

The Tidings

October 2016



Ministerial Moments



Inside this issue:

- October Birthdays 2
- Anniversaries
- Greeter and Ushers List
- Thank You !!!
- Neighbors in Need

- October Calendar 3



It's Autumn already! The days are getting shorter and even the warm days are not as hot as they once were. Soon the leaves will start to turn. Autumn has always been my favorite time of year. I think because when I was in school, it was when I got new school clothes and got to wear brighter colors, like gold sweaters with brown plaid skirts. Sweaters and wool skirts did not wrinkle as bad as the cotton of spring and summer so I didn't have to spend time ironing them. (This was before perma-press and polyester.) I also loved the sight of the leaves turning. While I was allergic to something, probably in the mold, my autumn allergies were nowhere near as bad as the spring allergies. In short, most of the time I could breathe. I liked walking the mile home from school. I liked the feel of the cool fresh air. I actually liked field hockey, which was one of only two or three sports I felt competent at. (The other two were volleyball and running the 220 although we didn't have a girls' track team.)

God gives us so much. God made the world and all the humans and animals in it. God sees to it that in most cases we have what we need even if it is not what we want. God asks for so little in return; that we love one another as he has loved us, that we love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. It doesn't sound like too much for God to ask of us and yet, I know when we feel someone has wronged us, it can be very difficult to pray for them. I have heard many of you say that you don't go to St. Louis (at least parts of it, or other areas, because you are afraid.) Pres. Franklin Roosevelt said that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself. As we get older, we feel more vulnerable and that vulnerability leads to fear. Saying we should not fear, does not mean we should not live or go places without caution, yet if we allow fear to paralyze us; if we allow fear to cause us to make choices based on fear alone then where is our trust in God? Let us let go and let God, trusting Him to lead us and guide us. Amen.

Continued on page 4

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 1 - 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

	2	Sandy Smith, Mandi Schmierbach
	9	Kay Trotter, Mike Trotter
October	16	Dave & Pete Dressel, Linda Jones
	23	Carol Gladson, Susan Oyler, Carla Hellsten
	30	Jay & Leslie Lehman
	6	John & Janet Fauth
	13	Pete Dressel, Ron Geisel
November	20	Susan Oyler, Kathleen Robert, Linda Jones
	27	Ryan & Crystal Cathcart and Family

October Birthdays

Lea Barrett	2
Kelli Jenkins	4
Linda Jones	5
Mary Jo Warren	5
Michael Lewis	7
Milton Schmierbach	9
Ellie Schmierbach	9
Cindy Galle	13
Gary Schmidt	13
Betty Bollmeier	13

October Anniversaries

None the we know of

THANK YOU ! ! !

- Thank you to Dorothy Dressel's Family for the donation of a piano to the fellowship hall. Thank you to Duane Waeltz, Dave Dressel and two crop insurance men for moving it in.
- Thank you to Dave and Nancy Barbee for putting together the slide show which was shown before church on September 18. If you donated pictures please see Nancy or Pastor Gail.

Neighbors in Need Offering

Sunday Oct. 2 is our Neighbors in Need offering. It goes to support a number of Justice and Witness indicatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects. It should be noticed that two years ago we received a \$2000 grant from Neighbors in Need which helped start our community garden. One third of the Neighbors in Need Offering also goes to help our Native American Ministries. The UCC has 20 churches on reservations and one multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis.

Please consider supporting this ministry.

OCTOBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
30	31 Halloween	November 6—All Saints Sunday ; Daylight Savings time ends					1 Friedens UCC Wurstmarkt - 3:00 to 7:00 pm
2 World Wide Com- munion, Neighbors in Need Offering	3 Evangelical Daughters 6:30 pm	4 Pastor Gail Out at Seminar Deadline for NA Care Home res- ervations	5 Choir Practice 7 pm	6 Bible Study 4:15 PM	7	8	
9	10	11 Council Meeting 7:00 pm	12 Choir Practice 7 pm	13 Bible Study 4:15 PM	14	15	
16	17	18 Pastor Gail out at Boundary Train- ing NA Care Lunch- eon	19 Choir Practice 7 pm	20	21	22 Conference An- nual Meeting @ Rend Lake	
23 Conference An- nual Meeting @ Rend Lake	24	25	26 Choir Practice 7 pm	27	28	29	

Ministerial Moments Continued from Page 1

OTHER THINGS:

The pig is up! The Wurstmarkt lists are out! Wurstmarkt is early this year and for some reason the Village-wide garage sale is on the same day. Hopefully some people will see the sign and decide to stop by either to buy some pork or stay long enough to get a meal. Maybe those with garage sales will decide they are too tired after the clean-up to cook and will come here for supper. Only time will tell.

With Wurstmarkt close, the Toast of Marissa is coming soon. Ron again is selling 50/50 tickets. We have had winners from the church before, so winning is not impossible. Late in October is the Conference Annual meeting at beautiful Rend Lake. We still don't have delegates other than me and I can't be there other than Saturday. Please consider representing the church.

Of other things coming later this year, we will be hosting the community Thanksgiving service this year as the last hurrah, so to speak of our 125th Anniversary. On All Saints Sunday we will honor our charter member families in addition to those who have passed in the past year. One thing that I found in looking over the church history this year was that the church was organized in January of 1891, ground was broken for the church building in May of that year and the church was finished by November, so saying that 2016 is our 125th Anniversary means it truly is a year-long anniversary. I find the fact that the founders were able to lay a cornerstone in May and have a church built by Nov. mind-boggling. Today, I think we would still be arguing/discussing the plans in six months let alone have anything built.

Blessings Pastor Gail



*Friedens United Church of Christ
820 North Main
Marissa, IL 62257*