

August 2014



The Tidings

Ministerial Moments

Have you ever thought about how you get ready for church? I don't think I ever made much preparation until I became a Church Director of Music about 20 years ago. Before that I basically got up, got dressed and went. If I was in choir, I got there early for choir practice. There were times I went to adult class while Hope was in Sunday School but I never really thought about it.

"Preparing for Worship entails three steps: slowing down, making a transition, and warming up." Slowing down means that we must slow our pace on Sunday in comparison with that of every other day. I know this is difficult for those of you with children still at home, but Sunday is meant to be a day of rest. For some people preparing for worship is done all week long as they read daily devotionals or Bible study. For others it may be prayer. Some do all three, but on Sunday we relax and try to enjoy things.

To make a transition means that while worship is not separate from our daily lives, that it should be a special event in them. Our listening needs to be structured and open to God's presence. "When we do not take this transition seriously, the power of the grief or anger or joy we experience in worship can be scary and overwhelming." When we open ourselves to God our daily lives and worship begin to flow together.

The warm-up begins when we approach and enter the church. For some that warm-up may include Christian Education, for others choir rehearsal or maybe just coming into the church and greeting others or meditating. The beginning of the service is our time to complete our warm-up and ready ourselves to participate fully. How we gather and enter worship sets the tone for how we receive the rest of the service.

I hope you have found this helpful. The Spiritual Council and I will be studying the parts of the service in the months ahead and why the Liturgy is the "work of the people."

Blessings,

Pastor Gail

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Marlea Glibert & Christopher Grundy, Eric T. Myers, and Stephanie Perdew, The Work of the People: What we Do in Worship and Why. Herndon, VA: Alban Institute 2007 pg. 21
Ibid. pg. 22



Greeter and Ushers for August

August 3- Mike & Peggy Dierks, Leroy & Marlene Karsten
 August 10 - Mike & Peggy Dierks, Bobbi Duffie, Tim Campbell
 August 17 - Kevin McDonald, Ruby Lehman, David Barbee
 August 24 - David & Evelyn Schneidewind,
 David & Mindy Schneidewind
 August 31 - Linda Jones, Lorrie Lehman, Dale & Sharon Reese



August Anniversaries

Larry & Kathy Matzenbacher	1
Tim & Melissa Curry	5
David & Pete Dressel	15
John & Alice Childers	16
Ron & Gail Geisel	22
John & Janet Fauth	30

August Birthdays

Dixie Ferrell	1
Martin Galle	3
Carol Mercer	4
Alan Oyler	4
John Childers	5
Neal Galle	8
Tari Carpenter	9
Ann Peters	10
Gene Bollmeier	14
Lorrie Lehman	14
Nancy Barbee	14
Irene Triefenbach	15
Isabella Schmidt	20
Dave Barbee	23
Victoria Gale	27
Debra Raban	28
Jean Riess	29
Andrew Stuart	30
Gina White	31

Comments from the Church Mouse

Oh, my whiskers, this church has been really busy in July! The big thing was Marissa Community Vacation Bible School. It was from July 7-11, and the church looked wonderful with its decorations for Workshop of Wonders. So many kids, teachers, actors, and helpers!

From Friedens we were helped out by Larry Mazenbacher, John Barrett, Ron Geisel, Carol Mercer, Susie Stewart, David Barbee, Nancy Barbee, Duane Waeltz, Leslie Lehman, Ashlynn Cathcart, Nolan Cathcart, Emma Schmierbach, Peggy Dierks, Ruby Lehman, and Rev. Gail Geisel. Maybe, since I am just a little mouse, I missed seeing someone, and, if so, I am sorry.



Friedens was helped by people from the other churches. It was really neat to see how the Christian community came together to assist. I especially enjoyed the music with Kelli Canning from Marissa Presbyterian. Oh, they sang some cool songs. I'll be humming them in my hidey holes around church.

Of course, I loved the snack time, too. My favorites were the rice krispies "paint brushes" and the snack mix. Their crumbs made such good (and tasty) tidbits for me.

On July 6th after church, I had watched Susie Stewart, Ruby Lehman, Peggy Dierks, Sandy Smith, Janice Schmidt, and Carol Mercer make the first treat, the paint brushes, for snack time. They didn't leave any leftovers for me. I had to wait for the kids. They never fail me.

Then on July 20 Rev. Noel Gehm was the guest speaker. He had served Friedens in the summer of 1952, and, although he was pretty old, he saw me by the organ and didn't say a thing about me. Now, he's my kind of man. Besides, he had a good sermon.

Right now the church is rather confused as they work on the carpet. I stay to my hidey holes when I see the workers. I had heard that the carpet was going to be in before the end of the month, but I guess that's part of the confusion. As long as they don't block any of my special holes or dens, I'll "roll with the punches". I'm sure the new carpet will be pretty.

In August we'll have a picnic on the tenth and special music after church. I'm looking forward to a new source for scraps to fill one of my repositories. On August 17th Pastor Gail has asked the congregation to bring old Christmas photos to share for Christmas in Summer service. Then on the 24th we'll have the baptism of James Patrick Ghirada. I really like baptisms, even with no food.

Summer time may be warm for a little church mouse, but it is a good, warm feeling, to live in a caring, loving church like Friedens. If you see me around, just smile, but please don't shriek.

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Thank You!!!!!!

- Many thanks especially to Susie Stewart and her family for all the decorations for VBS.
- Thanks to Carol Mercer and Susie Stewart for organizing VBS and all their hard work.
- Thanks to all those who volunteered and helped with VBS: Ron Geisel, John Barrett, Ruby Lehman, Peggy Dierks, Duane Waeltz, Larry Matzenbacher, Nancy Barbee, and David Barbee. If I've missed anyone I am sorry.
- Many thanks to Duane Waeltz and his family for re-graveling the parking lot. It looks great.
- Many thanks to all of those who helped move furniture into or out of the sanctuary so the new carpet could be installed.
- Thanks to those who welcomed Rev. Noel Gehm and Rebecca Bierbaum while I was gone.

Other news

- Congratulations to Scott and Gina White on the birth of their new son, Jack Alan White. Susan and Alan Oyler are grand-parents and Kathleen Robert is once more a great-grandma.
- By the time you get this John Barrett will be a new grandfather and Mable and Irving Schickedanz once more great-grandparents.
- August 17 will be our Christmas in Summer service. Please bring old Christmas photos to the church office to scan so that we may share them during the service. I will be asking the Spiritual Council to help put together the service as we have a large selection of Christmas Carols suggested.
- August 24 is the baptism of James Patrick Ghirada. Mother is Rachel Elizabeth Schmidt and father is Neil James Ghirada. Godparents will be Ty and Sarah Ear. Great-grandfather of James is Rev. Robert Schmidt.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31					1	2
3	4	5 Sonshine Cor- ner Meeting 1 pm	6 Spiritual Council Meeting 7 pm	7	8	9
10	11	12 Council Mtg. 7:00 pm	13	14	15	16
17 Christmas in the Summer Worship TIDINGS DEADLINE	18	19	20 Choir Practice starts back up 7 pm	21	22 Seminar at the Shrine on "When Mental Illness Hits Home"	23 Seminar at the Shrine on "When Mental Illness Hits Home"
24 Baptism	25 1st Day of School for Marissa Students	26	27	28	29	30



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