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**The Circuit Rider**  
November 2024 Newsletter  
Community United Methodist Church of Kenilworth  
*A Faith Community Ignited by God's Love*

**NOVEMBER 2024 EVENTS**

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES, 10:30 a.m.

Adult and Youth Sunday School after Sunday worship

Pastor Don's Bible Study on Facebook Live, Fridays at 9:00 a.m.

Treasure Shop open Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Prayer Meetings via Zoom every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

ESL Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

November 3, 2024 All Saints Sunday

November 10, 2024 Veterans Sunday

November 13, 2024 United Methodist Women, 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

November 16, 2024 Charge Conference, 11:00 a.m., retreat and planning after

November 17, 2024 Pastor's Appreciation Sunday

November 17, 2024 Harris Sunday, 4:00 p.m., Sponsored by Tara Na Fellowship

November 21, 2024 Community Food Pantry, 4:00 p.m.

November 22, 2024 3M's Gathering, 7:00 p.m.

November 25, 2024 Kenilworth Interfaith Fellowship Thanksgiving Prayer,  
7:00 p.m. at Burough Hall

November 27, 2024 Circuit Rider, 11:00 a.m. at Fellowship Hall

# Pastor's Page

*"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."  
Philippians 4:19*

## My Beloved Church Family and Friends,

I am glad that I can write to you again. I hope and pray that, as you have inspired me with your prayers, support, and participation in our services, through God's grace, I may be able to encourage you and motivate you to give glory to God in all you do.

I urge you to recognize the power of your prayers. Let us earnestly pray for the result of the general election and that all elected officials of our country will be leaders who follow God's will and have a heart of servanthood. Let us also pray for peace and harmony within our diversity, knowing that genuine prayers have the power to bring about positive change through God's grace.

May this month bring us a deep sense of humility as we acknowledge and give thanks to the faith and wisdom of the saints, veterans, and our loved ones who were shared with us. Let us continue their legacy of righteousness and courage to do good to all. Moreover, let's gather together and give thanks for the overflowing blessings that God bestowed and will bestow upon us. Let's fill our hearts with gratitude, even in the midst of sorrow, pain, and scarcity, knowing that God will meet all our needs.

In our Thanksgiving, I challenge you to be generous in love, giving, forgiving, and serving our God and those in need. You can bless someone because you are blessed! God's blessings overflow.

B - Basket of various gifts God has poured  
L - Labeled wraps according to your needs, overflow  
E - Each has love, hope, peace, and joy  
S - Savored with sprinkles of goodness for your soul  
S - Simple and extravagant, just right, enough, but bold  
I - Illustrated in a plan to guide your future, foretold  
N - Never miss a day, always ready to be shared, that is  
G - God's blessings for you are beyond your imagination.

**Yours in Christ,**  
*Pastor Roeline "Wee" Ramirez*





**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Michael Freda
- 3 Edward Keller
- 4 Tom Forti
- 5 Aubrey Wilson
- 9 Elba Martinez
- 12 Charlie Fuquay
- 20 John Sommer
- 21 Garry Borealo
- 22 Edgar Nunez
- 22 Ernie Salvador
- 27 Mel Freda
- 28 Karen Fiorillo
- 28 James Fitzsimmons
- 28 Ali Silva



*“May you have all the love your heart can hold, all the happiness a day can bring, and all the blessings a life can unfold.”*

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 4 Pastor James and Mary Trivett
- 24 Alec and Nice Diaz
- 27 Mario and Karen Fiorillo



*“May your love for one another grow and flourish with each passing year. Happy Anniversary.”*

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“The Bible opens in a garden and closes in a garden for a reason. Jesus chooses nature as a place to teach, to speak to God, to pray, to bless, to heal, to perform miracles, and to refresh himself for the demands of his mortal life. Nature reveals to us so much about God.”

*~Farrell Mason, spiritual writer*

**OUR CONDOLENCES**

**To the family of Evelyn Schenack** who passed away on July 8, 2024, just weeks before her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. You may send condolences to her sister, Irene Kirschner at 85Battle Hill Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081 and her niece, Mrs. Jim (Alice) Dietz at 9 Schmidt Lane, Clark, NJ 07066.

**To Mary Ellen Paxton** on the loss of Matthew Girgus, her partner in life, on July 19, 2024. She asks that you continue to pray for her.

**To Adrian Matos and his family** on the loss of his grandfather, Eugene Matos, on September 20, 2024. Please keep them in your prayers.

