NEWSLETTER

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Reflections

Respect Life

People are not just hungry for bread; they are hungry for love, They are not just naked for a piece of clothing; they are naked of human dignity. They are not just homeless for a room made of bricks, but because of rejection.
Mother Teresa

Silence and the Word of God

Before the lector approaches the lectern for the proclamation of the word, we will try to fall into a reverent silence as a way to prepare ourselves for the Word of God. Our hope is to create enough space and silence so that we all may hear the Word with full attention of heart and mind.
The Word of God penetrates through the thick of human verbosity to the silent center of our heart; silence opens in us the space where the word can be heard. Without reading the Word, silence becomes stale, and without silence, the word loses its re–creative power. The Word leads to silence and silence to word. The Word is born in silence, and silence is the deepest response to the Word.
Henry Nouwen

On Human Work

If one wishes to define more clearly the ethical meaning of work, it is this truth that one must particularly keep in mind. Work is a good thing for humankind — a good thing that defines being human — because through work man not only transforms nature, adapting it to a person's own needs, but a person also achieves fulfillment as a human being and indeed, in a sense, becomes "more a human being."
Pope John Paul II

Do Not Support Violence

Violence is a lie, for it goes against the truth of our faith, the truth of our humanity. Violence destroys what it claims to defend: the dignity, the life, the freedom of human beings. Violence is a crime against humanity, for it destroys the very fabric of society … To all of you who are listening I say: Do not believe in violence; do not support violence. It is not the Christian way. It is not the way of the church. Believe in peace and forgiveness and love, for they are of Christ.

Anyway

People can be unreasonable, illogical and self–centered — but love them … Anyway
Do good for others, and your motives will be suspect — but do good … Anyway
Small people with big ideas can be discouraged by big people with small minds — but think big … Anyway
Give the best you have to give and people will find fault — but give your best … Anyway
What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight by well–meaning, thoughtless people — but build … Anyway
If you are successful, you will win false friends and true adversaries — but succeed … Anyway
Question authority and you will stand alone — but ask … Anyway
The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow — but do good … Anyway

Prayer Requests

Yvette Messner - recovery from accident/cancer treatments

Bill Milletics - recent surgery (prayers needed for healing)

Chey Neaves (McEy Neaves son) recent surgery (prayers needed for healing)

Family of Joan Filbeck upon her recent passing. Memorial service to be held at Pomeroy Funeral Home on October 6, 2026 @ 11:00 a.m.

Family of Jon Lusher upon his recent passing. A Memorial Service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church on October 7, 2026 @11:00 a.m.

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

NEWS TO KNOW

An estate/garage sale will be held on Friday & Saturday, October 9 & 10, at the home of Margaret Pomeroy (367 Jackson Ct.).

OCTOBER QUOTES

Short and Inspirational October Quotes

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall."
– F. Scott Fitzgerald
"Autumn is the season that teaches us that change can be beautiful."– Unknown
"Anyone who thinks fallen leaves are dead has never watched them dancing on a windy day."– Shira Tamir
"Autumn whispered to the wind, 'I fall but always rise again.'"– Angie Weiland-Crosby
"Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it."
– George Eliot
"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."
– Albert Camus
"Every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree."– Emily Brontë
"The trees are about to show us how lovely it is to let the dead things go."– Unknown
"Be like a tree and let the dead leaves drop."– Rumi
"How beautifully leaves grow old. How full of light and color are their last days."– John Burroughs
- "Autumn colors my soul in the loveliest shades."
– Angie Weiland-Crosby
"Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go."
– Unknown
"Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons."– Jim Bishop
"Notice that autumn is more the season of the soul than of nature."– Friedrich Nietzsche
"The heart of autumn must have broken here, and poured its treasure upon the leaves."– Charlotte Bates
"Autumn is the mellower season, and what we lose in flowers we more than gain in fruits."– Samuel Butler
"I hope I can be the autumn leaf, who looked at the sky and lived."– Dodinsky
"In autumn,change is in the air. Embrace it. Use that energy in your own life."– Unknown
"October had tremendous possibility. The summer's oppressive heat was a distant memory, and the golden leaves promised a world full of beautiful adventures."
– Sarah Guillory
"Autumn mornings: sunshine and crisp air, birds and calmness, year's end and day's beginnings."
– Terri Guillemets
"Love the trees until their leaves fall off, then encourage them to try again next year."– Chad Sugg
"There is something incredibly nostalgic and significant about the annual cascade of autumn leaves."
– Joe L. Wheeler
"I loved autumn, the one season of the year that God seemed to have put there just for the beauty of it."
– Lee Maynard

