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## CHRISTIANITY AND HALLOWEEN

By Rev. David W. Patrick

Halloween, what is it all about? Ask most children and they will tell you; it is about trick-or-treat, or it's about candy! But when you get beyond a child's idea of this annual fall observance the opinions begin to vary. To some people it is just a time for our children to have fun. A time to enjoy the changing of the seasons and have a fall celebration. To others it is a yearly nuisance to have children that never come around any other time of the year, coming now and begging for candy. Still for others it is a time to get involved in mischief and have it overlooked because it is just a Halloween prank.

Regardless of what you think about this day, October 31 will come again this year and for a large portion of our population that is Halloween.

The Christian community reacts and responds to this day in a variety of ways. In some churches Halloween is considered a pagan holiday and not observed at all. In fact, many churches encourage their members to not participate in any Halloween activities, yet other churches will hold Halloween parties.

Historically, Halloween is tied very closely to the Church. In the eighth century AD the Church adopted a new Holy Day into their calendar, the feast day of All Saints. All Saints Day is observed even today in many churches, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, on November 1. Halloween is an old fashioned way to say, All Hallows (Saints) Eve. Halloween, which is observed on October 31, is the eve of All Saints.

In the Christian calendar All Saints Day is a day to celebrate all of those who have lived and died in faith. It is a day to remember and give thanks for those who have departed this life and now rest eternally with God. Because All Saints Day commemorates the dead in Christ it came to be associated with death. In those days Christians were almost always buried in the churchyard in holy ground. Those who were outside of the fellowship of the faithful, persons who had committed serious sins and not repented or those who had not been baptized were buried outside the churchyard.

In local traditions and folklore, many of which had originated in pre-Christian times, now began to associate stories about ghosts and goblins, witches and all things evil with the eve of All Saints Day. The day to celebrate death.

It is also possible that the Church had adapted All Saints Day around certain pre-Christian observances that celebrated dead ancestors. Ancestor worship was a popular religious idea in many northern European tribes and communities in pre-Christian times.

However, modern notions that Halloween is a day of satanic ritual or even Satan's birthday are not historically founded. It is true that some people who would describe themselves as Satan worshipers use Halloween as a special observance. Nevertheless, it is a very modern idea. Much of this myth has been perpetuated by the motion picture industry in horror movies.

Evil is a powerful force in our world today, it always has been. Is evil more pronounced on certain days than it is on others, say for instance October 31? Not by my estimation. Every day that God gives us can be either holy or profane; it depends on what we make of it. Is the observance of Halloween wrong for a Christian? It depends on what we make of it.

It seems to me that Halloween, like All Saints Day, can be a day for Christians to celebrate the victory we have in Jesus Christ over death and the grave. The scriptures are very clear on this issue (1 Corinthians 15:50-57) and (John 11:25) these passages remind us that death can not harm those who have faith in Christ. Christians should not deify death or evil. Instead we can laugh in the face of death. Because death, humanity's greatest enemy, has no power over the life of a follower of the risen Christ.

As the Apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 15:54-57: *"Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

See you in Church,

David W. Patrick

(reprinted from October '07 Scroll)





**The Back to the '50s Festival** has come and gone. Were you there? I confess, I love the shiny classic cars. They just make me smile. And the music – so cheerful and upbeat! What ever happened to cheerful 'pop' music? But that's a topic for another time, another place.

**Centenary's Chili booth** was a great success! There was no chili left over! Many thanks to chairpersons Max Allen and Ellen Gramlin. Thanks, too, to all those who worked the booth, donated items, helped set up or tear down, etc.; and to the Adult Sunday School class for their donation. Special thanks to Susan Endicott, for obtaining donations of goods: Thank you Wendy's and Steak'n'Shake! The final total was \$473.00. The money will be used for much-needed repairs and updates around the church.

**The Outreach Team** welcomed a special guest at our latest meeting. Shannon Morringer visited us to talk to us about the Young (Teen) Moms Club at St. Peter's Episcopal, just down the way at Washington (75E) and John Bart Road. Shannon assured us that all area churches will be welcome (and needed) to participate. The club is in its early stages at the moment, so keep watching to find out how Centenary can get involved in this most timely and worthwhile outreach. Naturally, funds are a priority and you'll notice a donation can on the counter at the Welcome Center.

