



October 2018

The Church Bell



"Follow the Bells"

"Pastors Pen"

Hallows Eve

by: Rev. C. Chapman

Time progresses, autumn is here. Soon we will be preparing the Trunk-or-Treat event for the end of the month. I am looking forward to experiencing this event for the first time. There is also another day at the end of the month that is called Halloween. This last day of October has become renowned as a holiday for the children to dress up and go door to door for a treat.... or a trick. Halloween has also been called by some Christians as the Devil's day, but do they really know what Halloween really is about?

Halloween was originally written as "Hallow E'en" or "Hallow Eve". From the first word "Hallow" is the word "Holy". Webster's Dictionary defines the word "hallow" as, "To make holy; to set apart for holy or religious use; to consecrate; to treat or keep as sacred; to reverence." That definition may surprise you for a day that the world views as anything but holy. Though Halloween has a pagan origin, it also carries religious significance.

Halloween can be traced back roughly 2,000 years to the "celts of Europe, who occupied parts of Ireland, the United Kingdom, and northern France. It was a pagan festival called "Samhain" (pronounced "sow-in") that celebrated more or less the honor of the dead and involved the offering of large sacrifices of crops and animals" (Answers in Genesis). Later, in 600A.D. the church desired to take this pagan holiday and honor those whom had passed from this world as martyrs in the faith. Pope Boniface IV created what is known as All Saint's Day, which Pope Gregory III moved to the first day of November. This is why October 31st is called Halloween. It is a shortened form of Hallow E'en or Hallow Eve.

All Soul's Day follows All Saint's Day on November 2nd and celebrates all Christians who have passed on before us. Different denominations hold different views and traditions on these three days of Hallowstide, but in general Halloween is a time to remember those who gave their life for Christ, sharing His Gospel, and dying for their faith. In most churches you will notice the liturgical colors in the Sanctuary change to red, the color that honors martyrs for their sacrifice to the faith and to Christ.

Rev. C. Chapman

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Office is open

Monday-Thursday

8 am-1Pm

Call or stop in!



“Happy October”

With all its colors and smells and wonderful
seasonal foods. Aren't we fortunate to live
where this is all available to us?
Gods blessing unto us.



Budgeted monthly expense \$10,500

Month — September 1-30 2018

Offering Received \$11,140.00

Expenses \$11,103.00

Balance \$37.00

\$10,000
needed
monthly
just to
maintain
ccc

Monthly Mortgage Payment \$2047.67

September Financial Report

Yearly — Jan 1, 2 018 to Sept. 30, 2018

Offering Received \$90,522.00

Expenses \$93,482.00

Balance 2,960 .00

Mortgage Balance \$66,769.15

"Happy Birthday"

October 8	Rachelle Elhert
October 11	Linda Chagnot
October 14	Diana Martin
October 16	Pat Culp
October 19	Anita Bell
October 19	Gerry Payne
October 26	Ron Miller



Meetings

Tuesday, October 2

Financial Meeting

6:15pm

Board Meeting

7pm

Elders Meeting
Third Sunday
of the month

8:00 am.

