

ST. PAUL'S UCC NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2026

103 South Second Street
Marthasville, MO 63357
(636) 433-2482
stpaulsuccmo.org@gmail.com
www.stpaulsuccmo.org



A Loving Church, Making a Difference in the World



Letter from our Pastor Emeritus



“Train up a child in the way he should go.” (Proverbs 22:6)

Of course, the primary reason for going to church on Sunday is to worship God. A second reason is to get moral and spiritual instruction and guidance. Attending worship and Sunday school is an important habit to develop and nourish.

It takes an inner strength to continue the habit. However, one day it becomes easier to sleep in. Or the family makes plans that take them away. That day will be followed by another Sunday with more plans, and another, and another. Eventually, continuing in the church-going habit diminishes. Visiting the church for worship on Sunday morning will cease, because the family has “more important things to do.”

Most of St. Paul's church families are people of means. They have what most families want—two cars, a fine home, modern conveniences. They aren't millionaires, but they are well above the poverty line materially.

That's the tragedy. Most families have everything except what they need most. Parents love their children, but certainly there would be an emptiness in their home if their children were no longer there. If their children don't make it and they turn out wrong, parents shouldn't be too hard on them. They were neglected the spiritual foundation to build the needed faith in God to sustain them throughout life.

Pastor Deeker



CONTENTS

Adult Choir.....	5	Meals on Wheels	16
Adult Social Connection.....	3	Men's Fellowship	3
Altar Flowers.....	4	Prayer List	16
Birthdays, Anniversaries	9	Puzzles	10,12,13,14
Blood Drive	14	Quilt Raffle	8
Calendar of Events	17	Quilting	3
Chicken Dinner	7	Scripture Readings	5
Christian Education.....	12	Services of Worship	4,5
Church Council Meeting.....	3	Staff/Council Members	25
Church Membership	4	Sunday Morning Fellowship	3,5
Congregational Meeting	3	Thank You.....	4
CROP WALK Advocate	6	Tidbits	8,9,14,15
Extra Step	2	Tractor Cruise	6
Faith In Action	8	Washington Civic Chorus	3
Homebound Church Members.....	16	Women's Guild.....	3
Letter from the Pastor Emeritus	1		



September Extra Step -
TEMCO Sheltered Workshop
(Marthasville, MO)



Festival of Sharing is part of
the Heritage Cluster mission.
Lists for "Faith In Action" kits are in the lobby.
All kits are due on
Sunday, September 30th.

St. Paul's UCC Staff

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

Church Council

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.



WOMEN'S GUILD
WED., SEPT. 2ND
2PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL



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

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.

Annual Congregational Meeting:

Sunday, October 18th—
Immediately following the service of worship.
Please plan to attend.



ADULT SOCIAL CONNECTION

The Adult Social Connection breaks for the summer (June-September) and will resume again in the fall.
Attendance at the Concerts in the Park (downtown pavilion) is encouraged on the 4th Fridays of the months of May-Sept.
Be watching future newsletters for further information.



SEPT. 25TH — "TEXAS GIANTS" (Country/Blue Grass)



WASHINGTON CIVIC CHORUS

The Washington Civic Chorus will begin rehearsals on

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

for its

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

scheduled for

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

See flier in the lobby and upcoming newsletters for further info.



Church Council Meeting:

Monday, Sept. 14th
3:30pm



ALTAR FLOWERS:



Aug. 2: in honor of Ophelia Lange's 5th birthday (Aug. 5th),
by Don & Wanda Lange.

Extra arrangement from the funeral of Mary Mittler.

Aug. 9: to the honor and glory of God, by the Women's Guild.

Extra arrangements from the funerals of Mary Mittler and Jeanette Stegner.

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

Extra arrangements from the funerals of Mary Mittler and Jeanette Stegner.

Aug. 23: to the honor and glory of God, by the Women's Guild.

Extra arrangement in honor of Allan & Nita Hasenjaeger's 20th
wedding anniversary (Aug. 26th), by Lulu Hasenjaeger.

Other arrangements from the funerals of Mary Mittler and Jeanette Stegner.

