



The Tidings

APRIL 2014

Ministerial Moments

I write this on the first day of Spring. Last Saturday, the Wurstmart, we discovered that the daffodils, or jonquils, were blooming on the south side of the house as they do most every year for Wurstmart. Yesterday we noticed that the crocuses are blooming on the east side of the house. I'm not sure why, but they seem to come up in a slightly different place and different color each year. The tulips Ron planted in front of the house are up but not blooming as can be said for most of the flowers along the driveway and fence which have been buried under leaves this year.

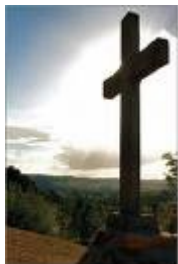
There is a reason why spring, flowers and butterflies are all symbols of the resurrection. All seemingly die and then come to life again. Seeds and bulbs are planted, grow one year, appear to die off and then come back again. Caterpillars create cocoons or chrysalis and after a period of time metamorphosis into moths or butterflies.

On Good Friday, Jesus was crucified. He died and was buried by Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea. On Sunday morning the women went to the tomb and found it empty. Jesus had risen. Every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection. That is why we do not count Sundays among the days of Lent. For those of you who do not remember your confirmation formula for when we celebrate Easter, or who perhaps were never taught it, Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the first day of Spring. That is why it travels all over the place and also why it is always on a Sunday.

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Mother-Daughter Tea

The Mother-Daughter Tea is fast approaching. It will be held on Monday, May 5th at 6:30 pm. It will begin with a finger food/dessert buffet followed by a short program. Mark your calendars!! All is welcome!!

70th Wedding Anniversary Celebrations ! ! !

On April 23rd **Irving and Mabel Schickedanz** will be married 70 years.

On April 30th **Milton and Blanche Schmeirbach** will be married 70 years.

Both couples have been lifelong members of Friedens United Church of Christ. In honor of these events we will celebrate on Sunday April 27th starting with Worship Service at 10:00AM, followed by a meal and reception. Please try to attend. RSVP is not necessary but if you wish call Ruby Lehman, 295-2982 or Marlene Karsten, 295-3555

Greeter and Ushers for April and May

April 6: Kay Trotter, Mike Trotter, Carol Mayfield

April 13: Gene & Betty Bollmeier, Dale Sinn

April 20: Easter—Church Council Members

April 27: Gene & Betty Bollmeier, Kevin McDonald

May 4: Linda Jones, Tim Campbell

May 11: Mother's Day - Evangelical Daughters

May 18: Gene & Betty Bollmeier, Curt Werner

May 25: Ruby Lehman, Todd Erb, Ruth Erb

Spring Wurstmarkt

People, people, people. That's what you saw Saturday March 15th here at Friedens. Five hundred and three people to be exact. We had a very successful Wurstmarkt once again. (new record)

The Funds and Fellowship Committee would like to thank one and all. Without our wonderful church family these successful dinners wouldn't be possible. From the set up night to the clean up we are so blessed to have so many willing to help members. It is a long hard day for everyone but it also is a great time for us all to join together.

As in the past everything was very tasty and we received many, many compliments.

VBS COMING to Friedens This Summer !!!

Friedens UCC will host Community Vacation Bible School from July 7-11 in the mornings. The theme will be "Workshop of Wonders". Members will be asked to help in various ways

April Birthdays

| | |
|----------------------|----|
| Ken Fitch | 2 |
| Mike Raban | 3 |
| Savanah Sinn | 5 |
| Kay Trotter | 7 |
| Betty Bollmeier | 8 |
| Eli Schmierbach | 10 |
| Sandy Triefenbach | 11 |
| Jeremy Dressel | 15 |
| Allison Curry | 15 |
| Karen Bearley | 17 |
| Danielle Sigman | 18 |
| Joyce Fitch | 26 |
| Melinda Schneidewind | 30 |



April Anniversaries

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|------------------------------|----|
| Dean & Kathleen Robert | 4 |
| Irving & Mabel Schickedanz | 23 |
| Milton & Blanche Schmierbach | 29 |

Ministerial Moments Continued

Other News

It is not often that a church gets to celebrate a couple who have enjoyed a 50th anniversary anymore. This year, Friedens gets to celebrate two couples who have made it all the way to their 70th Wedding Anniversary. Married just one week apart, Mabel and Irving Schickedanz and Blanche and Milton Schmierbach will be celebrating their anniversaries at the end of the month. Please pass this information on to others who know them and invite them to join us. There is more information elsewhere in this newsletter.

Region 8

Susan Oyler is our church representative to Region 8 of our conference. They meet every two months to discuss what is going on in our churches and to try to plan things together so that we will have more of a feeling of connectedness to other churches. The churches in our region are: Friedens, St. Peters – Lenzburg, Trinity – Biddelborn, Holy Ghost – Darmstadt, St. John – New Athens, St. Paul – Freeburg, St. John – Mascoutah, Zion – New Baden, St. Paul – Lebanon, and St. John – Trenton. St. John in Trenton has recently installed a new pastor, Rev. Mark Stryjak.

Planned activities this year are:

Saturday April 19 7:00PM Easter Vigil at Lebanon

July Picnic 2:00 TBA Biddleborn

Meetings & speakers:

May Lebanon Conference Pastor

September Marissa KinderCottage

November Lenzburg Equador

Jan. 2015 Trenton Planning meeting.



