ST. PAUL'S UCC NEWSLETTER



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A Loving Church, Making a Difference in the World



Letter from our Pastor Emeritus

Rose Greenhaw was a Confederate spy during the Civil War. She tried to evade capture and the loss of her fortune by sewing gold into the seams of her dress. She boarded a ship which unfortunately began to sink during the voyage. She dove into the water, but the weight of the gold made it impossible for a life preserver to hold her. She sank to the bottom of the ocean to her death. Her treasure killed her. Her heart was anchored in the wrong place.

Jesus is the ultimate treasure. He is the starting point for building lasting values. Rather than dragging us down, He lifts us up and inspires us with life. In Him, we find all we need for quality living—hope, peace, joy, forgiveness, and eternal life. As we value Him, as we anchor our hearts in Him, He guides and leads us into those things that enhance our lives. He fills us with His values. These values promote health and well-being.

The Bible says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." (Matthew 22:37)

Jesus Christ is the true measure. As we value Him, we find life takes on a quality that goes beyond our greatest dreams.

Pastor Deeker



"EARLY BIRD" SUGGESTION:

School supplies are at unbeatable prices right now. Every year we do



a mission project called Operation Christmas Child. The boxes arrive in early October. With school supplies at such low costs right now, it might be worth the savings to pick some of those items up to pack in your boxes. (See pg. 7 for more info.)

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October Extra Step - Grace's Place

(Washington, MO)

This organization's mission is to serve as a temporary emergency shelter for children and families in crisis by providing a loving and safe environment for children.



St. Paul's UCC Staff	•					
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Diane Freese	Treasurer					
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Cheryl Swartz	ttee/Membership Care Committee					



WOMEN'S GUILD WED., OCT. 4TH 2PM Fellowship Hall 🏅



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

Contact Audrey Meyer with questions or inquiries.

Church Council Meeting:

Tuesday, Oct. 10th— 6:30pm



SUNDAY SCHOOL is in full swing!

MANY THANKS to our Sunday School teachers: Terri Ogle, Megan Zeh, Cathie Schoppenhorst, Cheryl Swartz, and Jodi Lange.

NOTE: There WILL BE NO Sunday School classes on October 8th due to our annual Congregational Meeting.

ADULT SOCIAL CONNECTION /

CT. 13TH—5PM—HUMMINGBIRD CLUB OUTBACK



GRILLED BURGERS WILL BE PROVIDED -BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE AND WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE TO DRINK--ALSO, BRING YOUR FAVORITE BOARD GAME, CARDS, ETC. -

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

Sign-up on sheet in the lobby by Tues., Oct. 10th so we know how much meat to prepare.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

-immediately following the service of worship-

Mark your calendars. Please plan to attend.

- As Curt Rohe, Lulu Hasenjaeger, and Cheryl Swartz complete their terms this year, the congregation will be voting on the election of three new council members.
- Cemetery board members Lulu Hasenjaeger and Russell Kersten's terms end this year and are up for reelection.



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 all jobs that many of you so faithfully tend to. Please know your dedication is appreciated.

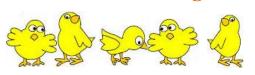
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



Thanks to all who helped in any way to make this annual event a success. Final figures are not in yet, but will be relayed as they become available. Special thanks to Debbie K. (friend of Robbin DeVore) for donating the quilt top.

The quilt raffle brought \$982.

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle:



1st place—Alfred Marschel

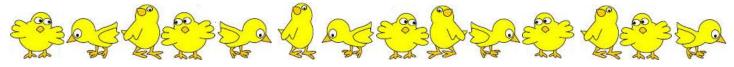
2nd place—Jeff Bakameyer

3rd place—Kenny Schwoeppe



(There was no 50/50 drawing this year.)

A SPECIAL THANKS to the Chicken Dinner Committee.



ALTAR FLOWERS:

Sept. 3: in loving memory of Walter & Dorothy Otterman, by their granddaughters.

Sept. 10: in loving memory of Ken DeVore, whose birthday was Sept. 11th, by Robbin, Jacob, & Isaiah DeVore.

Sept. 17: in honor of Terri Ogle's birthday, by Jim Ogle.

Extra arrangement in honor of Clint & Kylie Hanne's 2nd wedding anniversary (Sept. 18th), by Tony & Sally Rohe.

Extra arrangement in memory of Delvin Hasenjaeger's 87th birthday (Sept. 18th), by Lulu Hasenjaeger. **Sept. 24:** 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 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, REV. TIM WHEELER, and REV. DAVID ARNDT 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

Supply October 2023

Oct. 1— Carlton Norton

Oct. 8- Tim Wheeler

Oct· 15- Susan King

Oct. 22- Richard Brandon

Oct. 29- Randy Heckman



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Supply November 2023

Nov. 5- Tim Wheeler

Nov. 12- Susan King

Nov. 19- Richard Brandon

Nov. 26- Randy Heckman





Services of Worship

9:30am Pastor by Supply





October 1st		<u>8th</u>	<u>15th</u>	<u>22nd</u>	29th	
Ushers	Kendall Lange (lead) Karen Dohrer Cathie Schoppenhorst Jim Buescher Cindy Buescher	Curt Rohe (lead) Gene Ahmann Cathie S. Marigene Kersten Ann Jenkins	Cheryl S. (lead) Audrey Meyer Terri Ogle John Presser Nancy Presser	Bob A. (lead) Tony Rohe Terri Ogle Robbin DeVore Kylie Rohe	John B. (lead) Mary Hulsey Debbie Garbs Karen Sida Kersten Mayer	
Acolytes	Kersten Mayer	Kennady Mayer	Addy Engelage	Colsie Lange	Colsie Lange	
Readers	Cathie Schoppenhorst	Curt Rohe	Terri Ogle	Terri Ogle	Jodi Lange	
Greeters	Brenda Roloff Cathie Schoppenhorst	Gene Ahmann Curt Rohe	Audrey Meyer John & Nancy P.	Tony Rohe Terri Ogle	Karen Sida Kersten Mayer	
Fellowship Kay & John Buhr Wendy K./Sarah G.		NEED VOLUNTEER	Debbie G./Addy E.	NEED VOLUNTEER		

