seem to have passed in a hurry. In her absence, I have been thinking a lot about our married life together. I am reading a book by Daniel Mark Epstein, The Lincolns–Portrait of a Marriage.

The Lincoln marriage was not always a happy one, but, yet one that endured. There is a paragraph in the book that I think describes most marriages. It is:

"Enduring marriages do not follow a simple trajectory to success or ruin. They proceed in a jagged arc, as husband and wife agree, disagree, compromise, and experience estrangement and reconciliation in the adventure of their life together."

–Don Deeker, 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 will be in the lobby.

(See pg. 5 for more information.)

Samaritan's Purse

(Shoeboxes)—Display is in the lobby.

(See pg. 5 for more information.)

Christmas Fund—(for retired clergy)

St. Paul's UCC Staff

Pastors by Supply....
Robbin DeVore (stpaulsuccmo.org@gmail.com)....Secretary
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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

Jim Buescher....President
Wilma Zeh....Vice President, Pastoral Relations Committee Rep.
Bonnie Borgmann....Treasurer
Cathie Schoppenhorst....Financial Secretary, Missions Committee Rep., Historical Committee Rep.
Terri Ogle....Recording Secretary, Altar Guild Rep.
Jacob DeVore....Buildings & Grounds Committee Rep.
Jodi Lange....Social Media Rep., Christian Ed. Committee Rep., Membership Care Committee Rep.



—TIME CHANGE—

Saturday, October 31st

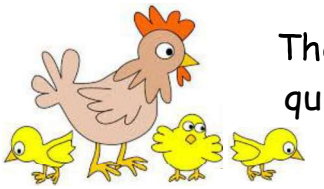
"FALL BACK"

1 hr. @ bedtime

Chicken Dinner Update

Proceeds from the Chicken Dinner totaled

$9,520.22



The Women's Guild quilt raffle raised

$882



Thanks to all who helped in any way to make this annual event a success.

A SPECIAL THANKS to the Chicken Dinner Committee.

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Sunday Morning Fellowship

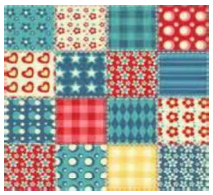
We need *volunteers* to assist with coffee, lemonade, and donuts.



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. 9th— 6:30pm



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

—NO MEETING IN NOV. —

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Women's Guild

WED., NOV. 4th

Meeting in Fellowship Hall—2pm

MON., DEC. 7th — 8:30am

Christmas Music Program & Luncheon

Those who are attending have previously signed up; Attendees will leave church at 8:30am.



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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING UPDATES:

Thank You to those who attended the annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 18, 2026. The Congregation approved Kay Buhr and Paul Freese to serve on the Church Council for a three-year term starting January 2027. We are still looking for one more to serve the other 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?

Jim Buescher, St Paul's UCC Council President

- **NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS (JAN. '27):** Kay Buhr and Paul Freese will be new council members for 2027, and we are still looking for one other nominee.
  (Thanks to Jim Buescher, Cathie Schoppenhorst, and Jodi Lange, whose terms end in Dec. 2026)
- **CEMETERY BOARD MEMBERS:** As Lulu's term ends, Diane Freese will take her place. Russell's term is renewed. (Thanks to Lulu for her many years of serving on the Cemetery Board.)



During our November 8th 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. 27th or email them to her at amyllange@gmail.com or Ph: 314-608-3987.



TOTENFEST SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 22, 2026

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 1st** or email them to her at amyllange@gmail.com **or Ph: 314-608-3987.**









The season of Advent begins on November 29th. Please join us in celebrating this holiday season. The Sunday School classes will be a part of the services of worship during Advent. With Sunday School classes before church, Christmas rehearsals will follow services of worship. Rehearsals will begin on Nov. 1st. Students will perform on Sun., Dec. 13th during the service of worship. Please make every effort to have your children at Sunday School and rehearsals.

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. 15TH.

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. 6TH.

You may return contributions/items wrapped or unwrapped.



