

**Friedens
United Church
of Christ**

The Tidings

**September
2009**

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Ministerial Moments

What happened to summer? Not only are the children already back in school, but the weather is cooler than normal. Right around the corner is Illinois Conference Annual Meeting. No one from the church was available to be a delegate this year, so I have prevailed upon Ron to do so even though he prefers not to. Next year's meeting will be on Saturday and Sunday at Rend Lake, so please check your calendars and see if you might be available then.

It has been a busy summer. As you know we lost Art Bottiaux in May, and then while I was on vacation we lost Juliette. On August 22, I performed my first big church wedding and in checking the record books, found that this is the first church wedding since Jeremy and Jessica Dressel were married in 2005. (If that information is wrong, please tell me so we can correct the records.) The wedding was of Amanda Warren and Michael Dedmon. It included seven bridesmaids, and the church was standing room only. If Ron had not been available to help with getting decorations from the basement and organizing the men to move pews to the back of the church and then to the choir loft again as well as directing traffic on the parking lot to allow a fire lane, I don't know how we would have managed. Thank you to Ruby, Janice, Lorrie and anyone else who helped with cleaning the bride's room and showing me where decorations were. Thanks also to Kay for recreating the banner for the bride and groom.

While we were on vacation, Funds and Fellowship had the water and electricity run from the parsonage to the garage. I understand Dennis Galle has since connected a sink and faucet in the church garage. I am sure it will be appreciated at the next Wurstmarkt.

Because of some advertising I got, I was under the impression that next year was our 125th anniversary. I have been corrected. 2011 will be our 120. In the meantime, Rally Day has been changed to Reunion Day. We may even eventually call it Homecoming. What I would like to do is each year to honor those folks who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 50th, and 75th anniversary of Confirmation. I am still in need of addresses for several people whose names shall be listed elsewhere in the Tidings. Reunion Day will be celebrated September 20, with a potluck and games following. If the weather is nice, I would like us to have some outdoor games set up like washers, or volleyball, even crochet on the front church and parsonage lawn, if anyone has a set. If you want to bring games from home like we do on game night, that's ok also.

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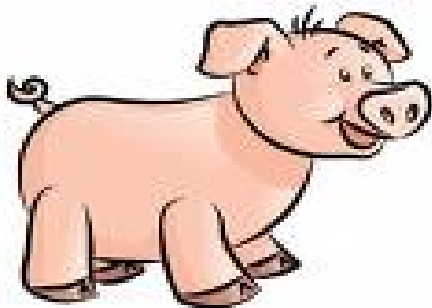
Treasure's Report for JULY

	BEGINNING BALANCE	DEPOSITS & INTEREST	EXPENDITURS & WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
UCC CHECKING	8,833.53	10,773.99		9,872.59
RESERVE	23,316.86	24.61		23,341.47
MEMORIAL	14,936.52	15.77		14,952.29
BUILDING	3,471.92	3.67		3,475.59
SCHOLARSHIP	526.71	0.56		527.27
PASTORAL	8,151.79	8.61		8,160.40
CHECK	5,385.13	5.68		5,390.81
INGDEIRECT	55,788.93	58.90		55,847.83
CORNERSTONE	9,201.02	0.00		9,201.02
VILLAGE BANK CD	40,000.00	0.00		40,000.00
TOTAL SAVINGS	104,989.95	58.90		105,048.85
GRAND TOTALS	113,82.48	10,832.89	9,734.93	114,921.44

NOTE: The operating income year-to-date is \$44,545.90. Last year at this time it was \$43,902.68. The total "Bequest-by-Will" year-to-date is \$60,878.39. (Helen Marie Triefenbach \$5,000.00 and Mildred Gorman \$55,878.39) Mildred's last bequest of \$5,000.00 is in the general checking balance.

It's the PINK PIG ! ! ! !

YES its that time of year again!! The Funds and Fellowship are gearing 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.

Health-Care Reform: Check the Facts

If you have paid attention to the health-care reform debate at all, you know that there is a lot of bad information out there. A lot of organizations have written pieces that separate truth from fiction in the health-care debate. Here is some of the nonpartisan sites that you will find useful in your search for accurate information.

