



# Newbegun United Methodist Church

Worshiping God; Loving Jesus; Serving People

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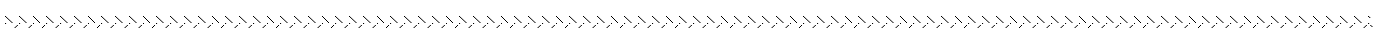


## Laughing in the Face of Fear

We are now in the month of October and for those of us that have young kids or grandkids that means that at the end of the month we will be taking them out in costumes so they can collect as much candy as they can carry. Admittedly I don't quite remember the last time I went trick-or-treating, but from what I do remember I really loved the idea of going out into the neighborhood and going house to house to essentially panhandle for some free candy. The only requirement to get this free candy was to dress up as some kind of monster, super hero, or some other fantasy character. As a kid, it makes perfect sense, after all how else would you get candy on Halloween. However as an adult I was not quite sure where the tradition of wearing costumes for Halloween came from.

The holiday of Halloween has several different origins, but for the Christian world, Halloween was a day to honor the saints and loved ones that had passed away. However the practice of dressing up for the holiday came up later as response to fear. In many parts of the Christian world there have been people that have been told that they were in danger of being assailed by evil spirits and demons. Though most Christian leaders assured followers of the power and authority of Christ over all creation, sadly however, there were still many false prophets that inflamed superstitions and caused people to doubt the love and grace of Jesus.

Eventual, Christian communities rejected this doubt and fear, some developing traditions to mock the power of evil over God's people. For Halloween in particular, this was expressed in the form of wearing costumes. By wearing costumes of things that were considered scary or the source of evil, believers mocked the power of evil and affirm their confidence of God and His power over all creation. I think this a wonderful understanding of how we can view Halloween. There are a lot of reasons to fear evil and other threats in this world. So much so, that we can feel overwhelmed by that fear, even to the point of doubting Jesus' love and his authority. But regardless of what assails us, we are always blessed by the presence and love of Christ. With this knowledge, maybe it can be a little easier to trust in God, and laugh in the face fear and evil.



## October Birthdays ...

1 Kenny Houtz Nelson White	12 Roy Daniels IV 13 Bobby Markham	22 Kevin Balasczh 25 Phil Cornwell
4 Murray Berry	21 Karen M. Askew	28 Ed Evans
7 Michelle Overman	Everette Markham	

## And Anniversaries...

October 1<sup>st</sup> – Dan & Amanda Garrenton  
 October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Suzan & Jeff Small



Stewardship  
Report



## Financial Update – 2021

2021 Budget	\$114,113	100%
Needed Weekly	\$2,194	1.9%
9/26/21 needed (39 Weeks)	\$85,566	75%
9/26/21 Collected	\$56,509	50%
Behind Budget	\$29,057	25%

### Serving Sundays in October:

#### AColytes

October 3 TBS  
 October 10 TBS  
 October 17 TBS  
 October 24 TBS  
 October 31 TBS

#### Greeters and Ushers

October 3  
 October 10  
 October 17  
 October 24  
 October 31

#### Readers

October 3  
 October 10  
 October 17  
 October 24  
 October 31

#### Flowers

October 3 – Garrentons  
 October 10 –  
 October 17 – Don and Connie St. Aubin  
 October 24 – Katherine Evans  
 October 31 – Cornwell

**Sound System Ministry:** Roy Daniels, Bill Trueblood  
**Trustee for September:** Roy Daniels IV

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### Members at home:

Mary Evelyn Markham

### Family and friends at home:

Cheyenne Darling

John Spencer

Marian Powell

### Members and friends in nursing homes:

Melba Norrell – Brookdale of Elizabeth City

Eva Harris – Cary, North Carolina



- Newbegun church ministries & members
- Our school partner – Weeksville Elementary School
- Our leaders in church and government
- Our mission outreach and missionary
- Our spiritual growth
- Our financial stewardship



<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4956493.52093>

As of November 20, 2020 we have an online account with RADA Cutlery for ordering. Did you know that RADA sells more than cutlery? They also have gift sets, recipe books, baking pans and other assorted kitchen items. Just click on the website above to see the full line of products and to order.

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**AND THE SIGN SAID:**

Imagination is the eye of  
the soul.

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# YEARLY BIBLE READINGS

You can read your Bible through in one year! Below is a format that lets you track how you are doing. Just check off each section as you go along. There are three readings for each day.

Have you read through the entire Bible yet? Make this the year.