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

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

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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



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

Supply—September

Sept. 6— Don Deeker
Sept. 13— Don Deeker
Sept. 20— Don Deeker
Sept. 27— Don Deeker



Supply—October

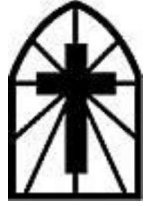
Oct. 4— Don Deeker
Oct. 11— Don Deeker
Oct. 18— Don Deeker
Oct. 25— Don Deeker



Services of Worship

9:30am

Pastor by Supply



<u>September</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>13th</u>	<u>20th</u>	<u>27th</u>
Ushers	Terri Ogle (lead) Karen Dohrer Cathie Schoppenhorst Lulu Hasenjaeger Cindy Buescher	Jacob DeVore (lead) Gene Ahmann Karla Aholt Marigene Kersten Ann Jenkins	Wilma Zeh (lead) Audrey Meyer Terri Ogle John Presser Nancy Presser	Bonnie Borgmann (lead) Tony Rohe Curt Rohe Robbin DeVore Kylie Rohe
Acolytes	Kersten Mayer	Kennady Mayer	Addy Engelage	Colsie Lange
Readers	Cathie Schoppenhorst	Karla Aholt	Terri Ogle	Curt Rohe
Greeters	Brenda Roloff Cathie Schoppenhorst	Gene Ahmann Karla Aholt	Audrey Meyer John & Nancy Presser	Tony Rohe Curt Rohe
Fellowship	Wayne & Wilma Zeh	NEED VOLUNTEER	_____	Debbie Garbs

Worship Attendance:

8-2-2026---42

8-9-2026---38

8-16-2026---35

8-23-2026---41

8-30-2026---(next issue)

The Adult Choir

Come join us in song! **FOR SEPTEMBER**, the choir will sing on Sun., Sept. 27th (fourth Sunday).

Practice will be on Wed., September 23rd at 7pm.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Contact Debbie Garbs or Sally Rohe with questions or inquiries.



Suggested Scripture Readings for September

Sept. 6th — Exodus 12:1-14 and Psalm 149 or Ezekiel 33:7-11 and Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20

Sept. 13th — Exodus 14:19-31 and Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11,20-21
Genesis 50:15-21 and Psalm 103:(1-7),8-13
Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35

Sept. 20th — Exodus 16:2-15 and Psalm 105:1-6,37-45 or
Jonah 3:1 - 4:11 and Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16

Sept. 27th — 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



2026 TRACTOR CRUISE NORTHERN ROUTE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

(Knights of Columbus Journey for Charity)

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



Northern Route Schedule:

9:30am Blessing of the Fleet at St. Ignatius (Breakfast Available)
10:15-10:55am St. Ignatius, Concord Hill to **St. Paul's UCC, Marthasville**
10:55-12:15pm **St. Paul's UCC, Marthasville** to St. Vincent de Paul, Dutzow
12:15-12:50pm St. Vincent, Dutzow to Immaculate Conception, Augusta
12:50- 1:00pm Immaculate Conception to Augusta
1:00pm To Washington
[Join the South Route (Franklin County)—to K of C Grounds, Washington]
2:30-5:30pm BBQ and Tractor Show—Washington K of C Grounds

This will be the **19th annual Tractor Cruise**—the **8th year** this event will include a **30-Mile "Northern Route"**. Let's make it a greater success than last year! Last year a total of 163 tractors participated—63 on the Northern Route. 8,000 lbs. of food was collected for the food pantries. *Thank you in advance for your participation! (More info in the lobby.)*





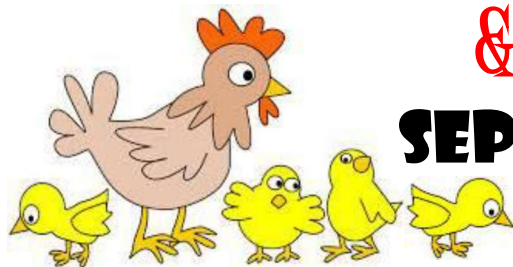
On September 29th, Mr. Don Horter, an avid and enthusiastic promoter of CROP, will be staying overnight at St. Paul's UCC. He will use the shower facilities in the parsonage.

CROP is an organization that promotes hunger awareness in the world as well as raising funds to feed the poor and hungry.

Anyone who wishes to participate in the WALK is welcome and encouraged to join Mr. Horter.

Contact me with any questions or inquiries,
Don, Pastor Emeritus

St. Paul's Annual Chicken Dinner & Country Store



SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

11AM-5PM

—CAFETERIA STYLE / DINE IN OR CARRY-OUT—

ADULTS & ALL CARRY-OUTS \$17

CHILDREN AGES 6-12 \$7 (AGES 5 AND UNDER FREE)

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

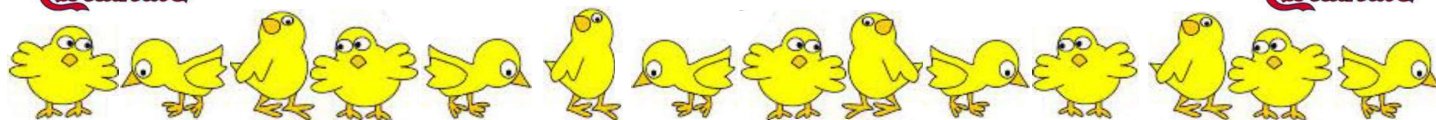
Sign-up sheets are in the lobby—be sure to sign up for the shift you prefer.