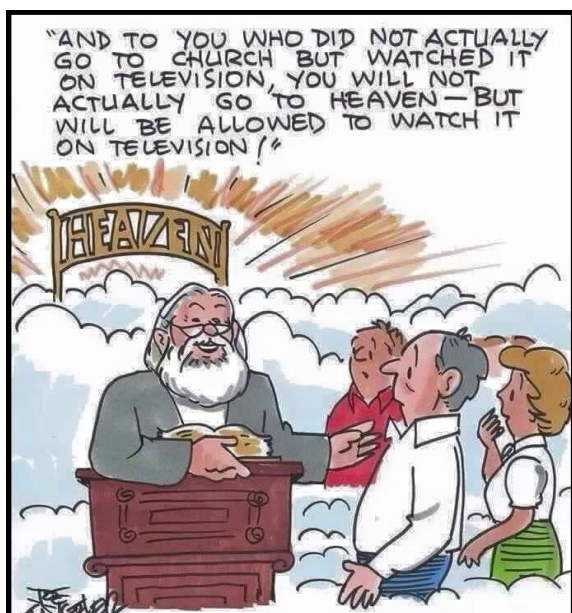
Happy Anniversary

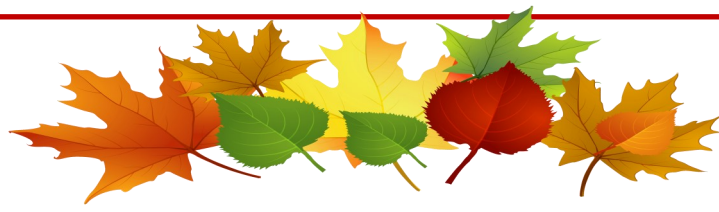
October 10	Alice and Gary Everitt
October 21	Larry and Kathy Dix



**We will be doing the stockings
for the troops again this year.**

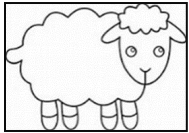
These stockings are always a welcome treat for our soldiers away from home. We put a large variety of fun and useful items in each stocking. If you would like to be a part of this, contact the office 330-637-4611 or talk to Joyce or Linda Swauger. So that all stockings will be uniform, we are seeking monetary contributions, so please, mark your envelope and drop it in the offering tray, if you would like to help stuff these stockings, call that number above. It takes nearly \$575 to fill 50 stockings and ship them out. You will be notified of the day we put them together. So you can come and help.





It is OCTOBER , the leaves are changing and the sounds, smells and foods of the season are wonderful. The “Autumn” season is truly upon us and action starts to take place here at Cortland Christian Church.

This is our second Soup and Sandwich Luncheon of the season. It happens on every 3rd Thursday of each month. We all look forward to this day, as we see happy smiling faces in our lunch room, laughing and sharing good food and conversation. The rest of us are in the kitchen making this all happen.



Little Lambs Children’s clothing Sale is on the 5-6th of October. Bring your Childrens/ grandchildren unused clean clothing and sell it and then buy some clothing, costumes at the sale at a reduced price. Great clothes available and toys.

Halloween will be just around the corner and we have fun with the kids at Trunk or Treat with our kids and the kids in the city. Plan on coming , dress up even if it is just a hat or mask or something. Share a table with someone it is more fun. The K-9 Companions will be here again this year. The kids and adults enjoyed the trained dogs.



“DRAFTING”

At the races, a car will come up behind another and draft behind it. Even runners or cyclists get close to the one in front, this breaks the air down making it easier for the ones behind. Even on the high-ways I’ve seen cars drafting behind a big semi-truck, although not a safe idea, but they say they get better gas mileage.

I think a Christian can also draft from another Christians. When we fellowship and encourage one another we are helping one another along the way. We all need a smile or a hug or a kind word to inspire us onward. Paul talked about this like in running a race. We always feel better and stronger after a “good worship” with the Lord. If we take a fall just get back up and start again. It’s the little things that sometimes matters the most on our journeys. We should be able to lean on one another. We each have our own journey and each one is different. So draft if you must, then be ready to run and finish well. Keep the faith.

Submitted by Cherri Chapman



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A message from Pastor"

"Hope in the Fall"

by: Rev. C. R. Chapman
Cortland Christian Church

Reflect with me upon a story whose author's name escapes me. It was late summer, and a man was diagnosed with a terminal illness. He was placed in the hospice center and awaited death. Those who came to see him tried to cheer him up, but the man would not have it.

As fall came the leaves on the tree outside the man's window began to change color, and one by one they yielded to the wind and fell down to the ground, out of the view of the man. The tree was up against a building and some of the leaves were pressed against the wall.

