

The Tidings

February 2010

Ministerial Moments

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Behold we try a NEW Thing! Starting February 7, service will be at 10:00AM with Sunday school at 9:00AM. I was quite surprised at how little discussion occurred regarding keeping things they way they have been. Also overwhelming was the number of you who wanted Christmas Eve services at 9:00PM. For the last few years we have been the only church with a service that late and it has shown to be popular.

Funds and Fellowship is trying some new approaches on the old. February 7 we will be having a soup lunch at 11:30AM with our game day following. Funds and Fellowship will bring the food so all you need to bring is your favorite game and some friends. People can join us for soup and games even if they don't make it to church. February 7 will be Cub Scout Sunday also, so be prepared for welcoming a number of visitors to church,

soup luncheon and game day also.

March 7, Funds and Fellowship is having a pizza/bowling party at Starlanes in Sparta at 1:00.

Bring your friends, especially the young people. Bumpers will be on lanes for the little ones. Non-bowlers like me are welcome also.

February 13 is the Women's Pre-Lenten Breakfast. Nancy Shubert and I will be doing a skit called "A Company of Marys". She will play

Mary, Mother of Jesus and I will play Mary, the mother of John Mark. They meet in the Garden of Gethsemane after the first Easter.



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BREAKING NEWS!!!!!!

NEW Worship and Sunday School Time

It was voted on and approved at the Annual Meeting to change the Worship Time to 10:00 a.m. This time will be for ALL year around.

No more guessing if we are on Summer Schedule or Regular Schedule.
Sunday School will start at 9:00 a.m.

February

Birthdays

Lori Neely	16
Julie Imes	18
LaJune Fulton	19
Bryan Childers	20

Anniversaries

Dennis & Cindy Galle 21



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Notes from the Annual Meeting



Thanks to everyone that brought food. The meeting was called to order by President David Schneidewind around 1:00 pm. Agenda, all reports were approved. Kay Trotter, Imogene Lehman, David Keim and Larry Matzenbacher where approved to become the new church council members. They are replacing leaving members, Susie Stewart, Mike Dierks, Leslie Lehman and Carol Mercer. Worship time was talked about and voted on

an approved to change the worship time to 10:00 am year around, Sunday school will be at 9:00 am. Christmas Eve service was always voted on and approved to be held at 9:00 pm. Lori Neely was voted on to replace the leaving Larry Hanna as the new treasurer. We would like to thank those members leaving the council and also Larry Hanna for all there work.

Game Day and Bowling

Funds and Fellowship will be hosting a Game Day and Bowling Day.

Game Day will be on Sunday February 7th after church. Fellowship will begin at 11:00 am with a soup social. Games will follow until 1:00 p.m.

Bowling Day will be on Sunday March 7th. We will be going to Star Lanes in Sparta. Bowling starts at 1:00 pm and we will go until 3:00 pm.

Shoe rental, pizza and sub sandwiches will be provided. Come enjoy the fellowship and please bring a friend or grandchild, etc.



Prizes will be awarded !!!



NOTE: Funds and Fellowship still has Sausage for Sale at a DISCOUNTED price. Call Susan at 295-3324 2 lbs for \$2.00 and 5 lbs for \$4.00

Peace starts
with a smile.



The Tidings via the Website

The "Tidings" newsletter will be available on our website. If you have a computer and/or access to the internet you can go to www.marissaucc.org, click on Newsletter on the left side panel and pick the month you would like to view.

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News for "The Tidings"

If you have news or information that you would like to see in "The Tidings", please email Lori or drop a note off on in the mail box. The more news the better. Articles from each organization would be good, or an article from any member of the church.

**Try Jesus, If
you don't like
Him, the devil
will always
take you
back.**

Greeters and Ushers

February 7 & 14 Bob & Imogene Lehman, Gary & Susie Stewart
February 21 Open, Volunteers are welcome
February 28 Dorothy Dressel, Daniel Dressel, David Keim

- The Spiritual Council will be meeting to make up the new User and Greeter list.
- You will also be able to view this online as well.

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Ministerial Moments (Continued)

I will also be taking some continuing education throughout the year. The first Thursday of each month will find me at Crossroads Christian Church in Caseyville where I will be attending a number of seminars on "Working with Older Adults". For the next 3 months, I will also be concluding my training at Eden Seminary on Grief on Feb 12, March 12, and April 23.

