



The Tidings

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November 2014



Ministerial Moments



We have finally come to my favorite time of year. The air is crisp. The leaves are turning all sorts of colors and the holiday season is just beginning. At the beginning of the month are All Saints and All Souls Day. If I remember my Church History correctly, the difference is that All Saints honored all the Saints of the church and All Souls honored all the rest of those Christians who had passed on.

In Mexico and other Latin American countries, All Souls day is celebrated by making an altar which honors the deceased. They also go to the cemetery and decorate the graves with gold and yellow flowers. Often they even have a picnic at the grave site as a way of sharing with the dead. I never quite understood the reasoning but children are given sugar skulls, much the way we give out candy on Halloween. Just as our funerals have become times to celebrate and share in the life of the deceased, so also All Souls Day is a day of celebration in the remembrance of those who have gone on before.

In the Middle of the Month, we will celebrate Veterans Day. A day to honor all who have served our country. While Memorial Day primarily celebrates those who died in service to their country. Veterans Day includes the living. I was very pleased that my uncle got to go to Washington, DC to see the WWII memorial before he passed. If you know of another WWII veteran who has not yet seen it, please nominate them for the organization which does this. (I believe it is called Angel Flight, but I'm not sure.)

At the end of the month, of course, is Thanksgiving, a time not only to remember and give thanks for our ancestors who brought us to this land, but also to give thanks for all the things God has given us. Please remember that God is with us through thick and thin, in joy and in sorrow.

Council Visioning

At our October 13 Council meeting we had a guest speaker, J. Michael Elfrank, of Focal Quest. Mr. Elfrank is a member of the Disciples of Christ and often works with churches on developing a vision and mission.

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It's time to "Fall Back!"
Daylight Savings Time
Ends Sunday at 2am



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November Birthdays

Bobbie Duffie	2
Daniel Dressel	3
Melissa Curry	8
Carol Gladson	8
Mandi Schmierbach	12
Alice Childers	14
Robert Lehman	14
Kathy Matzenbacher	14
Ryan Cathcart	15
Delow Fruth	16
Kandice Unfried	17
Kathleen Robert	20
Caitlin Cowell	21
Mike Trotter	22
Amber Rahlfs	24
Susan Oyler	25
Dennis Galle	28
Blanche Schmierbach	28
David Reese	30



November Anniversaries

Cameron & Lori Selman	11
Milton & Dorothy Dressel	13
Gene & Betty Bollmeier	14
Mike & Peggy Dierks	24
Charles & Janice Schmidt	24



Comments from the Church Mouse



Boy, did I ever enjoy the Wurstmarkt. Lots of people, but lots of crumbs for me. That Carol Mayfield makes a mean pie, or pies. Others did, too, but Carol's were great. Delicious fragments of pie crust and filling were inadvertently dropped, and they were mine, mine, mine.

From all those ladies peeling potatoes for our "real mashed potatoes" to the grillers, to the youngsters bussing tables, Friedens folks really worked hard during and before the Wurstmarkt. Our congregation is cool.

That reminds me, we have a layman's Sunday coming up and word is that our music director, Nancy Barbee will fill the pulpit. Be supportive.

The other day one of our several Carols, Carol Mercer, was telling Peggy Dierks about one of her weekend historic re-enactments. He comments were full of fencing, storytelling, children, and special costumes. It reminded me of a joke my uncle used to tell. "What is small, furry, and brilliant at sword fights? A moustekteer!"

Another one of his was "What mouse was a Roman emperor? Julius Cheeser!" I'm on a roll, so another one: "How do you save a drowning mouse? You use mouse to mouse resuscitation!"

Since we just had Halloween and are getting ready for Thanksgiving, I guess I can be silly and you can be thankful that I don't tell jokes each month. So squeaking, here's the last one.

A man and his pet mouse walked into Ems bar. It's about 6 p.m., but they're ready for a good night of drinking. They start off slowly, watching TV, drinking beer, and eating peanuts. As the night goes on they move to mixed drinks, and then shooters, one after the other. Finally the bartender says, "Last call." So the man says, "One more for me...and one more for my mouse." The bartender sets them up, and they shoot them back. Suddenly, the mouse falls over dead. The man throws some money on the bar, puts on his coat and starts to leave. The bartender yells, "Hey, buddy, you can't just leave that lyin' there." To which the man replies, "That's not a lion, that's a mouse."

