

Columbian Place

In-House News

“Providing Faith Based
Affordable Housing for Seniors”

October 2026



“Happy Thanksgiving”



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When and Why has Thanksgiving been Observed in Canada?

The first national Thanksgiving in Canada was celebrated in the Province of Canada in 1859. It was organized at the behest of leaders of the Protestant clergy. They appropriated the holiday of American Thanksgiving, which was first officially observed in the US in 1777. It was established as a national day of "public thanksgiving and prayer" there in 1789. It became an annual national holiday in 1863.

In Canada, the holiday was intended for the "public and solemn" recognition of God's mercies. As historian Peter Stevens has noted, some citizens "objected to this government request, saying it blurred the distinction between church and state that was so important to many Canadians." The first Thanksgiving after Confederation was observed on 5 April 1872. A national civic holiday rather than a religious one, it was held to celebrate the recovery of the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII) from an illness.

Thanksgiving was first observed as an annual event in Canada on 6 November 1879. The date for each of the following years was determined annually by Parliament. It also set a unifying theme for which to give thanks. The theme usually concerned the harvest, though celebrations related to the British monarchy were also very common. The holiday occurred as late in the year as 6 December and even coincided several times with American Thanksgiving. The most popular date to observe Thanksgiving was the third Monday in October, when the fall weather is generally still amenable to outdoor activities.

A squirrel is living in a pine tree.

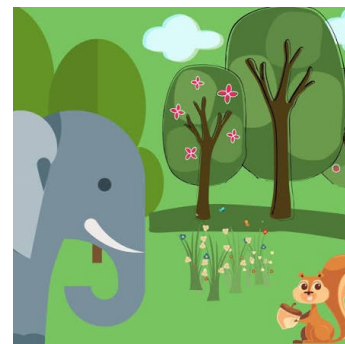
One day he feels it shaking, looks down, and sees an elephant climbing the tree.

The squirrel asks: "What are you doing climbing my tree?"

"Well, I'm coming up here to eat some pears," says the elephant.

"You idiot, this is a pine tree, there are no pears."

"Well, I brought my own pears."



WHEELCHAIRS & SHOPPING CARTS

Wheelchairs and shopping carts in the coffee room are for the public and residents to use anytime.

Wheelchairs and walkers that are left in the T.V. room are private and should not be moved away by anyone.

Please do not move out any mobility items from the T.V. room. They are privately owned and usually there just temporarily.

This procedure has been in effect for many years.

Thanks—Adrien



October Birthdays:

19th Linda Johnson

19th Maria Nett

20th Fr. Benedict

23rd Darlene Balkwill

27th Gerard Rudulier

30th Arvid Kuhnle



A taxi passenger tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him a question.

The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the footpath, and stopped inches before hitting a shop window.

For a second everything went quiet in the taxi, then the driver said, "Look mate, don't ever do that again. You scared the daylights out of me!"

The passenger apologized and said, "I didn't realize that a little tap would scare you so much."

The driver replied, "Sorry, it's not really your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver - I've been driving a funeral van for the past 25 years".

The enormous diamond ring a woman wore on a luxury cruise attracted much attention from fellow passengers.

"It's the Beaumont diamond," she told her table companions, "and like the notorious Hope diamond, it carries a terrible curse."

"What's the curse?" they asked.

"Mr Beaumont," she explained.

Will was trying to teach his son about the evils of alcohol.

He put a worm in a glass of water & another in a glass of whiskey. The worm in the water lived while the one in the whiskey curled up & died. "All right, son," Said Will, "what does that show you?"

"Well dad, it shows that if you drink alcohol you will not have worms."

MESSAGE FROM ADRIEN

1. We have several private functions this month; October 10, 12, 17 and 31. Please be mindful of these events.
2. CWL ladies will meet upstairs in the common room on Wednesday, October 7.
3. I will be at the Manor on October 14 and 28 this month.
4. Thursday, October 15 we will be enjoying a music jubilee put on by Terry and Betty Soper. A 50/50 will be available and karaoke and dancing will be encouraged. This event is free and 1 door prize of food will be awarded. Bring your own refreshments.
5. Thursday, October 22 at 11 a.m., Rexall Drugs will be here to offer us the Flu Shot. If interested, please come down. We will have a sign-up sheet, so we have an idea of how many people are coming. We will also have the necessary paperwork for you to fill out before receiving your flu shot.
6. Sometimes in October, we will be entering every suite in the building (date to be determined) to change every smoke detector in the building. A NEW LAW effective November 1, 2026, requires every suite to have both a combination smoke and carbon monoxide detector present in the suite. I will let you know by letter when exactly that will happen in the building.
7. Rexall will also have the Booster shot available for those who want it. We will have a separate sign-up sheet for the booster shot.
8. We want to welcome Jerome and Maria Nett who have recently moved into our facility. Please welcome them and make them feel at home.
9. Thanks to everyone for all their help and patience in making our place a wonderful home to live and celebrate life. On behalf of Maria and myself, we want to wish you a blessed Thanksgiving Day and may God Bless us all.