- <http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/2009/07/14/20090714gan-healthcare-spin14-ON.html>
A summary of factcheck.org's research into several arguments surrounding health-care reform, published July 14, 2009.
- <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/10/health/policy/10facts.html>
"A Primer on the Details of Health Care Reform" from *The New York Times*, published August 9, 2009.
- <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2009/08/05/politics/main5215880.shtml>
"10 Health Care Reform Myths" from CBS News, published August 6, 2009.
- <http://abcnews.go.com/Health/HealthCare/story?id=8317197&page=1>
"Fact or Fiction? The Truth About Four Health Care Fears" from ABC News, published August 13, 2009.
- http://www.aarpmagazine.org/health/8_myths_about_health_care_reform.html
8 Myths about Health Care Reform from the *AARP Magazine*, published July/August

Greeters and Ushers for September/October

- September 6: Fred & Marilyn Lewis, Dale & Sharon Reese
- September 13: Fred & Marilyn Lewis, Albert & Caroline Galle
- September 20: David & Evelyn Schneidewind, David & Mindy Schneidewind
- September 27: David & Evelyn Schneidewind, David & Mindy Schneidewind
- 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

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

“Reunion Day”

Friedens “Reunion Day”, formerly known as “Rally Day” will be held on Sunday, September 20.

We are trying to get as many confirmands from 1999, 1984, 1959, 1934.

Pastor Gail would really appreciate some volunteers to help plan our celebration for this year.

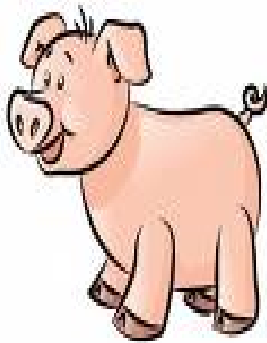
Confirmands that we need addresses for: **1999:** Katherine Jenkins, Kandice Jenkins, **1984:** Rebecca Lynn Lewis; Robin Lee Ann Kruep; **1959:** Arthur Richard Lehman; David Irving Schickendanz; Ronald Carl Schifferdecker; Gretchen Hazel Sinn **1934:** Arleen J. Pannier; Hilda L. Hacker; Lillian O.A. Knecht; Verda N. Reuss

Where will you be sitting
in eternity?
Smoking or Non-Smoking?

Ministerial Moments (Continued from Page 1)

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Lori Neely is our new church secretary. She jumped in with both feet eager to work on the 12th of August, I think. This is her first Tidings and I am in hopes that we soon will find time to get together and discuss preparing a web site.

On October 3, Rev. Jerry Bennett, formerly of Trinity UCC in Belleville and now program director of the Illinois South Conference will be our special guest preacher. We have not decided exactly what he will preach on, but I believe he will bring the new OCWM video with him.



I would like very much to see the church connect more with the conference and community. I know most of you are aware of the missions of the conference and have sent money to them, but I often feel we don't take advantage of the learning possibilities and resources of the conference as well as we could. Most of you take part in the community through your jobs or Sonshine corner, but I would like to see us find a new way in which to draw people into the church.. In speaking with Rev. Deb Harkness today I was told that more people are visiting since their new sign. While I don't propose such a sign, I am hoping that we can perhaps have a block party or some kind of festival next summer which will draw people in. The event sign which will be up at least three times this month; time change next week, International Day of Prayer for Peace September 21, and Red Cross September 28, may help. I would also like to experiment with more video, in the form of power point slides, but do not have a projector and have not been able figure out where to put a screen where it would not block a door, everyone could see it, and be unobtrusive. I hate to go to the expense of putting screens above the doors on either side of the chancel if we decide we don't like it or don't use it. St. John's UCC in New Athens has a contemporary service between their regular services on Sunday. I don't know if we have enough guitar players willing to try something different or not. The bottom line is that there are people moving to Marissa. We would like them to consider coming to church here!

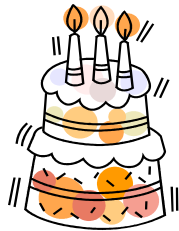
I would really like to see an exercise class or some other kind of activity once a week to get people into the church. Whatever we do, we will need people with ideas and willing to work on it. I hope to put together another survey with the Pastoral Relations Committee to find out just exactly what you are interested in and whether there is an interest in a short term Bible or Social Actions study, and if so what night of the week is best. *Ideas and leaders wanted.*

~ Pastor Gail

September Birthday's and Anniversary's

Birthday's

- Jessie Hepp - 5th
- John Fauth - 6th
- Lisa Humphrey - 9th
- Nicole Sinn - 10th
- Cynthia Walker - 10th
- Brenda "Pete" Dressel - 11th
- Imogene Lehman - 12th
- Todd Erb - 13th
- Donna Galle - 15th



- Pat Edgar - 18th
- Dorothy Erb - 21st
- Melanie Rahlfs - 21st
- Arvilla Lehman - 29th