As mentioned before, the Pre-Lenten Breakfast is February 13. That means that Ash Wednesday is February 17. We will again have a service at 7:00PM with Ashes. St. Peters in Lenzburg has joined us as a host church this year, so the schedule for Lent is as follows: February 24, Darmstadt; March 3, Friedens; March 10, Lenzburg; March 17, Biddleborn, and March 24 Friedens. All services will begin at 7:00 with choir rehearsing after. Maundy Thursday is April 1. I would like to do a Seder. I think I have most of the recipes and will be asking for help. Does anyone know where I can get a lamb shank?

Lent, as most of you know is a time of fasting and prayer in preparation for Easter. Many people try to give up something, such as chocolate, sweets, or smoking for Lent. Other people try to create good habits, more exercise, develop a more positive attitude about things, healthier eating, etc. The main importance of any kind of fasting is to put God first and improve your relationship with God.

And so 2010 starts with a bang out of the gate! We have a lot of activities in the next few months so I hope everyone stays healthy and is able to attend.

Blessings,

February Schedule of Events @ Church

- Monday February 1: Pastor Gail on Vacation
- Daughters Meeting 7:00 pm
- Tuesday February 2: Pastor Gail on Vacation
- Wednesday February 3: Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7: NEW WORSHIP TIME 10:00 AM,
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM**
- Sunday, February 7: Game Day - After church, Fellowship with soup and games until 1:00 pm
- Tuesday February 9: Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- Wednesday February 10: Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Friday, February 12: Dart Ball Home vs. Addieville 7:30 pm
- Wednesday February 17: Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Friday, February 19: Dart Ball @ Addieville 7:30 pm
- Wednesday February 24: Choir Practice 7:30 pm

February School Events

JH VB=Junior High Volleyball, HS BBKB=High School Boys Basketball, HS GBKB = HS Girls Basketball

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| Feb 1: HS GBKB @ Dupo 6:15 pm; FFA Alumni Meeting 7:00 pm. | Feb 13: HS Fresh/Soph Conference Tourney |
| Feb 2: Chili Supper 4:00 pm; JH VB @ Smithton 4:15; HS BBKB vs. Steeleville 6:15 pm | Feb 15: No School; HS GBKB Sectionals |
| Feb 3: JH VB @ Coulterville 4:15 pm | Feb 16: JH VB vs. SPPS 4:15 pm; HS BBKB @ Freeburg 6:15 pm; School Board Meeting 7:00 pm |
| Feb 4: JH VB vs. Columbia 4:15 pm; HS Fresh/Soph BKB @ Waterloo 6:15 pm | Feb 17: HS Fresh BKB Conference Tourney |
| Feb 5: HS BBKB @ Valmeyer 6:15 pm | Feb 18: Firemen vs. Faculty Basketball Ball Game at HS; PTT Meeting 3:15 pm; JH VB @ Valmeyer 4:15 pm; Section 22 FFA Speaking Contest @ MHS |
| Feb 8: HS Fresh/Soph @ Okawville 6:15 pm; HS GBKB Regionals | Feb 19: HS BBKB vs. Evansville 6:15 pm |
| Feb 9: JH VB @ Millstadt 4:15 pm; HS BBKB @ Okawville 6:15 pm | Feb 22: National FFA Week |
| Feb 10: JH VB @ Freeburg 4:15 pm | Feb 23: JH VB @ New Athens 4:15 pm |
| Feb 11: Early Out; Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm | Feb 25: JH VB vs. Smithton 4:15 pm |
| Feb 12: No School; Parent-Teacher Conferences 8:00 am to 11:30 am; HS BBKB @ New Athens 6:15 pm | Feb 26: PTT Talent Show @ High School Commons 5:30 pm |
| | Feb 27: Elem/JH Solo Contest @ Mascoutah; JH VB 7th Grade VB Tourney |

FEBRUARY 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
NEW time for Worship 10:00 starting the 7th	1 Pastor Gail on Vacation Daughters 7:00 pm	2 Pastor Gail on Vacation	3 Choir Practice 7:30	4	5	6
7 New Time Worship 10:00 am Game Day	8	9 Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm	10 Choir Practice 7:30	11	12 Dart Ball at Home sv. Addieville	13
14	15	16	17 Choir Practice 7:30	18	19 Dart Ball @ Addieville	20
21	22	23	24 Choir Practice 7:30	25	26	27
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JUST ENOUGH

Recently I overheard a Father and daughter in their last moments together at the airport. They had announced the departure.