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

Thank you for your participation and contributions.



WORKERS: Remember to wear *Cardinal Red* attire!



QUILT RAFFLE



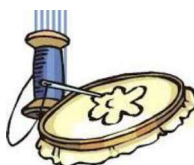
Help with selling quilt raffle tickets would be appreciated if anyone is interested.

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

Sunday, September 20, 2026



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

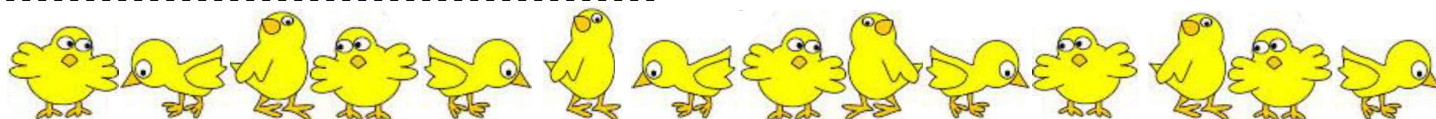


Donations for
The Country Store



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

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





Faith In Action

We are asked to collect as many Food Boxes and Hygiene Kits as possible.
When making your contributions, please submit complete packs.
Boxes will be sent directly to the church.

All items must be returned to St. Paul's UCC by **Sunday, September 30th**.

Missouri Family Food Boxes

Each box should contain:

- 3 different cans of vegetables
- 3 different cans of fruit
- 3 cans chicken
- 3 cans tuna
- 1 can pasta sauce
- 1 pound pasta
- 3 boxes of macaroni & cheese
- 1 jar peanut butter
- 1 box of oatmeal packets (10 ct.)
-flavored or unflavored

Pack all in a sturdy box and fill with packing material to keep contents secure. Tape securely and clearly label each of the four sides and top of the box as "Missouri Family Food Box". Please purchase low sodium/sugar where possible.

CWS Hygiene Kits

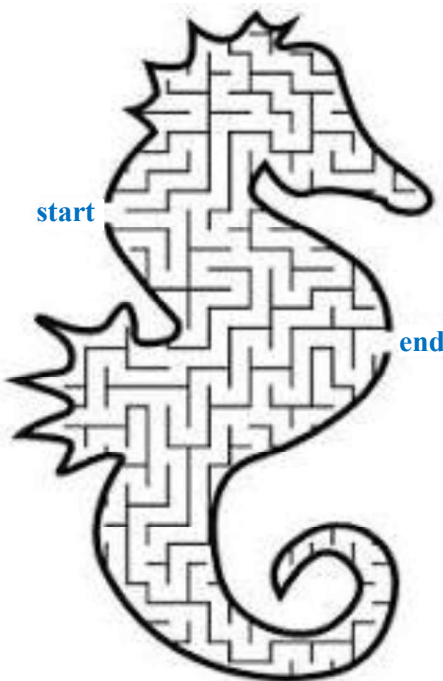
Each kit should contain:

- 1 wash cloth
- 1 hand towel
- 1 toothbrush (in original package)
- 1 comb (large) or brush
- 1 Deodorant (non-aerosol)
- 1 Travel-size lotion (1-3 oz, fragrance-free, NEW only)
- 1 bottle shampoo (12-16 oz., NEW only)
- 1 fluoride toothpaste (6 oz. or more, expiration date of 1 year)
- 1 bottle of body wash (approx. 15-22 oz.)
- 2 razors (disposable)

Place all items in a 2-2.5-gallon plastic bag with zipper closure; remove excess air from bag and seal.

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

Thank you for your participation!