**To Bishop Cynthia Moore-Kopkoi and family** on the passing of her brother, Kyle

**To Norma Ares and her family** on the passing of her sister-in-law, Mary Manalang

**To Dr. Guy Francis and his family** on the passing of his cousin, Allen Carter, on October 21, 2024

**To Wiliam “Bill” Pagan and his family** on the passing of his cousin, Jorge Cortes on October 21, 2024

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**REMEMBER: SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK**  
**First day of Daylight Savings Time is**  
**Sunday, November 3, 2024**

**THE DAREDEVIL SQUIRREL**  
From All God's Creatures, Sept./Oct., 2022

The squirrel stood on the railing and sniffed at the pole. He took one tentative step and then another. Too shaky. He returned to the railing.

Filled to the brim with seed, the new bird feeder hung from the end of a horizontal pole attached to a deck across the field from my home. I watched from the couch, fascinated by his persistent efforts to reach his goal. My sliding glass door gave me full view of his pursuits.

The squirrel tried again. This time his efforts took him halfway across the thin pole. He needed a new approach.

This time he made it to the top of the feeder. The pole stayed steady when he crossed it with speed, but the feeder swung under his weight. He leaped back to the safety of the railing,

My stomach tightened. He raced across the hanger again and stretched himself to reach his afternoon snack. I thought he'd lose his grip and feared the worst. But he leaped back to the railing at the last second.

Again and again, he ran back and forth across that thin pole. The bird feeder seemed squirrel proof, but that didn't stop him from trying.

Later, as I chopped vegetables, I thought about how hard he had worked to reach his goal. At dinner I told my husband about of the daredevil squirrel's antics. How his failed attempts didn't stop him. How when one approach didn't work, he found another. How he never gave up.

The squirrel reminded me God has not called me to give up when the odds seem stacked against me. He has equipped me by His grace to persevere and complete my race.

*Lord, thank You for Your grace that*

*enables me to both run and complete my race.  
Please give me fresh ideas that allow me to  
overcome the hurdles I face. Amen.*

~Submitted by Crystal Storms

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**BEATITUDES**

1. "Happy are they who live in the presence of God, for they will never walk alone."
2. "Blessed are they who do not worship the dollar, for heaven can never be bought."
3. "Happy are they who build bridges among peoples, for they will bring peace to the world."
4. "Happy are they who laugh at their own mistakes, for they shall lead merry lives."
5. "Blessed are the Joyful Noisemakers, for they contribute to the happiness of the world."

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**The Family Circus**



**"How do you divide your love among  
four children?"**

**"I don't divide it. I multiply it."**

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from *Behold the Family Circus*, Thomas Nelson Publishers

~From More Holy Humor by Cal and Rose Samra



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women met on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in Fellowship Hall. The meeting opened with a prayer and scriptures from I Peter 3:3-4. The program was entitled "Unlocking the Animal World" from the book by Ingrid Newkirk. Lunch and fellowship followed.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The women will be bringing in their Thank Offering at this time. All women are invited. Please bring a bag lunch; Jane Reilly and Janet Crowe will be our hostesses.

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## COMMUNITY CARE FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry served 13 families from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 providing both food and non-food items, and distributed six Pet Smart Gift Cards to those who have pets. Thanks to all for helping us to continue this mission. We appreciate your generosity and are again asking for donations of cereal which we can use every month.

For our November date, we also need donations of Stovetop stuffing, instant potatoes, canned vegetables, and rice. These items will help to supplement Thanksgiving dinners for our clients. Monetary donations will help us provide Acme gift cards so our clients can purchase fresh food and meat.

Our next distribution date will be the Thursday before Thanksgiving on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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## THE TREASURE SHOP

In addition to our regular hours, the Treasure Shop will be open for a special Christmas bazaar on Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We hope to see you there on one or both of those days!

We welcome all who come to shop and we thank all those who have donated so many different items. Visitors can find something new every Saturday.

It's always good to see new and familiar faces at the Treasure Shop. Thanks so much for visiting!

