

Halloween Party/Fall Fest for All Ages

An easy-to-throw intergenerational gathering for your church or neighborhood.
Community gatherings don't have to be Pinterest Perfect...just fun!



Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin

Bring in a large pumpkin (that you've weighed in a store or at your home) and have guests submit their guess to it's weight--without picking it up.

The winner gets the pumpkin.



Halloween Selfie Station

Set up a picture station with a simple backdrop and 10 to 12 costume props. Devil's horns headband, witches hat, mustache, big glasses, etc. Or just Google "Halloween Photo Booth Props" and order some ready made. They're pretty inexpensive.

Many seniors have their own smart phones, but it would be a good idea to have someone there available to take pictures. If you have some teenagers handy, have them come and give "selfie stick" lessons. You might also want to have a Polaroid on hand for instant prints.

Halloween Story Corps

Set up a corner with some good lighting and someone to video everyone from the youngest to the oldest among you telling their favorite Halloween memory.

If it's a church group, share with your church. A retirement community, make it available to the activities director to show at a later date.

If your crew is internet savvy, post it password protected to YouTube and send out the link and password to all who participated.



Don't miss the opportunity for mission. Fall is the perfect time to collect socks to donate to your local shelters and homeless advocacy groups. #socktober

Super Easy Snack Options

Zero Effort

- Cheeseballs
- Orange slices
- Gummy Worms
- Halloween Oreos (orange filling)

Little Effort

Turn mini peanut butter cups upside down insert a pretzel stick to make a little "broom."

Make a mix of Bugles, candy corn, Corn Chex, Honeycomb cereal and fall colored M and M's.

Beverages

Sprite and Lime Sherbet Punch

Carmel Apple Cider (a gallon of cider in a crockpot heated with about 20 melted Kraft caramels. Be sure and stir together.)



Halloween Trivia

1. What is the word Hallowe'en an abbreviation of? – All Hallows Eve
2. What is a group of witches called? – A coven
3. What would you traditionally bob for at Halloween parties? – Apples
4. What is the traditional name for a pumpkin with a face carved into it, when it is illuminated from within by a candle? – Jack O' Lantern
5. What were Jack O'Lanterns carved from before pumpkins were used? – Turnips.
6. Which song was a 1973 hit for Bobby "Boris" Pickett and the Crypt-Kickers? (lyric clue: it was a graveyard smash.) – "Monster Mash"
7. Who wrote the novel "Dracula"? – Bram Stoker.
8. Name the country over which Vlad Dracula once ruled, which still considers him a national hero? – Romania
9. Hallowe'en was first celebrated by what ancient people? – Druids
10. Who wrote the novel, "Frankenstein"? – Mary Shelley
11. What was Dr. Frankenstein's first name? – Victor
12. Why did the tradition of fancy dress for Hallowe'en begin? – So that when evil spirits see you, they'll think you're one of them and leave you alone.
13. What does the old English word "Hallow" mean? – Saint.
14. By what Halloween-y name is midnight also known? – The witching hour.

Ministry Tie-In



Candy corn makes for a good illustration of the Holy Trinity. Three colors dwelling together in one candy. It's an imperfect analogy, but imperfect is about as close as you get when trying to explain the inexplicable.