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October 2026 Newsletter

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October-November Calendar

Sunday, October 4 … Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, October 25 … Reformation Sunday (wear red!)
Saturday, October 31 … Halloween
Sunday, November 1 … Daylight Saving Time ends
Tuesday, November 3 … Election Day
Sunday, November 8 … Church clean-up day
Sunday, November 22 … LBC Thanksgiving feast
Thursday, November 26 … Thanksgiving Day
Sunday, November 29 … First Sunday in Advent

Blessing of the Animals

Every year we remember Saint Francis of Assisi, who died 800 years ago on October 3, 2026. This year we will again have a blessing of the animals in memory of the saint who was known for his great love and caring for animals, along with founding the monastic order of the Franciscans, creating the first live nativity scene, experiencing visions, and being the first to receive stigmata.
Your pets are welcome at the service as long as they are well-behaved and comfortable being around other animals and unfamiliar people.

The Little Brown … Birdhouse?

Somebody left a beautifully crafted birdhouse at the church last Saturday. It's wonderfully built, from the bell in the steeple through the windows and front steps, right down to the tiny sign. We have no idea who created it! We have to decide where to display it. It's not constructed to serve

as a real birdhouse – we can't open the roof or the bottom to clean it out – besides which it's too beautiful to leave at the mercy of weather and wildlife. So somewhere in the sanctuary is the most likely place. Any ideas who made it? Who left it at the church? And where should we place it?



Holiday Calendar

The church calendar is getting longer as we approach the holiday season.

- Please plan to stay after church on November 8 to help clean the sanctuary and social hall.
- We will host our traditional Thanksgiving feast on November 22, the Sunday before the official Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 26. Watch for a sign-up sheet at church.
- The first Sunday in Advent, November 29, falls right after Thanksgiving when many people are out of town, so we will decorate the sanctuary for Christmas on the second Sunday in Advent, December 6.

Villarreal wedding

Many of you have had the pleasure of watching Katie and Joe Villarreal grow up at the Little Brown Church. Katie's mother, Helene, sent the photo attached to this newsletter and this information about the new couple:
Katie Villarreal and Tim Doerr were married on September 6, 2026, at Camp Colton, Oregon. Katie's "Man of Honor" was her brother, Joe, and Tim's "Best Woman" was his sister, Lauren. They will continue to reside in Portland with hopes of moving to a new home soon. They were

able to combine their wedding celebration with her Aunt Joanne's 75th birthday. Katie is planning on keeping her Villarreal name.



Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, November 1, is the day we finally get back that hour of sleep we lost in March (except for Ray, since Arizona doesn't observe Daylight Saving Time). Turn your clocks back one hour at bedtime and enjoy the extra rest.

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