—Christmas Services—

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

There will be ***NO*** *service of worship on* ***Christmas Day.***

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Oct. 4: in loving memory of Lillie Rekate's birthday (Oct. 8th), by Karen (Rekate) Bartizal.
Extra arrangement in loving memory of Delvin Hasenjaeger who passed away 21 yrs. ago on Oct. 5th, by Lulu Hasenjaeger.
Oct. 11: in honor of Sally Rohe's 79th birthday (Oct. 17th), by Tony Rohe.
Extra arrangement in loving memory of Orville Rohe, whose birthday was Oct. 16th, by Sandy, Curt, and Nick Rohe.
Oct. 18: in loving memory of Arlene DeVore, whose birthday was Oct. 24,1951, by Tim DeVore.
Oct. 25: 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.

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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

SCAN ME

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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

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November Supply

Nov. 1— Don Deeker
Nov. 8— Don Deeker
Nov. 15— Don Deeker
Nov. 22— Don Deeker
Nov. 29— Don Deeker



December Supply

Dec. 6— Don Deeker
Dec. 13— Don Deeker
Dec. 20— Don Deeker
Dec. 24— Don Deeker (7pm)
Dec. 27— Don Deeker

Services of Worship

9:30am

Pastor by Supply

November	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
Ushers	Bonnie B. (lead) Karen Dohrer Cathie S. Lulu Hasenjaeger Cindy Buescher	Wilma Z. (lead) Gene Ahmann Karla Aholt Marigene Kersten Ann Jenkins	Terri O. (lead) Audrey Meyer Terri Ogle Molly Carter Stacie Chapman	Jim B. (lead) Tony Rohe Curt Rohe Robbin DeVore Kylie Rohe	Cathie S. (lead) Kay Buhr Debbie Garbs Russell Kersten 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 Lulu Hasenjaeger	Gene Ahmann Karla Aholt	Audrey Meyer Molly Carter	Tony Rohe Curt Rohe	Russell Kersten Kersten Mayer
Fellowship	Wayne & Wilma Zeh	NEED VOLUNTEER	NEED VOLUNTEER	Debbie Garbs	NEED VOLUNTEER

Worship Attendance:

10-4-2026---38

10-11-2026---41

10-18-2026---51

10-25-2026---41

The Adult Choir

Come join us in song!

The choir will sing on Sun., Nov. 15th.

Practice will be on Wed., November 11th at 7pm.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Contact Debbie Garbs or Sally Rohe with inquiries.

Suggested Scripture Readings for November

Nov. 1st — Joshua 3:7-17 and Psalm 107:1-7,33-37 *or*
Micah 3:5-12 and Psalm 43 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12
***(All Saints Day)* Revelation 7:9-17 and Psalm 34:1-10,22 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12**

Nov. 8th — Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25 and Psalm 78:1-7 Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16
or* Amos 5:18-24 and Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 *or
Psalm 70 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-3

Nov. 15th — Judges 4:1-7 and Psalm 123 *or*
Zephaniah 1:7,12-18 and Psalm 90:1-8,(9-11),12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30

Nov. 22nd — Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24 and Psalm 100 *or*
Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24 and Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46

Nov. 29th — Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7,17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37

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Purchase a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas in honor or in memory of someone.
Sign-up sheets are in the lobby. Cost=$21 each.
Sign up by Sunday, December 6th.
Payment instructions are noted on the sign-up sheets.
You may take your poinsettia home after Christmas.



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Marthasville Community Christmas

DECEMBER

SUNDAY 6 4 PM

CITY PARK PAVILION

All Are Welcome - Cost Free Event

CAROLING BY LOCAL CHURCHES

VISIT WITH SANTA

REFRESHMENTS



ADULT SOCIAL CONNECTION



"ALABAMA CHRISTMAS"

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

PRESERVE MARTHASVILLE

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM—SHOW AT 7:30PM

In lieu of a November gathering, please join us for an evening Christmas concert at Preserve Marthasville, downtown, for "The Alabama Tribute" featuring Boys In The Band. For more information, see the flier in the lobby or go to preservemarthasville.com. On their home menu, go to concerts. You will need to purchase your own tickets in advance through the app.—Evenbrite $48.30 each.

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

****NOTE: There will be NO other Adult Social Connection event in December.****



THANK YOU

to all our military personnel for the sacrifices you have made for our freedom. We solute you.
May God bless you and keep you in his tender loving care.

