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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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# October

# OCTOBER 2024

## October

"O hushed October morning mild,  
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;  
Tomorrow's wind, if it be wild,  
Should waste them all." —Robert Frost

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6pm Girl Scouts	3	4 3pm Pathway to Success	5
6 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion	7 6pm Scouts	8	9 6pm Girl Scouts	10	11 3pm Pathway to Success	12
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## Prayers for Our Homebound Members & Friends

**Jean Chubway**, 458 Jack Martin Blvd, Apt. 238,  
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*Please remember our homebound with a card and prayer.*

CLERK OF SESSION - Christine Vella  
 MODERATOR OF DEACONS - Michelle Herman  
 TREASURER - Christine Vella  
 SECRETARY - Shirley Weaver  
 ORGANISTS - Phyllis Chao & Sharon Munoz  
 SEXTONS - Erin Gualdarrama & Shirley Weaver  
 MISSION CHAIR - Ruth Beselinoff  
 SUPERINTENDENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL -  
 Shirley Weaver

As of Feb. 2024

### OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Joan Downes	Molly Solanki
Elaine Lopez	Judy Scharff
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### YOUR ELDERS / THE SESSION

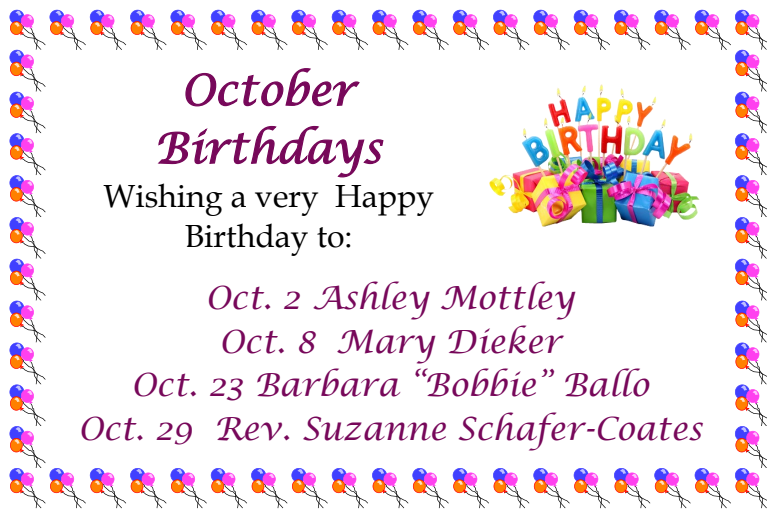
*(Responsible for governing our church affairs)*

Ruth Beselinoff	Mary Porcello
George Schaefer	Madhu Solanki
Christina Vella	

### YOUR DEACONS

*(Responsible for assisting our church and community in times of need)*

Jill Berwick	Michelle Herman
Megan Jarvis	Lori Ryan
Joyce Solanki	Larry Wallace



# October Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

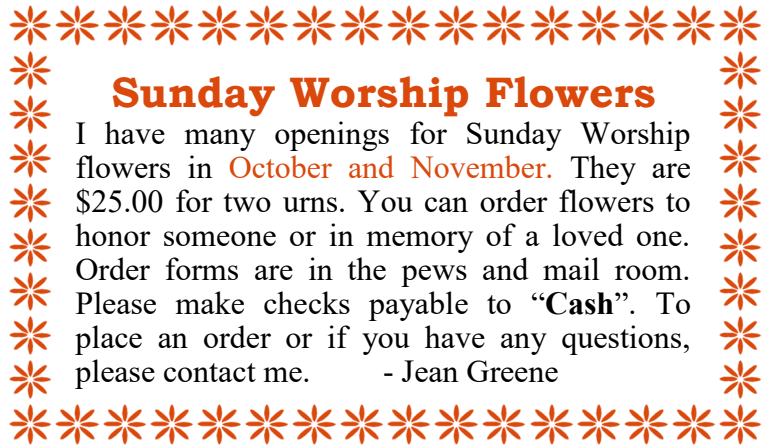


Oct. 2 Ashley Mottley

Oct. 8 Mary Dieker

Oct. 23 Barbara "Bobbie" Ballo

Oct. 29 Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates



## Sunday Worship Flowers

I have many openings for Sunday Worship flowers in **October and November**. They are \$25.00 for two urns. You can order flowers to honor someone or in memory of a loved one. Order forms are in the pews and mail room. Please make checks payable to "Cash". To place an order or if you have any questions, please contact me. - Jean Greene

## October Quotes

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall."

