

The Tidings

Ministerial Moments

We are now in my favorite time of year. I got spoiled a little in California because I could wear the same outfits pretty much all year except during the really hot times of summer. As a kid I liked autumn because it meant I could start wearing sweaters and skirts. Not only were they colors I liked but they hid figure flaws. Oh, if I only still had those figure flaws!

As most of you know, one of our mystery plants, which I named Gertrude, has produced a pumpkin. There are several more pumpkins on the vine but they haven't turned orange yet. The plant by the driveway which looks similar seems to have

produced a dark green and yellow bumpy gourd. At least three of the mums which were planted last year have come back and are blooming. Mums have always been my favorite flower with the possible exception of marigolds and pansies, which I associate with spring and summer.

With October comes the Wurstmart and then, the following week, the fall village wide garage sale, chili cook-off, and car show. This year the chili cook-off and car



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Scholarship Info. & All Saints Day



It came to my attention last month that we had not awarded any scholarships this year. The scholarship forms are ready and available to be picked up at the church office. We are asking that they be filled out and returned to the office by October 18 so that they can be awarded on All Saints Sunday, November 1. As usual, that will be the day we remember those who passed on in the past year and it is also the day that Daylight Savings time ends and we return to Central Standard time. Remember to turn your clocks back.

October Wurstmarkt !!!!

YES its that time of year again!!
The Funds and Fellowship are gear-
ing up for the annual Wurstmarkt
on Saturday October 3. The
Funds and Fellowship crew is asking
for church members to make those
delicious pies and workers for the
day. Contact Susan Oyler or Bobbi
Duffie if you would like to help out
at the Wurstmarkt.



NOVEMBER
1ST

Time to "fall"
back in time.
Daylight Sav-
ings Time ends.

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

Greeters and Ushers for October/November

October 4: David & Stacy Pilbean, John Barrett, Irving Schickedanz
October 11: David & Stacy Pilbean, John Barrett, Irving Schickedanz
October 18: Cliff & Sally Owens, Milton & Blanche Schmierbach
October 25: Gary & Susie Stewart, Bob & Imogene Lehman
November 1: Dorothy Dressel, Ron Giesel, Carol Gladson
November 8: Jay & Leslie Lehman, Cindy Galle
November 15: John & Janet Fauth, Eloise Fauth, Pat MacBeth
November 22: Sandy Triefenbach, Alice Weilmuenster, Pat MacBeth
November 26: Susan Oyler, Kathleen Robert, Dorothy Erb

If you are unable to keep your scheduled time please find a replacement or call a Council Member as soon as possible.

October Birthday's and Anniversary's

Birthday's

Kelli Jenkins	4
Linda Jones	5
Mary Jo Warren	5
Michael Lewis	7
Milton Schmierbach	9
Betty Bollmeier	13
Cindy Galle	13
Pat MacBeth	13
Gary Schmidt	13



Anniversary's

Cliff & Sarah Owens	9
Charlie & Cindy Walker	10
John & Alice Childers	16
Albert & Caroline Galle	17
Bob & Ruby Lehman	20



Treasure's Report for AUGUST

	BEGINNING BALANCE	DEPOSITS & INTEREST	EXPENDITURS & WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
UCC CHECKING	9,872.59	7,101.00	6,572.23	10,401.36
RESERVE	23,341.47	24.64		23,366.11
MEMORIAL	14,952.29	165.92		15,118.21
BUILDING	3,475.59	379.00		3,854.59
SCHOLARSHIP	527.27	0.56		527.83
PASTORAL	8,160.40	8.61		8,169.01
CHECK	5,390.81	5.69		5,396.50
INGDEIRECT	55,847.83	584.42		56,432.25
CORNERSTONE	9,201.02	0.00		9,201.02
VILLAGE BANK CD	40,000.00	0.00		40,000.00
TOTAL SAVINGS	105,048.85	584.42		105,633.27
GRAND TOTALS	114,921.44	7,685.42	6,572.23	116,034.63

Comments from the Church Mouse

It is almost here! The Wurstmarkt is October 3rd. I nosed around and read the list in the hall of some of the people bringing pies and volunteering to work. I'd be ready any-time for a crumb from a dessert Blanche Schmierbach has made, or Janet Fauth, or Ruby Lehman, or LaJune Fulton, or

I don't know what the piece of furniture in the vestibule is called, but it looks nice. Although it's handsome, eek, it is harder to climb in order to read the papers on it or to see the bulletin board letter. (I think I'm supposed to blame Susie Stewart or Lorrie Lehman, but I'm not sure why.)