One day a friend of the man, who was a skilled artist, came and found his friend giving up hope on life. To his artist friend the man declared that when the last leaf falls he will die. The talented artist thought of what he could do as more and more leaves fell. One cold night he took his ladder, and while the ill man was sleeping, he painted his greatest masterpiece. A perfect replica of a leaf on the wall where one of the branches of the tree touched.

The next day the last leaf fell off that tree, but from the bed of the terminally ill man, to him, it appeared as though one leaf remained. Days went by and still the painted leaf stayed, and to the surprise of everyone the ill man gained strength. Each day he became better and better. Soon the man was completely recovered. A true miracle had happened. A terminal illness was cured by the Lord.

The man walked outside his window to see that leaf that brought him hope. To his surprise he found it to be painted on. A nurse, who knew what the artist had done, told him about his friend's efforts to give him hope. The man wanted to give thanks to his friend, but to his dismay he found out that he had passed away. He became sick after spending the night in the cold painting his greatest masterpiece.

And, so it is with us. We have been diagnosed with a terminal disease. It is called sin. And just like in this story, so to a great man, who was Jesus, the Son of God, came and painted in His blood upon a tree hope for us that whosoever would call upon His name will be saved. Those saved have asked for forgiveness and turned away from their past life of sin and live for the hope of everlasting life in paradise.

Have you accepted this good news? Do you have this everlasting hope? If you have found yourself terminally ill to sin I encourage you to speak to Jesus now, He will hear you, ask Him to forgive you, then, pick up His Bible and get to know Him. If you did this I suggest that you find someone you know who is a Christian or go to a local church and ask the pastor what you should do now to grow your new-found faith. Let us all join in the great hope that Jesus offers.




friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside.

The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor." Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
.	1. 	2.	3. Joyful Noise	4. L.O.A.F. 10am All Saints Church	5. Little Lambs Sale 10am -7pm	6. Aerobics Little Lambs 10am-2pm
7. Sunday Service	8. Aerobics	9 Meetings Finance 6:15pm Board 7Pm	10. Joyful Noise	11. Aerobics	12. 	13. Aerobics Breakfast with Friends -WOW
14 . Sunday Service	15. Aerobics	16. 	17. S/S Prep Day Joyful Noise	18. Soup and Sandwich Aerobics	19.	20. Aerobics
21. Sunday Service Elders Meeting	22. 	23.	24.. Joyful Noise	25. Trunk or Treat 6:30 pm 	26.	27. Aerobics
28. Sunday Service	29	30.	31. 			

Pray for our "Shut-Ins" and "other friends" who would enjoy a card
Send them a note of encouragement and let them know we care that we care.



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A photograph of a person standing in a forest, wearing a light-colored sweater, with their hands near their face. The text 'Hope IN THE WAKE OF SUICIDE' is overlaid on the image. 'Hope' is in a script font, while 'IN THE WAKE OF SUICIDE' is in a bold, sans-serif font. A thin horizontal line is positioned below the word 'OF'.

Hope IN THE WAKE OF SUICIDE

The suicides of Kate Spade and Anthony Bourdain this summer spurred a resurgence of discussion and examination of all that surrounds suicide. But in my hometown, that focus has dominated most of the past year.

In the course of about six months, there were six suicides by students and a graduate from the school district my husband and I attended. Plus there were six additional suicides by students in surrounding school districts. This horrific phenomenon is regarded as a suicide contagion—an outbreak of suicide in a group or community that has been exposed either directly or indirectly to a suicide.

How to Respond?

As I heard about the tragedies, I was overcome with sorrow for the family and friends of those who died. With a suicide in our extended family just a few years ago, we've personally seen the agonizing effects of someone who ends their own life. Throughout those months, I heard about all kinds of reactions and read many responses on social media from those somehow connected to the tragedies. Sorrow, fear, despair, anger, and confusion peppered their words. All manner of possible reasons were offered for the suicides, and many action steps were proposed and taken in response.