I guess I could find a moral in that last one, but I'll let you do it

Sincerely the Church Mouse



Evangelical Daughters Christmas Bazaar



Evangelical Daughters' annual bazaar will have crafts, home made jams, jellies, fudge, etc. and of course our cookie sale. There will also be a soup luncheon.

Saturday, November 22 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Community Thanksgiving Service - Nov. 25

This years Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at
Presbyterian Church on November 25 at 6:30 p.m.



Greeter and Ushers for November and December

November 2 - Jay & Leslie Lehman, Duane Waeltz

November 9 - John & Janet Fauth, Eloise Fauth

November 16 - Dwayne Waeltz, Janice Schmidt, Pete Dressel

November 23 - Susan Oyler, Kathleen Robert, Linda Jones

November 30 - Ryan & Crystal Cathcart and Family

December 7 - Dave & Pete Dressel, Dorothy Dressel

December 14 - Gene & Betty Bollmeier, Linda Jones

December 21 - Jay & Leslie Lehman, Neal Galle, Lorrie Lehman

December 24 - Christmas Eve - Church Council Members

December 28 - Milton & Blanche Schmierbach, Ruby Lehman



Happy Thanksgiving



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First he asked for some of our unwritten rules:

Sit in the same spot every week

Service is not to go past one hour

We prefer familiar songs (in all honesty, I have been in congregations far worse than this one on that account.)

Then he asked about our values:

Honesty, security, belonging, passion, caring, faith, compassion, outgoing, involved, busy/active, worship/serve/lead by example

Finally we were to put these words into a couple of sentences which define who we are/want to be and how:

The Vision the council came up with was: An outgoing church actively worshipping the Lord.

The Mission was: through leadership, compassion and involvement.

What do you think?

Does this fit either who we are or our vision of who we want to be?

What does it mean to be an outgoing church?

While the Vision and Mission are not “written in stone”, the next step is to decide where to go from here and how. We will be having Rev. Earl Menchhoffer coming to the Nov. 11 Council meeting to tell us about the Conference Church Revitalization Committee and the process his church in Carlyle has been on to see if that is a direction we want to go in.

Please remember we have a suggestion box in the Narthex. Your input is most welcome.

Blessings

Pastor Gail

Wurstmarkt News ! ! !

Funds and Fellowship would like to THANK everyone for their hard work at the Wurstmarkt this past October. They served over 470 dinners. It was a beautiful day. Approximately \$3,200 in profit for the day. Yahoo!!!!

Don't forget to Fall
back in time on
Sun. Nov. 2.



November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Hanging of the Greens after Church 1st Sunday of Advent	Nov. 2—All Saints Day. If you have anyone you wish to have remembered, please get it to the office before Oct. 30. Nov. 3-11—Pastor Gail is out of the office at a Small Church Vitality conference. Dec. 7: Christmas Caroling, First Baptist					1 Time to Fall back! Set your clocks back before you go to bed.
2 All Soul's Sunday	3 Evangelical Daughters Mtg 6:30 pm Pastor Gail Out	4 Blood Drive 2:30 to 6:30 Pastor Gail Out Election Day Sonshine Corner Mtg 4 pm	5 Choir 7:00 pm Pastor Gail Out	6 Pastor Gail Out	7 Pastor Gail Out	8 Toast of Marissa Pastor Gail Out
9 Pastor Gail out Nancy Barbee Leading Service	10 Clergy Day at St. Paul UCC Lebanon	11 Council Meeting 7 pm Veteran's Day	12 Choir 7:00 pm	13	14	15 Budget Com. Meeting 9 am
16	17	18 Region 8 Mtg @ Lenzburg 7 pm	19 Choir 7:00 pm	20	21	22 Daughter's Christmas Bazaar 8am-1pm
23	24	25 Community Thanksgiving at Presbyterian Church 6:30 pm	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29

BLOOD DRIVE - NOVEMBER 4!!!

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!
Winter is a critical time for patients in the St. Louis area.
Please give blood!

NOVEMBER 4th - - - - - FROM 2:30-6:30 P.M.



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