VETERANS DAY
WEDNESDAY, 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 Word Search

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ACORN
AMERICA
AUTUMN
BONFIRE
BLUSTERY
BRAVERY
BROWN
CHILL
COLONISTS
CORNSTALKS
CORNUCOPIA
COURAGE
CRANBERRIES
FALLING LEAVES
FEAST
FLAG
FROST
GOLD
HARVEST
HAYRIDE
HOLIDAY
INDIANS
MAIZE
MASSACHUSETTS
MAYFLOWER
MEMORIAL
NOVEMBER
OLD GLORY
ORANGE
PECAN
PILGRIMS
PLYMOUTH
PUMPKIN
PURITANS
RAKING
RED *(find vertically)*
SOLDIER
SPICE
SQUIRREL
STARS
STRIPES
STUFFING
SWEET POTATOES
THANKSGIVING
TURKEY
VETERANS
WISHBONE
YELLOW

Find the words listed to the right of the puzzle. Then use all the unused letters to solve the messages below.

"____ __ __ ____ _____, ____

_____ ___." *(Psalm 25:5)*

"___ _____ _____ _____

___ _____ _____ __

___ _____, ___ __ ___

_____ ___ _____ _____ __

____ __." *(Psalm 42:8)*

(Answers on pg. 18)

NOVEMBER CRYPTOGRAM 2

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
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Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
					22				

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6 20 7 8 7 3 5 7 18 2 12 15

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10 7 12 4 8 9 11 24 7 11 J 16 1 21 13 4 10

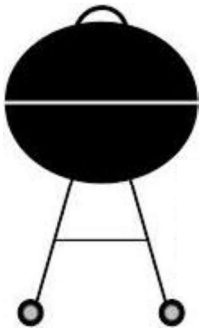
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8 1 3 17 8 1 13 6 20 11 2 8 7 !” ***(Psalm 95:2)***

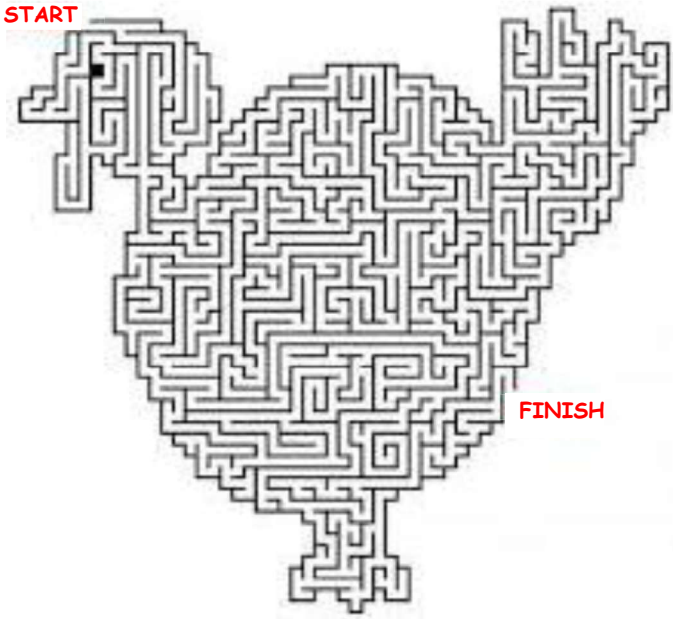
(answer on pg. 13)

EVANGELISM

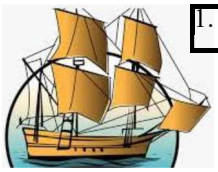
A **GROSS PROFIT** deposit was made in the amount of **$1054.00** from the Food Stand at the Concert in the Park in August.

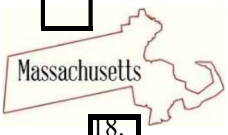


However, no expenses have yet been submitted, therefore, this is **NOT** the **NET PROFIT.**



NOVEMBER CROSSWORD








(answers on pg. 18)

Across:

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."
3. The armed forces of a country.
8. Veterans Day originated as _____ Day.
9. The wreath-laying ceremony referred to in #10 Across is located in _____National Cemetery.
10. Each year on Veterans Day, an official wreath-laying ceremony is held at the Tomb of the _____ soldier.
12. A group of soldiers.
15. Veterans Day pays tribute to all _____ veterans, living or dead.
16. Veterans Day falls on the _____ day of the eleventh month of the year.
20. The Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy are branches of the U. S. _____ forces.
21. While the United States celebrates Veterans Day, England and Canada call it _____ Day.
23. (Same as #17. Down).
24. The current season we are in.
27. One half quart.
28. The eleventh month of the year.
30. This artificial red flower is a symbol of Remembrance, and it is sold to raise funds for veterans.
31. These fall from trees, covering the ground this time of the year.
32. Veterans Day originated on the first anniversary of the end of World War _____.
33. "O'er the land of the free, and the home of the _____."
34. Scorpio and Sagittarius are the _____ signs for the month of November.





Down:

2. In 1941, Congress recognized _______________ as a national holiday.
4. Samoset, an English-speaking Abenaki Chief, was the first Native American _________ to greet the Pilgrims and introduce them to Massasoit, the Wampanoag Chief.
5. Another name for sweet potato.
6. The first ____________ arrived in America in December of 1620.
7. November's flower.
11. Thanksgiving is always celebrated on the _________ Thursday in November.
13. The answer to #14 Down is located in what state?
14. The very spot that the Pilgrims first set foot on land. (2 words)
17. Most popular main course for Thanksgiving dinner today in the United States.
18. Otherwise known as a "horn of plenty."
19. The Pilgrims called their first Thanksgiving dinner a Harvest ___________.
22. The Pilgrims traveled to America on the _______________.
25. A popular pie at Thanksgiving.
26. November birthstones are Blue ________ and Yellow Citrine.
29. A popular side dish at Thanksgiving.



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Answers to CRYPTOGRAM 2 *(from pg. 11)*

"Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!" (Psalm 95:2)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
11		5		7	13	17	15	2	16	24	10	9	3	1	6

Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
	20	8	12	4	22	18		21	

WASHINGTON CIVIC CHORUS

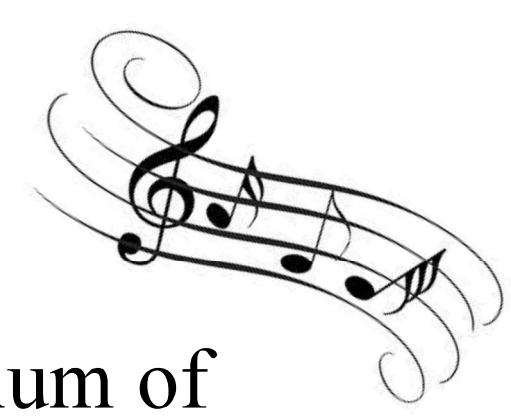
The Washington Civic Chorus has begun rehearsing for its

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

scheduled for



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH



under the direction of Ken Tucker.

Chorus will practice in the upstairs auditorium of St. Peter's UCC @ the corner of 5th and Market St.

7PM EVERY MONDAY UNTIL THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

For more information, call 636-239-6130 or 636-239-7394.

"One More Thing...A Lesson in Gratitude"

Gratitude changes our bodies, minds, and souls. It is a soothing salve that creates peace and calmness. Studies have shown that spending five minutes making a gratitude list will lower your blood pressure and increase your happiness. People sleep better and have less pain in their bodies after making gratitude lists. Depression has been shown to decrease by 35% simply by making a daily gratitude list. And people who swell in gratitude have abundant energy and enthusiasm. Gratitude feeds your heart. In truth, it could save your life.

Gratitude's most profound lessons are revealed through glimmers of joy. For two months, at the end of each day, keep a "gratitude journal" by simply listing 5 of the simplest things for which you are grateful for that day. Some days will be easy; other days the only thing you might be thankful for is that the day is over. But strive to list 5 simple things: such as a beautiful sunset, a gentle hug when you really needed it, the excitement of the smallest achievement, that quiet moment when you just relax. If you give thanks for five gifts every day, in two months you will not look at your life in the same way as you might now. Try it. Gratitude can lead you away from the darkness of complicated need into the light of simple abundance.

In November a few years ago, I suggested everyone try this. For those of you who did, you saw the difference. For those of you who were hesitant, I am urging you to just try it. Now more than ever, couldn't we all use a little energy, brightness in our outlook, enthusiasm? What have you to lose? During this month of Thanksgiving, the experience could be profound!

