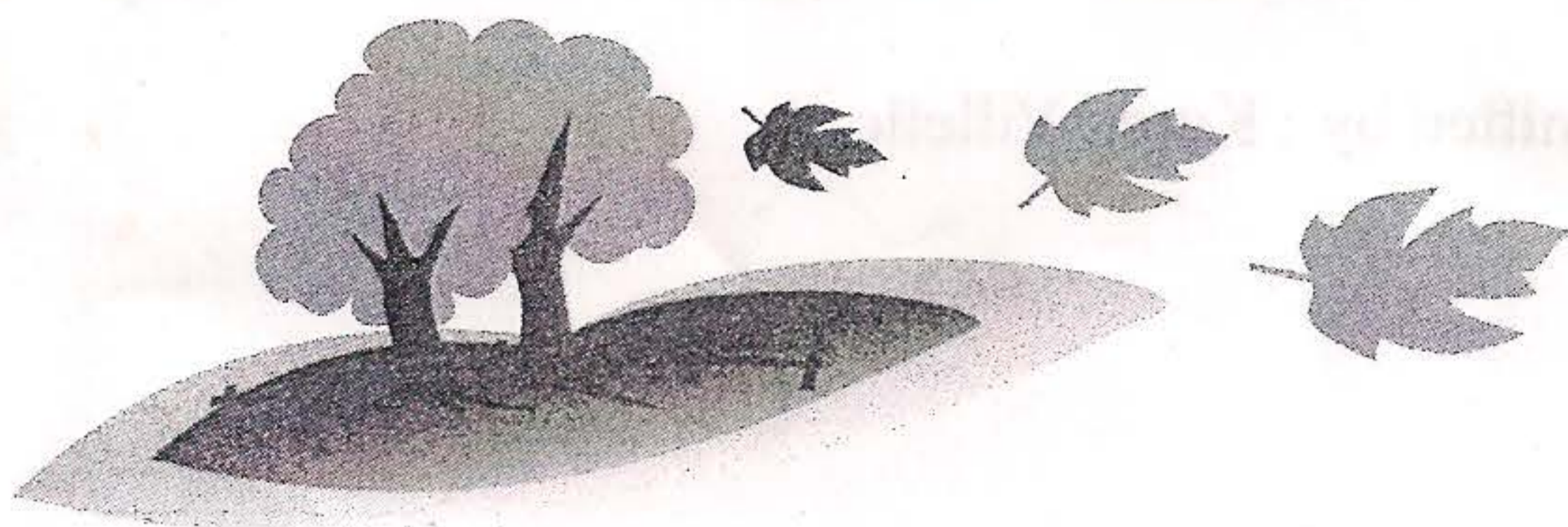


PARADISE LIFE

OCTOBER, 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1 <i>FHF Meeting - 7</i>	2 Kayla Bittner	3 Tyler Ward	4 Sheri Bailey	5 *Tom & Janet Douthit
6 Barry Fillman, Jr. *Victor & Eloise Kosko, Jr. <i>Schoolhouse Meeting 1:30</i>	7 *Craig & Brooke Limrick *Doug & Janice Blinn	8 Gary Fillhart Rudy Peace John Reed	9 *Calvin & Paige Szewczyk <i>Consistory - 7 pm</i>	10 *Cameron & Lauren Palm	11	12 Rod Keller *Paul & Lisa Triponey
13 Marissa Douthit Jason Fillhart Michael London Susan Pifer *Max & Debbie Pifer <i>Communion</i>	14 Casey Trithart	15 *Kurt & Dana Villella	16 Megan Hanzely Richard Trithart	17 Julie Shields Cameron O'Harah	18 <i>Trash & Treasure Sale</i>	19 <i>Trash & Treasure Sale</i>
20 <i>Sunday School Fall Festival</i>	21 Thomas Rafferty	22 Abigail Pifer *Bob & Valarie Reinsel	23	24 *Craig & Danielle Askey Katie Ragsdale	25 *Ray & Loretta Shepler	26 *Adam & Megan Murdock <i>Feeding His Flock 4:45 - 6:00 pm</i>
27 Paul Triponey Rick Smith	28 <i>St. Paul's Auxiliary</i>	29 Victor Kosko, Jr.	30 Kristen Fillhart	31 *Kevin & Karen Villella Breydon Trithart		



Paradise Consistory Meeting September 11, 2024

Linda opened with prayer.