Funny and Short October Quotes for Good Laughs

"Sweater weather is better together."– Unknown
"Summer makes me drowsy. Autumn makes me sing. Winter's pretty lousy, but I hate Spring."
– Dorothy Parker
"If you're ever wondering what to wear, just dress like a pumpkin, you're good to go."– Devendra Banhart
"I would rather sit on a pumpkin and have it all to myself, than be crowded on a velvet cushion."
– Henry David Thoreau
"Never jump in a pile of leaves with a wet sucker."
– Linus (form the movie It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown)
"Let's pumpkin spice things up a bit!"– Unknown
"O' pumpkin pie, your time has come 'round again, and I am autumnrifically happy!"– Terri Guillemets
"My heart is drumming in my chest so hard it aches, but it's the good kind of ache, like the feeling you get on the first real day of autumn."– Lauren Oliver
"Chicago is an October sort of city, even in spring."
– Nelson Algren
"Autumn is a season followed immediately by looking forward to spring."– Doug Larson
"Happy Spook-tober!"– Unknown
*"Autum*n skies and pumpkin pies, these are the things I love, I can tell no lies."– Unknown
"The heat of autumn is different from the heat of summer. One ripens apples, the other turns them to cider."– Jane Hirshfield
"Pumpkin spice and everything nice."– Unknown
"On Halloween, the parents sent their kids out looking like me."– Rodney Dangerfield
"During the day, I don't believe in ghosts. At night, I'm a little more open-minded."– Unknown
"Sticky fingers, tired feet; one last house, trick or treat!"
– Rusty Fischer
"Of all the seasons, autumn offers the most to man and requires the least of him."– Hal Borland

Short Hello October Quotes

"October air, complete with dancing leaves and sighing winds greeted him."– Jaime Allison Parker
"He loved October. Had always loved it. There was something sad and beautiful about it – the ending and beginning of things."– Jacqueline Woodson
"October, here's to you. Here's to the heady aroma of the frost-kissed apples, the winey smell of ripened grapes."– Ken Weber
"Autumn is as joyful and sweet as an untimely end."
– Rémy de Gourmont

Halloween

Why Do We Celebrate Halloween?
Besides the candy, of course.

Did you know that parts of Halloween may have been around for more than a thousand years? What began as serious religious observances has morphed over centuries, becoming increasingly secular as the religious trappings all but disappeared. Today Halloween is a holiday of spooky fun characterized by jack-o'-lanterns on porches and kids racing from door to door for treats.

The Thousand-Year History of Halloween
Learn about Halloween's connection to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain.
Some of Halloween's roots are thought to stretch back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, which was observed in Ireland on November 1. That day, it was believed the boundaries between the living and the dead, and humans and gods, grew thin and supernatural episodes abounded. Perhaps the occasion was considered fraught with danger, and people may have dressed in costumes and possibly lit bonfires to ward off wandering spirits and divine, malevolent acts. Those mystical rituals may have helped give modern Halloween its cast of classic characters—witches, ghosts, goblins, and other things that go bump in the night—and the now lighthearted practice of dressing up.
Centuries later, the Christian church layered its own traditions on the date. In the 7th century CE, Pope Boniface IV created All Saints Day as a holy day on May 13. A century later, Pope Gregory III moved the holiday to November 1, likely as a Christian substitute for the pagan festival. The evening before the saintly celebration became known as All Hallows' Eve, which was eventually shortened to Halloween.
These Christian traditions appear to have blended with remnants of Samhain customs, and Halloween eventually spread to other parts of the world. The early Puritan colonists in New England did not celebrate it, but Halloween did enjoy some popularity in the Southern colonies. By the 1800s, fall harvest festivals

(Why Do We Carve Pumpkins at Halloween?)

Trick-or-treating, the star of modern Halloween in which children dress up in costume and ask for treats from neighbors, took shape in the early 1900s. It grew out of an old Irish and Scottish custom called "guising," in which a person would dress up, tell a joke, recite a poem, or perform some other little trick, and get a treat in return. By mid-century trick-or-treating had evolved into the familiar candy-fueled door-to-door ritual that now fuels billions of dollars in candy sales in the United States every year.

Happy Halloween



From your little Library in the corner….

"Imagine a land so dry that every drop of rain is like pure gold. And in the middle of this arid land there is a village filled with people who need more than just a few buckets of rainwater to survive. Fortunately for them, Tobias lives nearby." From **All You Ever Need**, by Max Lucado. (Yellow Dot - Children)

Listen. Do you hear it? "Somewhere, between the pages of this book and the pages of your heart, God is speaking. And He is calling you by name. From **When God Whispers Your Name**, by Max Lucado. (Famous Authors – Gray Dot)

"Do you feel trapped in the machine of excess? Jen Hatmaker was. Her friends were. And some might say that our culture is. Jen once considered herself unmotivated by the lure of prosperity, but upon being called 'rich' by an undeniably poor child, evidence to the contrary mounted, and a social experiment turned spiritual journey was born. This is the true story of how Jen took seven months, identified seven areas of excess, and made seven simple choices to fight back against the modern-day diseases of greed, materialism, and overindulgence." From **7: An experimental mutiny against excess**, by Jen Hatmaker. (Self Help – Golden Beige Dot)

To check out an item from our Library, simply remove the card, put your name and the date on it, and place it in the basket on the table. There is no time limit, but please remember to return the item when you are finished.