<u>Worship</u> Attendance:

9-3-2023----51

9-10-2023---54

9-17-2023----63

9-24-2023---64

The Adult Choir

Come join us in song! The choir will sing on Sun., Oct. 15th.

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





Contact Debbie Garbs or Sally Rohe with inquiries.

Suggested Scripture Readings for October

Oct. 1st — Exodus 17:1-7 and Psalm 78:1-4,12-16 or

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32 and Psalm 25:1-9 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32

Oct. 8th - Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20 and Psalm 19 or

Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:7-15 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46

Oct · 15th - Exodus 32:1-14 and Psalm 106:1-6,19-23 or

Isaiah 25:1-9 and Psalm 23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

Oct. 22nd — Exodus 33:12-23 and Psalm 99 or Isaiah 45:1-7 and Psalm 96:1-9,(10-13)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22

Oct. 29th — Deuteronomy 34:1-12 and Psalm 90:1-6,13-17 or

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18 and Psalm 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46

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 August 31st, our income has been \$102,546.18; our expenses totaled \$71,058.76, giving a gain of \$31,487.42:

> > (Beginning Bal. 1/1/23) \$ 158,682.98 Income \$ 102,546.18 Expenses <u>- 71,058.76</u> Gain \$ 31,487.42 (Ending Bal. 8/31/23) \$ 190,170.40

<u>NOTE</u>: September 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

MANY THANKS

to all who donated Food & Hygiene Kits for the "Faith In Action" Drive! 8 Food Boxes & 12 Hygiene kits were collected. Donations will be accepted until Sunday, Oct. 1st.

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 are in the lobby.

AUST BE SUBMITTED BY S<u>UN., NOV. 12TH.</u>

NOTE: POSTAGE FEE IS \$10.

ST. PAUL'S UCC CAR & BIKE SHOW



The Men's Fellowship met on Sept. 18th with seven members present and guest Jodi Lange. Don Deeker gave the opening prayer and Don Lange served as moderator for the meeting. John Buhr read the minutes from the August meeting and Bob Aholt gave the financial report.



There was much discussion on the car show, which all present considered a great success for many reasons—community activity, fun and fellowship, fundraising, etc. Hopefully, by next meeting there will be a complete financial report after all sponsorships have been received and bills paid.

There was agreement among those present that a substantial portion of the income should go back to the community in helping families in need and charitable organizations. It was decided representatives from the car show committee and Men's Fellowship meet to make recommendations once the financial report is completed. Since so many in the congregation contributed so much help and work, their suggestions are welcome. Anyone with recommendations should contact a member of the committee or Men's Fellowship.

Members were encouraged to attend the adult social connection activity on October 13th. Other fellowship activities were discussed. The Men's Fellowship's mission is to increase the visibility and outreach of St. Paul's Church. The regular monthly meeting takes place at 6pm on the third Monday of every month.

2023 TRACTOR CRUISE NORTHERN ROUTE

On Sun., Sept. 10th, collections of non-perishable food items and monetary donations were collected for the Franklin & Warren County Food Pantries.

This was the fifth year this event included a 30-mile "Northern Route"

(the Warren County Route). A total of 184 tractors participated—79 on the Northern Route; 105 along the "Southern Route." This was the largest turnout to date on the Northern Route! Nearly 9,000 pounds of food and \$39,550 was collected and distributed to the 9 area food pantries. This included the Southern Warren and St. Charles County Food Pantry in Marthasville, which is also supporting the outdoor food pantry at Ebenezer UCC in Augusta. Monetary donations are still being accepted, and will be tallied and distributed in October. Any donations received after October 1, will be applied to next year's



Journey for Charity, to be held on **SEPT. 8**, **2024**. All will be divided up between the 7 councils (St. Clair #4667, St. John's #8073, Dutzow #1927, Washington #1121, New Haven #7475, Union #1576, and Krakow #16213), each choosing the food pantry it wishes to donate to. The seven area Knights of Columbus Councils would like to thank every-one who supported the Journey for Charity Tractor Cruise this year. The

support of the organizers, workers, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Warren County, Franklin County, St. Charles County, and the City of Washington law enforcement, as well as the businesses and individuals who donated money, gifts, and food made this another successful event.

"Whoever cares for the poor, lends to the Lord, who will pay back the sum in full." (Proverbs 19:17)

MANY THANKS to all who participated in the cruise and/or contributed to this cause!



Fall is a peak migration time for many species of birds. The Arctic Tern journeys about 11,000 miles each way. That is like going all the way across the U.S. about 3 ½ times.



According to the National Retail Federation, the United States spent \$9 million celebrating Halloween in 2018 on candy, costumes, and decorations.



Each autumn, monarch butterflies migrate from the U.S. to Mexico and some parts of Southern California. They fly at speeds ranging between 12 and 25 mph. Monarch butterflies are the only insect that migrates to a warmer climate that is 2,500 miles away.