Thanks,

Adrien



A priest is walking down the street one day when he notices a very small boy trying to press the doorbell on a house across the street.

The boy is very small and the doorbell is too high for him to reach. After watching the boy's efforts for some time, the priest walks across the street to the little boy and, placing his hand kindly on the child's shoulder leans over and gives the doorbell a firm ring.

Crouching down to the child's level, the priest smiles compassionately and asks, "And now what, my little man?"

To which the boy replies, "Now we run!"

ALL HALLOWS EVE AND THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

The etymology of the term Halloween is "hallows," meaning 'holy' and "e'en," truncated for 'evening.' This holy evening, sometimes known as "All Hallows Eve," was celebrated historically by Christians and other cultures in preparation for the great feast of All Saints Day, which may also be referred to as "Feast of All Hallows," or the Feast of all the Holy ones, which are all of those who made it to Heaven. In a similar way that the great Easter Vigil Feast begins the celebration of Easter Sunday, All Hallows Eve begins the celebration of the great Feast of All Saints.

The Feast of All Saints is the day in the Church when we celebrate the lives of all of those who have made it to Heaven. During the month of October, we celebrated several great saints such as Pope St. John Paul II and St. Therese of Lisieux, who have their own dedicated feast days in the Church. However, the Church also recognizes that we are surrounded by "a cloud of witnesses" as St. Paul puts it, which is made up of people who may not have their own feast day on the liturgical calendar, but chose to live their lives as witnesses to Christ here on Earth and made it to Heaven. This includes loved ones and friends of our families and community who have "won the race" as St. Paul would say.

As we celebrate All Hallows Eve, All Saints Day, and All Souls Day this year, may we enjoy the traditions of our families, and all the candy and treats. May we also celebrate with great joy the saints who surround us and accompany us in this life, and pray for all of those who have gone before us that they may be a part of the Heavenly banquet.

Two dogs and a cat die and go to heaven.

They are brought before God, who interviews them to determine their fate. He asks the first dog, "What did you do when you were alive on earth?"

The first dog answers, "For 15 years I was a guide dog for a blind person. I was killed protecting them from being hit by a taxi."

"Very good," says God. "You will sit at my left side."

God turns his attention to the second dog and asks, "What did you do when you were alive on earth?"

The second dog responds, "I was a police dog for 12 years. I was shot and killed trying to subdue an armed bank robber."

