

June / July 2012



# The Tidings

## Ministerial Moments

By now most of you know I have had carpal tunnel surgery on my right hand. The first week with “the club” was the hardest. I have now graduated to a wrist brace and the stitches will come out next week. My list from the doctor shows about a 10 week recovery period. So far so good.

Lots of things are happening and in the works. In May, Marlene put together a new Fellowship Group. This group is making a beautiful quilt and I think it will be the one raffled off in November. Janice Schmidt showed me some blocks for a baby blanket they have started embroidering as a possible next project. I used to love to embroidery, knit and crochet so I am hoping when my wrist heals I will eventually find I can do those things again.

On June 24, we will have our first official Summer Fellowship activity sponsored by Funds and Fellowship. We have tried to get something going the last two years and it always fell through. This year we have scheduled a Grizzlies game for 6:05. Please get your reservations to Susan Oyler ASAP (deadline is June 1, I think) so she can get our seats together.

On May 22, we hosted the Region 8 meeting. Susan Oyler is our representative and put together some really good refreshments. Our speaker that night was Conference Program Coordinator, Rev. Jerry Bennett. Jerry informed us of work that has been on-going since the last Conference Annual meeting to revision the conference. I will be sharing this with the Council to get their input. As we get closer to the final form, it will also be shared with you.

We are in very urgent need of church delegates to Conference Annual meeting. The meeting will once again be at the Shrine and will take place on September 7& 8.

Pre-Annual meetings will be held Aug.5 at Addieville (afternoon), August 9 at Valmeyer (evening) and Aug. 12 at Staunton (afternoon). You only need to go to one, and one generally helps if you have to miss part of the Annual Meeting. Both the Pre-Annual meetings and the Annual meetings have gotten better since Rev. Sheldon Culver has been Conference minister and added her input to help organize them. The annual meeting Warm-up Event is open to lay people as well as clergy.

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## Greeter and Ushers for June, July and August

June 3 - Ruby Lehman, Todd Erb, Katie Cowell

June 10 & 17 - Larry & Kathy Matzenbacher, Carol Gladson

June 24 - David & Evelyn Schneidewind, David & Mindy Schneidewind



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July 1 & 8 - Pat MacBeth, Carol Mercer, Curt Werner

July 15 & 22 - Bobbi Duffie, Jean Riess, Dale Sinn

July 29 - Jay & Leslie Lehman, Dennis & Nicole Sinn

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August 5- Mike & Peggy Dierks, Leroy & Marlene Karsten

August 12 - Mike & Peggy Dierks, Bobbi Duffie

August 19 - David & Stacey Pilbean, Ruby Lehman

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

## Region 8 News

Region 8 had it's meeting at Friedens on May 22nd. Churches present were Lebanon, Lenzburg, Marissa, New Baden, Trenton and Darmstadt, guest speaker was Jerry Bennett.

### Upcoming Region 8 Events:

Saturday, June 23rd from 4 to 7 pm - Steak Dinner @ Darmstadt. Beef or Pork Steak, RSVP required call 295-2892 Larry Wagner.

Sunday, July 29th @ 4 pm - Pot Luck Picnic at Darmstadt. RSVP by July 22nd. Meat will be provided, bring a side dish, beverage, lawn chair and a game to share.

Thursday, August 12 from 11 am to 2 pm - Open House @ New Athens Home

September 7th to 8th - Annual meeting

September 9th - Schlactfest @ Biddleborn

September 15th - Donut Race @ New Baden

September 30th - Poker Run @ New Baden

October 6th - Friedens Wurstmart

October 7th - DuBois Center Fall Festival



# JULY BLOOD DRIVE

## MONDAY, JULY 9 - FROM 2:00-6:00 P.M.

SUPPORT THE BLOOD BANK  
**Donate your  
blood and  
make a  
difference**

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!



### June Anniversary's

Neal & Joan Galle	2
Craig & Melanie Rahlfs	2
Tom & Bobbi Duffie	5
Fred & Marilyn Lewis	17
Martin & Alberta Galle	18
Bob & Lucille Schmierbach	27

### June Birthday's

Paula Neely	1
Pastor Gail Geisel	6
Sarah Galle	7
Bob Schmierbach	8
Irving Schickedanz	12
Courtney Swartzkopf	13
Sharon Reese	16
Leslie Lehman	18
Gertrude Heil	22
David Keim	27

### July Birthday's

Ruby Lehman	1
Kenny Bollmeier	5
Fred Lewis	11
Dale Reese	12
David Dressel	13
Larry Matzenbacher	18
Peggy Dierks	23
John Barrett	23
Nolan Cathcart	24
Janet Fauth	25
Craig Rahlfs	28



### July Anniversary's

Mike & Debra Raban	11
Jay & Leslie Lehman	16
Leroy & Marlene Karsten	31

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It will involve dinner and the speaker will be Mary Blaufuss, formerly of ISC, currently the UCC executive of Volunteer Ministries. You do not have to go to the warm-up event if you are a delegate and you do not have to be a delegate to go to the warm-up event. There usually is a small charge for the dinner.