To start, here are a few people who shared a sample of their list:

- **Cathie Schoppenhorst:** 1. Enjoy the sights, sounds, and smells of God's creation as I walk on the Katy Trail, 2. Spending time with family and friends: one recent highlight was baking pumpkin bread with my grandson, 3. Researching and telling stories of people of the past, 4. Living in a country where I can praise and serve God in my own way, 5. Having enough of everything I need.
- **Sally Rohe:** 1. My parents who gave me life, their unconditional love and cherished memories, 2. My loving husband and supportive family and friends, 3. My daughters and grandchildren—the handiwork of God!, 4. The God-given gift of music to give back in my home church, 5. Good health and the ability to wake up and face a new day.
- **Don Deeker:** 1. Living long enough to see grandchildren follow their dreams, 2. Precious memories that allow me to enjoy my life over and over again, 3. God's faithfulness, even when I am not faithful, 4. Living in a comfortable house in one of the best small towns in America, 5. Fried chicken.
- **Jacob DeVore:** 1. Family and Friends—I'm thankful for the people who support me, encourage me, and are always there when I need them, 2. My Health—I'm thankful for the ability to wake up each day, work hard, an enjoy life, 3. Opportunities to Grow—I'm thankful for the experiences and challenges that help me become a better person and leader, 4. My Career and Community—I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve others, make a difference, and positively impact the people around me, 5. The Little Things in Life—I'm thankful for the everyday moments, laughter, memories, and simple things that are easy to take for granted.
- **Audrey Meyer:** 1. My family and good friends, 2. Being able to still do things for myself, 3. The outdoors and the changing seasons, 4. Hobbies I enjoy, 5. Happy memories.
- **Karen Dohrer:** 1. My family, 2. My home, 3. My health, 4. My country, 5. My friends.
- **Jim Buescher:** 1. Cindy, the kids, grandkids, and the dogs all healthy, 2. New members joining the church, 3. Chicken dinner is over for another year, 4. Improvements around Marthasville, 5. New members coming on church council.
- **Terri Ogle:** 1. My grandson and granddaughter, 2. Reliable transportation, 3. The love of a great husband, 4. My son, daughter, and daughter-in-law, 5. I am forever grateful for my church community.
- **Marge Jones:** 1. Church, 2. Family, 3. The change in the seasons—the colors of fall, 4. An innocent smile of a baby or small child, 5. All the wonders that God gives us—clouds, flowers, birds, and others.

What 5 things are you grateful for today? Make that list every day for 2 months.
You will be surprised!

"When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings—name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done."
("Count Your Blessings")

"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:" (Psalm 103:2 KJV)

"O give thanks unto the LORD; for He is good: because His mercy endureth forever." (Psalm 118:1 KJV)

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning." (James 1:17 NKJV)

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd: Britni Beck
4th: James Buescher
5th: Patsy Berg
Shari Voepel
6th: 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 Dohrer
23rd: Brenda Roloff
24th: Jarrod Harrison
25th: Mabel Eichmeyer
28th: Mona Anderson

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

12th: Michael & Janna Chambers
15th: Thomas & Barbara Mayes
22nd: Tony & Sally Rohe-1969
24th: Bryan & Cindy Niemeyer
28th: Otto & Susie Thierbach