Standing near the security gate, they hugged and the Father said, 'I love you, and I wish you enough.'

The daughter replied, 'Dad, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Dad.' They kissed and the daughter left.

The Father walked over to the window where I was seated. Standing there I could see he wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on his privacy, but he welcomed me in by asking, 'Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?'

'Yes, I have,' I replied. 'Forgive me for asking, but why is this a forever good-bye?'

'I am old, and she lives so far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is - the next trip back will be for my funeral,' he said.

'When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say, 'I wish you enough.' May I ask what that means?'

He began to smile. 'That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone...' He paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail, and he smiled even more. 'When we said, 'I wish you enough,' we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them.' Then turning toward me, he shared the following as if he were reciting it from memory.

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear.
I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more.
I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.
I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.
I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.
I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.
I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.

He then began to cry and walked away.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them; but then an entire life to forget them.



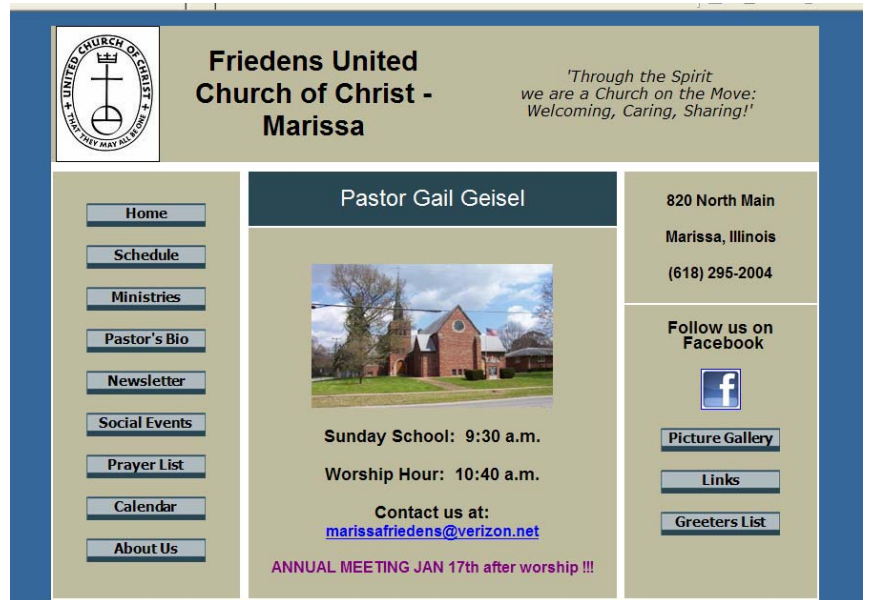
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*"Through the Spirit we
are a Church on the
Move: Welcoming,
Caring, Sharing."*



The screenshot shows the website for Friedens United Church of Christ - Marissa. At the top left is the church logo. The main header features the church name and the motto: "Through the Spirit we are a Church on the Move: Welcoming, Caring, Sharing!". Below the header is a navigation menu with buttons for Home, Schedule, Ministries, Pastor's Bio, Newsletter, Social Events, Prayer List, Calendar, and About Us. The central content area is titled "Pastor Gail Geisel" and includes a photo of the church building, along with service times: Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Worship Hour at 10:40 a.m. Contact information is provided as marissafriedens@verizon.net. A purple banner at the bottom of the content area reads "ANNUAL MEETING JAN 17th after worship !!!". On the right side, there is contact information: 820 North Main, Marissa, Illinois, (618) 295-2004. Below this is a "Follow us on Facebook" section with a Facebook icon and buttons for "Picture Gallery", "Links", and "Greeters List".

We are up and running on the world wide web. If you have access to the internet go to:

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If you would like to see something on the web that is not there, please let us know.



Friedens United Church of Christ

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