

NEWSLETTER

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Reflections

Triumph of the Cross

The cross is probably the most ancient Christian symbol. Early Christians viewed it as a symbol of triumph — the instrument by which Christ conquered sin and death. They grasped the meaning of what happened on the cross as distinct from the physical details. The cross remains central to Christian piety, symbol of Christ's atonement and our redemption.

Laor Day

...Do not forget that the primary characteristic of labor is that of uniting humanity. This is what its social power consists in: the power to construct a community. Base yourselves on that and on the great Christian values that enliven you. Take your serenity and confidence with you to your places of work. Brighten your surroundings with charity and hopes. In this way it will be easier for you to find the right solutions.

The Cycles of Life

The life cycle is all backwards. You should die first and get it out of the way. Then you live for 20 years in an old-age home, and get kicked out when you're too young. You get a gold watch and then you go to work. You work 40 years until you're young enough to enjoy your retirement. You go to college and you party until you're ready for high school. Then you go to grade school, you become a little kid, you play, you have no responsibilities, you become a little baby, you go back into the womb, you spend your last nine months floating, and you finish off as a gleam in somebody's eye.

Appreciation of Human Labor

Every expression of human labor is a work which enhances self as well as enriching others — family, community and nation. Lord, Jesus, son of carpenter, teach us the value and dignity of human labor; may we treat each worker with dignity and each product with respect.

How Well do you Know Each Other?

Here's one mealtime game that could help family members discover how well they really know one another. Have the members think of what they would buy for the others if they had all the money in the world. Then have all think of what they would buy for themselves with their limitless finances. The results of the game could tell how much family members really know one another and how much they understand what all the others really desire most in life.

Bored with Prayers?

A common complaint of many people is that prayer gets mechanical when you say the same old prayers from memory. And until recently, I too echoed this complaint. A 10-year-old set me straight, however — and fast. "You don't pray from memory," he said. "You pray by heart."

Prayer Requests

Deb Coverdill's husband Bert - suffered mini stroke (she is the current moderator of Session)

Yvette Messner - recovery from accident/cancer treatments

Jon Lusher and Sharron Lusher - Jon is now at Medilodge Ft. Gratiot

Lisa Haddix's Aunt Robin and her son Steven - car accident (Steven is critical)

Family of Doug Bricker who recently passed away

Paige Hammons - torn tendon

Leonard Goheen - recovery from blood clot

Those going through difficult times, unemployment and recent losses of loved ones.

Prayer for safe travels for those who are traveling.

News to Know

Gracie Dungan (Al Bradbury's wife) is now at Autumnwood, 3387 Ella, Deckerville, MI 48427. She is being treated for COPD and is receiving rehabilitation to build up her strength. She would love to receive some notes of encouragement!

SEPTEMBER QUOTES

Positive September Quotes to Say Hello to the Fall

1. "September days have the warmth of summer in their briefer hours, but in their lengthening evenings a prophetic breath of autumn." – Rowland E. Robinson
2. "But when fall comes, kicking summer out on its treacherous ass as it always does one day sometime after the midpoint of September, it stays awhile like an old friend that you have missed." – Stephen King
3. "That old September feeling, left over from school days, of summer passing, vacation nearly done, obligations gathering, books and football in the air ... Another fall, another turned page: there was something of jubilee in that annual autumnal beginning, as if last year's mistakes had been wiped clean by summer." – Wallace Stegner
4. "Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall." – F. Scott Fitzgerald
5. "There comes a day each September when you wake up and know the summer is over and fall has arrived. The slant of the sun looks different and something is in the air — a coolness, a hint of frosty mornings to follow." – Ann Rinaldi
6. "Positive thinking will let you do everything better than negative thinking." – Zig Ziglar
7. "Keep your face always toward the sunshine – and shadows will fall behind you." – Walt Whitman
8. "There is a time in late September when the leaves are still green, and the days are still warm, but somehow you know that it is all about to end, as if summer was holding its breath, and when it let it out again, it would be autumn." – Sharyn McCrumb
9. "Life is like a wheel. Sooner or later, it always come around to where you started again." – Stephen King
10. "Autumn seemed to arrive suddenly that year. The morning of the first September was crisp and golden as an apple." – J.K. Rowling
11. "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." – Henry David Thoreau

Happy September Quotes

12. "By all these lovely tokens, September days are here. With summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer." – Helen Hunt Jackson
13. "I love September, especially when we're in it." – Willie Stargell
14. "All the months are crude experiments, out of which the perfect September is made." – Virginia Woolf
15. "Nostalgia—that's the autumn, dreaming through September. Just a million lovely things I will remember." – Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis
16. "A positive attitude awakens inner strength, energy, motivation, and initiative." – Remez Sasson

17. "It was a lovely afternoon – such an afternoon as only September can produce when summer has stolen back for one more day of dream and glamour." – L.M. Montgomery
18. "Every morning I start off with a good head on my shoulders, saying to myself, 'It's going to be a good day!'" – Lindsay Lohan
19. "This early piece of the morning is mine." – Wallace Stegner
20. "Smile in the mirror. Do that every morning and you'll start to see a big difference in your life." – Yoko Ono
21. "To get up each morning with the resolve to be happy is to set your own conditions to the events of each day. To do this is to condition circumstances instead of being conditioned by them." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Motivational Quotes for the Fall Season