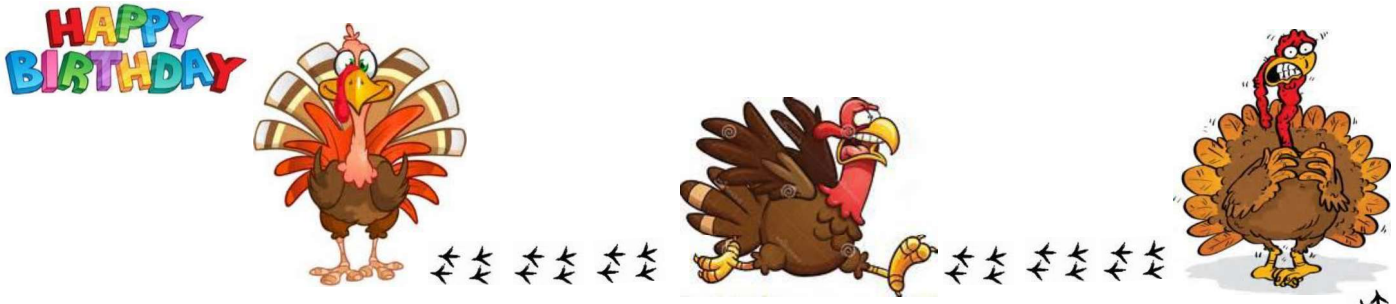
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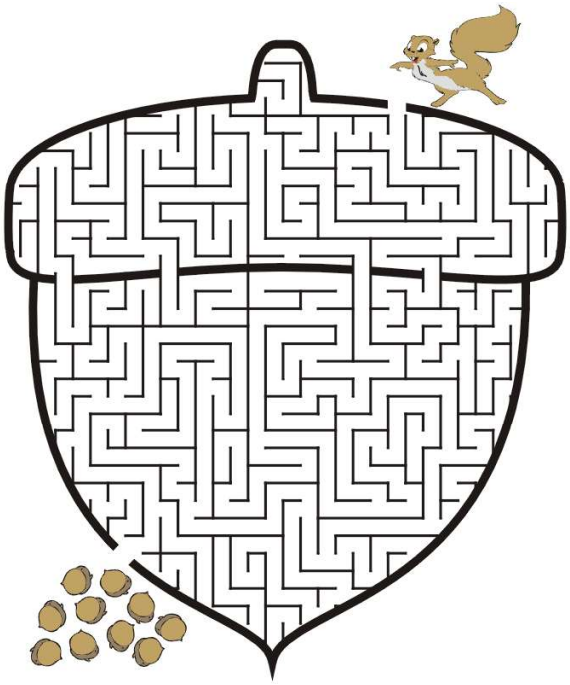
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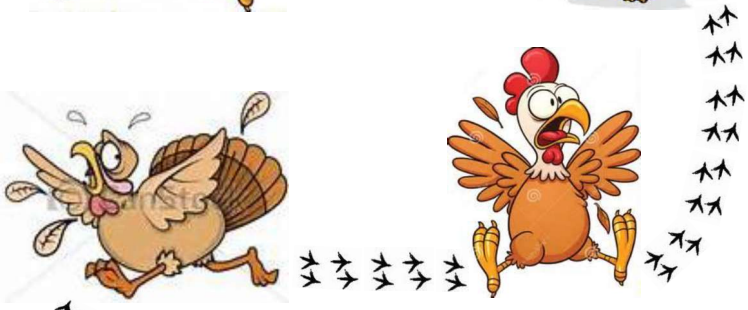


REMEMBER OUR VETERANS









THANKSGIVING DAY
THURS., NOVEMBER 26TH





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.
- 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.
- 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.

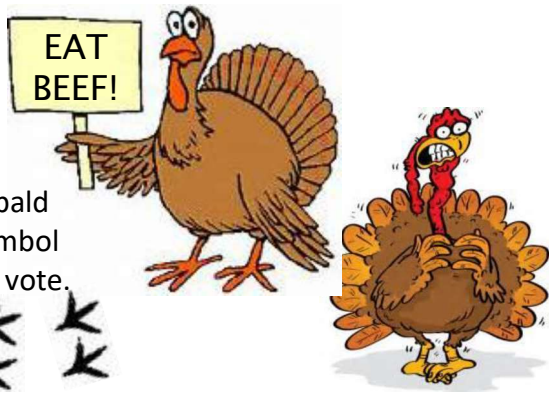


- Male Turkeys are called "Toms" or "Gobblers", female turkeys are called "Hens" and baby turkeys are called "poults".
- Male turkeys (toms) gobble, but hens do not. They make a clicking noise instead.
- Wild turkeys can fly 55 miles per hour, and run 25 miles per hour.





- 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.