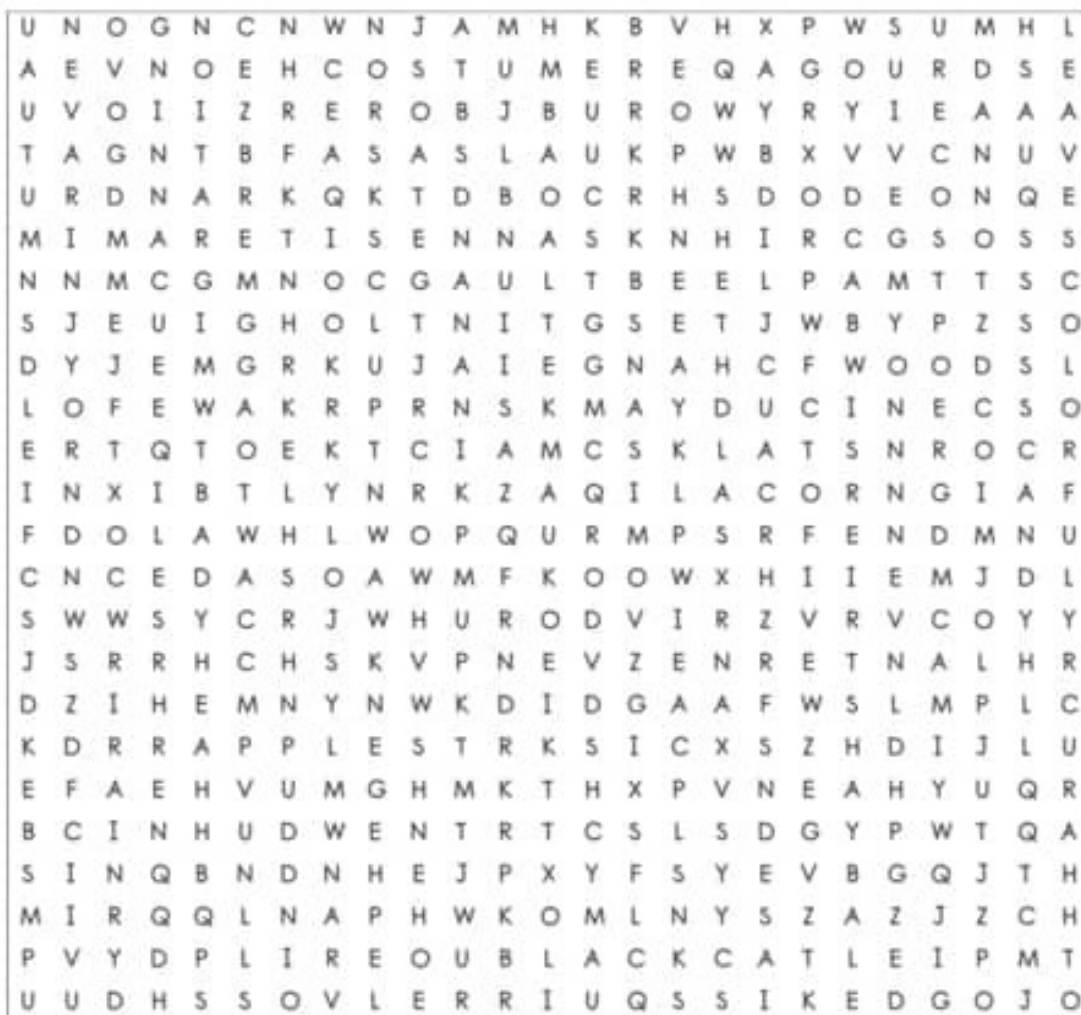
God smiles and nods. "Very good. You will sit at my right side."

God now looks at the cat and begins to ask, "What did you --"

The cat interrupts, "You're in my chair."



Find all 50 HIDDEN WORDS in the word search puzzle below. Good luck!



ACORN
APPLES
AUBURN
AUTUMN
BAKING
BATS
BIRDS
BLACK CAT
CANDY
CANNING

CARVING
CHANGE
CHESTNUT
CIDER
COBWEB
COLORFUL
CORNSTALKS
COSTUME
CROW
DECORATIONS

FIELDS
FULL MOON
GHOSTS
GOURDS
HALLOWEEN
HARVEST
HAY BALE
HAYRIDE
JACKET
LANTERN

LEAVES
MAPLE
MIGRATION
NATURE
PICKING
PUMPKIN
QUILT
RAKE
RAVEN
SCARECROW

SCENIC
SPIDER
SQUASH
SQUIRREL
SWEATER
TRAILS
WAGON
WOODS
YAM
YARDWORK



A man walked into a bar and sat down, and ordered a beer. As he sipped the beer, he heard a soothing voice say “nice tie!”

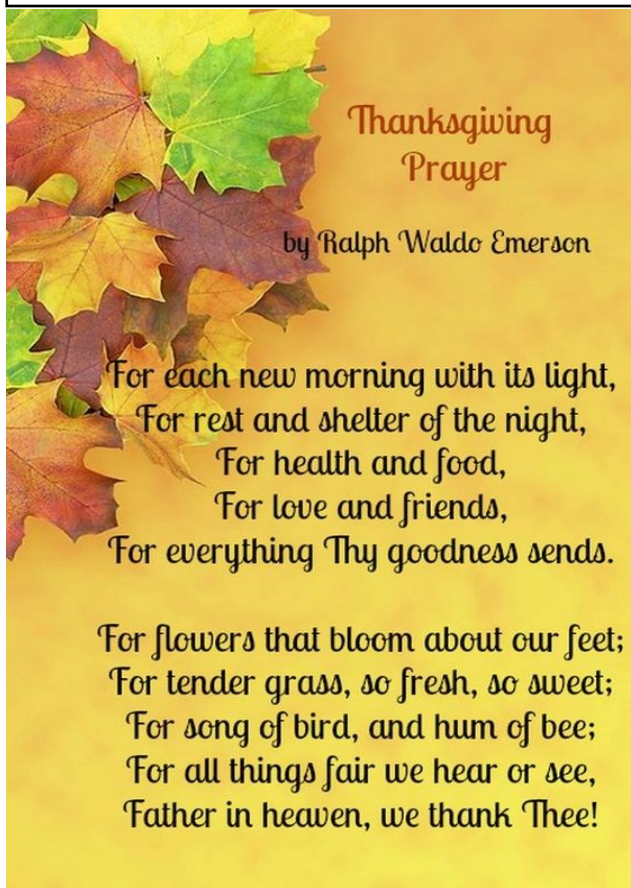
Looking around, he noticed that the bar was empty except for himself and the bartender at the end of the bar. A few sips later the voice said “beautiful shirt”.