24. "Ah, September! You are the doorway to the season that awakens my soul...but I must confess that I love you only because you are a prelude to my beloved October." – Peggy Toney Horton
25. "We know that in September, we will wander through the warm winds of summer's wreckage. We will welcome summer's ghost." – Henry Rollins
26. "The windows are open, admitting the September breeze: a month that smells like notepaper and pencil shavings, autumn leaves and car oil. A month that smells like progress, like moving on." – Lauren Oliver
27. "In many ways, September feels like the busiest time of the year: The kids go back to school, work piles up after the summer's dog days, and Thanksgiving is suddenly upon us." – Brené Brown
28. "When I flash back to the lovely days of September where I've kept some dreams and stories to remember, something like old streets and avenues to wander, something like my toys when I was younger, I have a fond belief that September will stay forever. There were many things in September, sweet and tender, something like love, something like adventure, something like childhood, something like the rain, like the water." – Hayet Ben Bada
29. "As the alluring song of September begins to whisper in my ear, my passionate spirit yearns for the splendor of its promise." – Peggy Toney Horton
30. "The old summer's-end melancholy nips at my heels. There's no school to go back to; no detail of my life will change come the onset of September; yet still, I feel the old trepidation." – Sara Baume
31. "With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts." – Eleanor Roosevelt
32. "Fallen leaves on the ground are the golden song of immortal creativity." – Amit Ray

LABOR DAY

Labor Day falls on Monday, Sept. 7, this year. Arriving on the later side in 2026, the observance delivers one last three-day weekend to celebrate summer before autumn unofficially gets underway.

Whatever you've got on the calendar to enjoy the federal holiday, you might be curious to know why we celebrate Labor Day in the first place, who founded the annual observance and other details about the first Monday in September.

If so, see below for a roundup of Labor Day facts and fun trivia guaranteed to bolster your knowledge on the subject.

For example, you may know that President Grover Cleveland is responsible for signing the Labor Day bill into law in 1894, but do you know who inspired the commemoration or which pivotal historic events ultimately led to its establishment?

Read on to find the answers to those questions along with a variety of other interesting facts, including whether it's acceptable to wear white after Labor Day, a list of celebrities who celebrate their birthdays on or near the holiday and so much more.

Whether you're headed to the beach or hanging out at home this year, read these fascinating Labor Day facts to learn more about the holiday's past and present.

Labor Day is Considered the Unofficial End of Summer

Many consider Labor Day weekend the unofficial end of summer. For some, the holiday is one last chance to lay by the pool or host a backyard barbecue. Fans of the sunny season, however, will be happy to learn that summer doesn't actually end on Labor Day.

The season officially ends on the autumnal equinox, when the sun is exactly above the Equator and day and night are of equal length. The autumnal equinox falls on Sept. 22 or 23, depending on the year, which means there is still plenty of summer to soak up post-holiday. In 2026, the fall equinox falls on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

President Grover Cleveland Made Labor Day a Federal Holiday

On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland made Labor Day official by signing it into law, designating the first Monday in September to always be Labor Day. The day honors the American labor force and the upholding of laws that make work conditions healthier and safer.

The Origins of 'Labor'

Defined as an "expenditure of physical or mental effort especially when difficult or compulsory," the first-known use of the word dates back to the 14th century. Some of the most common phrases associated with the word are: labor union, hard labor, division of labor and labor-intensive.

Can You Wear White After Labor Day?

This supposed remnant of high society has long since gone by the wayside. During a segment on the 3rd Hour of TODAY, lifestyle expert Kathy Buccio explained that when it comes wearing white after Labor Day, there are no rules. "You can wear all the white in the world that you want," Buccio said on the show. There you go! Feel free to wear white all year long.

From your little Library in the corner....

How Can I Find You, God? is a collection of the author's personal reflections on her faith and the stories of people and events that have inspired, sustained and renewed her. She's like a friend who sits down with you over coffee, inspiring, helping, guiding. From How Can I Find You, God? by Marjorie Holmes. (Golden Beige Dot – Self-Help)

Looking for some light but inspiring fall reading? This book is the third in the Abram's Daughter's series about three generations of Ebersols, an Amish family. Escape for a while and become a part of a close-knit Christian family in Lancaster County, PA. From The Revelation, by Beverly Lewis. (Purple Dot – Adult Fiction)

“You can have joy and peace all day long – When all is good...or if everything's wrong! A girl after God is a girl who knows her heart's the place where happiness grows.” From A Little Girl After God's Own Heart, by Elizabeth George. (Yellow Dot - Children)

Happy Fall reading, everyone!!