According to the National Retail Federation, Americans spent \$3.1 billion, in 2022, on Halloween candy. America's favorite candies remain the same as in 2021: Reese's Peanut Butter cups, Skittles, and M&M's.



During our November 5th 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. 29th or email them to her at amyllange@gmail.com or Ph: 314-608-3987.





TOTENFEST SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

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 5th** or email them to her at amyllange@gmail.com or Ph: 314-608-3987.









The season of Advent begins on December 3rd. Please join us in celebrating this holiday season. The Sunday School classes will be a part of the services of worship during Advent. Classes will be practicing every Sunday, beginning October 22nd. Please make every effort to have your children at Sunday School.

OCTOBER OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd: Robyn Wohler 3rd: Kylie (Rohe) Hanne Harvey Siem

4th: Tim DeVore

Jeanette Stegner Vesper Byrd

5th: Caleb Richardson

6th: Taylor Elder 7th: Melissa Shaffer 8th: Hailey Steffens 10th: Matthew Freese 11th: Bev Wohler

12th: Erin Freese Luke Scheible

Abigaile Voss

13th: John Rinne 14th: John Ekstrom

Lisa Steffens

15th: Otto Thierbach16th: Nancy Presser

Edgar Thierbach

17th: Sally Rohe

18th: Diane (Paul) Freese 20th: Maurice Mittler

21st: Bob Barron 22nd: Isaiah DeVore

23rd: Gene Ahmann Patty Thornton

27th: David Lange

28th: Teagan Zeh

WEDDING WEDDING

ANNIVERSARIES

3rd: Mike & Rachel Schaller
6th: Luke & Rachel Richardson
12th: Jarrod & Nicole Harrison
19th: Christopher & Lisa Steffens

Joel & Melissa Shaffer

31st: Dean & Lynette Woolley



14th: Lucy Wohler Henry Wohler

25th: Carter Chapman











Many Thanks for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, phone calls, and many acts of kindness during my recovery. Your care and concern means so much to me. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Jeanette Stegner



According to the University of Illinois, 90% of the pumpkins grown in the United States are raised within a 90-mile radius of Peoria, Illinois.



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TID BITS:

Columbus didn't "discover" America as we all learned in grade school—he never set foot in North America. During 4 separate trips, the 1st one in 1492, Columbus landed on various Caribbean islands that are now the Bahamas as well as the island later called Hispaniola. He also explored the Central and South American coasts, but didn't reach North America, which, of course, was already inhabited by Native Americans. Yet, the United States of America observes Columbus Day the second Monday of October.



MORE INTERESTING COLUMBUS DAY FACTS:

- Christopher Columbus was born in 1451 in Genoa, Italy. He began sailing when he was only 15 years old.
- When he set sail for the expedition, he was given **three ships** by the city of Palos: **the Nina, the Pinta,** and **the Santa Maria.**
- He set sail in **August of 1492**. His crew consisted of **90 men**. It was 35 days before **a sailor** spotted land.
- The **goal of the expedition** was to chart a western sea route to **India and China**, as well as to the islands in **Asia** with spices and gold.
- When Christopher Columbus **landed in the Bahamas in 1492**, he was the first European since the 10th century to have the opportunity to explore the Americas.
- The **Santa Maria** did not make the return trip to Spain because it ran aground on Christmas Day. **40 men** had to stay behind because there was no room on the other two ships. They stayed behind on the island **Hispaniola**.
- Christopher Columbus made the voyage to the New World **three times**.
- He died when he was 55, in 1506, only two years after his last trip to the New World.
- Nobody is sure where he is buried as he was reburied many times in different places around the world.
- Nobody is sure what he looked like, as there are **no portraits known to exist.**
- President Roosevelt made Columbus Day a national holiday in 1934.
- In 1971, the date October 12th no longer marked the holiday. It was changed to the **second Monday in October.** This is also the Canadian Thanksgiving, which was fixed in 1959.
- Alaska, Hawaii, Oregon, South Dakota, and Vermont do not recognize Columbus Day; however, they mark the day with an alternative holiday or observance.
- In Latin America they call this day Día de la Raza; in the Bahamas they call it Discovery Day; in Spain they call it Fiesta Nacional and Día de la Hispanidad; in Argentina they call it Día del Respeto a la Diversidad Cultural; in Belize they call it Day of the Americas, and in Uruguay they call it Day of the Americas.
- In Puerto Rico, Columbus Day is celebrated along with **Puerto Rico Friendship Day**.
- In Virginia, Columbus Day is celebrated along with **Yorktown Victory Day**.
- Because **Christopher Columbus was Italian**, Italian-Americans celebrate Columbus Day as a celebration of their heritage.



HALLOWEEN FUN FACTS:

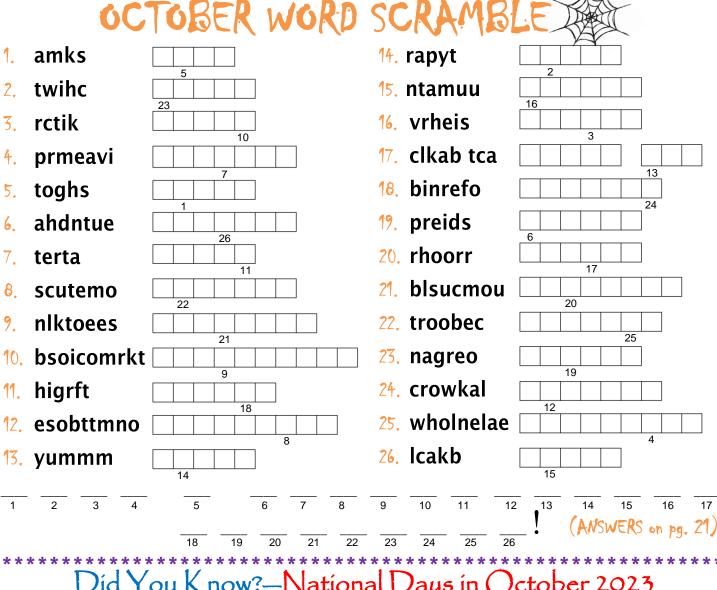
- Jack o' Lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts on the Samhain holiday.
- Pumpkins also come in white, blue and green. Great for unique monster carvings!
- Halloween was brought to North America by European immigrants who would celebrate harvest around a bonfire, share ghost stories, sing, dance and tell fortunes.
- Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America.
- The ancient Celts thought that spirits and ghosts roamed the countryside on Halloween night. They began wearing masks and costumes to avoid being recognized as human.
- Halloween candy sales average about 2 billion dollars annually in the United States.
- Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters with Snickers being #1.
- Halloween is the 2nd most commercially successful holiday; Christmas is the 1st.
- Black cats were once believed to be witch's familiars who protected their powers.
- The fear of Halloween is known as Samhainopobia.
- There really are so-called vampire bats, but they're not from Transylvania. They live in Central and South America and feed on the blood of cattle, horses and birds.
- Halloween is on October 31st, the last day of the Celtic calendar. It was originally a pagan holiday, honoring the dead. Halloween was referred to as "All Hallows Eve" and dates back to over 2000 years ago.

CREEPY TID BITS:

- If you see a spider on Halloween, it is the spirit of a loved one watching over you.
- Worldwide, bats are vital natural enemies of night-flying insects.
- The common little brown bat of North America has the longest life span for a mammal it's size, with a life span averaging 32 years.
- In about 1 in 4 autopsies, a major disease is discovered that was previously undetected.

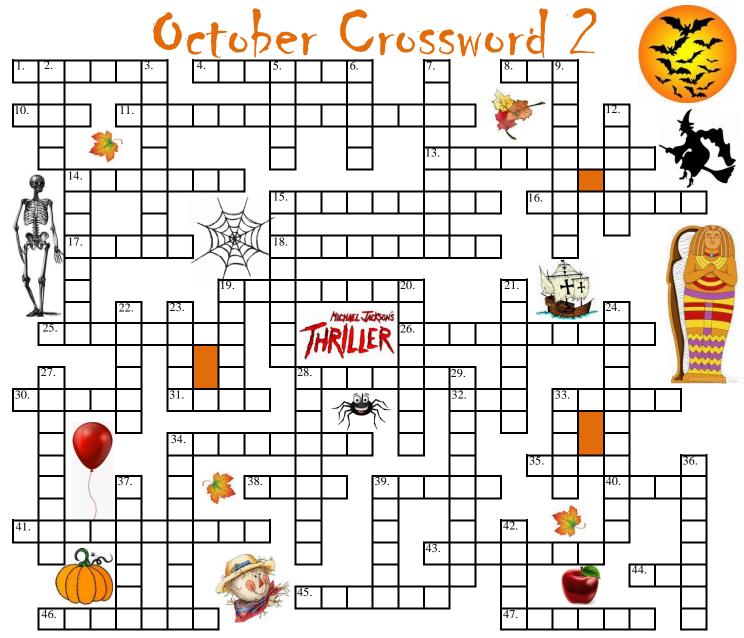
OCTOBER FUN FACTS:

- More American Presidents were born in the month of October than any other month: John Adams, Rutherford B. Hayes, Chester Arthur, Theodore Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower and Jimmy Carter.
- In the USA it is the month for National Filipino American History, Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender History, National Breast Cancer Awareness and National Arts & Humanities.
- This month is World Blindness Awareness Month.
- October ends on the same day of the week as February every year.
- National Popcorn Poppin' Month After being celebrated for more than 25 years, Popping Popcorn became an official holiday in 1999 when it was declared so by then Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman. Popcorn is a health friendly snack and many artsy and crafty things can be done with it.
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month The lifetime risk of getting breast cancer is 1 in 8 and although it's the second leading cause of cancer death for American women, its death rate is much lower (1 in 28). Early detection is crucial to catching the cancer, treatment and survival. Self-exams can be done at home, and if you find something that feels abnormal, call your doctor and make an appointment. Sometimes there is cancer or tumors that can't be detected manually. Women (as well as men 400 men die each year from breast cancer) should be on the offensive and stay aware of their bodies.
- National Chili Month As the weather is changing, the colors of the leaves are turning, a nice big bowl of chili might just hit the spot.
- Rural delivery of mail in the United States was not free until October 1, 1896. Prior to this, rural farmers had to pay a private carrier or pick up from their "local" post office.
- In the early Roman calendar, it was the 8th month—not the 10th, as we know it ("Octo" means 8).