I was overwhelmed by the combination of it all, so much so that for a while my main response was simply to pray. I prayed for the grieving families, for the friends left confused and heartbroken, for the teachers and administrators in the schools. I thanked God as I learned of many positive responses in the community. For a local church that opened its doors to host an information night with mental health professionals, doctors, and community service organizations. For friends who offered practical help to the community and for those who shared vital medical information. For a high school friend who invited people to meet to pray with her on the campus of each high school in the county throughout the course of several weeks.

My responses were more individual and private. I wasn't directly connected with the deaths and no longer live in that area. I'm not a mental health professional. And I have a sincere desire to respect the tenderness of families, including my own, who have experienced suicide, particularly that of a child or sibling.

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But I cannot deny a prompting in my gut—an urging of the Holy Spirit—to respond more publicly now that I have thought and prayed on these things for many months. I offer my thoughts humbly, as one who cares deeply about the gravity of suicide and its far-reaching effects, and hope that something I share may help to bring some comfort, clarity, and hope.

The Many Reasons for Suicide

Without a doubt, there are many contributing factors to suicide. Mental health disorders, physical abuse, substance abuse, emotional trauma, and exposure to violence just begin the list. Add in cultural influences like social media and entertainment that expose and even promote suicidal tendencies and the mind begins to boggle. There are also many kinds of necessary responses to suicide—particularly to a suicide contagion—including the mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual aspects of life.

As I've considered these contributing factors and possible responses, I've also thought of many questions regarding worldview. What lens were those who died looking through at their life and the world around them? Did they know some basic truths about themselves and the world? Were they dazed by the onslaught of information and options that fill our culture?

As I contemplated these questions, I kept coming back to three areas often overlooked that if left unconsidered or unanswered may lead to someone taking their own life: the existence of God, His plan and purpose for the world, and the hope for eternity He offers.

Now let me say from the start that I'm certain there are many people who committed suicide that believed in God, knew about His plan and purpose for the world, and knew of the hope He offers for eternity. I am also certain that there are some who may have had such a painful or damaging experience with religion or things surrounding God that it added to their despair. But for many others, perhaps these things were never considered or simply rejected. So for those at risk for suicide, those wading through the effects of suicide, and really for every person, it's essential to think about these things.

The Existence of God

Do you have to believe God is real to value life or live purposely? No. But the acceptance of God as real—that He is an intentional, sovereign, loving Creator—is a strong foundation for personal worth and purpose. Acknowledging the evidence of God's existence in both the natural world and in humanity lays the groundwork for so much.

When someone recognizes the order and complexity of the earth and all that is in it, he or she is recognizing evidence of a Creator God. And if there is a Creator God, then humans are made intentionally and given worth through the imprint of that Creator ([Gen. 1](#)). God made us in His image with valid needs and a plan to satisfy them fully. Having belief in a God who intentionally created you, values you greatly, and has a plan for you can shape the way you view the world and yourself.

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God's Plan and Purpose for the World

With God, His plan and purpose revealed to us through the Bible can guide our lives. Without God, people are left to define life and the world around them on their own. Figuring out life, exploring a world full of options, and defining your own truth may sound like freedom to some. But to others, those are heavy weights—extreme pressure masquerading as freedom.

This is something that I have pondered over and over throughout the suicide contagion in my hometown. Those that died through suicide were mostly teenagers, who, among other possible contributing factors, were probably trying to figure out their worth and purpose. Without a sure guide and some core truth to cling to, those things can be wildly overwhelming.

It's likely that some may have been crushed under the weight of striving to find worth, value, and purpose within themselves. It's likely that some were overcome by the onslaught of possibilities and mass of conflicting opinions and information in the world around them. In the midst of that combination of abundant options without a guide or standards to sort through it all, life may have seemed pointless and impossible to figure out, so death was a perceived welcome end to all of that confusion.