Anniversary's

- Alan & Susan Oyler - 2nd
- Mervin & Ruth Erb - 3rd
- David G. & Evelyn Schneidewind - 6th
- Jeremy & Jessica Dressel - 10th
- Ryan & Crystal Cathcart - 11th



"Things that Need Done List"

Due to 100 Degree temperatures in June the "Work Day" was canceled. The wonderful Susie Stewart has typed up a "Things that Need Done" list. This list will be in the entrance way for everyone to see and find out what they can do to help keep the church and parsonage looking great. If you can help with something on this list, please sign up. You can come work when it fits your schedule. Just let Susie or Pastor Gail know so someone is there to open the church or parsonage.

If needed a Fall Work day will be scheduled so all the work that is needed will be done before winter.



From the Desk of the Secretary

First of all I would like to thank everyone that as "Congratulated" me on becoming the new church secretary here at Friedens. I feel like I am back home.

Years ago the "Tidings" newsletter use to have lots of information for church

members about the church, other churches and what is happening in the community. I am hoping to bring that back. Specially since we do not have our "own" town paper.

So, if you have anything you would like to see in the

"Tidings", please drop me a note in the "Secretary Box" or email me at marissafriedens@verizon.net. I hope to get lots of input from everyone. Have a great month.

~ Lori

A Word from the Church Mouse

A few days ago the Funds and Fellowship Committee met to talk about the October 3rd Wurstmart. They chattered about being pleased that the "Pis is up", whatever that means.

They didn't eat that evening, but Susan Oyler, Betty Bollmeier, Bobbi Duffie, Carol Mercer, Rev. Gail and Ron Geisel talked of the wonderful food Friedens would have in the Wurstmart. It made me hungrier than usual. Maybe if Dorothy Dressel or Cindy Galle had been there, they might have brought food.

As it was, I had to scurry out of Betty and Susan's way as they checked inventory. Oh, I can't wait until the Wurstmart. The hustle, the bustle, the great food occasionally drops for me....!

Now that the church is off the summer schedule, Evangelical Daughters will be meeting

(I heard September 1st), there will be higher attendance in Sunday School, and Fellowship Hours will soon start. Those are all things that might have crumbs for me.



Late Augusts' wedding left a few edible flowers, but I prefer real food in church. Our new secretary Lori Neely doesn't leave me any. And I loved hearing Peggy Dierks and Bobbi Duffie sing on Sunday's, as well as Larry Matzenbacher, but I'm ready for some good old church cooking along with singing and preaching. Calling Ruby Lehman, Marleen Karstens, Lorrie Lehman, Blanche Schmierbach, Janet Fauth, and all you other good cooks, please bring more food to church. There is one hungry little mouse who needs it.

~ Mouse



DuBois Center Food Drive

DuBois Center has created a new way to cut food costs - a year - round food drive. You can help by collecting #10 cans or gallon jars of:

Greenbeans	Sliced Peaches	Tomato Sauce
Dill Pickle Chips	BBQ Sauce	Corn
Fruit Cocktail	Spaghetti Sauce	Catsup
Baked Beans	Mustard	
Nacho Cheese (not hot)	Salad Dressing (Italian & Ranch)	
Pudding (Vanilla & Chocolate)		



Bring items to the Conference Annual Meeting - September 11 & 12, or contact DuBois Center to arrange for a pick-up.



Call: 618-787-2202

Email: duboiscenter@frontiernet.net

September Schedule of Events @ Church

- **Tuesday, September 1:** 6:30 Evangelical Daughters Potluck
- **Sunday, September 6:** Return to Fall Schedule - 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am Worship
- **Monday, September 7:** Labor Day
- **Wednesday, September 9:** 7:30 pm Choir Practice starts back up.
Choir Practice is every Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm
- **Friday, September 11:** Christian Music @ Main Street Coffee Bar - Patriotic Theme
- **Fri/Sat, September 11-12:** Conference Annual Meeting @ Edwardsville
- **Sunday, September 13:** Biddleborn Schlactfest
- **Sunday, September 20:** Friedens Homecoming. Invite old Friends Back to Church, Especially Confirmands of 1999, 1984, 1959, 1934, Potluck following Worship

COMING NEXT MONTH

- **Saturday October 3:** Friedens Wurstmarkt - Pies and Workers needed

September School Events

CC=Cross Country, VB=Volleyball, BB/SB=Baseball/Softball, G-Golf=Girls Golf, B-Golf=Boys Golf