ou Know?—National Days in October 2023

- Oct. 1—World Communion Sunday—(First Sunday of October)—A day to remember that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and that every Christian Church and any denomination that promotes Christian unity are one.
- Oct. 1—International Balloons Around the World Day—A simple thing like a balloon can brighten anyone's day. Grab some helium-filled balloons and join the world in making life a little more fun and festive. How ever you choose to celebrate, please remember that balloons are non-biodegradable, and can have drastic negative effects upon wildlife and the environment, so please dispose of them responsibly once they have deflated.
- Oct. 1— International Coffee Day—Have a cup. Try some new flavors.
- Oct. 1— International Day of Older Persons—"With age, comes wisdom" (Oscar Wilde). Chat with an older person, learn something new. Volunteer your time or be an advocate for the elderly.
- Oct. 1—National Homemade Cookies Day—Make some for an elderly friend or neighbor. Be sure to make some for yourself!
- Oct. 1—National Poetry Day—Read some poetry today. Share your favorites with children or a friend.
- Oct. 1—National Mental Illness Awareness Week—(First week of October)—Aims to raise awareness of mental illnesses, fight discrimination, and provide support for those suffering from this condition.
- Oct. 1—National Walk Your Dog Week—(October 1-7)—Regular exerciser is as important for your pets as it is for you. Get out in the beautiful Fall weather for a walk with your dog. They'll love you for it!
- Oct. 1—Adopt A Shelter Dog Month—Shelters are overcrowded! If you can't adopt on a permanent basis, foster one, or help the shelters by volunteering or through financial donations. If you do choose to adopt, please go to a shelter, not a breeder—there are way too many loving animals that need good homes. (continued on pg. 17)



ACROSS: (answers on pg. 22)

- 1. Bobbing for _____ is a popular activity at kids' fall parties.
- 4. Women thought to have magical powers, especially evil ones, particularly depicted as wearing a black cloak and pointed hat. (plural)
- 8. A spider's home.
- 10. A small nocturnal mammal, appearing similar to a mouse with wings, commonly found in caves, that hangs upside down to sleep.
- 11. The study of paranormal activity.
- 13. A large, flat inscribed stone standing or laid over a grave.
- 14. Count _____ is the title character of Bram Stoker's 1897 gothic horror novel of the same name. He is considered to be the prototypical and the archetypal vampire in subsequent works of fiction, and to have been the origin of werewolf legends. Some aspects of the character are believed to have been inspired by the 15th-century Wallachian Prince Vlad the Impaler. (See pg. 16 for actual facts on Vlad the Impaler.)
- 15. A favorite flavor of candy sought after by trick-or-treaters.
- 16. To speak very softly, using one's breath without one's vocal cords.
- 17. The low guttural sound made in the throat by a hostile animal.

10	There for the size is a locate or a constitute fill anthonic and location and bounds for the winter (colored)
	These furry medium-sized rodents are seen in the fall gathering, collecting, or burying nuts for the winter. (plural)
19.	A large metal pot with a lid and handle, used for cooking over an open fire; in folklore, often associated with
25	cooking a witch's brew.
	In myth or fiction, a person who changes for periods of time into a wolf, typically when there is a full moon.
26.	The Wicked Witch of the West is the name of the witch in this 1939 classic film: "The" (three words)
28.	In the Christian calendar, the traditional name for Halloween, marks the evening before All Saints Day, called
	"All Eve."
	Born and raised in St. Louis, MO, this actor is well-known for his distinctive voice and performances in horror films: Vincent
	Christopher Columbus sailed across the Atlantic Ocean in three ships: the, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria.
32.	In 1431, Saint Joan of was burned at the stake in Rouen, France, after a politically-motivated trial, accusing her of being a witch.
スス	Especially in ancient Egypt, a body of a human being or animal that has been ceremonially preserved and wrapped
JJ.	in bandages.
34	Michael Jackson's best-selling album of all time.
	The sound a cat makes as a warning to another animal or person.
	A long, loud, doleful cry uttered by an animal such as a dog or wolf.
	In Stephen King's 1986 novel, and in the 2017 movie, "It," the demon takes the shape of this character.
	The TV series (airing 1966–1971) of the Collins family, tormented by strange occurrences: " Shadows."
	In folklore, a witch's ideal method of transportation.
	The tenth month of the year.
44.	A symbol of evil omens, this creature crossing your path is said to bring bad luck: "Black"
45.	The Holy Trinity: The Father, Son, and the Holy
46.	A place where spirits or ghosts reside is said to be
	An eight-legged arachnid, which spins a web for which to live and catch its prey.
DC	DWN:
	A trick.
	An object made to resemble a human figure, set up to scare birds away from a field where crops are growing; this
	character on "The Wizard of Oz" wished he had a brain."
5.	A chamber (such as a vault) wholly or partly underground; a chamber in a mausoleum.
6.	To scare or frighten.
	A frightening or unpleasant dream.
	Elizabeth Montgomery played Samantha on the American sitcom "," which aired 1964–1972.
	To disappear suddenly and completely.
	The 1963 single by Elvis Presley which was written by Bill Giant, Bernie Blum, and Florence Kaye: "(You're the)
	Devil in"
15.	Disguises worn to trick-or-treat.
	A long, narrow box, typically of wood, in which a corpse is buried or cremated.
	Christopher Columbus sailed across the Atlantic Ocean from Spain in search of the (two words)
	A man who has magical powers and practices witchcraft; a sorcerer or wizard.
22.	As autumn marks the transition from summer to winter, these change from green to an array of brilliant colors,
	before falling to the ground.
23.	A group of witches.
24.	The holiday in the U.S., which is observed on the second Monday of October. (two words)
27.	A cemetery; a burial ground.
	Day/night of trick-or-treating, which falls on October 31st.
29.	A series of hearings and prosecutions of people accused of witchcraft in colonial Massachusetts in 1692:
	"The Trials." (two words) Page 15

- 33. In Cher's 1974 hit, "Dark Lady," "Dark Lady played Black ______ 'til the clock struck on the 12."
- 34. The number of days in the month of October.
- 36. The framework of bone, cartilage, or other rigid material supporting or containing the body of an animal or plant.
- 37. This large fruit is commonly used to create a popular Halloween decoration.
- 39. The "Friendly Ghost" of the 1945 cartoon.
- 42. Bette Midler played the part of Winifred, a witch in Kenny Ortega's 1993 movie: "Hocus

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The Historical Vlad the Impaler

Vlad the Impaler, probably the most famous Romanian ruler from the Medieval Ages, his name was known from the Ottoman Empire to what is today Germany.