There is another way. We're offered a way to experience freedom as we follow the standards and patterns of life found in the Bible. Self-reliance, personal rights, and individual expressions are held high in our culture, and authority is most often seen as restrictive to those things. But consider that a loving and sovereign God giving you a plan and pattern for life is not restrictive but empowering.

By living out God's standards and following Christ's example in all the distinct and diverse ways in each individual believer's life, we have a purposeful way to move through both joyous and difficult circumstances. Sin still happens. Suffering will still come. But walking according to God's ways toward His purposes—to bring Him glory and put His love and truth on display—is a purpose like no other.

The Hope of Eternity

Eternity is something none of us can fully grasp and something many people don't even consider. But eternity—an always-has-been, is, and never-ending view of time—is what is described in the Bible. God provides a way through Christ and belief in Him to spend eternity with Him.

As we see our need for a Savior and believe Christ's death was payment for our sins and His resurrection was triumph over sin and death, we receive forgiveness for sins and the promise of eternal life with Him ([Eph. 1:7–10](#)). Those who don't respond to the Truth of God will experience eternity separated from God. Eternity with God gives us hope in the midst of difficult and painful circumstances here on earth. It keeps us from thinking life is futile because it means there is more to come. Eternity with God as the ultimate goal gives me a reason to persevere.

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So as we rightly consider mental health, life circumstances, and the other necessary issues that contribute to suicide, let us also consider these three points. Seeking to understand the mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual aspects of life is necessary to live with purpose. We should take steps to consider these things whether for ourselves or those we know.

As you ponder and learn, talk with the people in your life. Your family members—especially children. Neighbors. Coworkers. Friends. There is hope in the wake of suicide. Hope to prevent it and hope to live after it touches your life. There is knowledge to gain, truth to share, care to display, and love to give.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised (2 Cor. 5:11–15).

Author Unknown

The end of this article

A space scene showing Earth, the Moon, and the Sun. Earth is in the foreground, showing the Americas. The Moon is in the middle ground. The Sun is in the background, a bright yellow-orange sphere. The background is a dark blue space with stars.

IMPORTANT FACTS

Submitted Cherri Chapman

- 1. If we were any closer to the sun, we'd burn up.**
- 2. If we were any further away from the sun, we would freeze.**
- 3. The right axis of earth is to keep us in balance.**
- 4. We have just the right amount of oxygen and gravity to live and breathe.**
- 5. We have a perfect and stable climate.**
- 6. The moon slows down the earth's rotation so we can have 24 hours in a day.**

Just a few more things we can be thankful for. He is our Elohim—Our Creator



Cortland Christian Church 2018



Good
Food



AUTUMN PICNIC

Fellowship



Hot and Sunny
and Humid
"89 Degrees"



Dancing??





What a wonderful Day..



Great Food and lots of It. Linda and Chuck Chagnot manning the grill and corn cooker. Great fellowship and singing, Games for the kids, Water balloons that were actually welcomed, perfect for cooling down in the heat. There was a scavenger hunt, corn hole and more games for everyone.

A "hymn sing" with Ruth Young at the keyboard, Cherri Chapman on guitar and Spencer Chapman and Joyful Noise leading the singing. Pastor Casey organized the games for everyone. And many others were busy making sure we were all fed well.

A Great Sermon and Children's message.

What do you say, should we do this again next year?

What a great day full of good memories.

Thank You, Jeff Byler for taking all these wonderful pictures.



Knowing your place in Christ

You are seated with Christ at God's right hand...

Nothing is higher than that!

God Loves you with an everlasting love...

Nothing is deeper than that!

He invites you to drink from the river of His delights...

Nothing is purer than that!

He shares His heart with you in communion...

Nothing is dearer than that!

He watches over you with tender mercies...

Nothing is kinder than that!

He is with you and will never leave you...

Nothing is nearer than that!

He faithfully feeds you from His Word...

Nothing is truer than that!

He is in you and joined to your spirit...