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## CARING

From Prayers and Promises for Women

"I was hungry. And you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty. And you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger. And you invited me in. I needed clothes. And you gave them to me. I was sick. And you took care of me. I was in prison. And you came to see me... The King will reply, "What I'm about to tell you is true. Anything you did for one of the least important of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

~Matthew 25:35-36, 40 NIRV

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

(Let's pray for you. Let us pray for one another)

**FOR PROTECTION & PROVISION:** Impacted by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton and other countries severely affected by different calamities

**FOR SAFE PREGNANCY:** Samantha M., Rozhelle M., Janielle V., Chandni J., & all women who carry life in their womb

**FOR HEALING & STRENGTH:** Betsy DC., Laura, James F., Reden C., Janet C., Mary O., Beverly, Diana, Bob W., Jun Viuya, Barbara, Jen, Boyet J, Brenda G, Beverly A's Brother, Charles, Eileen, Edna R, Ofelia, Raissa S., Amy J., Theresa, Bryan., Pastor Don, Elba, Sal, Pat, Al B., Gareth A (brother of Cind P)., Jason, Erik Lim, Terri, John Karlovitch, Lori S, Gerliz Anne M., Bill, Judy, Bobot, Rev. Kumar, Marjorie (Ross' Aunt)

**FOR COMFORT AMIDTS SORROW:** *Kyle's* Family (brother of Bishop Moore Koikoi), *Mary Manalang's* Family (sister-n-law of Norma Ares). *Allen Carter's* Family (cousin of Dr. Guy Francis), *Jorge Cortes'* Family (cousin of William Pagan)

**FOR PEACE:** Countries having political instabilities & war

**FOR GUIDANCE & PROVISION:** Teresita & Juan Manuel (Relative of Luisa R.), Abuela B., Drew & Gracielle R. & baby Kaia, Jackie, Vercillie F., Analyn, Robin. T, Mary Ellen, Cathy, Dee K., Elaine Puma & her husband., Betsy DC' parents, Bob W & Karen, A. Restrepo Fam, Fuquay Fam, Opacity Fam, Nunez Fam, Silva Fam,, Yen & Will, Viuya Fam, Janielle & Gerald, Adrian M, Reden & Gloria C., Jane R., Ms. Toni, Kathleen E., Levine fam, Janet H. & Mom Grace, Drew & Gracielle R., Mary Rogers, Faith S., Mr. Tony S & Fam, Caffrey fam, Ptr Heme Ares & Norma Fam, Rachel R. Fam., James & Sharon S., Dale S., Luz A., Luisa & Lucianna R., Wilson Fam, Francis Fam, Vallez Fam, Jeremias Fam, Freda Fam, Crissi & Johnston Fam, Cindy P., Phil L., Marty K., Lori Strubble, Stephanie P., Pagan Fam., Kollory Fam., Abigail., Rich W.,., Duely Fam., Ramirez Fam., Salvador Fam., Stephen N., Peterson Fam., Linda Sosa Fam., Frank., Will., Jessie R., Edit Fam., Fabian & Nattali

**FOR WISDOM in LEADERSHIP:** Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, Rev. DS. Williams III, Pastor Roeline, Ignite UMC Leaders, GNJ Annual Conference staff, pastors, deacons, leaders, Kenilworth Mayor Linda and Council members, Men & Women in service. Government officers and staff. School teachers and staff

**SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THIS MONTH:** Peace, unity, and wisdom during the General Election. Faithfulness, wisdom, and heart of a servant for all elected officials.

**FOR PRAYER CONCERNS AND PASTORAL CARE, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR ROELINE**

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# Kenilworth Interfaith Fellowship Thanksgiving Service

## Monday, November 25, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

*Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.*  
1 Chronicles 16:34 (NIV)

### ALL ARE WELCOME!

- Congregational Ahavas Shalom
- First Baptist Church
- Ignite UMC of Kenilworth
- Kenilworth Gospel Chapel
- New Hope Restoration Church
- Union Baptist Church
- St. Paul AME Church Kenilworth
- St. Theresa R.C. Kenilworth
- Yes, Lord Ministries Kenilworth

### Join us via Zoom

Meeting ID: 315 393 411

Call in number: +16465588656

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/315393411>

### Join us in person

Kenilworth Borough Hall

567 Blvd., Kenilworth NJ 07033



**A PREVIEW FROM WALKING  
IN GRACE 2024**

**By Sabra Ciancanelli**

*Then he said, "I tell you the truth,  
unless you turn from your sins and become  
like little children, you will never get into  
the Kingdom of Heaven."*

~Matthew 18:3

This morning, I jumped on my bike and pedaled down the road. It's a route I've traveled hundreds of times since I was young. As I coasted down Jenny's Hill, named after the woman who lived there some 40 years ago, I took my feet off the pedals and straightened my legs, balancing and swerving, whooshing down the bumpy hill as I'd done as a child.

I felt ineffable joy.

Perhaps it was being on the same road I grew up on, coasting down the same hill, that gave me the feeling of being a kid again – that wonderful, wordless excitement of being both connected and carefree, young and old, all at the same time.