Those in attendance were: Linda Blosh, Brenda Weber, Dean Reed, Diane Carlson, Bob Roy, and Karen Villella.

Old Business: Fuel tank has been put in and furnace hooked up. Muth's \$4050.00 for the work on tank. And \$717.00 for Stallion Mechanical to put lines from tank to furnace. We have a water leak and a leak on furnace motion was made to get them fixed Stallion Mechanical will do maintenance On two furnaces for \$460.00 and repair water leak and leak on furnace for \$492.00.

New Business: Discussed payments for speakers motion to pay them \$100.00. Also had a motion to move communion from October 6th to the 13th so we have a speaker who can do it. Motion was made to give a donation of \$100.00 to Big Run and Sykesville Fire Companies. We will pay membership to Clarion Association of Penn West Conference. We are going to send Patrick Burkett a thank you and \$150.00 Sheetz gift card for the work he did. Discussed an email we received from Pastor Donna form Troutville as of October 1st they will have their own preacher. And they will have their own Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve services. We will have our own services as well. The search committee and consistory are reviewing wage and benefit package to be added to the profile for a new minister. We have decided on Paradise Community Church for our name. Thanks for the suggestions. Property committee will look into the handrail and hallway going to the basement being painted.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting will be October 9, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.

Submitted by : Karen Villella

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

There's an old story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to do, and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody would do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Cute play on words, and definitely not to make anyone feel bad about serving in the church – but it does make us think. We're pretty sure that **SOMEBODY** will get everything done, and we're thankful that God completes His work whether we pitch in or not. But what an **HONOR** it is to give our all to Him Who gave His all for us! Paul says in Acts 20:35 – **In all things, I have shown you that by working hard in this way, we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'**

THANK YOU for prayerfully considering what God wants you to do as we prepare for what He has in store for our church. Please return the volunteer sheets by October 14th so we can move forward with **JOY** and give Him all the **GLORY!** And whether at home or in the sanctuary.....

PRAYER TIME CONTINUES SUNDAYS FROM 8:30 – 9am!

Pet Blessing 2024

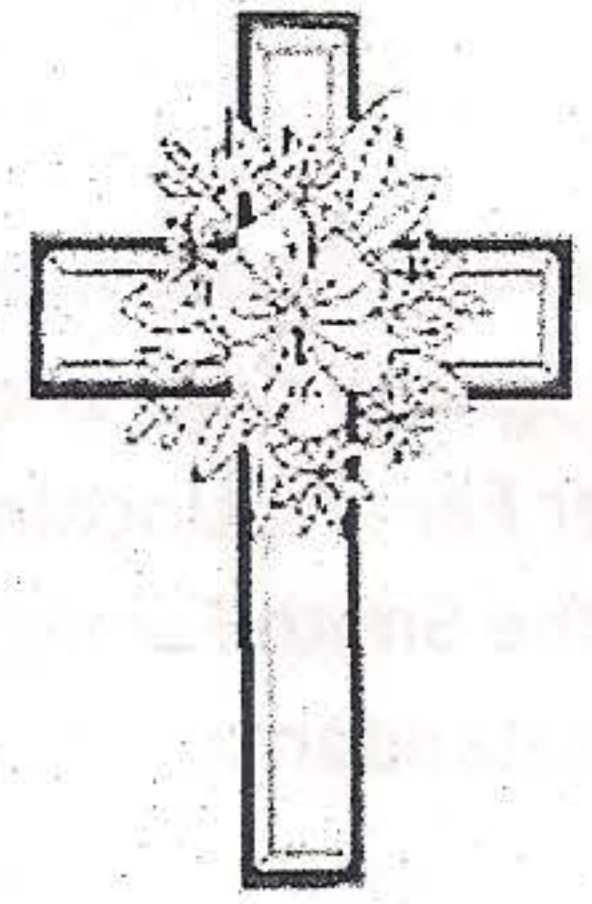
On Sunday, September 22nd Pastor Donna led the annual pet blessing service, showering paw-fect blessings upon six delightful dogs and their families. The precious pups were: Nittany with the Perry Family, Timber with the Weber Family, Lincoln and Lexington with the Douthit Family, Sadie with Morgan Shepler and Family, and Briston with the Smith Family. The refreshingly cool weather complimented the beautiful service which was enjoyed by all in attendance.



