

The Tidings

October 2014



Ministerial Moments

This is the last of the three month series on the parts of the service. August Tidings included preparation and gathering. Last month was the service of the Word and this month we will look at Prayer and Sacrament.

In the prayer and sacrament portions of the service we respond to God's call by offering prayers for our own lives and resources on the world's behalf. When we end the service with the offering, hymn and benediction we are responding to God's call in our daily lives and going forth into the world to practice that call in our daily lives.

Once a month, plus Christmas Eve and Easter, we also celebrate communion. Communion is known in many churches as the Eucharist. Eucharist

comes from a Greek word meaning Thanksgiving. While we should be living a life of daily prayer in general, prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving to God should be included in those prayers. A full loaf of bread, or even a dinner roll, is rich in the symbolism of real life and the meals which sustain us. When the loaf or roll is broken, it symbolizes the breaking of Christ's body. When we eat of the bread together we reunite the pieces of the loaf as the one body of Christ. When we take of the cup in unity, we again reunite the juice with the vines which are Christ and the cup which was spilled out for us.

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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 4 - 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 Oyler to find out where help is most needed.



Greeter and Ushers for October and November



October 5 - Bob & Imogene Lehman, John Barrett, Sandy Smith

October 12 - Kay Trotter, Mike Trotter, Carol Mayfield

October 19 - Pete & Dave Dressel, Dorothy Dressel, Linda Jones

October 26 – Carol Gladson, Susan Oyler, Karla Hellsten

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



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

Neighbors in Need / Communion Sunday

The First Sunday of every October (this year October 5) is World Communion Sunday. It is a time when all churches in the world share in communion together. At that time, the UCC collects one of its five denominational offerings, Neighbors in Need.

Two-thirds of this offering supports Justice and Witness Ministries including the Peace Action Network, health care, civil liberties, federal budget, and environmental justice. The other third goes to our Council for American Indian Ministries, most of which are in North and South Dakota, northern Nebraska, and Minnesota. You will be receiving inserts in your weekly bulletins telling you more about the work of this special offering.



Comments from the Church Mouse

As a little church mouse I have seen some unique activity recently. I'm glad the cool new carpet is finally in. For a while I thought that the workers might cover up a few of my sanctuary hidey holes, but all is well.

Then on some Tuesday nights, it is Council time, and on each Wednesday night it is choir practice. I do enjoy the choir folks. They're fun.

The Funds and Fellowship ladies have been getting ready for the big Wurstmarkt that will be October 4th. Our March Wurstmarkt was extremely well attended and we had great weather. Here's hoping things go as well in October. I heard Susan Oyler tell the others on the committee that the prices they had to pay for the hogs used had increased. I'm not fond of hogs, but I sure like the sausage they provide for our event. But I especially like the crumbs left from the homemade desserts that are at the Wurstmarkt.

Can a mouse hint that they can always use desserts. (So can I.)

Pastor Gail has been preaching about Moses, and he was involved in a lot of special things – getting a zealous Pharaoh to let the enslaved Jewish people go, leading the chosen people out of Egypt, helping them survive in the wilderness, and getting the ten commandments. I learned a lot. I don't think a little mouse would have done well in the desert, so I'm glad I didn't live in that time and place.

My place in Friedens UCC is nice, and the people who go here are special. At least I think so. If you have not been lately, come and worship with us. And, of course, come to the Wurstmarkt.



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Many of you have noticed that I have recently been calling the children forward during communion. For a long time I left the decision up to the parents or the child's background regarding whether they would take communion with occasional Children's Messages regarding communion which included "Goldfish" and grapes. This past Easter was in the middle of the month and two weeks later was the story of Emmaus Road and another communion service. I figured since the children had had Goldfish and grapes two weeks before I didn't need to repeat it, but my children's message that day was about the dinner at Emmaus Road and the importance of eating together for early Christians. I even included the similarity of Potlucks to the kind of dinners early Christians had. Then communion time came and I had not provided for (included) the children. My heart ached and everything inside me screamed, This is wrong! Since then the children have been invited around the table (symbolizing the entire congregation) while the council members serve communion. It also allows me time to give the children a bit of personal instruction in communion (they still get Goldfish and grapes) while the Council is serving. So far I have received no negative response, but I thought some of you might like to know my reasoning for why I am doing things differently now.

After Communion, we give a prayer of Thanksgiving and then a Hymn of Parting. This is followed by a Benediction, although in truth, it is more often a combination of Commissioning and Blessing. The commission is the sending out – a reminder to take the work of Christ out into the world with you and the benediction is the blessing. We follow this with the response and then the Passing of the Peace (on non-communion Sundays) and Postlude.

Please note, there is a new change we are trying in the order of worship. The Welcome and Announcements will come immediately after the Ringing of the Bell. This will allow for the Prelude to become a time of meditation for those who wish to meditate and prepare for worship.

Comments may be put in the Suggestion Box.

MORE THINGS

- Annual meeting will have three special offerings. The Noisy Offering for Hunger/Food Action will be taken up Oct. 19. Any loose offering given that week will go to Annual meeting for the Noisy Offering.
- KinderCottage has a wish list. I doubt there will be room to include it again in this Tidings so it will be posted on the bulletin board. Please put your donations in or by the basket in the church lobby. I will take them with me to Annual meeting.
- Hoyleton Ministries Transitional Housing. If you wish to make a donation to Hoyleton, please mark your check with the amount and we will take a check from the church to them.

Blessings Pastor Gail

OCTOBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 2—All Saints Sunday, Church council is planning a meal after church. November 3 to 10th—Pastor Gail out of office at a conference on Small Churches in Decatur, GA November 9th - Lay Led Worship Service 			1 Choir Practice 7 pm	2 Retirement Party for Gary Holtgrewe—TBA MHS –Soup/Chili Dinner 4:30-6:30	3 ← Volley for a Cure Volleyball game vs. New Athens	4 Friedens UCC Wurstmarkt - 3:00 to 7:00 pm
5 World Wide Communion, Neighbors in Need Offering, Chicken Dinner at Macke Center 11:30-1 pm	6 Evangelical Daughters 6:30 pm	7 Spiritual Council 7:00 pm	8 Choir Practice 7 pm	9	10	11 City Wide Yard Sale Deacons Mtg 9 am
12	13 Church Council Mtg 6:45 pm Rev. Menchhofer Guest	14	15 Choir Practice 7 pm	16	17 Fall Festival at MHS Benefit for Joan Monbrum—Bullpen New Athens	18
19	20	21	22 Choir Practice 7 pm	23	24 Trunk or Treating 6 pm Annual Meeting @ Shrine, Pastor Gail out of office	25 Annual Meeting @ Shrine Pastor Gail out of office
26 Reformation Sunday	27	28	29 Choir Practice 7 pm	30	31 Halloween	



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