

# The Tidings

Friedens United  
Church of Christ

November  
2009



## Ministerial Moments

As we enter the month of November, we begin the holiday season. All Hallow's Eve, All Saints Day and All Souls Day were thought to have been a time of the year when the dearly departed were nearest the surface and could interact with the living. Eventually "All Hallow's Eve" meaning Holy Eve, got shortened to what we now call Halloween. Saints at one time meant all believers, and in the Protestant church still is considered that. As the Roman Catholic Church began a system of canonization of saints, a day was needed for the common folk who

believed but who were not considered "saints" by the church, thus came All Souls Day on November 2, also referred to as "Day of the Dead" in Mexico and other Latin American Countries.



"Day of the Dead" is a day in which the Mexicans honor their departed beloved with altars commemorating their lives and is also a time in which they go to the graveside and decorate the graves with yellow and gold flowers. Sometimes they even take a picnic and have their meal as a family by the graveside, including the deceased.

November 11 is our Veterans' Day, honoring all who served this country and then we come to Thanksgiving, the celebration of thanking God for all he has given us. There were thanksgivings in America prior to the celebrated one by the pilgrims. In all cases, including the pilgrims, they were thanking God for a harvest and having gotten through a rough time. This past year has been a tough one for many. We have at least one person in our congregation who has recently lost a job.

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## October Wurstmart

Funds and Fellowship would like to thank everyone for anything they did to help out with the Wurstmart.

Our total meals were down but our profits are still about \$2,500. Funds and Fellowship has frozen sausage leftover in 5# and 2# pkgs. Contact Susan Oyler at 295-3324 or 967-2736 if interested in purchasing.



## Comments from the Church Mouse

Oh, the month of October has been good to me. The Wurstmarkt had such a steady flow of people that it was hard for me to scurry out to get some crumbs, but I did. Our food at Friedens "is the BEST," and the workers really out did themselves. I think I heard Susan Oyler say that we served about 380 individuals, quite a few of those were take-outs with no chance of food droppings for me.

There was also an October Daughters' meeting, and they have really good desserts. But—why not try cheese some times, ladies?

Then Miss Susie had graham crackers for the Sunday School kids, Eli, Emma, and Nolan. Yummy crumbs.

Although I enjoy choir practice, there haven't been many people practicing. The ones who come area dedicated, though. Mabel is still my favorite because she's so nice. I wish more folks would join choir. They work hard, but they have fun.

I understand they will be working on the roof next door soon. That's all right, they won't be bothering me. Our new fence out by the kitchen and parking lot really looks nice, and it sure does a good job of keeping the dogs out of my, oops I mean our garbage.



At church council I crept out of my hidey hole to listen to a note being read from Lorrie Lehman. It was about our custodian Joe Orzekowski and about what a special man he is. I couldn't agree more. (He still pretends he doesn't see me.) The only complaint I have about Joe is that he is TOO clean.

Come on, guys, a mouse has to live. Man may "not live on bread alone", but a mouse could.

End of the month was Halloween and that meant candy, candy, candy. Oh, live can be good.

## Letter to "Janitor Joe"

We can't say too much about our members who go the extra mile for us, because for sure we'd forget someone! We can, however, express our thanks and gratitude to our "Janitor Joe"

Our quiet unassuming Joe = a blessing to our church! He goes about his job making sure everything is done - and done well. He also goes about doing things that aren't his responsibility and he does them well.

Some ladies were struggling trying to put our new flags for church in their standards. Joe saw our problem, went home for some tools and soon the flags were standing solid and tall. Joe did it well!

One of our volunteers for the blood drive had to go get Joe up (he starts his day at 3 or 4 a.m.). One of the Red Cross staff neglected to ride in the elevator with their equipment, it rolled, got stuck and stopped between floors. Joe dressed and came to our "rescue". He and Gary Stewart got it going once again.

Over and above his call of duty, but he came and did it well.

Joe's helped us with all our various needs for 15 years now. And we hope he will for 15 more! He is a tremendous asset to our church, in ways many of us don't even know about. I'm sure most of us do know he's refused a raise for seven years! He does well.

Joe loves volunteering at Sonshine Corner, he likes it because there are no bosses!