I pondered the word *ineffable*: unable to describe, beyond expression. When I was growing up, I was convinced that everything could be described. There was nothing that couldn't be harnessed with words. Every experience could be expressed through language, and saying you couldn't find the right words was just plain lazy.

I pedaled up the next hill faster and faster and tried to put the ineffable feeling of coasting down the hill and re-experiencing my childhood joy into words. Like God himself, like faith, there are some things I still can't find the words for. I laughed at myself for being decades older and still trying to attempt

the impossible. I let go of trying to capture the magic and let joy flow through me, coasting in the breeze.

*God of Wonder, maker of the ineffable, thank you for innocent childlike joy and a million other experiences that are too beautiful, too wonderful, too amazing to put into words.*

From GUIDEPOSTS, Dec./Jan. 2024

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**Found on facebook**

**Laziness kills ambition**

**Anger kills wisdom**

**Fear kills dreams**

**Ego kills growth**

**Jealousy kills peace**

**Doubt kills confidence**

***Now read that right to left.***

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**A GREAT ATTITUDE!**

**"I have nothing left to prove,  
but I have a lot more to give."**

~Jack Connord, Jr., 87 philanthropist,  
from GUIDEPOSTS Aug./Sept. 2024

## FROM THE FISHWRAPPER

November 21, 2023

### 1. DISTURBING DEVICE

Two youngsters were closely examining the bathroom scales on display at the department store. "Have you ever seen one of these before?" one asked.

"Yeah, my mom and dad have one," the other replied.

"What's it for?" asked the first boy.

"I don't know," the second boy answered. "I think you stand on it and it makes you really upset. That's what it does to my dad and mom."

2. "The secret of happiness is to count your blessings while others are adding up their troubles."  
~William Penn

### 3. CHURCH SIGNS

– Lord, help us to be the people our dogs think we are.

– Honk if you love Jesus, text while driving if you want to meet him!

4. The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because he loves us.

5. Appreciating what you have is the best cure for missing what you have lost.

### 6. GRAY IS MORE THAN OKAY

– I don't have gray hair; I have wisdom highlights.

– My gray hair is hereditary; I get it from my children.

– That's not a gray hair; that's my silver lining.

– Gray hair is a blessing; just ask anyone who's bald.

– The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.

Proverbs 16:31 NKJV

7. For the unlearned, old age can be a time of winter; for the learned, it is often the season of harvest.

### 8. GAMEDAY HOLIDAY

Thanksgiving dinner takes eighteen hours to prepare and is consumed in under twelve minutes. Football half-time takes twelve minutes. Coincidence? I think not!

A good coach can change a game. A great coach can change a life.

"Football is like life – it requires perseverance, self-denial, hard work, sacrifice, dedication, and respect for authority."

~Vince Lombardi

### 9. TOO MUCH TURKEY

I ate too much turkey,

I ate too much corn,

I ate too much pudding and pie,

I'm filled up with muffins

and too much stuffin';

It all just happened

in the blink of an eye!

I piled up my plate

and I ate and I ate,

But I wish I had known

when to stop,

For I'm so crammed with yams,

sauces, gravies, and jams

That my buttons are starting to pop!

I'm full of tomatoes

and French fried potatoes;

My stomach is swollen and sore.

But there's still some dessert,

So I guess it won't hurt

If I eat just a little bit more!



**THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD**  
By Tracy Grump, GUIDEPOSTS April/May 2024

*The heavens declare the glory of God;  
and the firmament sheweth his hand work.*  
~Psalm 19:1 (KJV)

Sure, I enjoy a golden sunset, ocean waves lapping a pristine beach and early-morning mist hovering over a lake. But seeing God's world through my granddaughter's eyes renews my wonder at his creation.

Nellie never tires of scooping up tadpoles and watching their plump bodies, in various stages of metamorphosis, hurtle round and round the bucket. We capture lightning bugs and watch their phosphorescent bottoms blink on and off. Even digging up clay from the hard ground and rolling it into balls fascinates her. "This is so much fun, Grandma!" she says.

My granddaughter notices things that I don't – from the stars in the sky to dirt underfoot. Her excitement sparks my appreciation in my heart for the God who created such a diverse world. Everything in it declares his glory. Sometimes I let the cares of this world rob me of the joy found in experiencing God's wonderful creation. But as long as I see it through Nellie's eyes, I'll maintain that childlike awe and love for the Creator of the universe.

*Thank you, Lord, for giving me a glimpse of heaven through the eyes of a child and letting me see your glory in all of creation.*

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"It can be easy for us to get discouraged with a no, but if we trust that God is directing our path, then we won't receive it as a rejection but as a redirection."