Nothing is closer than that!

He leads you according to the council of His own will...

Nothing is wiser than that!

by Roy Lessin "Meet me in the meadow"





"Trunk Or Treat"

**A time to treat and
have fellowship with the kids**

October 25th 6:30pm—8pm

Story time with Pastor Casey

Pumpkin carving

The popcorn machine

A craft table for the kids.

*Police and firemen to greet and
treat the kids*

Trick or Treat Safety info

A Canine Companions Unit will be here

Candy for the Trick or treaters

A ghost bean bag toss game

"Donuts and Cider"



One Sunday a pastor told his congregation that the church needed some extra money and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns.

After the offering plates were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a \$1,000 bill in offering. He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate.

And there sat our Rosie all the way in the back shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front. Slowly she made her way to the pastor. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and in thanksgiving asked her to pick out three hymns.

Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three most handsome men in the building and said, "I'll take him and him and him!"

Little Lambs

(Children's Clothing Sale)

Cortland Christian Church



**153 Grove Drive
Cortland, Ohio
44410**

**Friday, October 5
(10am – 7pm)**

Saturday, October 6 (10am – 2pm)

Some items half-price on Saturday!

You still have time to get active in this sale, selling, buying
or working on the sale.

**If you're interested in becoming a seller please
email LittleLambsCortlandOH@gmail.com**



Breakfast with Friends

***Saturday, October 13th — 10am
Four Star Restaurant***

***This is for "all" the women of our church, this is your
personal invitation. So come and join us.***

Short Meeting and Breakfast

Always something to talk about



The Devine Inspirations

The Devine's are a young family from Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania that God has called to use all the talents He has given to them, to glorify Him. As a family, they perform concerts and worship services for churches, campgrounds, music clubs, senior centers, nursing homes, community events, retreats, reunions, banquets, revivals, VBS, and anywhere God leads.

Guess what????
They are coming to CCC
YES!!!!

**The Devine Inspirations are coming to Cortland Christian Church
November 17th, 2018 at 6pm for your entertainment.**

Save this date and invite someone to come with you, family, friends, neighbors, etc.

L.O.A.F. Meeting on October 4th at



All Saints Church

They are looking for representatives in addition to the Pastor to attend the LOAF to attend meetings (the first Thursday of each month) and spread the news of the great projects they have.

These messages you bring back tell what they are doing and if they need a few volunteers from each church.

Consider being our representative!

Crafters and Vendors

Cortland Christian Church is looking for YOU. We still have a few places available and would love to see what you have to offer. This will be just in time for all those special gifts needed for the holidays, hostess gifts, stocking stuffers, etc.

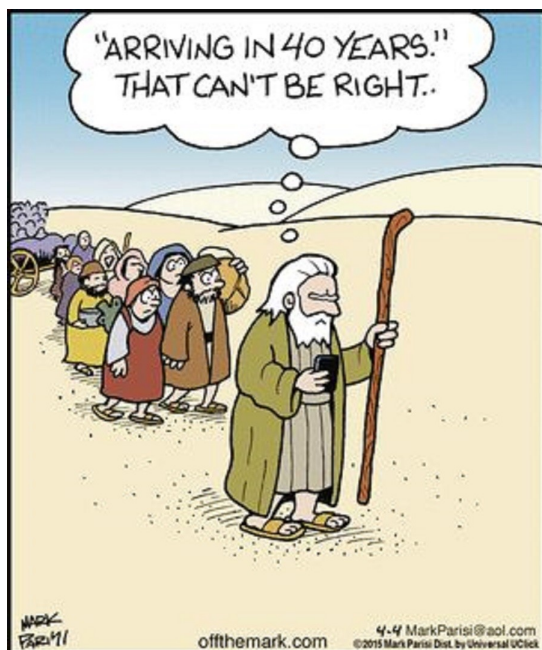
**The Craft Fair will be held on
November 24th
10am - 3pm**

We have long and round tables, limited electrical hookups. Soup and Sandwich Lunch is available. There will also be a bake sale.