Someday, many years from now, the Lord will say to Joe, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." ... Matthew 25:21

Friedens Church Council



## Family Care

### FAMILY CARE

We have a new Family Care counselor available to us through Hoyleton. This woman currently has office hours at Freeburg and New Athens. If the need were great enough, we may be able to get her here. I have been asked to have you complete the following survey by looking at the list and checking what you believe are the three areas requiring the most attention in Marissa. (This is not only for church members. It is a service offered to all.) If you think of something not mentioned, please write it on the back of this page. Services are provided on a sliding scale.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Problems related to divorce                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Problems related to marriage            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single parents needing help and support        | <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly people needing help and support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support for persons caring for aged relatives  | <input type="checkbox"/> Help and support for parents of teens   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help and support for parents of young children | <input type="checkbox"/> Coping with stress                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment security; coping with unemployment  | <input type="checkbox"/> Support for youth in crisis             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support for adults in crisis                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Day care for young children             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Before and after-school care for Children.     |  |

Please bring or mail your responses back to church ASAP, so that I can forward the information to Rev. Koch and the Family Care steering committee.

## Community Thanksgiving Service

This years Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Temple Emmanuel Church on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m.

The monetary offering will go to the Ministerial Alliance as usual. We are also asking that you bring cans of food for the food pantry. This past year there have been weeks in which 16 families came for help.

## Ministerial Moments (Continued from page 1)

We have many more with illnesses, some of whom have spent time in the hospital. I ask you to pray for all those on our prayer list and anyone else you know of who is in need.

**THANKS** - Last month I left Dennis Sinn's name off the list of those who helped clean the awning before the Wurstmart. Many thanks Dennis.

Thanks also go to Susan Oyler who volunteered to decorate her trunk for the Trunk R'Treat. The theme of the trunk was Angels. The treat was juice drinks.

**VILLAGE HAPPENINGS** - On November 14, the Village will close off the two blocks of Main Street business district for the Chamber of Commerce Toast of Marissa. This year a 1 mile Fun Run and a 5K will be held in the morning beginning at 10:30. I will be working registration at the Fire House. The 5K will begin at the Fire House and end on Main Street at the end of the first block. Ron has volunteered to help set up the tents 8:00AM. They will be taken down and cleaned up between 6&9PM. A grape stomp will be held at noon. Our chamber president will compete against Sparta's. I believe our Fire chief will compete against Lenzburg's. The mayor and many representatives from other organizations and businesses around town will also compete. There will be more vendors also this year. Ron and I have 50/50 tickets if anyone is interested.

As many of you know our Library just celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We congratulate them. The art class at the high school has made a picture of Marissa Main Street as taken from one of the etching sold by the Historical Society. This has been finished so that it can be hung on the outside of a building. In addition, Art Peasall's vocational arts class has made plywood Christmas cut-outs which will go by the Welcome signs when you enter Marissa. Current Halloween decorations by the signs were done by Sharon Cross and Kathy Wright.

The city will also soon be putting up a welcome sign on the south end of town which will be bricked in like the other two signs next spring. You will soon see some beautification to the Village Hall in the way of a sign or awning and perhaps some planters. We have been looking into the possibility of murals in the downtown area. One place suggested would be the side of Sonshine Corner.

Sincerely,

Pastor Gail

**FYI...**

Pastor Gail will be out of the office on Friday November 6. A last minute opportunity came up to attend a workshop on Ministry with the Grieving and Dying. If you need to contact her that day call either her cell phone (618) 443-7532 or her mother's phone (314) 631-3872. She will be back sometime that evening on Friday.

Also Pastor Gail will be on Jury Duty the week of November 16th.

**A church maintenance worker left a note attached to a receipt in the office for the Church secretary. The note read: "Van Battery died." The Secretary dutifully typed into the bulletin: "The Church was saddened to hear of the passing of Van Battery. Our condolences go to the whole Battery family."**

## November Birthday's and Anniversary's

### Birthday's

Bobbi Duffie	2
Daniel Dressel	3
Melissa Curry	8
Carol Gladson	8
Alice Childers	14
Robert Lehman	14
Kathy Matzenbacher	14
Ryan Cathcart	15
Delow Fruth	16
Kandice Jenkins	17
Kathleen Robert	20



Michael Trotter	22
Amber Rahlfs	24
Susan Oyler	25
Dennis Galle	28
Blanche Schmierbach	28