**The Habitat house** is nearing completion. Painting is all done! Landscaping will be going on during the week of September 27-October 3. Sod will be laid, and a storage shed will be assembled. Come out and help, if you're able. Bring the kids! The house blessing will take place on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., when the English family will take possession of their new home!

**Remember:** Rev. Dr. Bob Walters will be visiting Centenary on October 11<sup>th</sup>, talking about his missions trip to the Congo. A lunch will be served after service. If you can, please plan to stay and enjoy good food and fellowship.

**Round up** some sponsors and help stop hunger on Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>, by participating in the CROP walk. Money collected goes to the Church World Service in Elkhart, IN, and is used to help combat hunger around the corner, and around the world.

The **Sunday school kids** will be bringing in their pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters...to help other kids. And don't be surprised if butterfly nets appear again at a service near you. The United Methodist Children's Home, right here in Lebanon, uses such donations to underwrite their food budget for the year. If you've shopped for groceries lately (and I'm thinking you have), then you know the cost of food hasn't gone down any. As you may also know, growing kids can put away a remarkable amount of 'tucker'. Please help keep them fed!

Likewise, the needs of The Caring Center go on. Look for those little lists around the church – and in this newsletter – outlining Centenary's special items for October. Toiletry items (shampoo, deodorant, etc.) are always welcome. As are volunteers.

It seems like we're being asked to donate, contribute, bring in...every time we turn around! We're not made of money, y'know! I know. And if we are *hurting* because of the current economic situation (which we in part brought on ourselves), then perhaps we get a 'by'. But if we've simply circled the wagons and find ourselves using the word "*mine!*" almost as much as a two-year-old, maybe it's time for a little re-think. Just something to consider. After all, God knows our hearts...and our true circumstances relative to the rest of the world.

~ Liz Anderson, Outreach Reporter

Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. ~James 2:15-17



## Share Food Distribution Dates

**October 24, November 21, December 19**

Distribution at Centenary UMC  
Centenary is a host site for the share food orders. People come to Centenary on the dates above and pick-up their food (between 9 -11:00 a.m.)

- ◆ Hosts are needed for the above dates; to serve coffee, morning refreshments and to mingle. This outreach is so simple and easy that we all can do it!
- ◆ Time commitment is short, approximately 8:30-10:30. a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up to host by the kitchen window.

## Lebanon's Caring Center

**Saturday, October 3** we will be offering a service to the community by picking up furniture (in GOOD condition) and appliances (working condition) throughout the Lebanon area. Anyone with items needing picked up may call the Caring Center at 482-2020 by Friday, October 2. Here is another opportunity for volunteers who have a truck and/or strong backs. If you are interested in helping, give us a call.

### Food items currently in need at the Center:

\*Centenary will focus on those items highlighted\*

- Shampoo & Conditioner
- \* Laundry Soap
- \* Diapers-Size newborn, 1 and 2
- \* Crackers
- \* Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Vegetables
- Applesauce
- \* Mac & Cheese
- Brownie & Cake mixes
- \* Canned meats.

Thank you for your, much needed, continued support! ~ Brenda Daggy

Please mark your calendar for these important meeting dates.

- Monday, October 5**  
Staff Parish (Lounge) 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 13**  
Trustees (Lounge) 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 19**  
Outreach (Powell Rm) 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 20**  
Finance (Powell Room) 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, October 26**  
In Reach (Lounge) 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 27**  
175th Anniversary Planning Mtg. (Lounge) at 6:30 p.m.



## Sunday, October 11 The Reverend, Dr. Bob Walters will visit CUMC.

We are delighted to have Bob here on Sunday, October 11. He will share many pictures and stories of his most recent adventure to the Congo. A special luncheon will immediately follow worship in the Fellowship Hall. **ALL are Welcome!**

**Operation Classroom Packing Party** is Sunday, October 11 at Speedway UMC from 2:00-4:00 PM.

**CENTENARY TV-** You can view Pastor David's Sunday sermons on Centenary's website at [www.centenaryumc.org](http://www.centenaryumc.org)

**Check us out on FACEBOOK-** Pastors David and Marcy and the church are now on Facebook. Log on and say "Hello".

*In loving memory of Lucille Andrews who passed away on Monday, September 14*

## Tithes, Offerings and Attendance

|              |            |     |
|--------------|------------|-----|
| September 6  | \$8,121.50 | 190 |
| September 13 | \$5,110.15 | 207 |
| September 20 | \$4,337.86 | 187 |

## Soon celebrating 175 years! (1835-2010)

### BULLETIN COVER CONTEST

Break out your art supplies use your imagination for this upcoming bulletin cover contest.