Soon they will start working on refinishing the front doors of the church so I'm making sure that

my hidey holes are secure and well stocked with snacks. I hear that a crew will also begin working on redoing the roof on the parsonage. I hope that doesn't mean that Ozzie will be outside more. Ozzie, the Geisel's dog, doesn't like me, and he seems to be able to sniff me out when I go near a door or open window. He barks a lot, and I think he would get me if he were unfastened.

Most people know that one of my favorite hidey-holes is near Mabel's organ. I'm so glad that choir started again, even if the members do disrupt my solitude on Wednesday evenings. Choir may be small, but the singers are dedicated. I'll miss Art and Julie Bottiaux. Maybe Dixie Ferrell and Debbie

Raban will come back and sing with the group. They need more singers, and they don't seem to like my squeaks. Mabel thought someone was off key the last time I tried to help.

It was fun seeing a new little one in church a few weeks ago, it was Linda Jones's grandson, Riley. Sometimes kids drop crumbs, but Miss Susie, Susie Stewart, gave them some kind of gummy, fruity candy. Not my style.

Enjoy fall and look to see if Pastor Gail has a real pumpkin on the vine that ate the driveway.



Ministerial Moments *(Continued)*

show will be at the Village Park. In addition to food and cars, there will be a van offering mammograms and flu shots. Flu shots do not require an appointment; the mammograms do. Call Debbie Smith (618) 295-3721 ext. 101 for more information regarding costs, insurance and appointments.

There is also talk of a "Trunk or Treat" sponsored by the BPW in First Baptist's parking lot on October 30. I will relay more information as I receive it. We always like to see safe ways for our children to enjoy Halloween.

I'm sure you all have seen some work going on around Friedens. Kay and Warren Trotter, Sandi Smith and their nieces cleaned the pews. Larry Matzenbacher has hung the new flag outside and Gary Stewart and Jay Lehman washed and scrubbed the awning. The church looked nice for Reunion Sunday. It will look even better for Wurstmart. Many thanks to all who took part.

Sunday, September 20 was our first renamed "reunion". It was sure nice to see so many people in church that Sunday. Several of you invited family members back to visit and I really enjoyed having six little ones up front for the Children's message. I think we had 8 children in all which considering the theme was "welcoming the little ones" made it special. Even though we only had one person from the special confirmation groups mentioned, several made the effort to call their regrets which was really thoughtful of them. The meal was good as always. I'm not sure if there was something left for the church mouse or not. While we didn't hang around for games, the two tables full of pictures were almost constantly surrounded by people remembering and sharing stories. That's what reunions are all about. Thank you everyone who made the potluck a success and shared your pictures.

World Communion Sunday - October 4th

October 4 is World Communion Sunday. To celebrate that day we will have Rev. Jerry Bennett as our guest preacher. Rev. Bennett is the newly named Program Coordinator of the Illinois South Conference. He has been an active part of the conference since 1994 and served 15 years as the pastor of Trinity UCC in Belleville. He was educated at Florida State University in the Panama Canal Zone, Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville, and Eden Theological Seminary. Jerry and his wife live in Belleville,

where they enjoy the frequent company of their son, his wife and their five children. Rev. Bennett's sermon title will be "I Want to See Jesus". Hmm! It seems to me there is a hymn/spiritual by that name.

Since October 4 is World Communion Sunday, we will have different kinds of bread. It is also the day we collect the Neighbors in Need offering. This is the an-



nual offering to support ministries of Justice and compassion in the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries, justice and advocacy efforts and direct projects funded by the UCC Justice and Witness Ministries. UCCTakeAction.org offers news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. In addition, there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one multi-tribal congregation in Minneapolis, MN.

October Schedule of Events @ Church

- **Saturday, Oct. 3:** **Wurstmarkt**
- **Sunday, Oct. 4:** **World Communion Sunday , Guest Preacher
Rev. Jerry Bennett, Neighbors in Need Offering**
- **Wednesday, Oct. 7:** **7:30 Choir Practice**
- **Saturday, Oct. 10:** **Village Garage Sale, Chili Cook-Off, Car Show**
- **Wednesday, Oct. 14:** **7:30 Choir Practice**
- **Wednesday, Oct. 21:** **7:30 Choir Practice**
- **Wednesday, Oct. 28:** **7:30 Choir Practice**
- **Friday, Oct. 30:** **Trick-or-Treat**

COMING NEXT MONTH

- **Sunday Nov. 1:** **End of Daylight Savings time - Set your Clocks Back
All Saints Sunday**

October School Events

**CC=Cross Country, VB=Volleyball, G-Golf=Girls Golf, B-Golf=Boys Golf,
JH BBKB=JH Boys Basketball, JH GBKB = JH Girls Basketball**