### Anniversary's



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

## Treasure's Report for SEPTEMBER

	BEGINNING BALANCE	DEPOSITS & INTEREST	EXPENDITURS & WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
UCC CHECKING	10,401.36	5,008.40	8,407.00	7,002.76
RESERVE	23,366.11	22.48		23,388.59
MEMORIAL	15,118.21	14.54		15,132.75
BUILDING	3,854.59	3.71		3,858.30
SCHOLARSHIP	527.83	.51		528.34
PASTORAL	8,169.01	7.89		8,176.87
CHECK	5,396.50	5.19		5,401.69
INGDEIRECT	56,432.25	54.29	0.00	56,486.54
CORNERSTONE	9,201.02			9,201.02
VILLAGE BANK CD	40,000.00			40,000.00
<b>TOTAL SAVINGS</b>	<b>105,633.27</b>	<b>54.29</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>105,687.56</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>116,034.63</b>	<b>5,062.69</b>	<b>8,407.00</b>	<b>112,690.32</b>

FYI: Last year at this time our total income was \$66,289.35 at this time we are at \$61,904.48.

## November Schedule of Events @ Church

Sunday, 1:	End of Daylight Savings time - Set your Clocks Back All Saints Sunday
Monday, 2:	Evangelical Daughter's Meeting - 7:00 pm
Wednesday, 4:	Choir Practice - 7:30 pm
Friday, 6:	Pastor Gail @ Workshop on Grieving and Dying
Tuesday, 10:	Church Council Meeting - 7:00 pm
Wednesday, 11:	Choir Practice - 7:30 pm
Saturday, 14:	Toast of Marissa, 5K Run, Fun Walk 10:30 am
Wednesday, 18:	Choir Practice - 7:30 pm
Saturday, 21:	Evangelical Daughters' Christmas Bazaar - 8:00 am
Monday, 23:	Blood Drive - 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Tuesday, 24:	Community Thanksgiving Service - Temple Emmanuel 7:00 pm

## November School Events

**VB=Volleyball, HSGBK=HS Girls Basketball, HSBK=HS Boys Basketball, JH BBKB=JH Boys Basketball, JH GBKB = JH Girls Basketball**

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| 2: Math Team Competition @ SWIC; JH G BKB @ Freeburg   | St. Libory; HS GBKB @ Dupo Tourney TBA  |
| 3: HS VB Sections TBA; JH GBKB @ Red Bud; JH BBKB @ Red Bud  | 18: HS GBKB @ Dupo Tourney TBA  |
| 4: District FFA Comp. Contest @ Rend Lake; All District Band Concert w/Dessert and Coffee  | 19: JH BBKB @ SPPS; JH GBKB @ Home vs. Waterloo; HS GBKB @ Dupo Tourney TBA                                 |
| 5: JH GBKB @ SPPS  | 20: Early Out Elem @ 11:35, JSJS @ 11:45; HS GBKB @ Dupo Tourney TBA  |
| 6: MJSHS Art Walk; JH BBKB @ Smithton  | 21: HS GBKB @ Dupo Tourney TBA  |
| 9: JH GBKB @ Valmeyer  | 23: JH GBKB @ Home vs. New Athens; HS BBKB @ Sparta   |
| 10: JH GBKB @ Dupo; JH BBKB @ Home vs. Columbia  | 24: JH BBKB @ Valmeyer; HS GBKB @ Home vs. Sandoval   |
| 11: NO SCHOOL—Veterans Day   | 25: Early Dismissal Elem 11:35, JSJS 11:45  |
| 12: JH GBKB @ New Athens; PTT Meeting @ Elementary 6:00 pm   | 26: NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving  |
| 13: JH BBKB @ Millstadt  | 27: NO SCHOOL—Fall Break  |
| 16: JH GBKB @ Home vs. Smithton; HS GBKB @ Dupo Tourney TBA; Family Fun Night @ Elementary 6:00 pm, School Board Meeting 7:00 pm | 30: JH B BKB @ New Athens; JH GBKB @ Home vs. SPPS; HS BBKB @ Okawville Tourney; HS GBKB @ Home vs. Lebanon |
| 17: JH BBKB @ Freeburg; JH GBKB @ Home vs.   |   |

# Evangelical Daughters

## Christmas Bazaar

Evangelical Daughters' annual bazaar will have crafts, white elephants, home made jams, jellies, fudge, etc. and of course our cookie sale. Donations of craft goods or white elephant items will be graciously accepted.



