

May 2011



Ministerial Moments

This last month has been truly a humbling experience for me. The church has been so gracious and loving in allowing time for me to be with Mom when she was in the hospital and nursing home. You sent flowers and cards which I know she greatly appreciated. The last two days I really thought she was going to make it through once again. She seemed stronger. She was alert and able to make decisions. Then suddenly it was over. I know it happens like that a lot of the time.



Her church had switched its traditional service to an earlier time shortly before she moved here, so she was very glad to be able to get to go to church again and mingle with people. As those of you who have had relatives who were house-bound know, the greatest difficulty for the elderly is often loneliness. Mom enjoyed Sunday school and Evangelical Daughters.

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SAVE THE DATE ! ! ! ! - Sunday, May 15th



On **Sunday May 15th** we will celebrate the retirement of Mabel Schickedanz. She has served our church for 75 years as organist and later added choir director.

An open house is planned for May 15th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the church basement.

Evangelical Daughters Cookbook! ! !



It's been over 10 years since Daughters have put together a cookbook.

Well the time has finally come, they are in the process of gathering recipes to put in a new cookbook.

Evangelical Daughters is asking for everyone to share recipes with them. If you have a recipe that you would like to publish in the book, give it to Janet Fauth, Susie Stewart or Stacey Pilbean or any member of Daughters.

Mother ☐ Daughter Tea

Come join us for our annual Mother Daughter Tea on **May 2nd at 6:30 pm** in the Church basement.

Dinner will be our fabulous assortment of salads.

Mothers -- There will be a time on the program for those who would like to share a memory or feel free to bring a picture of your Mother to share with the group.

Admission will be a **donation** for the **Violence Prevention Center**
The VPC is a non-profit organization and all donations are tax-deductible.

Donation suggestions:

Supplies: Paper towels, 30-Gallon trash bags, 55-Gallon trash bags, bleach, simple green cleaner, SOS pads

Food: Sugar, cookies and chips (any sort of after-school snacks), juices (Quart size)

Personal Hygiene: Kleenex, Hair conditioner, Deodorant, Baby Wipes

Clothing: Pajamas and Robes (all sizes especially plus sizes), House slippers

Monetary: Make check payable to VPCSWI (Violence Prevention Center of South-western IL)

Monetary donations may also be mailed to: VPCSWI, P.O. Box 831, Belleville, IL 62222-0831



Comments from the Church Mouse

As a little church mouse I find spring time invigorating. Pastor Gail had an open book that I was able to snuffle through, and I found that I was not the only one who liked spring. Let me show you what some poet's have said.

“An optimist is the human personification of spring”
- - Margaret Elizabeth Sangster

“Spring is God’s way of saying, ‘One more Time!’”

“The year’s at the spring,
And day’s at the morn;
Morning’s at seven;
The hill-side’s dew-pearled;
The lark’s on the wing;
The snail’s on the thorn;
God’s in his Heaven-
All’s right with the world!”

Doesn’t that make
you feel good and,
hopefully, want to come
to church and praise
God with other worship-
ers for this wonderful
time of year?



- - Robert Browning,
The Year’s at the Spring

Greeter and Ushers for May and June

May 1: Gene & Betty Bollmeier, Kevin McDonald

May 8: Mother’s Day - Sunday School, Carol Mercer,
Susie Stewart

May 15: Linda Jones, Dale & Sharon Reese

May 22: Gene & Betty Bollmeier, Curt Werner

May 29: Ruby Lehman, Todd Erb, Katie Cowell

June 5 - Ruby Lehman, Todd Erb, Katie Cowell

June 12 & 19 - Larry & Kathy Matzenbacher, Carol Gladson

June 26 - David & Evelyn Schneidewind, David & Mindy Schneidewind



June and July Tidings Newsletter

June and July newsletters are normally slim pickings. Not much is going on in the summer. So we are going to combine June and July Tidings.

So when you receive the next newsletter at the end of May for June. The Tidings will be for July as well. This will save on paper and postage.

Deadline for this issue will be: Sunday, May 15th.

A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon.

"How d you know what to say? He asked.

"Why, God tells me."

"Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?"

The Sunday School Teacher asks, "Now Johnny, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?"

"No sir," little Johnny replies, I don't have to. My mom is a good cook."

