

The Tidings

October 2010



Ministerial Moments



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As I write this, today is International Pray for Peace Day, usually a quiet day even though the church is open for those who want to pray. It is a day I usually feel hopeful for the future. Today, however, I feel like that character from the Li'l Abner comic strip who used to go around with a dark cloud over his head. So much happened yesterday that was bad news. First, as I mentioned Sunday, one of my friends' in California mother is undergoing her fourth or fifth surgery since being in a car accident eight days ago, then another friend has had her husband in the hospital with blood clots. He has kidney disease.

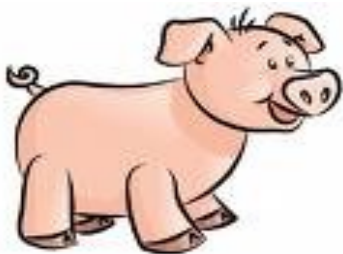
Finally, was the news last night of Chris Harthorne being found in a pond north of town. There was the

feeling of overwhelming sadness in those who had searched and not found him alive. I even had some school-age boys (I think part of the Boy Scout troop) come by the house Monday morning in the door-to-door search. For a community as small as Marissa, a death like this cannot help but touch everyone in town. We have lost too many of our young people. No parent ever wants to out-live their children. My heart goes out to Chris' family, friends, and all who knew him.

On a brighter note, we had a nice turn-out for our Reunion Sunday. Ron Schiffendecker and his wife joined us. Ron was in the 1960 Confirmation class. They now belong to Holy Ghost, Darmstadt.

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Wurstmarkt Time!!!



You know it's almost Spring when you see the pink pig in the front lawn of the church in March. Yes it's that time again. Wurstmarkt Time!!!

Saturday, October 2 - 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 Olyer to find out where help is most needed.

Greeter and Ushers for October and November

October 3 & 10 - David & Stacey Pilbean, John Barrett, Irving Schickedanz

October 17 - Milton & Blanche Schmierbach, Volunteers Needed to Help

October 24 - Bob & Imogene Lehman, Dave & Pete Dressel

October 31 - Dorothy Dressel, Carol Gladson, Susan Oyler



November 7 - Jay & Leslie Lehman, Cindy Galle

November 14 - John & Janet Fauth, Eloise Fauth,
Pat MacBeth

November 21 - Sandy Triefenbach, Janice Schmidt, Pat MacBeth

November 28 - Susan Oyler, Kathleen Robert, Linda Jones

October Birthday's

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



October Anniversaries

Clifford & Sally Owens	9
Charlie & Cynthia Walker	10
John & Alice Childers	16
Albert & Caroline Galle	17
Robert & Ruby Lehman	20

New Athens Care Home October Luncheon

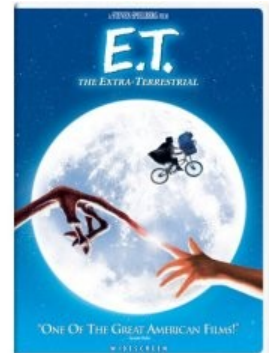
New Athens Care Home Auxiliary is having a luncheon October 19. Reservations are \$7.50 by Oct. 6. Check with Ruth Erb so we can send our reservations in together.



Marissa Trunk R' Treat - Friday October 29



I am told that the Trunk R' Treat will be Friday October 29 this year from 6:00 - 7:30. At 8:00 will be another movie in the Park. The movie will be ET.



Chili Cook-Off - Village Garage Sale - October 9



October 9 is the Village Garage Sale and Chili Cook-off. Ron has tickets to the cook-off which will be in the Village Park again. It costs \$5.00 to get your garage sale listed on the village map. Deadline for being listed on the map is Oct. 1. Contact Courtney Dagner 295-2364 or Connie White 295-2315 if you are interested.

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Thank you to all who helped with the luncheon celebrating the life of Elsie Sinn, whom we lost in September at the young age of 102. We have received a thank you card from Don Lehman for those who helped with the luncheon honoring his mother, Arvilla's, passing. It is on the bulletin board.