Enrich your life!! Read!!!!!!







2nd	Tom Damon
3rd	Joanne Porrett
5th	Kim Young
	Bill O'Connor
	Cheryl Hurley
9th	Dustin McClelland
11th	Kindall Kinsley
14th	Ann Matthews
15th	Alan Bradbury
	Charles Cunningham
17th	Lisa Durecka
18th	Sharron Lusher
	John Matthews
20th	Carlene Black
	William Wright

No Anniversaries

SPECIAL DAYS IN OCTOBER

Oct. 1
Bring Your Bibel To School Day
International Day of Older Persons
International Coffee Day
Oct. 2
Guardian Angels Day
Name Your Car Day
World Smile Day
Oct. 3
Frugal Fun day
National Play Outside Day
Oct. 4
World Animal Day
World Communion Day
Oct. 5
Get Funky Day
World Teachers Day
Oct. 6
National Plus Sized Appreciation Day
Oct. 7
National Forgiveness Day
National Chocolate Covered Pretzel Day
Walk & Roll To School Day
Oct. 8
Microwave Oven Day
Harry Potter Book Day
Oct. 9
National Family Bowling Day
World Egg Day
World Post Card Day
Oct. 10
National Walk To A Park Day
Hug A Drummer Day
Costume Swap Day
Oct. 11
Clergy Appreciation Day
Father-Daughter Day
National Sausage Pizza Day
Oct. 12
National Farmer's Day
International Momen of Frustration Scream Day
Oct. 13
English Language Day
National Chess Day
National No Bra Day
Silly Sayings Day
Oct. 14
Be Bald and Be Free Day
National Take Your Parents to Lunch Day
National Bring Your Teddy Bear to Work & School Day
Oct. 15
Global Handwashing Day
I Love Lucy Day
National Grouch Day
Oct. 16
National Boss's Day
World Food Day
Oct. 17
National Pasta Day
Pay Back A Friend Day
The Whole Hog Barbeque Day
Wear Something Gaudy Day
Oct. 18
International Leggin Day
National Chocolate Cupcake Day
Meatloaf Appreciation Day
Oct. 19
Evaluate Your Life Day
Oct. 20
National Day on Writing
National Sasquatch Awareness Day
Sloth International Day
Croc Day
Oct. 21
Hagfish Day
National Fossil Day
National Witch Hazel Day
Oct. 22
Make A Dog's Day
National Tex Mex Day
Smart is Cool Day
Oct. 23
National Mole Day
Ipod Day
International Day of the Snow Leopard
Oct. 24
Food Day
Make A Difference Day
United Nations Day
Hogeye Day
Oct. 25
Sourest Day
Visit A Cemetery Day
World Pizza Makers Day
Oct. 26
Howl at The Noon Night
Mule Day
National Chicken Fried Steak Day
Oct. 27
Black Cat Day
Cranky Co-workers Day
Oct. 28
National Chocolate Day
St. Jude's Day
Oct. 29
Internet Day
National Hermit Day
Oct. 30
Devil's Night or Mischief Night
Haunted Refrigerator Night
National Uplift Someone Day
National Candy Corn Day
Oct. 31
American Frog Day
Beggars' Night
Books For Treats Day

Weekly

Wk 1	Getting The World To Beat A Path To Your Door Wk
	No Salt Wk
	Great Books Wk
Wk 2	Kids' Goal Setting Wk
	National Work From Home Wk
Wk.3	National Chestnut Wk
	Teen Read Wk
	Apple Butter Days
Wk.4	Freedom of Speech Wk
	Spiritual Care Wk
	International Magic Wk

Monthly

I'm Just Me Because Month
Month of Free Thought
National Popcorn Poppin'Month
Pizza Month
Sausage Month

Dates to Remember



OCTOBER 2026						
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4. 10am Worship Elder Lisa Naveen	5	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
11. Communion 10am Worship	12	13. Decon's Mtg. 6:0 pm Session Mtg. 7:00 pm	14.	15. Food Give-away, 12-2 pm Valiant Ministries	16.	17.
18. 10 am Worship Rev. Linda Fuller	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24. Holiday Marketplace 9:00-2 pm
25. 10 am Worship Todd Shoudy	26	27.	28.	29.	30.	31. Clock Change Fall Back at Midnight.

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Fall Word Search

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FALL
NOVEMBER

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Holiday Marketplace - We are currently looking for donations of items to be raffled during a Straw Raffle at the Holiday Marketplace. Some of the items which have already been donated are on display on the stage in the Frostick Room. If you are able to donate please leave the item(s) on the stage. Your donations are much appreciated.