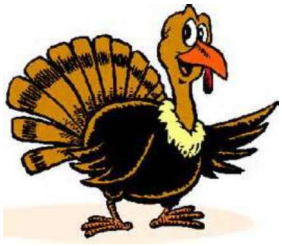


Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day–a common misunderstanding, 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 (1941-1945), 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 26, 2026

- 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 Daniel Bayer (of Marthasville) who passed away on 10/22; the family of Douglas Adams (Wilma Zeh's nephew) who passed away on 10/15; Tom DeVore—was hospitalized with blood clots and an infection, back home now, undergoing chemo treatments for lung and brain cancer; Marge Jones—undergoing procedures for cancer spots on scalp; Walean Bunge—was hospitalized, has been released and is recovering; Tim DeVore—heart-related issues, awaiting treatment to clear blocked arteries, and possible WATCHMAN device implant; Bonnie Borgmann—recovering from recent surgery; Amber (Brewe) Eytcheson—receiving chemo treatments for late stage cancer; Steve Westbrook (pastor at High Hill UCC)—heart attack, in critical condition; Denny Kammer—heart issues; Debbie Keith (friend of Robbin DeVore)—health issues; the people of war-torn countries, and of those who are in harm's way trying to protect them; those affected by armed violence in this country and in the world; those affected by the recent natural disasters; all those recovering from surgery and other health issues, those fighting cancer, and those homebound/shut-in/in-care facilities.

Those Battling Cancer: Tom DeVore, Marge Jones, Michael Glosemeyer, Bonnie Borgmann, Susan Miesner, Amber (Brewe) Eytcheson, Nancy Thater, Rev. Jeff Mueller, Mildred Hinnah, Eric Moritz, Brenda Napier, Marcia Rekate, Brenda Gratza, Marigene Kersten, Ted Lepper, Rev. Jeffrey Willey, Dave Pruitt, Caiden Thies, Teresa Wheeler, Marsha Meyer, Isaac Mercer, Kristi Warnecke, Glennon Hepperman, Kurt Gildehaus, Karen Childs.

Those serving in the Military: Nick Sullentrup, Tyler Buescher, Luke Bronstrup, Caleb & Sarah Murphy, and 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:



Ellen Engelage
Grandview Health Care Center
201 Grand Ave., Room #314
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. 12)

Across:

1. Veteran
3. Military
8. Armistice
9. Arlington
10. Unknown
12. Troop
15. American
16. Eleventh
20. Armed
21. Remembrance
23. Turkey
24. Autumn
27. Pint
28. November
30. Poppy
31. Leaves
32. One
33. Brave
34. Zodiac





Down:

2. Thanksgiving
4. Indian
5. Yam
6. Pilgrims
7. Chrysanthemum
11. Fourth
13. Massachusetts
14. Plymouth Rock
17. Turkey
18. Cornucopia
19. Feast
22. Mayflower
25. Pecan
26. Topaz
29. Corn



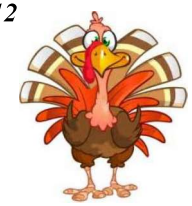
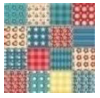
(Answers from Word Search pg. 10)

"Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me." ***(Psalm 25:5)***



"The Lord will command His loving Kindness in the daytime, and in the night, His song shall be with me."
(Psalm 42:8)

St. Paul's UCC Church Calendar—November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 *Bring A Meal Sunday* 8:50-9:25am Sun. School 9:30am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:30am AM Fellowship	*2* 10am-4pm Quilting 	*3*	*4*  2pm Women's Guild	*5*	*6*	*7* 
8 8:50-9:25am Sun. School 9:30am Worship 10:30am AM Fellowship	*9* 10am-4pm Quilting  6:30pm Church Council	*10* 6:30pm-7:30pm Food Pantry @ CBC	*11*  VETERANS DAY!  7pm Choir Practice	*12* 	*13*	*14* 
15 8:50-9:25am Sun. School 9:30am Worship 10:30am AM Fellowship	*16* 10am-4pm Quilting  MEN'S FELLOWSHIP –NO MEETING IN NOV.–	*17*	*18* 	*19* 	*20* 	*21* 11am-12N Food Pantry @ CBC
22 TOTENFEST 8:50-9:25am Sun. School 9:30am Worship 10:30am AM Fellowship	*23* 10am-4pm Quilting 	*24* 	*25*	*26* 	*27* 	*28* 
29 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:50-9:25am Sun. School 9:30am Worship 10:30am AM Fellowship	*30* 10am-4pm Quilting 					

"I will praise the name of God with a song; and will magnify Him with Thanksgiving." (Psalm 69:30 NKJV)

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