

The Tidings

October 2013



Ministerial Moments

It is beginning to feel like Fall. It is cooler. The sun sets earlier and a few leaves are beginning to fall. The Pig is Up and Wurstmarkt season has begun! From October 5 through October 9 the church will smell of "eau d' sauerkraut".

By now, nearly everyone has seen the new landscaping on the parsonage side of the church and by the parking lot entrance. Duane Waeltz used the Waeltz' family equipment and got the piping to better divert water from the building, as well as all the rock that you can see. Jay Lehman cleaned the gutters. Ron and Kevin helped with the dirt and rock. I am told that if anyone needs dirt, the pile on the east side of the pavilion is free.

Many thanks also to the Evangelical Daughters who have volunteered to clean the church in Dale's absence. It is much appreciated as they are giving extra time to come and keep the church looking clean.

Some of those on our sick list are getting better. Mabel has been back to church the last couple of weeks. Tom Duffie is back at work and Blanche was feeling well enough to join us in church last week. We are so happy they are getting well. I got word that Lorrie Lehman was to return home Sunday, Sept. 15 also. As of this writing (Sept. 16), Dale is at St. Louis University Hospital awaiting his first chemo treatment. He is in room 817 of the North Building. Dale continues to keep a positive, upbeat attitude, which I believe any doctor or person who has gone through such an illness will tell you

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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 5 - 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 6 - Bob & Imogene Lehman, John Barrett

October 13 - Kay Trotter, Mike Trotter, Carol Mayfield

October 20 - Pete & Dave Dressel, Dorothy Dressel

October 27 – Carol Gladson, Susan Oyler, Karla Hellsten

November 3 - Jay & Leslie Lehman, Milton & Blanche Schmierbach

November 10 - John & Janet Fauth, Eloise Fauth, Pat MacBeth

November 17 - Duane Waeltz, Janice Schmidt, Pat MacBeth

November 24 - Susan Oyler, Kathleen Robert, Linda Jones



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. Toast of Marissa will be Saturday November 9th.

Neighbors in Need / Communion Sunday

October 6 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.



Get Well !!! - Dale Reese

If you haven't heard, Dale Reese is in St. Louis University Hospital. If you would like to send him a card, here is the address: St. Louis University Hospital, 3655 Vista Ave., North Building, Room 817 Bed 2, St. Louis, MO 63110

New Athens Care Home Luncheon

The New Athens Care Home Auxiliary Luncheon will be held on Tues Oct 15 at St. Johns UCC in New Athens at 12:00. Cost is \$8.00. Please RSVP to Martha Cockrell, 500 Hanft St. New Athens, IL 62264 by Oct. 8.

Chili Cook-Off - Village Garage Sale - October 12

Marissa Chamber of Commerce will have their annual Village Garage Sale, Chili Cook-off, Tootin around Marissa and Krispy Kremes at the four-way stop on Saturday, October 12.



Comments from the Church Mouse

School has been going for a few weeks, and kids walk home on North Hamilton from the junior/senior high school each afternoon. I can see them when I climb up into the window ledges.

That reminds me that while Dale is recuperating, several daughters have helped out cleaning the church. The first one I was aware of was Ruby Lehman. Wow, does she know how to clean! She even got into the ledges and disrupted a few crumbs I had hidden in one of the windows. Such a stash is not safe with Ruby around. She is really a worker.

It was nice that the Evangelical Daughters were willing to help keep my/our church clean. It's a big job. They had their first meeting of the school year the Tuesday after Labor Day with a potluck supper. Oh, those ladies can cook. However, they clean a bit too well and didn't leave many morsels for me.

The American Red Cross blood drive the next week was better. There were cookie and sandwich crumbs for me to whisk away before Ruby got in to clean. Since the wonderful Blanche Schmierbach and Lorrie Lehman were both "on the mend", Carol Mercer handled the drive by herself except for the last five minutes when Ron and Pastor Gail came to help close up the blood drive. (Carol had a Business and Professional Women's meeting to go to, and the Geisels were nice enough to help out.)