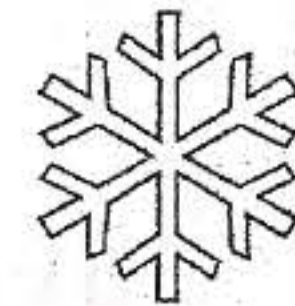
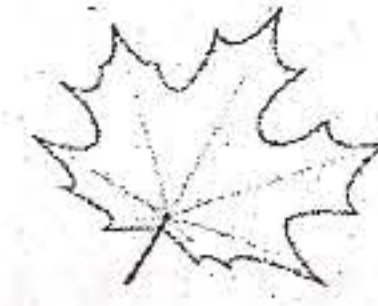
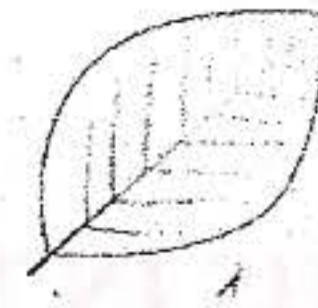
Psalm 147:9 tells us that God is concerned for all His creation, including the animals He created. We can take from Scripture that if God takes care of animals, so should we. In fact, it is God's care for animals that most fully explains our desire to have pets. God created mankind in His image, and we have inherited the part of God's nature that cares for the animals. If you want to lift up a prayer for the blessing of animal, pray this: *Heavenly Father, how great the variety of living things, You have put at our disposal! You told our first parents: "I give you all the animals of the land." Bless this animal. May it carry out the function it has been given and may it aid us to think of You its Creator and give praise and thanks to You forever. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

A Farewell Meal

On Wednesday evening, September 18, we gathered around the table to share a meal, fellowship with Pastor Donna and Tom, and honor Pastor Donna with our thanks and appreciate for her time in service at our church. As always, we enjoyed the blessing of delicious and abundant food. There was no formal program, but Pastor Donna thanked the Women's Service Group for all of their dedication and hard work and gave them a gift in remembrance and appreciation. Debbie Pifer presented her gift to Pastor Donna which was a beautiful pieced and quilted wall hanging of a cross. And although, Tracy could not attend the dinner due to illness she wrote this beautiful devotion called 'Seasons' that was read after our meal. It is included in this issue of Paradise Life.



Seasons *by Tracy Weber*



The devotional I chose for this evening is about seasons. In Pennsylvania we are blessed to have a multitude of seasons: Winter, Fake Spring, Second Winter, Pollen Season, Mud Season, Summer, Pretend Fall, Second Summer, Actual Fall... and my personal favorite: Deer Season!

Honestly, I find there is something to love about each season, and the older I get the more I enjoy the change of seasons. It reminds me so much of life.

The gardens are almost finished producing. Soon all the leaves will change and our beautiful countryside will be alive with color. And then they will be gone and another season will come.

It's interesting that "season" is the word God chose to describe all of life. In Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 verse 1 it tells us: "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven. More than 65 verses in scripture refer to seasons. They are God's measurement of the stages of life. Beginning in Genesis, God Himself started setting the seasons... and He still does. There are seasons of joy & sorrow, labor & rest, calm & storms. An all-wise God changes the seasons as He sees best.

Watching our children grow is a constant reminder that nothing stays the same – except God. Seasons of life change, but the Lord of life does not.

Seasons provide what the earth needs at a particular time, all the while preparing the earth for the next season. We cannot stay in summer forever, and I surely wouldn't want to stay in a constant winter. And so it is with life. We need what God has for us in every season.

Some seasons go quickly and some seem to hang on forever. I encourage you to stop simply enduring the season you're in and see God at work in it. That same passage I mentioned from Ecclesiastes concludes: "He hath made everything beautiful in His time." His time. His purpose. His season. Someday the seasons will stop changing and we will enter an endless season of glory.

Pastor Donna's time with us is another example of a season in our lives. God led her here when we needed her, and I'm pretty sure God knew she needed a little Paradise in her life as well.

In her time here she's helped us welcome new members into our church family, and she's helped us say our goodbyes to those who've been called home by God.

So now we find ourselves in another season of life. God has called Pastor Donna to a new adventure – much closer to her home. Hopefully all those Pennsylvania seasons I mentioned won't cause such an interesting commute.

Pastor Donna, thank you for sharing these past few years with us. May this new season find you steadfast in sharing God's word, radiating joy through your ever-present smile, kindness, and unwavering commitment to faith.