Blessings,

Pastor Gail

Comments from the Church Mouse

Wow! Wiggle my whiskers! Didn't we have a wonderful Wurstmarkt? We had a record braking 500+ customers on March 15th. I'm sure the Funds and Fellowship Committee want to thank all those who helped and who gave support to the event. (I want to thank all those who left a few crumbs for me. With all the folks, it wasn't hard to scurry out and forage a bit without being seen.)



Sometimes things happen that many do not know about. Ron Geisel got stuck in the elevator near the end of the evening of the Wurstmarkt. He was trying to be helpful and had taken one of the big round tables on the elevator to move it between floors, but the table must have hit the door just right (or wrong) and jammed the elevator. Luckily, Ron keeps a cool head and didn't panic. John Barrett and Duane Waeltz had to really work to manually turn the mechanism to move the elevator.

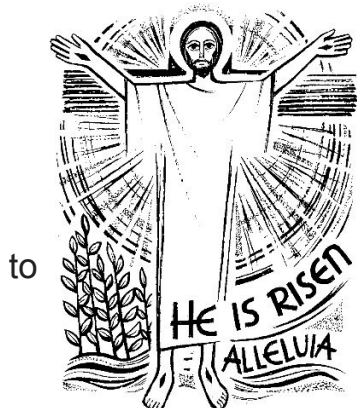
Although I stayed hidden, I marveled at the three of them, and I was impressed with how these men acted under pressure. Now, a mouse lives with a lot of stress, but I don't like the elevator and stay away from it. Besides, it is a lousy food source.

Soon the Wednesday Lenten Service will be here, and I heard our choir rehearsing "Bridge Over Troubled Water" the other night for the service. Oh, my big ears do enjoy that! For a small choir, I think our group sounds good, and Nancy Barbee can make that piano come alive. We are blessed.

I also enjoyed the Evangelical Daughters' Women's Pre-Lenten Breakfast. They had a nice turn out and the ladies who attended were very complimentary. Pastors Gail, Deb, and Becky are such nice ministers, and it was great seeing women from so many different churches worshipping and eating together. (Oh, need I remind you that I love those hot cross buns!?)

The Dart Ball gang has been having a good time. I really stick to my hidey hole in Fellowship Hall went they play because, as good as they are, those darts are sharp and occasionally miss their target.

Now that we have had some warmer days, I think four legged creatures and two legged creatures will have more energy. Then the two legged variety can join me in coming God's House and praising the Lord.



Greeters and Ushers 2014 - 2015

September 2014 through February 2015

** It is very important that if for some reason you can not make your scheduled week(s), please find a replacement or contact a church council member. If your name does not appear on this list, please contact a church council member to report the oversight. Thank you!

| Date | Ushers and Greeters |
|------------------|--|
| September | 7 Caroline Galle, Ryan & Crystal Cathcart |
| | 14 Carol Mercer, Susie Stewart, Sunday School |
| | 21 David & Evelyn Schneidewind, David & Mindy Schneidewind |
| | 28 John Barrett, Carla Hellsten, Ron Geisel |
| October | 5 Bob & Imogene Lehman, John Barrett, Sandy Smith |
| | 12 Kay Trotter, Mike Trotter, Carol Mayfield |
| | 19 Dave & Pete Dressel, Dorothy Dressel, Linda Jones |
| | 26 Carol Gladson, Susan Oyler, Carla Hellsten |
| November | 2 Jay & Leslie Lehman, Duane Waeltz |
| | 9 John & Janet Fauth, Eloise Fauth |
| | 16 Duane Waeltz, Janice Schmidt, Pete Dressel |
| | 23 Susan Oyler, Kathleen Robert, Linda Jones |
| | 30 Ryan & Crystal Cathcart and Family |
| December | 7 Gene & Betty Bollmeier, Linda Jones |
| | 14 Jay & Leslie Lehman, Lorrie Lehman, Neal Galle |
| | 21 Dave & Pete Dressel, Dorothy Dressel |
| | 24 Christmas Eve - Council Members |
| | 28 Ruby Lehman, Larry & Kathy Matzenbacher |
| January | 4 Leroy & Marlene Karsten, Sandy Smith |
| | 11 Leroy & Marlene Karsten, Sandy Smith |
| | 18 Eloise Fauth, John & Janet Fauth |
| | 25 Eloise Fauth, John & Janet Fauth |
| February | 1 Bob & Imogene Lehman, Gary & Susie Stewart |
| | 8 Bob & Imogene Lehman, Gary & Susie Stewart |
| | 15 Mandi Schmierbach & family |
| | 22 Kay Trotter, Mike Trotter, Carol Mayfield |

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|-----|---|
| | | 1 | 2 Lent-Friedens Choir 6:30 pm | 3 Spiritual Coun- cil Mtg 7:00 pm | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Luncheon at Du- Bois Noon | 7 Daughters Mtg 6:30 pm | 8 Council Mtg @ 7:00 pm | 9 Lent-Marissa Methodist Choir after | 10 | 11 | 12 DuBois Work Day |
| 13 Palm Sunday | 14 | 15 | 16 NA Care Home Board Mtg 7pm Choir 7:00 pm | 17 Maundy Thurs- day –Friedens 7:00 pm | 18 | 19 Roofing of Dale Reese's house ; Easter Vigil @ Leba- non UCC |
| 20 Sunrise Ser- vice Faith Bap- tist 7am ; 10 am Worship Friedens | 21 | 22 | 23 Choir 7:00 pm | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Special celebration of 70th Wedding Anniversaries | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |



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