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| <p>Sept. 1: CC @ New Athens 4:00 pm, G-Golf @ Home, B-Golf @ Breese, VB @ Marissa/NA Tourney</p> <p>Sept. 2: JV B-Golf @ Away, JH BB/SB @ Freeburg</p> <p>Sept. 3: CC @ Chester, G-Golf @ Away, V-VB @ Marissa/NA Tourney</p> <p>Sept. 4: G-Golf @ Pinckneyville, B-Golf @ Sparta, JH BB/SB @ Home vs. SPPS, V-VB @ Marissa/NA Tourney</p> <p>Sept. 8: MJSHS School Pictures, CC @ Home, G-Golf @ Home, JH BB/SB @ Valmeyer, VB @ Home vs. Valmeyer 6:15</p> <p>Sept. 9: B-Golf @ Home, JH BB/SB @ New Athens, VB @ Away vs. Sparta 6:15</p> <p>Sept. 10: G-Golf @ Away, JV B-Golf @ Home, VB @ Steeleville</p> <p>Sept. 11: JH BB/SB @ Home vs. Smithton</p> <p>Sept. 12: G-Golf @ Mascoutah, CC @ Carterville, Band @ Chester Popeye Parade</p> <p>Sept. 14: B-Golf @ Home, JV B-Golf @ Home, JH BB/SB @ Home vs. Waterloo</p> <p>Sept. 15: G-Golf @ Home, VB @ Valmeyer</p> <p>Sept. 16: JV B-Golf @ Away, CC @ Sparta, G-Golf @ Away, JH BB/SB @ Home vs. New Athens</p> | <p>Sept. 17: Early Dismissal Elem 11:35/JSHS 11:45, Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7 pm, B-Golf @ Away, VB @ New Athens</p> <p>Sept. 18: No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences 8 am to 10:45, G-Golf @ Home, JV B-Golf @ Home, JH BB/SB @ SPPS</p> <p>Sept. 19: V-VB @ Chester Tourney</p> <p>Sept. 20: Band @ Okawville Parade</p> <p>Sept. 21: G-Golf @ Away, CC @ Nashville, JV B-Golf @ Okawville, JH BB/SB @ Home vs. Valmeyer, Family Fun Night 6 PM, School Board Meeting, 7:00 pm</p> <p>Sept. 22: G-Golf @ Waterloo, B-Golf @ Home, V-VB @ Trico Tourney</p> <p>Sept. 23: B-Golf @ Away, F/JV VB @ Madison, V VB @ Trico Tourney</p> <p>Sept. 24: V-VB @ Trico Tourney</p> <p>Sept. 25: B-Golf @ Away, JH BB/SB Regionals</p> <p>Sept. 26: V-VB @ Herrin Tourney, F-VB @ Pinckneyville Tourney</p> <p>Sept. 28: B-Golf @ Conference Tourney</p> <p>Sept. 29: G-Golf @ Away, JV B-Golf @ Away, VB @ Dupo</p> |
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*“Through the Spirit we are a
Church on the Move:
Welcoming, Caring, Sharing.”*

Sonshine Corner

It's that time of year at
the Sonshine Corner...

“Change over!!”

Sonshine Corner will be
closed for a week starting
Monday, August 31 and will
remain closed all week.



They will be work-
ing 1/2 days from
8:00 am to around



noon getting this done.
They are asking for any
and all help they can get.
Just show up with
“Change Over” clothes
on. If you have any ques-
tions, please ask Ruby
Lehman.



Kindercottage Wish List

They have come out with a Wish List that includes many supplies for starting a new school year. Perhaps when you are shopping for school supplies, you can purchase a few for them!

- » Tempra Pain (assorted colors)
- » Assorted colors and skin tone colors of Construction paper
- » Drawing and Painting paper
- » Safety scissors for children
- » Basketball Goal for Little Tykes
- » Educational CD's (stories, songs, rhyming, etc.)
- » Cleaning Supplies (bleach, Pinesol, Vanish, bath & tile cleaner, detergent, Lime Away)
- » Dishwashing and Hand soaps
- » Playdoh
- » Wooden Puzzles for ages birth thru 6
- » Assorted sizes and types of balls
- » Pampers, Pull Ups and baby wipes (sizes 4-6)
- » Easel Boards, Erasable or chalk boards for individual use
- » Small Sand and Water Play tables
- » CD's of easy listening music for naptime
- » School Supplies (Elmer's glue, glue sticks, book bags, notebooks, No. 2 & Jumbo Pencils)
- » Look at your kindergarten school list for suggestions.