

The Tidings

November 2011



Ministerial Moments



November already! Time to hit the ground running as we gear up for the Holiday Season. Ron and I came back from our vacation rested, if off schedule. I got some things cleaned up in the office and home, though I'm not sure anyone else would notice. I also got some Thank You notes written regarding Mom's funeral; no telling when I will finish although most of those who made donations that I know of have been written. We also went to a revue at the Missouri Historical Museum/Jefferson Memorial called "Just a Song at Twilight". It was a retrospective of the heydays of vaudeville, including songs and a slide show of stars of the day. While there I discovered that they have a champagne brunch on Sundays, so we went back for the brunch. It was the nicest brunch I have ever been to with choice of egg dishes served from a menu, while the rest was a buffet. Ozzy, who usually comes back from vacation at the Bed and Biscuit in Pinckneyville all cuddly, came back with a "how dare you leave me behind" attitude and has been making us pay, pretending he has forgotten his manners ever since. Sometimes I feel we are caught in the Smother Brothers Comedy Hour with "the dog always liked you best!"

I don't think some of you realize the amount of work the Council is taking on this year. Larry, of course, worked on our bell and got some others to help him. Bobbie has become lead Trustee and has called for much of the maintenance problems of the church. She is responsible for getting the trees trimmed and removed from the church property.

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What do you get if you cross a pointy black hat and some leftover turkey?

A Witch-bone.

Community Thanksgiving Service - Nov. 22

This years Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at **Friedens UCC** on **November 22 at 7:00 p.m.**

Carol Mercer is getting members from as many churches to help out with the skit.





Comments from the Church Mouse



As a little church mouse I hear a lot while I'm in my hidey-holes or scurrying about. I heard a lot of compliments about the October 1st Wurstmarkt. It was a nice day, there were no other big activities in the are, and there was a Cardinal game in the late afternoon. Anyway, the flow of customers was nice and steady, and they kept leaving those great crumbs for me. We have such good food, and I love the leftover morsels some diners leave on the floor.

Susan Oyler and her crew did a fantastic job!!

Now I await the Evangelical Daughters annual Christmas Bazaar on November 19th. They have all those wonderful home-made cookies for sale and the lovely cookie crumbs inadvertently left for me. I like looking at all the clever crafts, too. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday the 19th will be a busy time.

Then on Monday, November 21st, the American Red Cross will return for a blood drive from 2 to 6 p.m. Hopefully, their new computer system will make things run efficiently. If I'm not too full from tidbits of the Bazaar, I'll feast on sandwich and cookie scraps there, too.

The next evening will be the Community Thanksgiving service that Friends will host. Mice can be thankful, and after the bazaar and the blood drive, I know I will be.

Oh, and don't forget Daylight Savings begin November 6. Grandfather mouse always said, "You fall back in time". It will be a fine month. (And it will be even better if we have a choir and an organist.)

Sincerely the Church Mouse

BLOOD DRIVE - NOVEMBER 22!!!

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!

Winter is a critical time for patients in the St. Louis area.

Please give blood!

NOVEMBER 21st - - - - - FROM 2:30-6:30 P.M.





Evangelical Daughters Christmas Bazaar



Evangelical Daughters' annual bazaar will have crafts, white elephants, home made jams, jellies, fudge, etc. and of course our cookie sale.

Saturday, November 19 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

REMINDER

All recipes for the Daughters Cookbook are due on Sunday, December 4th!

Keep an eye out for the Christmas Poinsettia's order form in the December Tidings.

Greeter and Ushers for November and December

November 6 - Jay & Leslie Lehman, Cindy Galle

November 13 - John & Janet Fauth, Eloise Fauth, Pat MacBeth

November 20 - Dwayne Waeltz, Janice Schmidt, Pat MacBeth

November 27 - Susan Oyler, Kathleen Robert, Linda Jones, Karla Hellsten



Happy Thanksgiving

December 4 - Dave & Pete Dressel, Kay Trotter, Mike Trotter

December 11 - Gene & Betty Bollmeier, Linda Jones

December 18 - Jay & Leslie Lehman, Neal Galle

December 24 - Christmas Eve - Church Council Members

December 25 - Fred & Marilyn Lewis, Albert & Caroline Galle



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Many of you have said how nice it looks. The company's stump remover broke down, but once it is fixed they will be back to take care of the two stumps. She is also responsible for getting the awning company to come and get the awning to repair it. It had a seam tear. Lately she has been getting bids on new carpeting for the church. After the first bid, we realized we were about 1/3 the way to being able to afford new carpeting. Curt Werner has agreed to read over the Insurance Board material and make sure we are in compliance with new regulations. We also have a couple of people looking over the Church use fee schedule regarding updating it.