Vlad the Impaler occupied the throne of Wallachia three times during these years: 1448, 1456-1462, and 1476. Taking the reign at a time of serious internal crisis and the decline of the Wallachian state internationally, a situation generated by long internal struggles between the Draculesti and the Danesti factions.

Vlad the Impaler promoted an authoritarian policy destined to restore the central power in the fight against the wealthy nobles and externally engaged Wallachia in the anti-Ottoman fight. He imposed strict laws on what people were and were not allowed to do—and of course, brutal punishments for anyone who disobeyed.



Portrait of Vlad III (c. 1560), a copy of an original made during his lifetime.

The Wallachian Prince terrorized and tortured his enemies in many unimaginable ways. It's estimated that in his lifetime, Vlad the Impaler was responsible for 100,000 deaths, mostly Turks. Despite his relatively small territory, this makes him the most brutal enemy the Ottoman Empire ever faced.

Vlad the Impaler was something of a celebrity in his day. Back in the 15th century, the rise of the printing press meant that texts could be widely circulated. This allowed the spread of stories about Vlad's cruelty and depravity, and they were instrumental in creating his legend. People just couldn't get enough of the juicy stories about this madman's depravity, and they became some of Europe's first-ever "bestsellers."

In Romania, Vlad the Impaler is a national hero and is mostly revered; his cruelty is acknowledged, but is seen as necessary at the time to maintain his power, repel his enemies, and keep Wallachia an independent nation.

Today, the popularity of Vlad the Impaler has been revived due to the publication of Bram Stoker's famous novel in the 19th century and the production of many Dracula movies, but beyond the use of the name and a loose connection to Transylvania, there's little evidence that the character was specifically based on the real Dracula. Nonetheless, by the time Stoker wrote the novel, stories of Vlad's cruelty had pervaded culture.

Vampire Mythology

The stories about Vlad made him the best-known medieval ruler of the Romanian lands in Europe. However, Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, which was published in 1897, was the first book to make a connection between Dracula and vampirism. Stoker had his attention drawn to the blood-sucking vampires of Romanian folklore by Emily Gerard's article about Transylvanian superstitions (published in 1885). His limited knowledge about the medieval history of Wallachia was certainly not enough for us to say that Vlad was the inspiration for "Count Dracula." Actually, Stoker's working papers for his book contain no references to the historical figure, the name of the character being named in all drafts but the later ones 'Count Wampyr'. Consequently, Stoker borrowed the name and "scraps of miscellaneous information" about the history of Wallachia when writing his book about Count Dracula.



Dracula's Castle Transylvania, Romania

Did You Know?—National Days in October 2023 (cont. from pg. 13)

- Oct. 1—National AIDS Awareness Month—There are over 37 million people worldwide living with HIV. Educate yourself on HIV and AIDS prevention, transmission, and treatment.
- Oct. 1—National Breast Cancer Awareness Month—The National Breast Cancer Foundation reports that a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer every two minutes. One percent of men are diagnosed with breast cancer as well. It does not discriminate. Get checked routinely. Early detection is key.
- Oct. 2—International Guardian Angels Day—A day that seeks to recognize the protective roles that guardian angels have in our lives. Share some guardian angel stories with family and friends.
- Oct. 2—National Custodian Day—This day recognizes the hard work that it takes to keep our public facilities in tip-top shape as well as those who diligently work to make our facilities spotless and sanitary...We have great custodians here; let them know they are appreciated.
- Oct. 2—National Fried Scallops Day—Yum! Seafood for dinner.
- Oct. 2—World Farm Animals Day—This brings awareness regarding the abuse and maltreatment of animals.
- Oct. 3—International Animal Welfare Week—(October 3-9)—Campaign for and support animal rights, focusing on promoting humane treatment of all kinds of animals, including pets, farm animals, wildlife, and even those used or medical research and testing.
- Oct. 4—National Cinnamon Roll Day—Yum!
- Oct. 4—National Golf Lover's Day—Golfers, experience a new course, or invite a friend to try a new sport. Take a golf lesson, or attend a major tournament.
- Oct. 4—National Taco Day—Guess what's for dinner tonight?
- Oct. 4—World Habitat Day—Support local housing initiatives or volunteer in habitat building initiatives.
- Oct. 4—World Space Week—(October 4-10)—Nearly 100 countries across the globe celebrate the benefits of science and technology to human society this week.
- Oct. 5—International Bring Your Bible To School Day—(First Thursday of October)—Intended to celebrate our religious freedom as we treasure and read God's holy word.
- Oct. 5—National Do Something Nice Day—Be it big or small, any act of kindness is something to celebrate. And one small gesture can mean the world to someone.
- Oct. 5—National Get Funky Day—Dance, die your hair a crazy color...do something out of your comfort zone.
- Oct. 5—World Teachers' Day—Make your favorite teachers know they are special.
- Oct. 6—National German-American Day—Eat some German food today. Learn about and honor our heritage.
- Oct. 6—National Noodle Day—It's pasta for dinner!
- Oct. 6—World Smile Day—Smile! It's contagious.
- Oct. 7—International Day of Peaceful Communication—With peaceful talks and an open mind, almost any conflict can come to an end. EVERY day should be Day of Peaceful Communication Day!
- Oct. 7—National Forgiveness and Happiness Day—Celebrate forgiveness and the amount of happiness it an bring to one's life.
- Oct. 7—International You Matter To Me Day—NEVER pass up an opportunity to let someone know you care about them. No one knows what tomorrow holds.
- Oct. 8—National Heroes' Day—Celebrate the heroes in your life. Be someone's hero.
- Oct. 8—National Salmon Day—Guess what's for dinner?
- Oct. 8—National Pastor Appreciation Day—Let the pastors in your community know how much you appreciate them.
- Oct. 9—Columbus Day—(Second Monday of October observed)
- Oct. 9—National Indigenous Peoples' Day—(Second Monday of October)—Honors the cultures and histories of the Native American people.
- Oct. 9—International Beer & Pizza Day—Guess what's for dinner? I'll drink to that!
- Oct. 9—International Day of Respect for Cultural Diversity—(Second Monday of October)—The United States is a "melting pot" of cultures and ethnicities,. We are more alike than we are unlike. Learn about some other cultures today.
- Oct. 10—National Angel Food Cake Day—Yum!
- Oct. 10—National Face Your Fears Day—(Second Tuesday of October)—Today is the day to step out and overcome things that are holding you back.
- Oct. 10—World Homeless Day—The purpose of this day is to bring to focus the issues of homelessness and inadequate housing. Globally 1.6 billion people live in inadequate housing conditions. In America, 582,462 individuals are experiencing homelessness, an increase of about 2,000 people since the last complete census in 2020. Learn more about this tragic situation today.