—F. Scott Fitzgerald

"Bittersweet October. The mellow, messy, leaf-kicking, perfect pause between the opposing miseries of summer and winter." — Carol Bishop Higgs

"If a year was tucked inside a clock, then autumn would be the magic hour." — Victoria Erickson

"I have been younger in October than in all the months of spring." — W.S. Merwin

"Autumn wins you best by this, its mute appeal to sympathy for its decay." — Robert Browning

"October is the opal month of the year. It is the month of glory, of ripeness. It is the picture-month." — Henry Ward Beecher

"As long as autumn lasts, I shall not have hands, canvas and colors enough to paint the beautiful things I see." — Vincent Van Gogh

"The end of the summer is not the end of the world. Here's to October..."—A.A. Milne, 'A Word for Autumn'

Submitted by Molly Solanki



10-30-2006

SOME COSTUME CHOICES RESULTED IN VERY AWKWARD EVENINGS FOR MANY A GUARDIAN ANGEL

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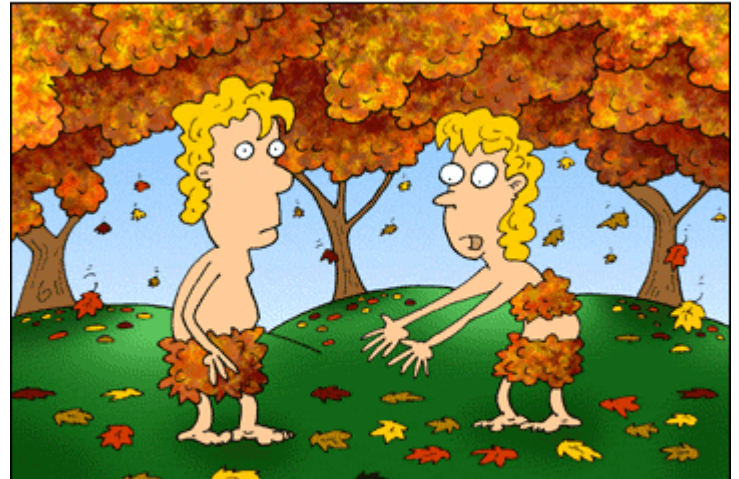


(See Matthew 14:14-21)

10-30-2009

THAT DUDE TOTALLY GAVE ME FISH AND BREAD AND SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THEM BEING MORE VALUABLE THAN I KNOW?!

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10-06-2006

WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR CLOTHES?

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World Communion Sunday in 2024 will be on Sunday, October 6.

World Communion Sunday is a day to recognize the Christian practice of sharing bread, or breaking bread with one another. It's a time to remember that the Lord's Supper is celebrated in many different ways around the world, despite differences in language, traditions, and customs.

Some ways to celebrate World Communion Sunday include:

- Remembering that despite differences, all followers of Christ are members of a global family
- Expressing unity through the universal symbols of bread and wine
- Sharing the Word and sacrament
- Discerning how to serve faithfully
- Working toward justice, offering comfort, and sharing love



**WORLD  
COMMUNION  
SUNDAY  
October 6**

## The Pumpkin Prayer

**Dear God,  
As I carve this pumpkin, help me say this prayer:**

**Open my mind so I can learn about You;**

*Cut off the top*

**Take away all my sin and forgive me for the  
wrong things I do.**

*Clean out the inside*

**Open my eyes so Your love I will see;**

*Cut two eyes in the shape of hearts*

**I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all You  
have given me.**

*Cut the nose in the shape of a cross*

**Open my ears so Your word I will hear:**

*Cut two ears in the shape of a Bible*

**Open my mouth to tell others You are near.**

*Cut a mouth in the shape of a fish*

**Let Your light shine in me so others can see.**

*Place a candle inside*



## AUTUMN PRAYER

God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn. We thank you for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy, for the coloring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist, for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches, for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls, for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children, for the fall harvest which that brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land, for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life. God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit.

Amen

— Rev. Doug  
Leonhardt,  
S.J.

*Be Thankful  
Be Grateful  
Be Blessed*



# The Good Old Days



Top from the left: Jean Chubway, Joan Travisano, Mary Vigliante, Edith Hanmore, Joan Downes, Jean Greene, Lori Ryan, Mary Einhorn, Louise Sprague, Mary Gigantino  
Sitting from left: Thelma Wallace, Margaret Dieker, Hazel Grant.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
BEGINS  
OCTOBER 6,  
2024  
9 AM - 10 AM**



It's that time of year again when our children will be returning to Sunday School. Ages are from 4yrs old up to 8th grade. Registration for children will start on Oct. 6th & every Sunday thereafter. We welcome all children. If you know of anyone who is looking for a Christian Sunday School, please tell them about us. This year we are please to add two new teachers for our Arts and Crafts classes. Betty Pinella and Cara Weaver. ~ Miss Shirley

## ~Bible Verses~

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ~ **1 John 5:4**

But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ~ **Mark 5:36**

He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord. ~ **Psalms 112:7**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and **peace** in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. ~ **Romans 15:13**

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me? ~ **Psalms 56:3-4**

Submitted by Molly Solanki

## October Anniversaries

Wishing a very happy anniversary to:

Oct. 13 Anna & Jim Lauro

### Outdoor Bible Verse Scavenger Hunt

Open your Bible to find the verse which will provide the clue. You can use this list to do a traditional scavenger hunt of collecting or observing. You could also do a photo hunt and take pictures of the items for proof of their existence. Have fun and be safe! Suggested Bible version: ESV.