- Seahorses live in saltwater; never in freshwater.
- Seahorses are fish, but they don't have scales. They're covered in bony plates that are similar to armor.
- Seahorses have no teeth. They have tube-like mouths with a sort of "trap door" so they can drop the floor of the mouth to increase volume, then they open and shut their jaw rapidly to draw in tiny organisms, such as plankton.
- Full-grown seahorses range in size from 1/2 inch to a foot, while related species can grow to be three feet long.
- It is the male seahorse that hatches the young. The female deposits eggs in a pouch in the male's belly, until it's time for them to hatch.
- Baby seahorses are tiny replicas of adults, and once they're out of the pouch, they receive no parental assistance at all.
- Adult seahorses feed 2-3 times a day, while young seahorses can be fed as often as 5-6 times a day. This makes them difficult to keep, and therefore not a wise choice for a home aquarium.
- Seahorses generally live 3-5 years, although that varies by species.
- Although there are 30-40 species of seahorses, only three live off the coast of the United States.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd: Elise Homeyer
Charlotte Mittler
3rd: Nancy Liesmann
5th: Rita Bub
6th: Charley Elder
8th: Wendy Kammer
10th: Taylor Steffens
11th: Steve Zeh
13th: Maggie Barron
15th: Tom DeVore
16th: Jeff Mueller
17th: Ron DeVore
Terri Ogle
20th: Kayla Niemeyer
22nd: Clint Hanne
23rd: Danny Presser
25th: Jack Chambers
26th: Karen Dohrer
Tristan Zeh
27th: Nicholas Rohe



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

10th: Bob & Maggie Barron
12th: Rock & Brenda Roloff
18th: Clint & Kylie Hanne
19th: Brian & Amber Lange
21st: Kirk & Joell Engelage
Jarod & Abbie Walde
23rd: Charles & Mona Anderson
24th: John & Kay Buhr
28th: Mark & Nancy Kimball



ANNIVERSARIES OF BAPTISM

(none this month)



AUTUMN TID BIT: —A FUN EXPERIMENT—



Standing Eggs?—There are only two days of the year when you can stand an egg on its end, the autumn and spring equinox. To do this you will need an egg. (It does not have to be hard-boiled.) Place the egg on a hard, flat surface on its largest end. Carefully pull your hands away and it should remain upright.