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| <p>Oct 1: CC @ Chester; G-Golf @ Centrailia;
B-Golf @ Red Bud</p> <p>Oct 2: HS VB @ Lebanon</p> <p>Oct 3: B-Golf @ Mascoutah Invit.; Band @
Coulterville Parade</p> <p>Oct 5: CC @ New Athens; B-Golf JV @ B'ville
East; HS VB @ Home</p> <p>Oct 6: B-Golf @ IHSA Regional; HS VB @
Steeleville</p> <p>Oct 7: FFA @ Mascoutah Land Use Contest; G-
Golf @ IHSA Regional; B-Golf JV @
Freeburg</p> <p>Oct 8: CC @ Pinckneyville; HS VB @ Home</p> <p>Oct 9: No School</p> <p>Oct 10: G-Golf @ IHSA Sectional; B-Golf @
IHSA Sectional</p> <p>Oct 12: No School</p> <p>Oct 14: FFA @ Sparta Quizbowl/Job Interview
Contest; HS VB @ Evansville</p> <p>Oct 15: HS Picture Re-take day; CC @</p> | <p>Cahokia Conference Meet; HS VB
@ New Athens- Volley for the Cure</p> <p>Oct 19: JH GBKB @ Red Bud Tourney; HS
VB @ Trico</p> <p>Oct 20: JH GBKB @ Red Bud Tourney; HS
VB @ Home</p> <p>Oct 21: JH GBKB @ Red Bud Tourney</p> <p>Oct 22: JH GBKB @ Smithton; HS
VB @ Pinckneyville</p> <p>Oct 23: JH GBKB @ Red Bud Tourney</p> <p>Oct 24: Frsh/Soph VB @ Conference Tourney;
CC @ IHSA Regionals; JH GBKB @ Home</p> <p>Oct 26: JH BBKB @ Home MIT Tourney;
JH GBKB @ Home</p> <p>Oct 27: JH BBKB @ Home MIT</p> <p>Oct 28: JH BBKB @ Home MIT</p> <p>Oct 29: JH BBKB @ Home MIT</p> <p>Oct 30: Early Out 11:45 am; JH BBKB @ MIT</p> <p>Oct 31: CC @ IHSA Sectionals</p> |
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Sonshine Corner



A great big "THANK YOU" to all the workers, who give up their time to make Sonshine Corner run so smoothly. We were closed the first week of September for change over. For some people who do not know what that means, here is a brief run down. The store is completely cleared of the previous season's clothes. The shelves are all scrubbed and the floor vacuumed. We then unpack the next season's

clothes. Many of them need ironing so we do a ton of ironing, they are then hung in there proper places. This year our ironers were Lorrie, Ruth and Peggy. Cleaners were Pat, Blanche, Joe, Cliff, Mary McCary and Tut Leemon from the Methodist Church.

We have lots of really nice fall and winter clothes, so come in and look around. We need to sell clothes before we can help anyone. The first week after

change over we took in over \$500.

After change over we had a lighting problem in the sorting room. To make a long story short, Joe O, went to True Value bought a new fixture and put it up. We have a bright new light. Thank you Joe Orzechowski.



Memorial Hospital Wellness Vehicle

The Memorial Hospital Wellness Vehicle will be in town during the Village wide Garage Sale on Saturday, October 10 from 11 am to 3 pm.

They will be offering Mammography. Advance appointment is required. Please call Debbie Smith at 618-295-3721 ext. 101 to schedule your appointment.





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**Friedens United
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"Through the Spirit we are
a Church on the Move:
Welcoming, Caring,
Sharing."

A young boy had just got his driver's license and asked his dad if they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son.

"If you bring your grades up from C to B, study your Bible and get your hair cut ... then we'll talk about you borrowing the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he's settle for the offer and they agreed on it. After about six weeks his father said, "Son, I'm really proud of you. You've brought your grades up and I've been watching you studying your Bible. However, I'm a bit disappointed that you haven't had your hair cut."

The lad paused a moment then said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair and there's a strong argument that Jesus had long hair too."

To which his father replied, "Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?"

Trivia - (Answers are at the bottom upside down)

1. A hamlet is a village without a church.
2. About one-sixth of the earth's surface is permanently covered with ice.
3. Australia is the only country that is also a continent.
4. French was the official language of England for over 600 years.
5. Disney World in Orlando, Florida covers 146 square miles, making it twice the size of the island of Washington DC.
6. Damascus, Syria, was flourishing a couple of thousand years before Rome was founded in 753 BC, making it the oldest continuously inhabited city in existence.
7. All gondolas in Venice, Italy must be painted brown, unless they belong to a high official.

1. True, 2. False, 3. True, 4. True, 5. True, 6. False, 7. False