Confused, the man called the bartender over. “Hey...I must be losing my mind,” he told the bartender. “I keep hearing these voices saying nice things, and there’s not a soul in here but us.”

“It's the peanuts,” answered the bartender.

“The peanuts?” asked the man.

“Yeah, they’re complimentary.”



Three fishermen were fishing when they came upon a mermaid. The mermaid offered them one wish each so the first fisherman said: “Double my IQ”.

To his surprise he started reciting Shakespeare.

Then the second fisherman said: “Triple my IQ”.

Amazingly, he started reciting maths equations he didn’t know existed. The third fisherman was so impressed he asked the mermaid to quadruple his IQ.

The mermaid said “Are you sure about this? It will change your whole life!”

The fisherman excitedly replied “Yes!”.

So the mermaid turned him into a woman.

Pleasant Hill Community Garden

Are you interested in having a plot this spring (\$25 fee or \$12 for half a plot)? Contact the Garden Coordinator, Bernice Daratha at 306-281-7980. Folks have already signed up! The early bird gets the worm!



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The first Canadian Thanksgiving was reportedly first celebrated in 1579, which was before the first Thanksgiving was celebrated in the U.S. in 1621. A feast was organized by English explorer Martin Frobisher to give thanks for a successful voyage to North America. Currently, Thanksgiving in Canada is celebrated in October. The foods on the Thanksgiving table are similar to what we see here in America with turkey, stuffing, and sweet potatoes. Don't forget the pumpkin pie!

Rome celebrates a harvest festival known as Cerelia. This honors the Goddess of Corn and Ceres. It is celebrated annually on October 4th. Roman custom is to present produced fruits, grains, and animals to the goddess in appreciation. Parades and music are also part of the celebration.

As we look at Thanksgiving traditions around the world, Korea's Thanksgiving holiday is known as Chuseok and also Hangawi. It is celebrated on the same day as the Chinese and Vietnamese harvest festivals that are celebrated on the 15th day of the eighth month. During this festival, songpyeon is served. This is a rice cake whose dough is made using finely ground new rice and filled with sesame seeds, chestnuts, red beans, and other ingredients that are made into a small ball. Families gather the night before to make this special dish as a bonding activity.

Germany's Thanksgiving holiday occurs in early October and is called Erntedankfest. Translated, this means "harvest thanksgiving festival". This is mainly celebrated to honor the harvest. Besides Germany, Austria and Switzerland also celebrate Erntedankfest. There are also church services to begin the celebration with lantern parades planned for the evening.

Chinese Thanksgiving is a 3-day feast called Chung Chiu Moon Festival. It occurs on the 15th day of the eighth lunar cycles of the year, which is mid-August. Featured food includes mooncake, a round pastry that typically contains duck egg yolks, lotus seed paste, and sesame seeds. The yolk represents the full moon and the cakes usually have the baker's logo embossed on top. Family and friends share mooncakes with one another to signify unity and peace to come.

Thanksgiving celebrations in Brazil mimic the United States, even down to the same date, the fourth Thursday in November. It is called Dia de Acao de Gracias. The Brazilian ambassador to the U.S. saw Americans enjoying a day of eating delicious food and giving thanks and decided that Brazilians should do the same. Brazil began to mark the day in the 1940s, and it's been an unofficial holiday ever since. Besides the yummy food, there is a parade and a church service to give thanks.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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OCTOBER 2026						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2pm Life Chain in Support of Life 22 nd & Idylwyld			7pm CWL Ladies Common Room Main Floor			12-5pm Private Function
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED 3-8pm Private Function			OFFICE CLOSED Adrien @ Columbian Manor 7pm Bingo	7pm Music Jubilee		9am Mass 11am-3pm Private Function
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		9am Kaitlyn 730pm 4 th Degree Knights of Columbus		11am Rexall (Darlene) Flu Shot Booster Shot		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			OFFICE CLOSED Adrien @ Columbian Manor 7pm Bingo			130-4pm Private Function