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



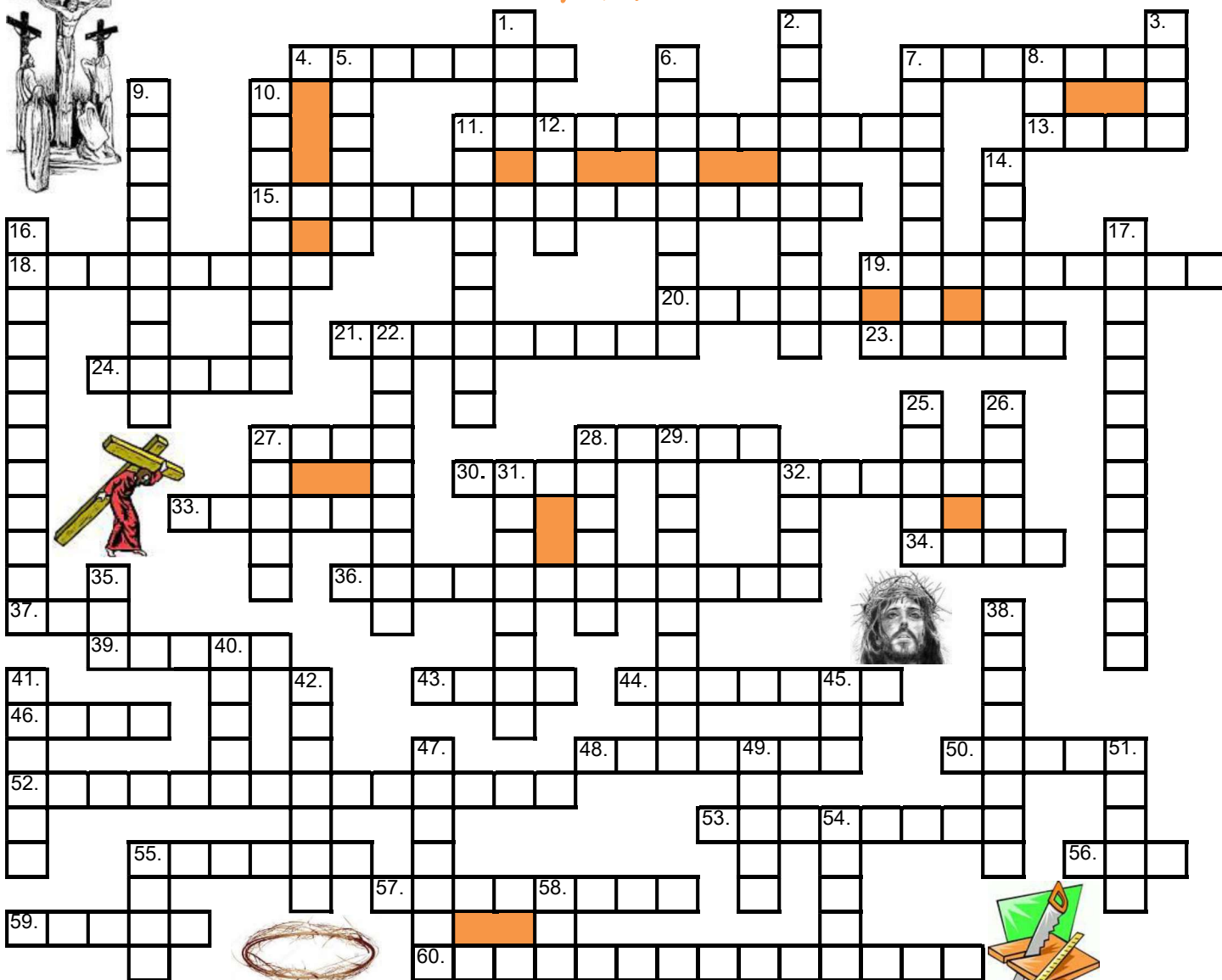
AUTUMN SCRAMBLE

(Answers to puzzle pg. 14)

- | | | | |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. harvest | 7. rake | 13. red | 19. spider |
| 2. leaves | 8. acorn | 14. brown | 20. hayride |
| 3. scarecrow | 9. squirrel | 15. October | 21. morning dew |
| 4. yellow | 10. apple | 16. equinox | |
| 5. bonfire | 11. orange | 17. September | |
| 6. pear | 12. fall | 18. pumpkin | |

"A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer's wave goodbye."

"In His Name"



ACROSS:

4. Jesus said: "whoever believes in me shall have _____ life."
7. A spire on the top of a church tower or roof.
11. The sealing of the covenant created in baptism; the Christian rite by which admission to the church is said to be strengthened and established in faith.
13. Opposite of good.
15. A set of biblical principles relating to ethics and worship that play a fundamental role in Judaism and Christianity. (*Exodus 20:2-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21*) (two words)
18. Infinite or unending time.
19. Deliverance from sin and its consequences, believed by Christians to be brought about by faith in Christ.
20. Jesus prophesized that Peter would deny Him _____ times.
21. The annual celebration of Christ's birth, held on December 25th.
23. Religious songs of praise to God sung in church.
24. This biblical father had twelve sons who in turn founded the twelve tribes of Israel. As a father, however, he favored his son, Joseph, causing jealousy among the other brothers.
27. Mother of Jesus.
28. A spiritual being believed to act as an attendant, agent, or messenger of God, often depicted as in human form with wings and a long robe.

(Answers on pg. 16)



30. In 1739, Charles Wesley wrote the Easter hymn, *Christ the _____ is Risen Today*.
32. After Jesus died on the cross, Joseph of Arimathea went to _____ to request possession of the body.
33. Jesus' earthly father.
34. *"Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He _____ loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword: His truth is marching on."* (Battle Hymn of the Republic)
36. First day of Lent. (two words)
37. *"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be no more pain: for the former things are passed away. And He sat up on the throne and said, 'Behold, I make all things _____...for these words are true and faithful.'" (Revelations 21:4-5 KJV)*
39. A musical instrument most often played in church that produces sound by driving pressurized air through brass pipes selected from a keyboard.
43. In the Christian Church, the period preceding Easter devoted to fasting, abstinence, and penitence in commemoration of Jesus' sacrifices made for us.
44. The symbol of God's promise to humankind that He would never again flood the earth.
46. First earthly father; father of Cain and Abel.
48. "_____ is he who comes in the name of the Lord..." (Psalm 118:26 NKJV)
50. God's only son.
52. The prayer taught by Jesus to His disciples, beginning with "Our Father...". (three words)
53. A personal follower of Jesus during His life, especially one of the twelve Apostles.
55. The color of the paraments used during Lent.
56. This biblical father was known to have an immense and unyielding degree of patience, especially in the face of problems or difficulty.
57. John 19:30 (NIV) reads: "When he had received the drink, Jesus said, 'It is _____.' With that, he bowed His head and gave up His spirit."
59. The Christian scriptures, consisting of the Old and New Testaments.
60. _____ commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the apostles. (two words)



DOWN:

1. A disk or circle of light shown surrounding or above the head of a saint or holy person to represent their holiness.
2. "The _____" are the blessings listed by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. (Matthew 5:3-11)
3. The place or state into which, by God's definitive judgement, unrepentant sinners pass.
5. The Romans, in an effort to mock Jesus, gave Him a crown of _____.
6. The cloths that adorn the altar, pulpit, communion table, and other parts of a church sanctuary.
7. A consecrated place; the most sacred part of a religious building such as the part of a Christian Church where the altar is placed.
8. The first mother on Earth; mother of Cain and Abel. (Genesis 2)
9. _____ commemorates Jesus' crucifixion. (2 words)
10. When the women went to the place where Jesus' body was placed, they found an _____ . (two words)
11. Holy _____ is the service of Christian worship at which bread and wine, symbolizing the body and the blood of Jesus Christ, are consecrated and shared.
12. This biblical father built an ark for his family and two of each kind of animal to save from the great flood.
14. The location of the throne of God, the abode of the righteous dead in the afterlife.
16. Easter commemorates Christ's _____.
17. In the New Testament, at both the beginning and at the end of His life, Jesus was referred to as the _____ . (four words)
22. Another term for Holy Spirit; the Spirit of God. (two words)
25. The Crucifixion refers to the _____ of Jesus Christ on the cross.
26. In the book of Genesis, the forty days and forty nights of rain is known as the _____ Flood.
27. The Biblical mother, Jochebed, hid her baby for three months, then placed him in a waterproof basket and released it into the River Nile. What was this baby's name?
28. The first season of the Christian church year, leading up to Christmas and including the four preceding Sundays.
29. The garden where Jesus underwent the agony and was arrested the night before he was crucified.



31. A gift or contribution, especially money, to a church.
32. To address a solemn request or expression of thanks to God.
35. God ordered Noah to take _____ of every kind of animal onto the ark.
38. *"I believe in God,....who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, _____ under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried..." (The Apostle's Creed)*
40. A table in a Christian church at which the bread and wine are consecrated in communion services.
41. This holiday always occurs between March 22nd and April 25th.
42. Each of the twelve disciples of Christ.
45. The first part of the Christian Bible, comprised of 39 books: The _____ Testament.
47. The religious rite of sprinkling water onto a person's forehead or of immersion in water, symbolizing purification or regeneration and admission to the Christian Church.
49. A person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, likeness, or closeness to God.
51. _____ the Cyrenian was appointed to carry the cross upon which Jesus was to be crucified.
54. As Jesus was taken to His crucifixion, Simon of Cyrene was compelled by the Romans to help Him carry this.
55. *"...And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the _____ of His hand." (On Eagles' Wings)*
58. According to the book of Genesis, on the fourth day of creation, God created the _____, moon, and stars.





—Sunday School Classes—

**It is time for a new year of
Sunday School Classes to begin!**

We want to give a special thanks to our teachers, and those who serve on the Christian Education Committee.

It is important to NOTE:

Classes are up in the air, and yet TBD.



Christian Ed is looking for help with Sunday School.

***Christian Ed is also asking for school-aged children's parental input regarding Sunday School scheduling and curriculum.**

Contact Terri Ogle with your thoughts.*



Trees of Missouri

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

AMERICAN BEECH
AMERICAN CHESTNUT
AMERICAN ELM
AMERICAN LINDEN
AMERICAN SYCAMORE
BALD CYPRESS
BLACK CHERRY
BLACK GUM
BLACK LOCUST
BLACK WALNUT
BLACKHAW

BLUE ASH
BIRCH
BRADFORD PEAR
BUR OAK
EASTERN COTTONWOOD
FLOWERING DOGWOOD
HACKBERRY
HICKORY
KENTUCKY COFFEE TREE
NORTHERN CATALPA
OHIO BUCKEYE

OSAGE ORANGE
PAPER BIRCH
PAWPAW
PECAN
PERSIMMON
PIN OAK
PUMPKIN ASH
RED CEDAR
RED MAPLE
RED MULBERRY
RED OAK

REDBUD
SASSAFRAS
SILVER MAPLE
SUGAR MAPLE
SWEET GUM
TULIP TREE
WHITE ASH
WHITE OAK
WHITE PINE
WILD PLUM

After completing the word search, use the **UNUSED** letters to complete the messages below:

"The _____

_____."

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

"A _____ in the _____

_____."

~Welsh Proverb



"B _____ is _____



_____."

~John Muir

AUTUMN SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the words to solve the hidden message below.