Marlene, as Vice President, has taken a huge load off my shoulders in the search for a new organist. We thought we had struck a home run with the first candidate, but the ball went foul. Fortunately, we have two more good candidates and several leads. We still hope to have someone by Advent. Marlene, Kay and John also handled the Lay Sunday while I was gone and I have had very good reports for how well it went. Marlene also headed a committee to go over the Constitution and By-Laws and suggest changes. You will hear more about this nearer the Annual meeting.

I have asked Carol Mercer to put together a skit for the November 22 Community Thanksgiving service. She will be using members from as many of the different churches as she can find. The skit will be about the story of what many of us call the First Thanksgiving. The service is Tues. November 22 at 7:00PM.

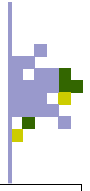
MISSION 1

Beginning November 1 through November 11, we will be taking part in the UCC Hunger Campaign. What they are asking is that each of us to bring 11 can, dry, or commodities to donate to our Local Food Pantry. I don't know that we have ever had a campaign to help our local communities before. The food is to be brought to the church and placed in our food basket where it will be counted before being taken to the Food Pantry. I, or someone from the church, will then enter what we have donated to a spot on-line so that the national church can keep track of how much is being donated. Money can be donated to the Hunger Campaign of the UCC on-line, or if you wish, to the Marissa Ministerial Alliance. On November 6, we have been asked to take part in a letter writing campaign to our congressional representatives regarding Hunger legislation. I will have some model letters ready for you to sign and labels with our Senators and Representative names on them. If you wish to write your own letter, you may do so, just let me know that you have sent it so that we can get credit for it.

Blessings

Pastor Gail

ASKED TO WRITE A COMPOSITION ENTITLED, "WHAT I AM THANKFUL FOR ON THANKSGIVING." A STUDENT WROTE, "I AM THANKFUL THAT I AM NOT A TURKEY."



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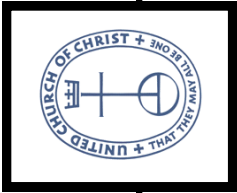
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 All Saints Day Mission 1 Begins Sonshine Corner Mtg 1 pm	2	3	4	5
6 Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Letter Writing after Church Macke Bldg Din- ner 11:30 to 2:00	7 Evangelical Daughters Mtg 7 pm	8 Church Council Mtg 7pm	9	10 Wedding Rehearsal 4:00 pm	11 Wedding 3:00 pm Mission 1 Ends	12 Toast of Marissa
13	14	15	16 Clergy Gathering at DuBois 9:30 to 3:00	17	18 RSVP Due to New Athens Christmas Luncheon	18 Daughter's Christmas Bazaar
20 Exekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 ; Matthew 25: 31-46	21 Blood Drive	22 Community Thanksgiving Meal @ Biddle- born UCC 7 pm	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25 Wedding Rehearsal	26 Wedding
27 First Sunday of Advent	28	29	30	DECEMBER: 2nd: Wedding Rehearsal ; 3rd: Wedding, BPW Lunch with Santa at Township Building ; 4th: Christmas Walk to first Baptist 6:30 pm ; 6th: New Athens Women's Guild Luncheon, bring toy worth (min.) \$5.00.		

November Birthdays

Bobbie Duffie	2
Daniel Dressel	3
Melissa Curry	8
Carol Gladson	8
Mandi Schmierbach	12
Alice Childers	14
Robert Lehman	14
Kathy Matzenbacher	14
Ryan Cathcart	15
Delow Fruth	16
Kandice Unfried	17
Kathleen Robert	20
Caitlin Cowell	21
Mike Trotter	22
Amber Rahlf	24
Susan Oyler	25
Dennis Galle	28
Blanche Schmierbach	28
David Reese	30

November Anniversaries

Milton & Dorothy Dressel	13
Gene & Betty Bollmeier	14
Mike & Peggy Dierks	24
Charles & Janice Schmidt	24



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*"Through the Spirit we are
a Church on the Move: Wel-
coming, Caring,
Sharing."*

Don't forget to Fall
back in time on
Sun. Nov. 6.

 It's time to
"Fall Back!"
Daylight Savings Time
Ends Sunday at 2am



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