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Did You Know?-National Days in October 2023 (cont.)

- Oct. 10—World Mental Health Day—We have come a long way in the last few decades regarding managing mental health.

 However, the problem continues to grow. Learn more about this problem and ways you can help someone you know struggling with these issues.
- Oct. 11—National Bring Your Teddy Bear To School Day—College students, you may want to rethink this one. 19
- Oct. 11—National Stop Bullying Day—(Second Wednesday of October)—Learn about bullying and ways to STOP it!
- Oct. 11—National Take Your Parents To Lunch Day—If you are unable to take them out to lunch, make lunch for them and spend time together.
- Oct. 12—National Savings Day—Think about your savings. Make a plan. It's never too soon to teach your kids to save money.
- Oct. 13—National M&M Day—M&Ms have been around over 75 years. Have some today.
- Oct. 13—National Train Your Brain Day—Change things in your routine, extend your interests, solve a lot of puzzles or riddles—these are all ways to sharpen your memory.
- Oct. 14—Bookshop Day—Visit a bookstore. Buy a new book or two. Encourage reading!
- Oct. 14—National Chess Day—(Second Saturday of October)—Sit a spell and play a game today.
- Oct. 14—National Dessert Day—Oh yeah!
- Oct. 15—National I Love Lucy Day—Watch some of those iconic reruns today! Have an "I Love Lucy" marathon.
- Oct. 15—National Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day—Show your Sunday School teachers they are appreciated.
- Oct. 16—National Dictionary Day—Celebrate the birth of Noah Webster, born in 1758, the writer who created the Webster Dictionary. Expand your vocabulary—learn some new words today.
- Oct. 16—National Boss's Day—Do something special for your boss today.
- Oct. 16—World Food Day—Try some dishes from other cultures today.
- Oct. 16—National Adoption Week—(Third week of October)—Aims to improve awareness about human adoption. Read about adoption laws. Celebrate adoption. Donate or volunteer at an organization that works to get children adopted.

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." A child does not have to be biologically yours to love them as your own. Adoption is a wonderful way to give a child a forever home.

- Oct. 17—International Child Poverty Day—According to UNICEF, approximately 356 million children live in extreme poverty. This includes the absence of housing, quality healthcare, and clean water. Children living under these conditions are susceptible to dying before reaching the age of 5 years old. Learn how you can help today.
- Oct. 17—National Pasta Day—Spaghetti anyone?
- Oct. 18—National Chocolate Cupcake Day—Sweet!
- Oct. 18—National Mashed Potatoes Day—Mmm, Hmm!
- Oct. 18—National Necktie Day—Wear one just for the fun of it. Dress up the attire today.
- Oct. 19—National New Friends Day—Make a new friend today!
- Oct. 19—World Humanitarian Day—Sign up for humanitarian aid, organize a local event, or donate to a worthy cause.
- Oct. 20—National Day of Writing—Write something today: a poem, start a journal, a story, the first chapter of a novel, or a long letter to a friend.
- Oct. 20—National Youth Confidence Day—Celebrate the potential of young people, their accomplishments, energy, and spirit.
- Oct. 21—American Frog Day—Learn about the different types of frogs in your area, and learn about others in various parts of the world.
- Oct. 21—International Sloth Day—(Third Saturday of October)—Learn about these fascinating animals from Central and South America. Visit the zoo and see one up close.

Did You Know?—National Days in October 2023 (cont.)