- | | | | |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 11. vhtsear | 26 _ _ _ _ _ | 1. lfal | 11 _ 8 _ |
| 12. aveesl | _ _ _ 39 6 _ | 2. rde | 23 _ 44 |
| 13. cesowrrac | 30 _ 27 _ _ _ _ | 3. owbrn | 45 _ 22 37 _ |
| 14. lowlye | 46 40 _ _ _ _ | 4. btoorec | 15 _ 16 42 _ _ _ |
| 15. binrefo | _ _ 7 2 18 _ _ | 5. nuxiqoe | _ _ _ 12 _ _ _ |
| 16. prae | _ 47 3 _ | 6. btesrpeem | 36 _ _ 25 _ 21 _ 9 _ |
| 17. aker | _ 29 _ _ | 7. kmunppi | _ _ 32 _ _ _ 19 |
| 18. racon | 1 _ 43 _ 14 | 8. preids | 13 _ _ _ 34 _ |
| 19. isrqeulr | _ _ 31 _ _ _ _ 4 | 9. yeadrhi | 17 10 _ 35 _ _ _ |
| 20. alppe | 38 _ _ 5 _ | 10. nromign ewd | 33 _ _ _ _ _ 41 _ 24 _ |
| 21. nagreo | _ _ _ 28 20 _ | | |



According to superstition, catching leaves in autumn brings good luck. Every leaf means a lucky month next year.

“ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 , 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 ”

Author unknown

(Answers on pg. 9)



Answers to Word Search (pg. 13)

“The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.”

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

“A seed hidden in the heart of an apple is an orchard invisible.”

~Welsh Proverb

“Between every two pines is a doorway to a new world.”

~John Muir



BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, August 31st

AMERICAN LEGION POST 180

17452 State Hwy. 47, Marthasville, MO 63357

2-6PM



Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: StPaulsMarthasville to schedule an appointment.

Please donate blood. It saves lives!



AUTUMN TID BITS

The Planet—On the first day of autumn, the sun is aligned with the center between the North and the South of the earth. On that day, the light and dark hours are exactly the same length. This is called 'equinox', derived from the Latin word 'aequus' which means 'equal.'



What happens to plants?—Yellow, orange and variations thereof always reside in the pigmentation of tree leaves, but they are overpowered by the abundance of green from the chlorophyll in the leaves. Come autumn, when the sun weakens and days grow shorter, the amount of chlorophyll in leaves diminishes, allowing the other pigments in the leaves to show through. Red and purple leaves are actually caused by the presence of sugars from sap that is trapped inside of the leaves.

Autumn for animals—Squirrels do not hibernate, they collect and bury nuts the entire autumn! They rely on storing nuts to be able to eat during winter. When they do come out in winter, they are usually tunneling under snow to find the food they buried during the fall. The nuts they bury, but don't retrieve, sprout into new trees.



The aurora borealis, also known as the Northern Lights, are geo-magnetic storms that occur when charged solar particles squeeze through our atmosphere's defenses and collide with gaseous particles in Earth's sky. Due to longer, clearer nights, this occurs twice as often during fall and winter months.

Monarch butterflies

make autumn a migratory season, flying South from America to Mexico and parts of California.



Traveling at speeds of 12-25 mph, they are the only insect that migrates up to 2,500 miles for nicer weather.

SEPTEMBER FUN FACTS:

- September is the ninth month and the only month with the same number of letters in its name in English as the number of the month.
- September starts on the same day of the week as December each year, but does not end on the same day of the week as any other month in the year.
- Labor Day is observed every year on the first Monday in September.
- Grandparent's Day is observed in the United States on the first Sunday after Labor Day.
- In the northern hemisphere, the Autumn Equinox occurs and fall begins. This takes place on September 22nd or 23rd, depending on the year.
- The only US president to have had a September birthday was William Taft (Sept. 15, 1857).
- President William McKinley was shot on September 6, 1901 while attending the Buffalo Pan-American Exposition in New York. He passed away eight days later, on September 14, 1901.
- On September 5th, 1961, President John F. Kennedy signed a hijacking bill, making air piracy a crime punishable by death or imprisonment.
- The Great Fire of London occurred on September 2, 1666.
- The poem "Mary had a Little Lamb" was published September 1st, 1830.
- World War II began in September 1939, when Hitler invaded Poland.
- The very first comic strip was printed in an American newspaper on September 11th, 1875.
- In September of 1920, Earle Dickson, of Highland Park, New Jersey, invented the Band-Aid for his wife who frequently burned herself while cooking. He was a cotton buyer for the Johnson & Johnson Co.
- Former President Richard M. Nixon was given an unconditional pardon, for his role in the infamous "Watergate" fiasco by President Gerald Ford, September 8, 1974.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The family of Jenny (Hedeman) Solomon who passed away on 8/19; the family of Delores Brown (Robbin DeVore & Trudy Heady's aunt) who passed away on 8/17; the family of Jeanette Stegner—who passed away on 8/2; the family of Cynthia Faust (Andrew & Linda Hellebusch's daughter) who passed away on 8/22; Michael Glosemeyer—diagnosed with cancer; Amber (Brewer) Eytcheson—receiving chemo treatments for cancer; Tom DeVore—health issues, undergoing many tests; Tim DeVore—was hospitalized with heart-related issues and internal bleeding, home awaiting treatment to clear blocked arteries; Karen Childs—cancer-related surgery on 7/29; Walean Bunge—health issues; Mark Jones (Marge Jones' son)—blood clots; 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: Michael Glosemeyer, Amber (Brewer) Eytcheson, Susan Miesner, Bonnie Borgmann, Nancy Thater, Eric Moritz, Rev. Jeff Mueller, Caiden Thies, Brenda Napier, Mildred Hinnah, Marcia Rekate, Brenda Gratz, Marigene Kersten, Ted Lepper, Rev. Jeffrey Willey, Dave Pruitt, Teresa Wheeler, Marsha Meyer, Isaac Mercer, Kristi Warnecke, Glennon Hepperman, Kurt Gildehaus, Karen Childs.

