



The Connection

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**Our Mission: To Know Christ, and to
Make Him Known**



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October Scripture Readings

- 1 Romans 16:4
- 2 Psalm 100:4
- 3 1 Thessalonians 5:18
- 4 Psalm 35:18
- 5 2 Corinthians 2:14
- 6 Revelation 7:12
- 7 Psalm 30:4
- 8 Psalm 116:17
- 9 Psalm 50:14
- 10 Colossians 4:2
- 11 Ezra 3:11
- 12 Psalm 140:13
- 13 2 Corinthians 4:15
- 14 2 Samuel 22:50
- 15 2 Corinthians 9:15
- 16 Psalm 26:6-7
- 17 Daniel 6:10
- 18 Psalm 136:2
- 19 Psalm 95:2
- 20 1 Corinthians 15:57
- 21 Psalm 18:49
- 22 Jonah 2:9
- 23 Colossians 1:3
- 24 1 Chronicles 16:8
- 25 Ephesians 1:16
- 26 Psalm 69:30
- 27 Romans 14:6
- 28 1 Timothy 4:4
- 29 Matthew 26:27
- 30 1 Chronicles 16:34

National Days for October

- 1 National Walk to School Day
- 2 National Smarties Day
- 3 National Manufacturing Day
- 4 National Cinnamon Bun Day
- 5 National Do Something Nice Day
- 6 National Apple Betty Day
- 7 National Taco Day
- 8 National Hero Day
- 9 National Pro-Life Day
- 10 National Angel Food Cake Day
- 11 National Sausage Pizza Day
- 12 National Clergy Appreciation Day
- 13 National Train Your Brain Day
- 14 National Be Bald and Be Free Day
- 15 National Cheese Curd Day
- 16 National Dictionary Day
- 17 National Pasta Day
- 18 National No Beard Day
- 19 National Seafood Bisque Day
- 20 National Chicken and Waffles Day
- 21 National Apple Day
- 22 National Nut Day
- 23 National Boston Cream Pie Day
- 24 National Food Day
- 25 National Make a Difference Day
- 26 National Mother-in-law Day
- 27 National Black Cat Day
- 28 National First Responders Day
- 29 National Cat Day
- 30 National Speak Up For Service Day
- 31 National Caramel Apple Day

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Pastor David's Corner

Hello Saints.

October is a month of conflicts, did you know that?

The pagan world loves to celebrate the occult world of spooks and goblins and witchcraft and the horrors of the demonization of what once was a holy day.

Halloween was derived from the day of remembering the deaths of the saints. It originally was known as the eve of All Saints Day – or, All Hallows Eve. Someone sought to loose the evil spirits to roam the earth before the day of celebrating all that is holy. Hence, the day of ghosts and spirits seeking to terrorize throughout the night.

Yes, I am aware that most people simply want to have some time for revelry. And fun and games is okay. Yet, some folks truly try to make it a night of evil worship. And that is NOT okay. Whenever we allow the evil to mingle with the holy bad things happen.

So, please be careful in your merry-making. Remember that lives that are being celebrated are the saints and not the sinners. Be holy, for I am holy. – Leviticus 11:44.

So roll up your sleeves, get your head in the game, be totally ready to receive the gift that's coming when Jesus arrives. Don't lazily slip back into those old grooves of evil, doing just what you feel like doing. You didn't know any better *then*; you do now. As obedient children, let ourselves be pulled into a way of life shaped by God's life, a life energetic and blazing with holiness. God said, "I am holy; you be holy." 1 Peter 1:13-16 The Message (MSG)

And may I remind you that the church is waiting – always waiting – for anyone...everyone...all of us. Because no one is judged by who we are or who we think we are or who we want to be. The only thing that matters is that Jesus loves YOU. And He has made a place for YOU in His church.

We welcome YOU. Always.

Prayers and blessings in Christ,

Pastor David



Finance



Moment

When we give generously, we witness to the work that our faith matters, and the church matters. When we give our money and other resources, we make a statement about whom we trust and who we're willing to make sacrifices to.

Thank you for giving generously to our church, and for trusting that God's work is being done¹¹¹⁹.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Mission and Outreach Notes

There will be a CROP Walk on October 12 starting at the Vassar United Methodist church starting at 1:30 pm with registration and with the walk starting at 2:00pm.

CROP Hunger Walks give you an opportunity not only to put your body in motion; but to connect with your community in a meaningful way and do something for our most vulnerable neighbors (both in our town and far away).

If you would like to help out with this, you may walk with the group and get your own sponsors or just write a check with your contribution to CWS/CROP, or just give cash to Sharon Trato or leave at the church office and we will get it to them. 25% of the money collected goes to our food pantry. And if we have at least 3 youth and a minimum of \$250 focused to the youth, it will be matched at \$125.

There is more info at MUMC in the Narthex.

Millington United Methodist Church will also be involved with the National Honor Society again this year by having a Trunk or Treat in the Meachum School parking lot on October 25th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

There will also be a dictionary give-away to the Millington area 4th graders coming up this month. More information on that yet to come....





This year's CROP walk will be on
Sunday, October 12th

At the Vassar Methodist Church

Registration 1:30pm

Walk 2pm

Donations may be given in your envelope earmarked for the CROP walk, left in the office, or given to a walker or Sharon Trato. Cash or checks can be made to: CWS/CROP

Come join us for Trunk or Treat on October 25 from (time)1:30 to 3:30 pm in the Meachum School parking lot! Kids can enjoy a safe and fun trick-or-treating experience as they visit creatively decorated trunks.

There will be inside activities in the gym as well.

Want to host a trunk? Sign up in the church office or contact Sharon Trato. Candy donations are needed as well. Donations can be left at the church office. Thank YOU!!