**Saturday, November 21**  
**8:00 am to 1:00 pm**

### Top Ten Things People *Won't* Say When They See the Christian Bumper Sticker or the More Subtle Fish Symbol On Your Car:

10. "Look! Let's stop that car and ask those folks how we can become Christians."
9. "Don't worry, Billy, those people are Christians -- they must have a good reason for driving 90 miles an hour."
8. "What a joy to be sharing the highway with another car of Spirit-filled brothers and sisters."
7. "Isn't it wonderful how God blessed that Christian couple with a brand-new BMW?"
6. "Dad, how come people who drive like that don't get thrown in jail?" "Dad, can we get a bumper sticker like that, too?"
5. "Stay clear of those folks, Martha. If they get raptured, that car's gonna be all over the road!"
4. "Oh, look! That Christian woman is getting a chance to share Jesus with a police officer."
3. "No, that's not garbage coming out of their windows, Bert -- it's probably gospel tracts for the road workers."
2. "Oh, boy, we're in trouble now! We just rear-ended one of God's cars."
1. "Quick, Alice, honk the horn or they won't know that we love Jesus!"

## St. John UCC Annual Christmas Luncheon

To the Ladies of Friedens UCC:

The New Athens Women's Guild of St. John UCC will be hosting their annual Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 2009 in the Church Dining Room. This year we will have the New Beginning's Children singing for the Program at 11:40 a.m. PROMPTLY in the Church Sanctuary. Prayer Moments will follow. Then we will proceed to the basement for the luncheon approximately at 12:15 p.m..

Once again there will be a collection of unwrapped gifts for the Merrier Christmas Fund Program this year. These gifts stay local to the ones in need in the area. For those who care to give a gift the minimum of \$3.50 or upward would be appreciated.

We are inviting your Women's Guild or Ladies of the Church who care to come to this annual event. The New Athens Guild will furnish the food.

We would appreciate your RSVP by November 20th of the number of your Church group members who would be able to attend this special occasion.

We are looking forward to having fellowship with you along with the surrounding area churches.

Hope to see you on the 1st.

Thank you,

Carol Kinzinger, New Athens Women's Guild; St. John UCC

P.S. My phone number to RSVP is 618-475-2498, please leave a message.

## FRIEDENS WILL HOST COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**NOVEMBER 23rd**  
**FROM 2:30-6:30 P.M.**

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 2009

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Dorothy Dressel, Ron Giesel, Carol Gladson	2 Evangelical Daughters', Meeting 7:00 pm	3	4 Choir Practice 7:30	5	6 Pastor Gail @ Workshop all day	7
8 Jay & Leslie Lehman, Cindy Galle	9	10 Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm	11 Choir Practice 7:30	12	13	14 Toast of Marissa, 5K Run, 1 mile Fun Walk
15 John & Janet Fauth, Eloise Fauth, Pat MacBeth	16 Pastor Gail has Jury Duty	17 <b>DEADLINE</b> for December Tidings	18 Choir Practice 7:30	19	20	21 Evangelical Daughters', Christmas Bazaar 8 am-1 pm
22 Sandy Triefenbach, Alice Weilmuenster, Pat MacBeth	23 Blood Drive 2:30-6:30 pm	24 Community Thanksgiving Service Temple Emmanuel 7:00 pm	25 Choir Practice 7:30	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29 Susan Oyler, Kathleen Robert, Dorothy Erb	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remember to set your clocks back before you go to bed Oct. 31st, are you will be an hour early to church.</li> <li>Nov. 29 is the 5th Sunday, Offering will go towards the scholarship fund.</li> <li><b>DEADLINE</b> for December Tidings - Tuesday, November 17</li> </ul>				



## Greeters and Ushers for November and December

- Nov. 1: Dorothy Dressel, Ron Giesel, Carol Gladson  
Nov. 8: Jay & Leslie Lehman, Cindy Galle  
Nov. 15: John & Janet Fauth, Eloise Fauth, Pat MacBeth  
Nov. 22: Sandy Triefenbach, Alice Weilmuenster, Pat MacBeth  
Nov. 29: Susan Oyler, Kathleen Robert, Dorothy Erb  
Dec. 6: Dave & Pete Dressel, Kay & Mike Trotter  
Dec. 13: Gene & Betty Bollmeier, Linda Jones  
Dec. 20: Jay & Leslie Lehman, Lorrie Lehman, Neal Galle  
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve - Council Members  
Dec. 27: Fred & Marilyn Lewis, Jean Riess, Donna Galle



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a Church on the Move:  
Welcoming, Caring,  
Sharing."**