RECENT DEATHS IN THE PEACE FAMILY BROTHERS CARL, CLAIR, WADE, MERVIN

WADE was the father of John Peace who married Gladys Strouse
CLAIR was the father of Lois Peace who married Ed Summerville
CARL was the father of Katie Peace who married John Anderson.
MERVIN – never married

GLADYS RUTH STROUSE PEACE

When asked to write up about Gladys Peace's funeral we realized several cousins died since April of 2024. Gladys Strouse was born October 14, 1931 and died September 11, 2024. Her parents were Willis & Amy (Beck) Strouse. Her funeral was held in the Paradise church September 18, 2024

Gladys married John Peace, son of Wade Peace on November 10, 1951 at the Paradise Lutheran Church. They had 6 children, Amy Gigliotti, Jon Peace, Arnold Peace, Tracy Minnear, Kenneth Peace, and Arik Peace. They had 16 grandchildren, and 18 great grandchildren. John preceded her in death on July 9, 2009.

Gladys was a hard working woman that did a lot of cooking for her family and was known for her blueberry pies and they raised their own blueberries. Gladys would get up early in the morning and milk the cow. I guess the cow only allowed Gladys to milk her, of course this had to be repeated in the afternoon. John was a mechanic and they had their own garage, Gladys worked a lot helping John with the business.

KATIE PEACE ANDERSON

Katie Peace was born in Henderson Township on July 11, 1937 and died on April 25, 2024. Her parents were Carl W. Peace and Velma (Rudolph) Peace.

Katie married John Anderson in 1957. They were the parents of 3 girls, Mindy Riss, Carlene Abdo, Kathy DelGuidice. They had 11 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

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Katie was a real music lover and she played the piano & in her last years she could still play the piano without music, and her cousins said she could really play the accordion and loved to sing.

Katie & John moved around and finally they moved back to Henderson Twp. and the girls graduated from Punxsutawney High School. They sold their house and purchased one on Thunderbird Rd.

John had a big Harley Davidson motorcycle and he and Katie would ride it. Katie was a very petite person and Sharon Peace Bennett recalls her son who was about 3 or 4 years old saying, "Katie and her Daddy" were outside on the motorcycle. John is not that big, but Katie was just so tiny. Ha!

Katie accepted the Lord Jesus Christ when she was 11 years old and was always ready to share her faith with anyone she met. They attended the First Baptist Church in DuBois. Katie wanted to have her Memorial Service in the church where she grew up. Their Pastor Mark Montgomery had the service, followed by a dinner at the Community Building across the road.

LOIS PEACE SUMMERVILLE

Lois Peace Summerville was the daughter of Clair & Olive (Reed) Peace and was born in Cramer in the house that Clair built. There have been 5 generations live in that house, their son Bob & Althea, then Greg & Cynthia, then Haylee & Taylor Neal and the 5th generation Rory & Teddy Neal. Lois was born June 2, 1929 and died September 14, 2024. Her funeral was held at the Roseville Independent Chapel on September 16, 2024.

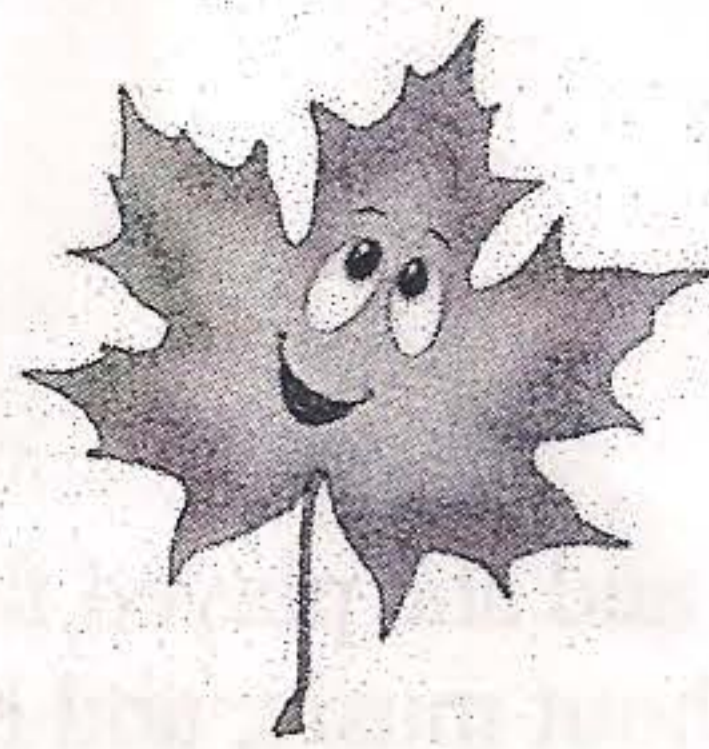
On June 28, 1956 she married Edward Summerville in her home church in Paradise. They had 3 children Linda Lamb of Brookville, Brenda Weaver of North Carolina, Gary Summerville of Brookville. She had 2 grandchildren. Ed preceded her in death on May 29, 2021

Lois liked her music, especially playing the piano. She also enjoyed hearing her daughters play the piano. She was a member of the choir at the Roseville Independent Chapel. She also enjoyed arranging flowers to beautify the church.