May Birthday's

Susie Stewart	1
Marilyn Lewis	2
Kenny Jenkins	2
Kevin McDonald	7
Fred Keim	13
Greg Ray	15
Elizabeth Stuart	18
Kenny Raban	25



May Anniversary's

Larry & Linda Jones	3
Jim & Tari Carpenter	7
Calvin & Delow Fruth	30

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I have been overwhelmed by the cards, condolences and love shown me and my family since Mom passed. Many of you sent food when you heard Hope and her family were coming for the burial. Some of you sent memorial gifts which will be donated to the Daughter's Carpet Fund since the sanctuary carpet will soon need replacing. The Council sent a lovely plant/floral arrangement for the Memorial service.



Late, the morning after Mom's death, after we had made preliminary funeral arrangements, Ron and I returned to Marissa and I came to the church to check my phone messages. I had one person with a water turn-off notice and two with Ameren power cut-off notices. Having to put others needs before my own, might have been the best thing for me, for I realized that while I needed to mourn, that did not stop the earth from turning and the needs of some in this community are great. In the last two weeks I have had two requests for help with water bills, and four or more with Ameren turn-off notices. One person said that because Ameren can't turn off the power during the winter months, they didn't send bills either. This person had not had a bill in two or three months. (Whether there is anyway of verifying this claim, I don't know.)

Many of you came by the office, especially after those first few days to check and see how I was doing. So far so good, although there is a hole there and I am sure after Easter when there isn't as much to do, I will feel the loss more than I have allowed myself to do so now. In the meantime, I am forever thankful for this church and for my husband, Ron. Without you, I don't know how I could get through.

Due to Mom's illness, Ron and I did not get out and canvas the neighborhood as we had planned for the Welcome Sunday. Susie Stewart and Bobbi Duffie have put together Welcome bags for visitors, however, and have given at least one to a guest. We did have four visitors on Sunday April 10 and I know that everyone enjoyed and appreciated the wonderful Social Hour before church on April 10.

Blessing, Pastor Gail

Easter Lilies In Memory and Honor List

In Memory of	LOVED ONES	from Leroy & Marlene Karsten
In Memory of	SHANNON RAY CATHCART	
In Honor of	OUR CHURCH FAMILY	from Ken and Lorrie Lehman
In Memory of	WILLARD & ELSIE MATZENBACHER	
In Memory of	ALVIN & HELEN PATTON	from Larry & Kathy Matzenbacher
In Memory & Honor of	LOVED ONES	from Charles & Janice Schmidt
In Memory of	BERNICE SCHMIDT	from the Family
In Honor of	RYAN, CRYSTAL, NOLAN & ASHLYN CATHCART	
In Memory of	SHANNON CATHCART	from Gary & Susie Stewart
In Memory of	DOROTHY & KENNY GROH	
In Memory of	JIM & LILLIE GROH	from Kay Trotter &
In Memory of	ANNA & CHARLES KNIPPEL	Carol Reinhardt
In Memory of	MARTHA, PEARL & LES LEHMAN	
In Memory of	FRANCES HARRIMAN	from Bob & Imogene Lehman
In Honor of	RUTH ERB	from Todd Erb
In Memory of	CLYDE FAUTH	from The Fauth Family
In Memory of	ELEANER C. EICHENBERGER	from Ron and Gail Geisel
In Memory of	JOHN MERCER	from Carol Mercer
In Memory of	ALBERT WAELTZ	
In Memory of	EDYTHE WAELTZ	from Duane Waeltz
In Memory of	MR. & MRS. PAUL WERNER	
In Memory of	MR. & MRS. WM. WERNER	from Curt Werner
In Memory of	LOVED ONES	from Dean & Kathleen Robert

MAY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Yom HaShoan (Holocaust Remembrance Day)	2 Mother/ Daughter Tea 6:30 pm	3	4	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10 Council Mtg @ 7:00 pm	11	12	13	14
15 Mabel's Retirement Party 2-4 pm DuBois Sum.	16 Blood Drive MHS Band Concert	17	18	19	20	21
22 Deadline for June/July Tidings MHS	23	24	25	26 Pastor's Appreciate Day at DuBois	27 MHS Graduation 7 pm	28
29 Patriotic Hymns	30 Memorial Day	31	June 1 - Last day of School for Marissa Students June 6 - Daughters Mtg-7 pm, Region 8 @ Darmstadt 7 pm June 12 - Pentecost, wear red, Confirmation of Eijiah Schmierbach June 19 - Trinity Sunday and Father's Day			

FRIEDENS WILL HOST COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

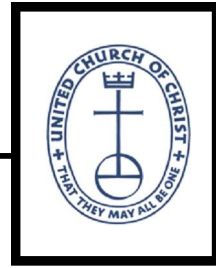
MONDAY, MAY 16th
FROM 2:30-6:30 P.M.



If you can't give blood, please help us out!
There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.
Please sign up your help is needed!

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blood and
make a
difference**



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