We will celebrate 2010 (January - December) honoring a "Cover-of-the-Month" on the Centenary Sunday Bulletins.

(At least 12 pictures are needed and we know there is a lot of wonderful talent out there!)

**We encourage everyone to give this a try!**

#### Categories are:

- ◆ Black & White (Pencil, Pen, etc.)
- ◆ Color (Markers, crayons, colored pencils, etc.)
- ◆ Children's Artwork
- ◆ Deadline for submitting art will be around Thanksgiving.
- ◆ Turn artwork in at the Welcome Center or in the Church Office.

### Still Collecting Favorite Recipes

We have some delicious recipes coming in but we still need more for the 175 Anniversary Celebration Cookbook! Our goal is to have a special cookbook loaded with 300-350 delicious recipes. Spread the word and let's make this a GREAT cookbook!

#### Two ways to submit your favorite recipes

1. Recipe cards are available at the Welcome Center or in the Church Office ( you may submit a recipe on your own card/paper if you wish). Turn in your recipes at the Welcome Center.

2. Go online to: [www.typensave.com](http://www.typensave.com)

The upper right corner is where you log-in.

- ◆ Contributor: (this is where you put your name)
- ◆ Group Log-In: **175anniversary** (no spaces)
- ◆ Password: **recipe**

Now you may add your recipes and they will be submitted in the Centenary Cookbook! Questions? Contact Liz Geeslin at [lizgeeslin@msn.com](mailto:lizgeeslin@msn.com) or 765-325-9990.

~ Liz Geeslin, Chair



**In Search of** pictures, articles, memorabilia, etc that you might have which would be of interest as we approach our upcoming 175th Anniversary. Please look through your forgotten collections of documents, pertaining to Centenary. You may bring it by the church office, during office hours, and Carol will scan it as you wait and then you just take the documents back home with you.

### Centenary's Annual Harvest Dinner

- ◆ Sunday, November 15
- ◆ Immediately following worship
- ◆ Centenary's Fellowship Hall
- ◆ Stay tuned for more details closer to the date!



### Olan Mills Directory Update!

Thanks to everyone who took the time to have their pictures taken for the 175th Anniversary Directory. We will have over 154 families in the new directory.

**As we update our roster**, please take a moment to make sure your name, address, email and phone are all correct. The "working" roster will be out in the Narthex on Sunday, October 3 for you and your family to check and make any corrections if necessary. The Directories will arrive near the end of November.

### Parenting Class



**Sunday, October 4  
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

**"Soulful Parent, Soulful Teen, Moving from Control to Care."** by Dr. Gregory P. Sipes, Ph.D., Sc.D. Books now available in the Narthex. Each book is \$20 and you can pay CUMC for the books by using the envelopes available. Greg has a website:

- ◆ [drgregipes.com](http://drgregipes.com) and also
- ◆ [www.mynextvoice.com](http://www.mynextvoice.com)



**He will be right here at CUMC on Sunday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m.** to discuss parenting issues. At that time you can also purchase his books and/or sign up for further parenting classes. Greg comes to us highly recommended! This workshop here is **FREE!**

### Teen Moms Support Club

This support group is for teen moms expecting or already are moms who need advice, friends or just to tell their story, chat and have fun. A donation jar is located at the Welcome Center along with additional information brochures and flyers. If writing a check, please make payable to "Teen Moms Club". **They meet on Saturdays at 2 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Lebanon.**

### Boone County Senior Health and Wellness Expo

- Saturday, October 3
- 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Boone Co. 4-H Fairgrounds, Lebanon
- Free Admission to all attendees!
- 50 Exhibitors displaying products and services. Boone County seniors, their family members and caregivers are encouraged to attend. For more information: [www.booneseniors.org](http://www.booneseniors.org) or 482-5220.



### Remember to change your clocks!

Daylight Savings Time ends  
on Sunday, November 1.