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



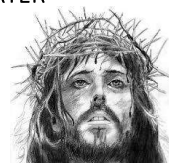
—Meals on Wheels—

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 (pg. 10)

ACROSS:

- | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 4. ETERNAL | 21. CHRISTMAS | 34. HATH | 50. JESUS |
| 7. STEEPLE | 23. HYMNS | 36. ASH WEDNESDAY | 52. THE LORD'S PRAYER |
| 11. CONFIRMATION | 24. JACOB | 37. NEW | 53. DISCIPLE |
| 13. EVIL | 27. MARY | 39. ORGAN | 55. PURPLE |
| 15. TEN COMMANDMENTS | 28. ANGEL | 43. LENT | 56. JOB |
| 18. ETERNITY | 30. LORD | 44. RAINBOW | 57. FINISHED |
| 19. SALVATION | 32. PILATE | 46. ADAM | 59. BIBLE |
| 20. THREE | 33. JOSEPH | 48. BLESSED | 60. MAUNDY THURSDAY |



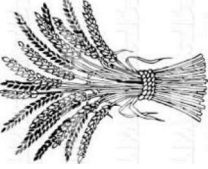
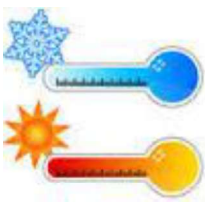
DOWN:

- | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. HALO | 9. GOOD FRIDAY | 22. HOLY GHOST | 32. PRAY | 47. BAPTISM |
| 2. BEATITUDES | 10. EMPTY TOMB | 25. DEATH | 35. TWO | 49. SAINT |
| 3. HELL | 11. COMMUNION | 26. GREAT | 38. SUFFERED | 51. SIMON |
| 5. THORNS | 12. NOAH | 27. MOSES | 40. ALTAR | 54. CROSS |
| 6. PARAMENTS | 14. HEAVEN | 28. ADVENT | 41. EASTER | 55. PALM |
| 7. SANCTUARY | 16. RESURRECTION | 29. GETHSEMANE | 42. APOSTLE | 58. SUN |
| 8. EVE | 17. KING OF THE JEWS | 31. OFFERING | 45. OLD | |



All puzzles in this publication 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—September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 2pm Women's Guild				
6 Bring A Meal Sunday 9:30am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:30am AM Fellowship	7 NO Quilting today. 	8 6:30pm-7:30pm Food Pantry @ CBC	9	10 	11	12
13 9:30am Worship 10:30am AM Fellowship 10:30-11:15am  TRACTOR CRUISE	14 10am-4pm Quilting  3:30pm Church Council	15	16	17 	18 8am Chicken Dinner Set-up & Food Prep 	19 11am-12N Food Pantry @ CBC
20 9:30am Worship NO AM Fellowship 11am-5pm  Chicken Dinner, Quilt Raffle, & Country Store	21 10am-4pm Quilting  6PM MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	22 FIRST DAY OF 	23  7pm Adult Choir Practice	24	25 6:30pm Concert in the Park 	26 
27 9:30am Worship 10:30am AM Fellowship	28 10am-4pm Quilting 	29 Mr. Don Horter, with the CROP WALK, will stay at the church this night.	30 	"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3:1 KJV)		



St. Paul's United Church of Christ
103 South Second Street
Marthasville, MO 63357