

The Tidings

October 2012



Ministerial Moments

Well, September is here and the weather has finally cooled off. We're even getting a little rain now and then. The drought will probably keep us from having the fall colors we're used to, but I am thankful for cooler weather at least. The Cardinals are once more in a nail-biting race for a play-off spot, which is not bad for having a new manager, but I wish they would get out of this habit. I was a little disconcerted when I watched their game in LA with the Dodgers who are next behind them and saw all the empty seats. Cardinal fans stay with the team to the end.

Christians should do the same. When I was growing up, I heard a lot about "fair-weather" Christians, people whose faith remained strong as long as everything went their way. On the other hand, after 9/11, there was a large increase in church going for a year, so I guess those are "bad-weather" Christians, or the ones who come when they are especially troubled by some-

thing in their lives. Hopefully, we will learn to keep our faith whether life is good or bad; neither turning to the Lord only when we are in need, nor losing our faith in times of trouble. God is with us always, and walks along side us regardless.

On September 16, we had our first Rally Day picnic since I've been here. Even though it was a bit cool and drizzly, we had almost as many people at the Rec Area for breakfast and worship as at a regular service. I do not believe our fishermen caught any fish, but they tried. The food was good the coffee hot. Many thanks to Funds and Fellowship for putting this together, all those who provided food, John Barrett, Kevin McDonald, and Nancy Barbee for the music. I had a lot of positive feedback, so we will keep in under consideration for next year.

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Funds and Fellowship would like to give a big THANK YOU to everyone that attended our Rally Day service at the Rec Area. It was a beautiful day and a great day of fellowship

Wurstmarkt Time!!!

What's that in the front lawn of the church?? Well it's the pink pig in the front lawn of the church. Which means it's that time again. Wurstmarkt Time!!!

Saturday, October 6 - 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

I'm sure that Funds and Fellowship could use as much help as they can get. See the sign up list or Susan Olyer to find out where help is most needed.



Greeter and Ushers for October and November

October 7 - Bob & Imogene Lehman, John Barrett, Ginny, Irving Schickendanz



October 14 - Kay Trotter, Mike Trotter, Carol Reinhardt,

October 21 - Pete & Dave Dressel, Dorothy Dressel

October 28 – Carol Gladson, Susan Oyler, Karla Hellsten

November 4 - Jay & Leslie Lehman, Milton & Blanche Schmierbach

November 11 - John & Janet Fauth, Eloise Fauth, Pat MacBeth

November 18 - Dwayne Waeltz, Janice Schmidt, Pat MacBeth

November 25 - Susan Oyler, Kathleen Robert, Linda Jones, Karla Hellsten



October Birthdays

Kelli Jenkins	4
Linda Jones	5
Mary Jo Warren	5
Michael Lewis	7
Milton Schmierbach	9
Ellie Schmierbach	9
Cindy Galle	13
Pat MacBeth	13
Gary Schmidt	13
Betty Bollmeier	13



October Anniversaries

Albert & Caroline Galle	17
David & Stacy Pilbean	18
Robert & Ruby Lehman	20

Toast of Marissa 50/50 Tickets

If you are interested in purchasing 50/50 tickets for the Toast of Marissa, see Ron Geisel for details.

Neighbors in Need / Communion Sunday

October 7 is World Communion Sunday, the one Sunday during the year when all churches are to take Communion in Unison. It is also the day we collect the Neighbors In Need offering. Neighbors in Need is one of our 5 for 5 UCC offerings. One third of the offering helps Native Americans. The rest is used for Justice and Witness initiatives, advocacy, and direct service projects.



Quilters !!!

Quilter's will start back up on Tuesday
October 9 at 1:00 pm. Happy Quilting!!

Evangelical Daughters Cookbooks for Sale !!!!

The Evangelical Daughters have NEW cook-
books for sale \$10.00

Chili Cook-Off - Village Garage Sale - October 13

Marissa Chamber of Commerce will have their annual Village Garage Sale, Chili Cook-off and Krispy Kremes at the four-way stop on Saturday, October 13.