The Sounds of Worship

Have you ever paused to listen — really listen — to the world around you?

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!” (Psalm 98:4, ESV)

The hum of morning birdsong. The laughter of children. The comforting voice of a friend. Even the quiet moments of stillness. These aren’t just background noise — they’re invitations to worship.

God designed a world that sings. Worship isn’t limited to Sunday mornings or formal songs; it’s woven into the everyday moments that tune our hearts to Him. And when we pause to truly hear it, we are drawn into praise, right where we are.

What sound lifts your heart toward God today? Take a moment to listen. Let it remind you of His love and nearness.

From Knowing to Becoming

Get to know Jesus well because the more you know him, the more you’ll love him. And the more you love him, the more you’ll want to follow him. And the more you follow him, the more you’ll become like him. And the more you become like him, the more you become yourself.

—Ned Erickson



The Beauty of Stewardship

Stewardship has to do with how we manage our time, talent, resources — basically our entire lives. It’s a beautiful concept when properly understood. Here are the basics of good stewardship:

God is the source of all creation, including our lives. God is the primary owner of all that exists.

We are blessed by being given the task of managing well all that we have influence over: our lives, our abilities, our minds and bodies, our time, our part of the earth, our finances, our children, our church buildings, our automobiles, etc.

Although we can make decisions regarding each of the above, ultimately we are responsible to God. Sooner or later, we must give an account of our management of God’s creation and of God’s gifts.

When we properly use the talents, resources and property that God allows us to manage, we find great joy. Think of planting a garden which soon overflows with colorful flowers, wonderful vegetables and flavorful herbs, etc. God gave us the plot of ground, God gave us the seed, God gave us the wisdom and strength to bring forth such beauty, such good things to see or eat, or smell. Yet we did the work, with God’s help, to make it a reality. Like Adam we tilled it and kept it. But God gave the increase. God’s provisions and our labor brought the garden to its fulfillment.

Good stewardship enables us to do something positive and wonderful with the money God has allowed us to have. What feels better than knowing one has managed money well? Our bank account, our checkbook and our portfolio tell the story. When money is handled well, we have enough for ourselves and are still able to give to God’s work.

Quotes You'll Want to Share

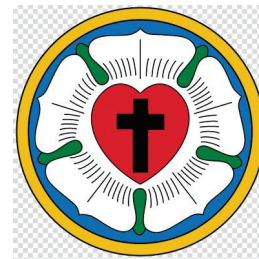
- Truth is mightier than eloquence; the spirit stronger than genius; faith greater than learning. - Martin Luther
- It is easy to be independent when you've got money. But to be independent when you haven't got a thing, that's the Lord's test. - Mahalia Jackson
- We see the presence of divine power shining as much in the continuing state of the universe as in its inception. - John Calvin
- Help me today, Father, to submit my agenda to your perfect planning. -John Sherrill
- It is in our life and conduct that we must show our devotion to Christ. -Woodrow Wilson
- The Bible is not only a book which I can understand; it is also a book which understands me. -Emile Caillet

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Let's show our love and gratitude for our pastor this month. Drop off a note of thanks, share a favorite sermon memory or simply tell him how he's made a difference. We'll have a basket in the church office all month long. This October—and every month—encourage your pastor by offering your prayers, support, and kind words. Ministry can be demanding, but knowing the church is lifting them up makes all the difference.

Reformation Sunday: Rooted in the Word

On October 26th, we'll mark Reformation Sunday with a special focus on our heritage of faith and God's enduring word. Come celebrate the truth that still sets us free: salvation by grace, through faith, in Christ alone.



Providence and Pastries

After starting a new diet, I altered my drive to work to avoid passing my favorite bakery. I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and there in the window was a host of goodies. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed, "Lord, it is up to you. If you want me to have any of those delicious baked goods, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery."

And sure enough, God answered my prayer! eighth time round the block, there it was!



On the

October 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pastor Appreciation Month			1 6pm Bible Study 7pm Table Tennis	2	3	4
5 9am Sunday School 10am Worship World Communion Sunday	6	7 8:30am Women's 4th Day	8 6pm Bible Study 7pm Table Tennis	9	10	11
12 9am Sunday School 10am Worship CROP Walk 1:30 reg. 2:00 walk Pastor Appreciation Sunday	13 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples Day Canadian Thanksgiving	14 8:30am Women's 4th Day	15 Hispanic Heritage Month Ends 6pm Bible Study 7pm Table Tennis	16	17	18
19 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Laitiy Sunday	20	21 8:30am Women's 4th Day	22 6pm Bible Study 7pm Table Tennis	23	24	25 1:30 to 3:30 pm Trunk or Treat at Meachum school parking lot.
26 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Reformation Sunday	27	28 8:30am Women's 4th Day	29	30	31 Reformation Day	

A Note from Barb...

Here it is, October, my favorite month of the year. With the changing of the leaves on the trees, and the cooler weather, (did I say cooler?!??).

*October is when I married my best friend 49 years ago. It's hard to believe that it's been that long since we were married. A lot of things have happened in our lives since that day in 1976. A lot of "bumps in the road" but so **many more** blessings. We raised 3 sons together and watched them grow into wonderful men that gave us our beautiful daughters. We talked about it the other day that we really hit the jackpot with our daughters-in-law. Even though they are all very different in their own ways, they are also very wonderful in their own ways as well. And they gave us 3 grandchildren that we both adore.*

Ultimately, these are all blessings from our God from whom all blessings flow. He has always been there for us during good and bad. And even though we didn't always think about it at the time, he has given us strength to get through the bad times and enjoy the good times more as a result.

My wish for all of you is for you to stop what you are doing and focus on all the good that has been in your life and thank God for the many blessings.



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