### Traders Point Creamery Trip!

Come along for a relaxing, fall outing to a neighbor destination that will trigger all of your senses! At Traders Point Creamery, their motto is "We milk it. We make it. We serve it." This **organic dairy farm in Zionsville** is a one-stop shopping, eating, learning and sight-seeing experience! We will enjoy a presentation and guided walking tour (may skip the tour if you choose), lunch in "The Loft" and homemade ice cream...of course! **A real blue-ribbon kind of day!**

- ◆ **Monday, October 12**
- ◆ Leave the church parking lot (sanctuary side) at 9:15 a.m.
- ◆ Presentation/Tour ~ 10 a.m.
- ◆ Lunch ~ 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ Return to church around 2 p.m.
- ◆ Cost = \$28 to include your complete meal/gratuity, tour & transportation
- ◆ RSVP (and payment due) by October 4 to Anita Bowen at 483-1516
- ◆ or [babowen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:babowen@sbcglobal.net).
- ◆ Let's get out and have some fun in fine, fall fashion!
- ◆ Feel free to bring along a friend or two to share the memories!



## Associate Pastors' Page

Well autumn is here as I sit and write my article. According to Chuck Laughton of WTHR, autumn officially arrived at 5:18 p.m. last night (Sept. 22). I love the sights, sounds, and smells of autumn. Do you like the smell of rotting leaves too?

Being born and raised in Indiana, I love our great state. I love that we have changing seasons. I think it would be boring if I lived in a place that the weather didn't change seasonally like it does here.

When I was in Sierra Leone, Africa, which is located very near the equator. It is sunny, hot and dry from about November through May. Then beginning in May it rains. It's still hot, but it rains. The rains wash away the dust that was collected on everything the previous six months. So they have two seasons: dry and rainy. I don't think I would like that.

Change is good on occasion. It is nice to have a new organist on the bench. I'm sure Nick will bring his own ideas and creativity to our music program. So, change is nice. Our membership changes occasionally too. Some people come and some go. The mix keeps us on our toes. Fresh ideas, seeing things with new eyes; that is all good.

One of the things that David and I do in the fall season is look at leadership. Soon, he will set a date for The Committee on Lay Leadership to meet and put forth nominations for the various committees and teams within the church congregation. The Methodist system runs on a three year rotation for the five standing committees: Pastor Staff, Trustees, Finance, Lay Leadership, and The Church Council. Our other teams only rotate the Chair persons every three years because those persons as Chair serve on The Church Council.

We have a lot of new people in our congregation. What we have seen over the last year or so is that the new people are the ones who are truly interested in classes that are offered and also in the various activities of the church. This is good. It helps us to look at things through a different lens.

As we approach this time of selecting key leadership positions, let me ask you: What are you doing as a leader in your church? This is "your" church you know. David and I have been appointed here for pastoral leadership for a time, but what about lay leadership? Hey, that's you!

Over Labor Day weekend David and I took three days and went to St. Meinrad (in southern Indiana) to the Arch Abbey and stayed in their Guest House. The reason we went was to have peace and quiet and a lot of prayer time as we prepared our sermon plan through autumn and Advent and Christmas. As we sat there I looked at him and I said, "What do you think Centenary needs right now?" His response, in essence, was, "Lay leadership development." I picked up the notebook that I was using and turned it so he could read it. I had written the same thing on my paper. Ok, so it HAD TO BE A GOD THING! In our four year tenure here we have watch Centenary grieve, heal, grow, and actually go through a

powerful metamorphosis. I want to let you know here and now that you have "come out the other side as a beautiful butterfly!" It is now time to spread your wings!!!

I ask you now to please pray. Pray hard and pray diligently about your place within this beautiful congregation. Let God lead your heart. **"Be still and know that I am God"** is my favorite verse (Psalm 46:10). I think it is my favorite verse because it is also my mantra. I have to repeat it to myself often so that I do quiet my heart before God and allow God to speak to me.

We can go through life pretending that we understand God and know where God is leading us, but if we don't stop and be quiet, we really are not LISTENING to what God is saying.

Be still. Listen. God needs Centenary to develop lay leaders. David and I are not the only ones that can teach a Bible study class. You can too! We are not the only ones with ideas about Outreach or In Reach. You can too! Ideas about finance? Ideas about Trustees' issues? You too!