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On September 7 & 8 Marlene and I attended the Conference Annual Meeting. Our donation from the “noisy” offering (coin only) was \$34.46. In the last Weekly Connection, Don Wagner announced that the Oak Lodge project at

DuBois is now paid in FULL. That means the conference is once again debt free. Other news is that Rev. Jerry Bennett’s position has been made Associate Conference Minister for Programming. This is not a change in position, but a recognition that the work he is doing is indeed that of an Associate Conference Minister. His installation will be November 4, 2012 at St. Paul UCC in Lebanon at 4PM.

In addition, Kindercottage received new status as a recognized member of the Christian Health and Human Services Ministries.

While at Conference, they were giving away old VHS tapes. The one the Sunday School and I will study for the next three weeks is called “God’s Trombones” and is three African American poems telling stories in the Bible such as Genesis and the Prodigal Son.

The second tape set I got is a six week study of ancient worship practices. It is my hope that we may come to a greater understanding of why we do some portions of the service as we do and we may also find some ancient practices we don’t do that we may want to try. Don’t forget, Sunday School is at 9:00AM. The third tape is a PBS special on the Cathedrals and Synagogues of St. Louis. It is my thought at this time that this might be a special showing after which maybe we could put together a field trip.

Ruby Lehman has graciously agreed to serve a second term on the Pastoral Relations Committee. Other committee members are John Barrett and Susie Stewart. If you have any complaints or suggestions, and do not feel you can speak to me, these are the people to which you can go. Any one of them can call a meeting if need be.

October 14 will bring us triple blessings as Alexander Lee and Emory Dean Schneidewind will be baptized at the 10 AM Service. Their cousin Andrew Stuart will be baptized that afternoon at either 3 or 4PM.

Also Logan will be beginning Confirmation soon. We are targeting Pentecost as the confirmation date, but as this year Pentecost is early (the week before Memorial day) we will see. One of the advantages of working one-on-one is that we have some leeway and flexibility.

I will be gone from October 29 – November 5 as a partial vacation/continuing education venture. I will be attending a conference “Widening the Welcome” created by the UCC Mental Illness Network and Disabilities Ministries from November 1-3 in Columbus, OH. This means I will be gone November 4. The calendar designates that Laity Sunday anyway, although this will be the third one this year. Carol Mercer has graciously agreed to be in charge. The Council has decided that there will be no communion that month.

Those who passed in the past year will be honored either October 28 or November 11. I am leaning toward the 28th. If you have someone you would like to have honored on our “Cloud of Witnesses”, please bring me the name or names.

The Community Thanksgiving service will be hosted by the Methodist Church this year on November 20 at 7:00PM.

I am planning a “Blue” Christmas worship service for December 9 at 4:00PM. It has been suggested that a soup supper following would be nice. For those of you unfamiliar with the term “Blue” Christmas, this is a service for all those people who find Christmas a difficult time of year. For many, it is the first year without a loved one. For others, it may be because a family member passed away during the holidays. For still others, it may be because they are lonely and have little to no family to share Christmas with. The purpose of the service is to give comfort.

Blessings Pastor Gail

OCTOBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Evangelical Daughters Mtg 7 pm	2	3 Deadline for New Athens Home Auxiliary Luncheon	4	5	6 Friedens UCC Wurstmarkt - 3:00 to 7:00 pm
7 World Wide Communion, Neighbors in Need Offering,	8	9 Church Council Mtg 7:00 pm	10	11	12	13 City Wide Yard Sale and Chili Cook-Off * See below
14 Baptism of Schneidewind Twins	15	16 Noon Luncheon at New Athens UCC \$7.50	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 6 pm Village Trunk R Treat 7-9 pm KinderCottage Thank you Dinner @ Shrine	27 Marissa Chamber Golf Tourney 11 am @ Rec Area
28	29 Pastor Gail will be out of town until November 5	30	31	October 13: 11:30 AM Luncheon and Style Show at Trinity UCC Biddleborn ; 3-5 ISC Pride at St. Paul UCC Lebanon "20 Questions" Nov. 4-Laity Sunday ; Nov. 5-Evangelical Daughters Mtg ; Nov. 6-Election Day		



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