Easy access to fellowship hall and restrooms. Come, join us, be a part of this adventure.

For more information or registration forms call Joyce at
330-637-4611



Hope you all have a wonderful, colorful and interesting fall season.

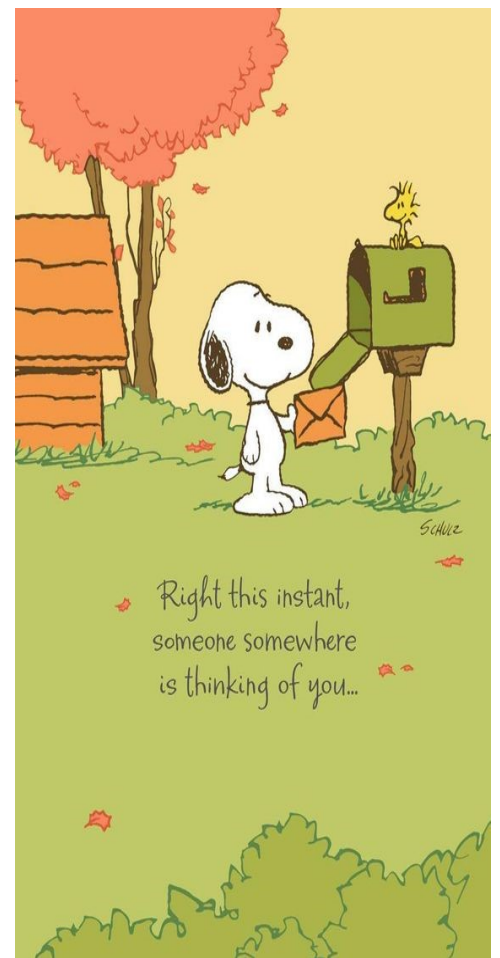
Take time to enjoy it all.

Pumpkins, apples, tasting all the wonderful foods of autumn.

Take a drive through the countryside to see all the colors

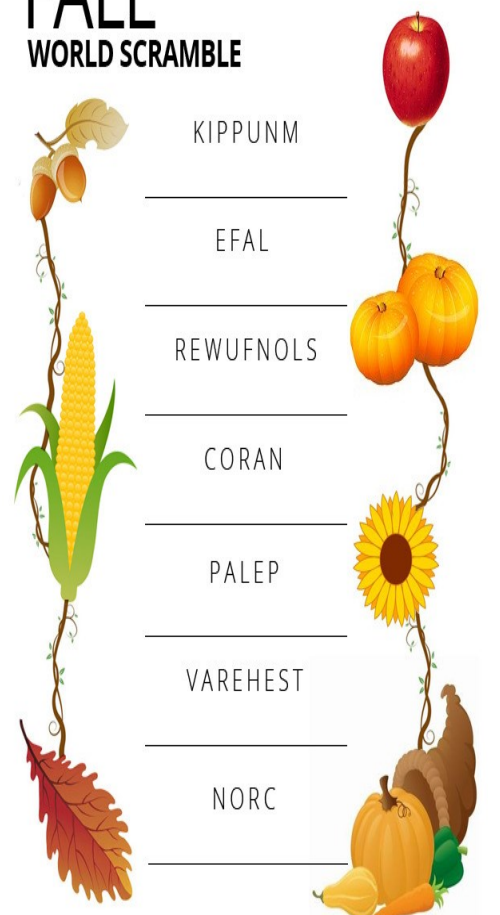
"Happy Autumn"





FALL WORLD SCRAMBLE

SHEKNOWS



Trick or Treat



Happy Autumn Leaves,
a chill in the air, clear skies,
pumpkin pie, and oh so much
more. Take time to take a walk
through the colorful trees, or a
drive to the country.

Don't let this season
pass you by.
Have a great October!