Happy
Birthday



11th Logan Cunningham
23rd Alexander Repp
24th Sally Pomeroy
26th Jim Weller
29th Amy Repp

9th Keely & Jayson Berry

SPECIAL DAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1

National Burnt Ends Day
World Letter Writing Day
Random Acts of Kindness Day

Sept. 2

Bison-ten Yell Day
World Coconut Day

Sept. 3

Pressed Pennies Day
Skyscraper Day
National Cinema Day

Sept. 4

National Lazy Mom's Day
National Spice Blend Day

Sept. 5

Be Late For Something Day
National Play Outside Day
National Cheese Pizza Day

Sept. 6

Pet Rock Day
National Pastor's Spouses Day

Sept. 7

Great Bathtub Race Day
Labor Day

Sept 8

Ants On A Log Day
Star Trek Day

Sept. 9

Care Bears Share Your Care Day
Wonderful Weirdoes Day
National Teddy Bear Day

Sept. 10

National TV Dinner Day
National School Picture Day

Sept. 11

Cloud Appreciation Day
Hug Your Boss Day
Libraries Remember Day

Sept. 12

National Day of Encouragement Day
National Hug and High 5 Day
Video Games Day
National Just One Human Family Day

Sept. 13

Bald Is Beautiful Day
International Chocolate Day
Kids Take Over The Kitchen Day
National Hug Your Hound Day

Sept. 14

U.S. Marshals Service Day

Sept. 15

Felt Hat Day
National Cheese Toast Day
National Day of The Cowgirl
International Dot Day

Sept. 16

National Guacamole Day
National Stepfamily Day

Sept. 17

International Day of Listening
Time's Up Day
Constitution Day
National PawPaw Day

Sept. 18

Air Force Birthday
National Ceiling Fan Day
National Cheeseburger Day

Sept. 19

Batman Day
Big Whopper Liar Day
Locate An Old Friend Day
National clean Up Day
National Dance Day
National Pepperoni Pizza Day
Talk Like A Pirate Day

Sept. 20

National Fried Rice Day
National String Cheese Day
Wife Appreciation Day

Sept. 21

International Day of Peace

Sept. 22

Chainmail Day
Dear Diary Day
Elephant Appreciation Day
Ice Cream Cone Day
National Girls Night In Day

Sept. 23

Autumn
National Great American Pot Pie Day
National Snack Stick Day
National Proposal Day

Sept. 24

Innergize Day
National Professional Baseball Day
Punctuation Day

Sept. 25

Hug A Vegan Day
National Bakery Day
National Daughter Day
National Quesadilla Day

Sept. 26

Forget-Me-Not Day
Johnny Applesse Day

Sept. 27

Crush A Can Day
National Day of Forgiveness

Sept. 28

Family Day
National Good Neighbor Day

Sept. 29

National Coffee Day
National Energy Drink Day

Sept. 30

National Love People Day
Orange Shirt Day

Weekly

Wk 1	Chuckwagon Races Wk Hog Days Cow Chip Throwing Days
Wk 2	National Waffle Wk Play Days National Days of Prayer & Remembrance
Wk.3	Line Dance Wk National Guitar Flat-Picking Days National Assistant Living Wk
Wk.4	National Keep Kids Creative Wk National Dog Wk National Fall Foliage Wk National Singles Wk

Monthly

Childrens' Good Manners Month
Eat Chicken Month
National Be A Food Hero Month
National Mulled Cider Month
National Taco Month
National Shake Month
National Family Meals Month
Fall Hat Month

Dates to Remember



SEPTEMBER 2026						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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6. 10am Worship Elder Lisa Naveen	7 	8. Deacon's Mtg 6:00 pm Session Mtg. 7:00 pm	9.	10.	11.	12. Deacons Game Night 5:00 pm
13. Communion 10am Worship Valarie Chunko	14	15.	16.	17. Food Give-away, 12-2 pm Valiant Ministries	18.	19.
20. 10 am Worship Rev. Linda Fuller	21.	22. 	23.	24.	25.	26.
27. 10 am Worship Valarie Chunko	28	29.	30.			

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KIDS CORNER



September Trivia



1. Which number month is September?
A. 7th B. 8th C. 9th D. 10th
2. Which season begins in September?
A. Winter B. Spring C. Summer D. Fall
3. What holiday is often celebrated in early September?
A. Halloween B. Labor Day C. Thanksgiving D. Arbor Day
4. What gemstone represents September?
A. Ruby B. Sapphire C. Emerald D. Opal
5. Which zodiac signs fall in September?
A. Leo & Virgo B. Virgo & Libra C. Libra & Scorpio D. Cancer & Leo
6. What is a back-to-school month in the U.S.?
A. June B. July C. September D. March
7. What flower symbolizes September?
A. Aster B. Lily C. Rose D. Sunflower
8. Which fruit is commonly harvested in September?
A. Apple B. Banana C. Kiwi D. Orange
9. Which color is NOT usually linked to September?
A. Burgundy B. Gold C. Neon green D. Orange
10. What weather change happens in September?
A. Hotter temps B. Cooler temps C. More daylight D. More snow

GAME NIGHT

September 12, 2026



5:00 p.m.



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