**"Be still and know that I am God."** This is God's church. It isn't mine, it isn't David's and it really isn't yours either. You, however, are charged with being good stewards of what God has placed in your life. What gifts and talents do you have to offer to God in leading His church?

Let us know.

~ Pastor Marcy



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Sandy Hinkle                    | October 1  |
| Liz Anderson & Alan Wilhoite    | October 2  |
| Marilyn McClain                 | October 5  |
| Carly Smith                     | October 7  |
| Kathy Syferd                    | October 8  |
| Sally Byrd & Betty Linn         | October 9  |
| Douglas (Doug) Witherell        | October 10 |
| Helen Herrmann                  | October 11 |
| Linda Portish                   | October 14 |
| Jean Ann Burtron                | October 15 |
| Gaye Matravers-Keene            | October 15 |
| Patricia (Pat) Shockley         | October 16 |
| Marsha Baumgartner              | October 18 |
| Dustin Tabert                   | October 20 |
| Elizabeth Corser                | October 23 |
| Pam Keck                        | October 25 |
| Carolyn Garland                 | October 26 |
| Jon McKee                       | October 27 |
| Eric Colgrove & Buren Spaulding | October 28 |
| Doug Campbell & Barb Smith      | October 31 |

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Adam and Sarah Zell             | October 1  |
| Steve and Rita Clifford         | October 12 |
| Dr. John and Vicki Saalwaechter | October 16 |
| Steve and Vicki Gribler         | October 18 |
| Dwight and Penny Bridge         | October 19 |

## Dear Pastor David & Marcy and the Centenary Church Family,

*I appreciate all of your prayers, visits, phone calls and food. I am a little better and able to get out once in awhile. I know I won't get back to normal health. Keep your prayers and thoughts coming my way.*

*Thanks to all of you.*

*Keith Shockley*



## Back to the 50's (Chili Booth) Recap

We would like to **THANK** everyone who helped by either making chili, donating drinks, or working in the booth. We had some "unique" chili this year, but had many compliments and Max Allen tasted most of the chili (since he was in charge of quality control) - it was all very good. Profits were: \$473.00 and we ran out of chili at quitting time both Friday and Saturday. Last year we made \$481 and had about 25 gallons of chili left over. The weather was good, the music was great and we had a great time. All in all, it was a very successful weekend.

**Thanks again to everyone.**

~ Max Allen & Ellen Gramlin



## HELP STAMP OUT HUNGER!!!

Sunday, **October 18** starting at **1:00 p.m.** we will walk for hunger. Collect donations ahead of time and envelopes are at The Welcome Center. Walkers will start at Central Christian Church, walk to Memorial Park and back. The money goes to Church World Service to provide food around the world. **Registration begins at 12:30 (waivers must be signed).** Kids can join in too! We walk no matter what the weather! Pastors David and Marcy will be walking – come and join in the fun! Help raise money to stamp out hunger. Check out [www.cropwalkonline.org](http://www.cropwalkonline.org)

## Welcome Nick Drabik!

Centenary is delighted to have Nick as our new staff organist and extends to him a warm welcome.

## Christian Hearts begins a new six week study

- Wednesday October 7
- 7:00 a.m.
- Church Lounge.
- It is a new book and DVD study by Max Lucado entitled "Fearless."
- Books and study guide books are now being ordered. Contact the church office or Jana McKee (317) 446-8453.

"We fear being sued, finishing last, going broke, the mole on the back, and the sound of the clock as it ticks us close to the grave. Every season seems to bring fresh reasons for fear. What if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to these threats? According to Jesus this is possible. The one statement he made more than any other was this "Don't be afraid." In this book, Max Lucado invites you to consider Jesus' Invitation to courage."

## Roasted Pumpkin Seeds Make a Harvest Treat!

1. Scoop some pumpkin seeds out of a pumpkin- about 2 cups.
2. Rinse and string the seeds from the pulp *get your hands goopy!*
3. Mix your seeds with 1/2 to 1 tablespoon of cooking oil and 1 teaspoon or so of salt in a bowl!
4. Spread on a cookie sheet and let air dry for a hour or so!
5. Bake in oven at 325 for 40 minutes (stir once or twice while baking) until crisp and golden brown.
6. Enjoy munching on these with some delicious apple cider!