- Oct. 21—National Apple Day—"An apple a day keeps the doctor away" (Pembrokeshire Proverb). I'll have two!
- Oct. 21—National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day—Yum!
- Oct. 21—National Reptile Day—Learn about the reptiles in your area. Visit a zoo and learn about those from other areas of the world.
- Oct. 21—National Sweetest Day—A day to be sweet, by sharing a kind thought, a small gift or a gesture of kindness. It's a day to share love and kindness. Who doesn't need more of that?
- Oct. 22—National Make A Dog's Day—Do something extra special for our pet today.
- Oct. 22—National Nut Day—Sometimes you just feel like a nut!
- Oct. 22—National Smart Is Cool Day—Learn something new. Share what you've learned.
- Oct. 23—National Boston Cream Pie Day—I'll have some of that!
- Oct. 24—National Bologna Day—I guess we know what we're having for lunch.
- Oct. 24—National Kangaroo Awareness Day—These marsupials are fascinating creatures. Learn about them today.
- Oct. 24—United Nations Day—Celebrate the anniversary of the UN Charter of history, struggle, and accomplishment. Take a moment to consider the incredible impact the United Nations has had in every corner of the globe.
- Oct. 26—National Mule Day—Learn about Missouri's state animal.
- Oct. 26—National Pumpkin Day—Time to get some pumpkins. Halloween is coming. Make those jack-o-lanterns.
- Oct. 27—Global Champagne Day—Cheers!
- Oct. 27—National American Beer Day—I'll drink to that!
- Oct. 27—National Black Cat Day—By the way, these are NOT bad luck!
- Oct. 28—International Make A Difference Day—Do something today to make our world a better place. The smallest of actions can make a difference.
- Oct. 28—National Chocolate Day—Sweet!
- Oct. 28—National First Responders' Day—Recognize the heroic men and women who make it their business to take immediate action when disaster strikes. Let them know they are appreciated.
- Oct. 29—International Polar Bear Week—Coinciding with the Fall polar bear migration, this week we focus on the importance of sea ice to polar bears and how to tackle climate change to ensure their survival. Their numbers are quickly declining because of climate change. Learn more today.
- Oct. 30—National Candy Corn Day—Pick some up today with your Halloween stash.
- Oct. 31—Halloween—Trick-or-treat!
- Oct. 31—National Books For Treats Day—Excellent idea! Give books to trick-or-treaters!
- Oct. 31—National Carmel Apple Day—Yum!
- Oct. 31—National Knock-Knock Joke Day—Share one or two with someone. Everyone can use a laugh! It's the best medicine!









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WORD SCRAMBLE: (from pg. 13)

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HIDDEN MESSAGE:

HAVE A SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The family of Sue Schwoeppe who passed away on 9/15; the family of Michael Bira (Marthasville), 28, who died in an auto accident on 9/9; the family of Loleen Dieckman (Holstein), who passed away on 9/9; the family of John Morgan (affiliated with the car show) who passed away on 8/30; Gary Schouten—on hospice; Faith Benson (friend of Robbin DeVore)—on hospice with lung disease, pray for peace for her; Arnold & Marcia Rekate (Walean Bunge's brother & sister-in-law)—Arnold is in a rehab facility with pancreatic issues, Marcia has stage-4 cancer; Karla Aholt—hip replacement on 9/25; Jeanette Stegner—home recuperating from gall bladder surgery; Grady Thayer (Lulu Hasenjaeger's great grandson)—home, following kidney transplant, doing well; 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.

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

<u>Those serving in the Military</u>: 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:

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New Haven Care Center
9503 State Hwy. 100
New Haven, MO 63068



Ellen Engelage 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.

(Answers to WORD SEARCH from pg. 20)

"Lovely little ladybug sent from heaven above please watch over my garden and fill it up with love."

~Author unknown

41. Broomstick

43. October

46. Haunted

44. Cat

45. Spirit

"Sleep tight and don't let the bed bugs bite."

~Author unknown

ANSWERS 70 OCTOBER CROSSWORD 2 (from pg. 14)

ACROSS:

- Apples
 Werewolf
 Witches
 Wizard of Oz
- 8. Web 28. Hallows
- 10. Bat 30. Price
- 11. Parapsychology13. Tombstone31. Nina32. Arc
- 14. Drąculą 33. Mummy
- 15. Chocolate 34. Thriller
- 16. Whisper 35. Hiss
- 17. Growl18. Squirrels38. Howl39. Clown
- 19. Cauldron 40. Dark

DOWN:

- 2. Prank
- 3. Scarecrow
- 5. Crypt6. Spook
- 7. Nightmare
 - 9. Bewitched
 - 12. Vanish 14. Disquise
 - 15. Costumes
 - 15. Costumes 19. Coffin
 - 20. New World
 - 21. Warlock

- 22. Leaves
- 23. Coven
- 24. Columbus Day
- 27. Graveyard
- 28. Halloween
- Zo. Figliowccii
- 29. Salem Witch
- 33. Magic
- 34. Thirty-One
- 36. Skeleton
- 37. Pumpkin
- Jy. Fullype
- 39. Casper
- 42. Pocus



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St. Paul's UCC Church Calendar—October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
I Bring A Meal Sunday 9:30am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am AM Fellowship	2 10am-4pm Quilting	3	2pm Women's Guild	5	6	7	
9:30am Worship NO Sunday School Congregational Meeting AM Fellowship to follow	9 10am-4pm Quilting Columbus Day	6:30pm Church Council 7pm-8pm Food Pantry @ CBC	7pm Adult Choir Practice	12	Adult Social Conn./ Men's Fellowship Hummingbird Club Outback	14	
9:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am AM Fellowship	16 10am-4pm Quilting 6PM MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	17	18	19	20	11am-12N Food Pantry @ CBC	
9:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am AM Fellowship	23 10am-4pm Quilting	24	25	26	27	28	
9:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am AM Fellowship	30 10am-4pm Quilting	Happy Hallowe'en	"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." (2 Corinthians 13:14 ESV)				

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