~from *Simply Pray*, by Deb Hopper

**THE ICEBERG OF GRATITUDE**  
From [PositivePsychology.com](http://PositivePsychology.com)

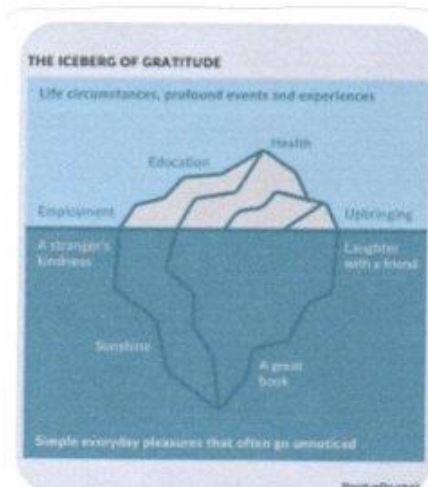
What exactly is gratitude, and how can we experience more of it daily?

Gratitude is the act of recognizing and acknowledging the good things that happen, resulting in a state of appreciation (Sansone & Sansone, 2010).

Often when we consider what we are grateful for, overt and profound life experiences, circumstances, and events come to mind. We may feel grateful for our upbringing, family, job, good health, and the opportunity to gain an education. While recognizing and being grateful for these experiences is important, our gratitude practice must also venture below the surface.

Below the surface, we find the simple, everyday pleasures that often go unnoticed. This may be a great book we read, laughter with a friend, or even the joy of eating ice cream in the sunshine. Whatever these simple pleasures may be, consciously expressing our gratitude for them can help us grow our daily gratitude practice beyond the surface level.

We invite you to consider the full iceberg of gratitude, your fortunate life experiences, as well as simple daily pleasures.



**WORDS OF WISDOM**  
**QUOTES FROM HIDDEN MESSAGE**  
**WORD-FINDS, (A PUZZLE BOOK)**

1. "If I have someone who believes in me, I can move mountains." ~*Diana Ross*
2. "You must show the world you abhor fighting." ~*Desmond Tutu*
3. "I do not participate in any sport that has ambulances at the bottom of the hill." ~*Erma Bombeck*
4. "An early morning walk is a blessing for the whole day." ~*Henry David Thoreau*
5. "One of the great disadvantages of hurry is that takes such a long time." ~*G. K. Chesterton, writer*
6. "A quarrel is like buttermilk, the more you stir it, the more it grows." ~*a Bolivian proverb*
7. "You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than you can in a year of conversation." ~*Plato*
8. "The bond that links your true family is not one of blood, but of joy and respect for each other's life." ~*Richard Bach*
9. "Your attitude is like a box of crayons that color your world." ~*Allen Kline, humorist*
10. "Men are only as rich as they give. He who gives great service gets great rewards." ~*Elbert Hubbard, writer*
11. "If you are losing your leisure, look out, you are losing your soul." ~*Logan Pearsail Smith, essayist and critic*
12. "If people do not believe that mathematics is simple, it is only because they do not realize how complicated life is." ~*John Louis von Neumann, mathematician*
13. "My favorite things often have a story behind them and are usually handmade or discovered at a flea market." ~*Ann Sedaris, actress*
14. "Another human character flaw is that everybody wants to build and no one wants to do maintenance." ~*Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.*
15. "I would rather be adorned by beauty of character than jewels." ~*Plautus, a Roman writer*
16. "Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the number of apples in a seed." ~*Robert H. Schuller*
17. "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." ~*William Butler Yeats*
18. "There must be more to life than having everything." ~*Maurice Sendak*
19. "This one step – choosing a goal and sticking to it – changes everything." ~*Scott Reed*
20. "Success is the ability to go from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm." ~*Winston Churchill*
21. "He who hesitates is not only lost, but is miles from the nearest exit." ~*Ian McEwan*
22. "You must expect great things from yourself before you can do them." ~*Michael Jordan*
23. "The marble not yet carved can hold the form of every thought the greatest artist has." ~*Michelangelo*



# Some Memories of our October 2024







# Thanksgiving Word Search

Find the words listed in the word bank below.

N	O	V	E	M	B	E	R	T
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K	X	U	T	O	W	P	F	A
E	Z	M	G	L	A	L	D	V
Y	D	N	M	P	I	E	Q	E
P	U	M	P	K	I	N	O	S

- Thanks
- Autumn
- November
- Pumpkin
- Pie

- Turkey
- Apple
- Leaves
- Fall
- Holiday