**Three verses a day keeps the blues away.**

**October 2021**

DAY	READING 1	READING 2	READING 3
1	Revelation 1	Nehemiah 1-2	Psalms 96
2	Revelation 2	Nehemiah 3	Psalms 97
3	Revelation 3	Nehemiah 4	Psalms 98
4	Revelation 4	Nehemiah 5:1-7:4	Psalms 99
5	Revelation 5	Nehemiah 7:5-8:12	Psalms 100
6	Revelation 6	Nehemiah 8:13-9:37	Psalms 101
7	Revelation 7	Nehemiah 9:38-10:39	Psalms 102
8	Revelation 8	Nehemiah 11	Psalms 103
9	Revelation 9	Nehemiah 12	Psalms 104:1-23
10	Revelation 10	Nehemiah 13	Psalms 104:24-35
11	Revelation 11	Esther 1	Psalms 105:1-25
12	Revelation 12	Esther 2	Psalms 105:26-45
13	Revelation 13	Esther 3-4	Psalms 106:1-23
14	Revelation 14	Esther 5:1-6:13	Psalms 106:24-48
15	Revelation 15	Esther 6:14-8:17	Psalms 107:1-22
16	Revelation 16	Esther 9-10	Psalms 107:23-43
17	Revelation 17	Isaiah 1-2	Psalms 108
18	Revelation 18	Isaiah 3-4	Psalms 109:1-19
19	Revelation 19	Isaiah 5-6	Psalms 109:20-31
20	Revelation 20	Isaiah 7-8	Psalms 110
21	Revelation 21-22	Isaiah 9-10	Psalms 111
22	1 Thess. 1	Isaiah 11-13	Psalms 112
23	1 Thess. 2:1-16	Isaiah 14-16	Psalms 113
24	1 Thess. 2:17-3:13	Isaiah 17-19	Psalms 114
25	1 Thess. 4	Isaiah 20-22	Psalms 115
26	1 Thess. 5	Isaiah 23-24	Psalms 116
27	2 Thess. 1	Isaiah 25-26	Psalms 117
28	2 Thess. 2	Isaiah 27-28	Psalms 118
29	2 Thess. 3	Isaiah 29-30	Psalms 119:1-32
30	1 Timothy 1	Isaiah 31-33	Psalms 119:33-64

THE COLLECTION BOX in the foyer will be for TOILETRIES for the food pantry clients. We will collect soaps, shampoos, conditioners, paper products and any other related products. The Mission Committee thanks you.

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 3 – 11:00 am – Sunday Service

October 10 – 11:00 am – Sunday Service

October 12 – 7:00 pm – PPRC Meeting

October 17 – 11:00 – Sunday Service

October 21 – 9:45 am – Food Bank Ministry

October 21 – Charge Conference (time to be announced)

October 24 – 11:00 am – Sunday Service

October 31 – 11:00 am – Sunday Service

### “What is in a Day?”

Well, we know how many hours, which equal 1,440 minutes and 86,400 seconds. However, that is just the simple math. What you do with those numbers is what really matters. What do you put into each day and what do you get out of each day? There are numerous holidays that we are all familiar with from New Year’s Day to Christmas. During October, we celebrate some holidays that you may not be familiar with, such as American Cheese Day, Caffeine Addiction Recovery Day, a day of church safety and security awareness, Eat Better and Eat Together Day, Diversity Awareness Day and celebrating the fact that October is the time we honor national caramel month.

There are some others that are recognized from Oct. 1 – 31: Vegetarian Day, Guardian Angel Day, Look at the Leaves Day, Animal Day, Teacher’s Day, Physician’s Assistant Day, Flower Day, Octopus Day, Sneakers Day, Handbag Day, Southern Food Heritage Day, Farmer’s Day, Good Samaritan Day, Dessert Day, Mushroom Day, Boss’s Day, Pasta Day, Chocolate Cupcake Day, Rain Forest Day, American Rose Day, Apple Day, Clean the Earth Day, Canning Day, United Nations Day, Artist Day, Pumpkin Day, Mule Day, Black Cat Day, Chocolate Day, Oatmeal Day, Candy Corn Day, Pumpkin Bread Day, Halloween, and Carve a Pumpkin Day. And that is only a partial list!

These are recognized at various levels from local to state to national. Some are to raise awareness with less familiar issues and some are to celebrate as we have since childhood. Regardless of the day and what it represents on the surface, its purpose is unique to each individual and how they face it, confront it, accept or challenge it, resolve it, and enjoy it or not.

With the limited amount of time we each have, we probably waste too much. Thomas Jefferson was dedicated in making the most of each minute of each day and was highly successful in many areas from horticulture to politics.

Our Lord and Savior creates each day for each of us to embrace, contribute, reflect, and enjoy. As we have heard before, be kind to each other and outdo one another in love, and build up the body of Christ (each day), and when you hear what is in a day, you will have your answers.

Yours in faith, fellowship, and love,  
Roy Daniels

## **Quotes from John Wesley**

“Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences.”

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