Isn't it special to have the choir back? I'm enjoying choir practice. The singers and the organist Nancy are fun people. They are working on some cool new music that I just know the congregation will like. Nancy thought one of the choir members were holding an ending note too long last week, but it was really me. She just didn't recognize my squeaky voice. Actually, it was a bit of a compliment.

Doesn't the tree and new gravel near the rear entrance look good? I saw several people working on that and putting gravel beside the wall of the church. I could only recognize Duane Waeltz, however. He is such a neat, fun guy. When he's in the church he pretends he doesn't see me or any signs that I have been around. What a guy!

I was pleased with the people who filled the pulpit for Pastor Gail this summer. I got a lot out of each service, but I loved Ryan Cathcart's voice. Maybe I can get a recording of him reading the books If You Take a Mouse to the Movies or If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, and I can enjoy them at bedtime.

We really have some special people at our church, don't we?

Enjoy the fall weather and make plans to help at, or at least eat at, the October 5th Wurstmarkt.

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goes a long way toward helping one heal. It is my prayer that the rest of you will stay healthy for the remainder of the year.

The Adult Bible Study class and I have begun a study of the Book of Revelation. This is a book of the Bible, we don't use often in our Sunday services and yet it has a strong impact on our culture. Chances are you have heard someone quote something in recent years about the 144,000 who would be "lifted up", and the "sign of the beast". As with most of the Bible, it was meant to address certain people in a certain day. As with the rest of the Bible, many of us have found ways of making it address today also. If you are familiar with the Lord of the Rings series, or the Chronicles of Narnia, you are familiar with the battle between good and evil. To some extent, even the battles within the Star Wars movies and many other films borrow from this same theme which is highly prevalent in Revelation.

When someone talks about the end times and tries to say we are in the "last days" remember Mark 13, particularly verses 32 and 33: "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; For you do not know when the time will come." The best we can do is to keep watch and live every day as if it may be our last: let those you love know you love them, do kindness for someone even if you don't know them, pray for everyone, and enjoy the little things in life. In short, "be prepared" so that you have no regrets.

There are three special offerings for this year's annual meeting. #1. Noisy offering: This will be our loose offering Oct. 13 and 20. It will go the Illinois South Hunger/Food Action Committee. #2 KinderCottage gifts. If there is room in the Tidings, the list will be included. If not it will be on the bulletin board. Please bring items and place them in the basket by the door. I will take them with me. #3 Hitz Home & New Athens Care Home. If you wish to donate to either of these homes, please mark it in the memo part of your check, Oct. 6, 13, or 20. I will take a check with me to Conference.

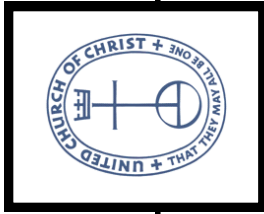
Blessings Pastor Gail

OCTOBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Oct. 6: Friend Chicken at Macke Center and DuBois Fall Festival		1 Pastor Gail out of Office	2 Choir Practice 7pm	3 Set up for Wurstmarkt	4	5 Friedens UCC Wurstmarkt - 3:00 to 7:00 pm
6 World Wide Communion, Neighbors in Need Offering, See above for more	7 Evangelical Daughters Mtg 6:30 pm	8 Church Council Mtg 7:00 pm Deadline for New Athens Luncheon	9 Choir Practice 7pm	10	11 City Movie in the Park, Dusk	12 City Wide Yard Sale and Chili Cook-Off Tootin' around Marissa
13 Ecclesiastical Council at New Baden for Frances Elizabeth Feagans-King	14	15 New Athens Luncheon @ Noon	16 Choir Practice 7pm	17	18 Fall Festival 6-8 pm	19
20	21	22	23 Choir Practice 7pm	24	25 6-8 pm Village Trunk R Treat Conference Annual meeting at Shrine	26 Conference Annual Meeting at Shrine
27	28	29	30 Choir Practice 7pm	31 Trick or Treating 6-8 pm	November 3—Daylight Savings time ends, Fall Back! November 9-Toast of Marissa November 23rd-Daughters Bazaar and Cookie Sale November 19—We host Region 8 Meeting	



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