Lois was a kind woman and loved by all. Her biggest joy was being a Mother and Homemaker for her family.

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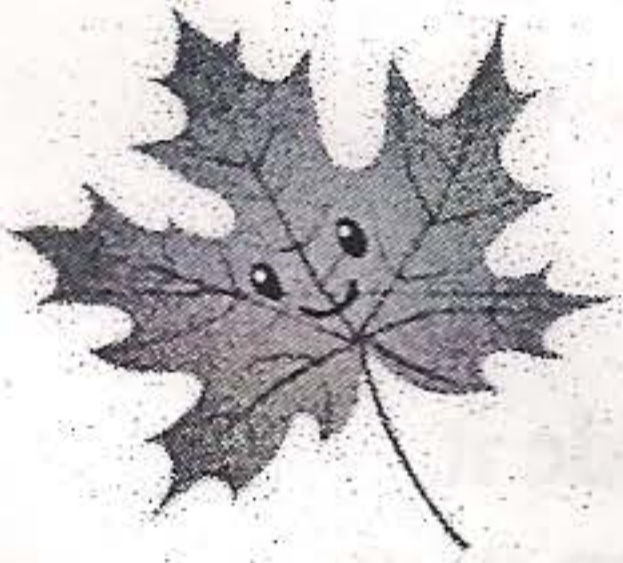
Sunday School Hosts



FALL FESTIVAL 2024

Sunday, Oct 20

2:00 PM



We are celebrating Autumn! Come and join us.

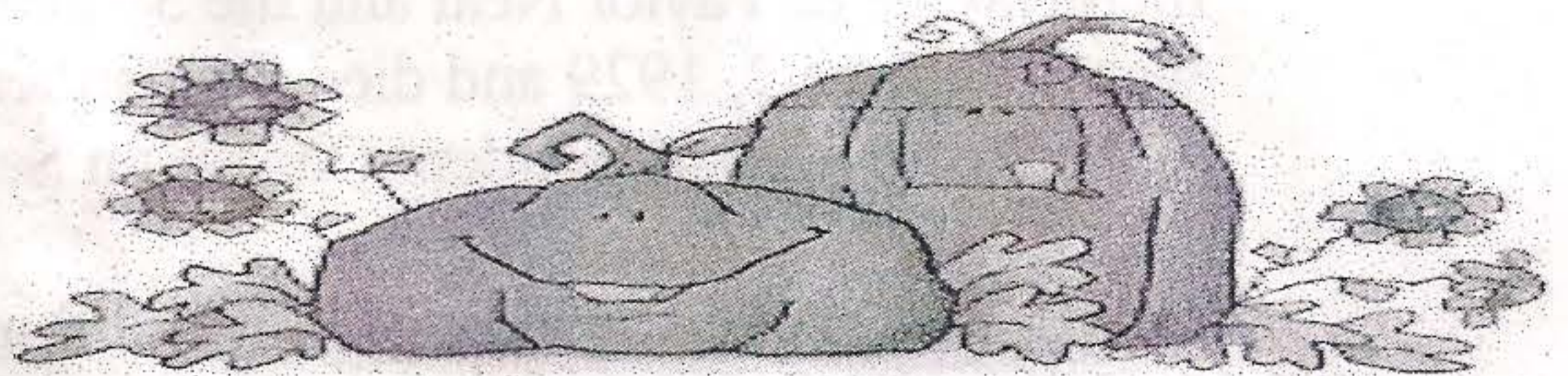
On Sunday, Oct. 20, at 2:00 PM we will be hosting Fall Festival 2024, in our church basement social hall. The afternoon will be full of loads of Fall fun games & activities for all ages including hayrides (weather permitting). Dinner will be provided at 5:00.

We hope you will come and bring your family & friends to enjoy celebrating in community this Season of Autumn.

Let's celebrate!

“They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.”

Psalm 145:7



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