1. Whether a boulder or piece of gravel: I Samuel 2:2
  2. Where the knowledge of good and evil resided in the Garden of Eden: Gen. 2:9
  3. The element of discussion between Jesus and the woman at the well: John 4:10-11
  4. It won't last long, so get it while it's green: Isa. 40:8
  5. What creature the sluggard needs to follow: Prov. 6:6
  6. What the widow gathered before baking her last bread: I Kings 17:12
  7. Anything shiny to demonstrate our purpose as Christians: Prov. 4:18
  8. Something the same color as Esau: Gen. 25:25
  9. The squiggly animal that angered Jonah: Jonah 4:7
  10. Jesus is the Vine which makes us these: Jn. 15:4
  11. When we forget God, our confidence stoops to this level: Job 8:14
  12. One has the job of marking seasons; the other of setting time: Ps. 104:19
  13. Because a healthy tree yields a lot of this: Ps 1:3
  14. Something the same color as the hem on the priests' garments: Ex. 28:33
  15. A bird that strays from this is the same as a man who strays from his home: Prov. 27:8
  16. Our faith need only be the size of this item in order to move mountains: Matt. 17:20
- BONUS: 17. Set in the cloud as a reminder of God's promise: Gen. 9:13

Enjoy!  
RachelWojo.com



### Board of Deacons

We end the summer season with memories of wonderful times with family, friends and church fellowship.

As we enter the fall season, we look forward to making more wonderful memories with family, friends and church fellowship.

If you have someone in need of the Lord's fellowship, please reach out to us and we will gladly spread His fellowship.

Our next Deacons Board Meeting will be held on October 13th. ~ Michelle Herman

### RECYCLED INK CARTRIDGES

You did it again!! This month we ordered supplies for our office totaling \$97.75. Again I submitted our order online. Then I hit the Rewards key and \$40.00 in Rewards was deducted from order. We paid \$57.75. Amazing!!!! The Magic was you bringing in your used ink cartridges and us bringing 20 used cartridges a month to Staples. That equals \$40.00 in Rewards. Keep this wonderful program going and THANK YOU. God is good and supplies all our needs. Thank you!!!! Elaine Lopez



The Missions Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, October 8th at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing current status and making future plans. We are asking all current members to attend and invite all interested to join our group. We have a good time planning ways to spread God's love in our community and beyond! See you there.

~ Ruth Beselinoff, Chair

### Citations from the Westminster Shorter Catechism

"Frequently Asked Questions" from the 1600's written by Presbyterians.

Q3: What does the Bible primarily teach?

A: The Bible primarily teaches what man must believe about God and what God requires of man.

The Bible is made of 66 individual "books", written by 40-something authors, over the period of 1,500 years, yet by God's inspiration there is one central theme: God's plan to redeem his people through His Son – the Lord Jesus Christ.

For more: Mi 6:8, Jn 20:31, Jn 3:16, 2 Tm 1:13, 2 Tm 3:16

Submitted by John Mottley

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## What are we to make of "that" holiday?

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"Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them." Ephesians 5:11 (ESV)

"I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean." Romans 14:14 (ESV)

Recently I did a sermon entitled "Frequently Asked Questions" because the text of Matthew 24:32-42 has several verses that require careful interpretation and thought to discover their meaning and are often asked about. One of the questions clergy all over America will be asked this month is "what are we to make of Halloween?"

Certainly there are pastors who will argue to avoid it at all costs, and their concerns are not misplaced. It's roots are unquestionably pagan, and it's modern practice in America today celebrates and glorifies darkness, evil, violence, and even indecency. Some of the displays already up in my neighborhood will testify to this. Can we readily participate in practices that celebrate what does not bring God glory?

It is easy to see it this way when I wear my "theologian hat", but there are beautiful parts to this time of year as well. The day is full of fun and imagination. A day of creativity, of the arts, and of community - where many people will knock on your door that would otherwise not walk down your street.

As Christians, let us not hide from the darkness this year, but let's put on display "the light of the world" Jesus Christ! We are called to be "in" the world, but not "of" it. Therefore, let's use this opportunity to meet our neighbors and build relationships where we can invite our new friends to church. Let's order some gospel tracts online and hand them out to the children (*with* candy...don't be *that* person). Let us pray for opportunities when the world is fascinated with the dead and darkness to introduce them to the "light of the world", who is "not the God of the dead but of the living", who came to raise the dead, and give us life abundantly.

Let us therefore carefully navigate this way according to our God given convictions. Let us not glory in what is corrupt and displeasing to God, but let us celebrate the beauty that is there and use the coming day to engage in things that do glorify God.

John Mottley