Among the other things Jerry told us, this year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the missions of the UCC Council for Health and Human services. Of course, in the St. Louis Metropolitan area, many of our churches have been in relationship with these services over 100 years. To celebrate this, the Council for Health & Human Services has created a program called "Jesus Called: We Followed" Passport to Mission. As part of this program, each person or family will receive what looks like a Passport booklet with each of the local or somewhat local missions, listed in it with a description of each mission. One possibility is that we have speakers or arrange field trips to the various missions. I plan to present the passports at Evangelical Daughters on June 4 and see what we might like to do. Two which would make good speakers are the Deaconess Foundation and the Deaconess Parish Nurse Ministries. Field Trips could be done to the Neighborhood Houses in St. Louis (I think this used to be Caroline Mission) and the Emmaus Homes for Developmentally Disabled adults in St. Charles, MO. Others include: New Athens Care Home, Hitz Memorial Skilled Nursing Home (Alhambra), Hoyleton, Kindercottage, and Upland Retirement Village in Pleasant Hill, TN (think you're on your own getting to this one.) It is always nice to know what our larger church and conference is involved in.

As promised, I have been in touch with Rev. Howard Self regarding how to make a donation to the rebuilding in Harrisburg. He has said we can send our donation through the Conference office. I therefore, have decided that should you wish to make a donation to the relief effort in Harrisburg, our best time for this offering will be during the month of June. If you write a check, please mark Harrisburg tornado in the memo area and Susie will know how to deposit it and Lori can then send off a check to the Conference office marked Harrisburg Tornado.

Throughout the month of May you have been giving me your favorite hymn requests. I will start using these June 3 which is Trinity Sunday. Ron and I will be in town this year on July 1 so that will be our Patriotic hymn Sunday. Yes, I will try to remember to use the original words, which means inserts. Lori is leaving on vacation on June 26 and I am leaving sometime after church on July 1 and will be gone two weeks. Council has decided that Visitation Sunday will be July 8 and Marlene will lead the service on July 15. July 29 will be the First Annual Region 8 picnic at Biddleborn. There is no cost. It is potluck except the meet, so to have proper count please try to make reservations by July 22. There will be more of this in Susan's report.

Christmas in August is tentatively scheduled for August 12 and "Back to Church" Sunday is tentatively scheduled for August 26. Stay Cool.

Blessings,

Pastor Gail

## Grizzlies Baseball Game

Funds and Fellowship is planning a trip in the Grizzlies Game. Sunday, June 24th. Game time is 6:05 Tickets are \$8.00 each. A sign up sheet will be in the entrance way. You need to sign up by June 3rd. Checks can be made to Funds and Fellowship.



If anyone has questions or needs a ride they can talk with Susan, Peggy, Carol, Evelyn or Bobbi.

## 2012-2013 Marissa District Back to School Dates to Remember

**Back to School Day Sign Up - August 2nd - 2-7 pm @ Marissa High School**

Activities Planned for this day:





- Elementary & Jr./Sr. High Registration
- Athletic physicals done by Dr. Nancy Birner and Amber Harriman PAC, Cost \$15.00 which will be donated to the school.
- Carnival Games and Jump House
- Fingerprinting by the Marissa Police Department
- Back to School Haircuts by Jody Lyn'z

**August 15, Wednesday- First Day Back to School, Full day of school**

# JUNE 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Trinity Sunday, beginning of favorite hymns	4 Daughters Mtg - 7 pm	5 Quilters 9 am	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Quilters 9 am Council Mtg - 7 pm	13	14 Coal Festival	15 Coal Festival	16 Coal Festival Parade 6 pm
17 Father's Day Breakfast	18	19 Quilters 9 am	20	21	22	23 Steak Dinner @ Darmstadt RSVT 295- 2892
24 Grizzlies Game	25 55th Anniv. Of UCC	26 Quilters 9 am	27	28	29	30

# JULY 2012

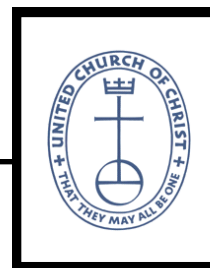
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Patriotic Sun-day	2 Pastor Gail on Vacation until the 16th	3 Quilters 9 am	4 Independence Day 	5	6	7
8 Visitation Sunday	9	10 Quilters 9 am Council Mtg - 7 pm	11	12	13	14
15 Lay Leader Sunday - Marlene Karsten	16	17 Quilters 9 am	18	19	20	21
22 Deadline for Region 8 picnic 475-2959	23 Deadline for August Tidings	24 Quilters 9 am	25	26	27	28
29 Region 8 Picnic @ Biddleborn	30	31 Quilters 9 am				

## Friedens Quilters

Irene Triefenbach and Caroline Galle set up the quilting frame and put in our first quilt on 5/17, Thursday morning in the church basement. The quilters got off to a good start the following Friday morning. Kay Trotter, Kathy Matzenbacher, LaJune Fulton, Caroline Galle, Irene Triefenbach and Ruth Erb did the quilting. Helping and observing were Ruby Lehman, Janice Schmidt, Marlene Vogel and Pastor Gail.

We will continue to meet on Tuesday mornings starting at 9:00 AM, with lunch around noon. Please join us for fellowship and busy hands. Bring a friend.

For more information call Janice Schmidt or Marlene Vogel.



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Welcoming, Caring,  
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