Also on the bulletin board is a Silver Certificate of the Covenant Keepers signifying that our benevolences in 2009 were 10% -14.9% of our operating budget in 2009. We were one of only 3 churches in the conference to receive the Silver Certificate this year, so it is something to be proud of.

Imogene Lehman, Eli Schmierbach and I attended the Conference Annual meeting at Rend Lake this year. Eli got to take part in drumming the group out to the evening fire circle where they made S'mores. He also camped overnight and took part in the Sunday morning service which the Conference Youth put together for the delegates. He seems to have enjoyed himself and met some of the other conference youth. I don't know when the last time was the church had a youth delegate, but it seems to have been a good experience. Next up, I hope, is Confirmation Day at Eden Seminary on October 16.

The theme of Annual Meeting this year had to do with our relationship with the earth. Both speakers were good. What was unusual was instead of having the keynote speakers and then the Plenary, this time the Plenary was bookended by the speakers. This meant that neither the speeches nor the business sessions seemed long and boring. Of course, it always helps to have Martha Brunell, who is an accomplished storyteller, as one of the speakers. We also had fun demonstrations for raising money for "Cure the Gap" which is a request from the conference for churches to donate more than the OCWM because the finance committee is still having trouble balancing the budget. On a positive note: They are getting closer. One example for Cure the Gap was a pie auction. Another was having everyone put a dollar on the table. In our case, Evangelical Daughters has decided to donate half of the profits from the Wurstmart Bazaar to the church benevolences. The other half will go into the carpet fund.

October 2 will bring our Wurstmart. This is not only a fund-raiser for benevolences but a great time for fellowship. Members of Funds and Fellowship continue to look for ways to improve our service over the last one and work hard both at getting Wurstmart ready and getting enough volunteers to help. October 9 is the Village Garage Sale and Chili Cook-off. Ron has tickets to the cook-off which will be in the Village Park again. It costs \$5.00 to get your garage sale listed on the village map. Deadline for being listed on the map is Oct. 1. Contact Courtney Dagner 295-2364 or Connie White 295-2315 if you are interested.

November will bring us four primary events. Toast of Marissa is Saturday Nov. 13. Ron has 50/50 tickets. If you remember, our own Larry Matzenbacher won the 50/50 last year. There will also be a 1 mile Fun Run and 5K, as well as an amateur wine tasting (wine made by amateurs, not tasted by amateurs), and grape stomp competition. The following week, Nov. 20, is the Evangelical Daughters Bazaar, and the Sunday following Thanksgiving, November 28, will be the celebration of Rev. Robert Schmidt's 50th year of ordination. The community Thanksgiving service is tentatively scheduled for Biddleborn on Nov. 23 at 7:00PM.

There will once again be a Christmas Carol Walk and sing. It is tentatively scheduled for December 5 at 1st Baptist Church like last year. The planning meeting is scheduled for 7:00 October 18 in the 1st Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. They would like 2 delegates to represent each church. Joan Galle is in charge.

Blessings Pastor Gail

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Halloween	Preview to November Calendar: November 2 - Election Day ; November 7 - Daylight Savings Time Ends November 13 - Toast of Marissa November 20 - Evangelical Daughters Bazaar ; November 23 - Thanksgiving Service					1 2 Friedens UCC Wurstmarkt - 3:00 to 7:00 pm
3 World Communion Sunday and Neighbors in Need Offering	4 Region 8 Mtg @ Freeburg 7 pm Evangelical Daughters Mtg 7 pm	5	6 Choir 7:30 Spiritual Council Mtg 6:30 pm	7	8	9 City Wide Yard Sale and Chili Cook-Off
10	11	12 Justice & Witness Mtg @ Mascou- tah 1 pm Church Council Mtg 7:00 pm	13 Choir 7:30	14	15	16
17	18	19 New Athens Care Luncheon	20 Choir 7:30	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Choir 7:30	28	29 Trunk R'Treating 6-7:30 pm Movie in the Park - 8 pm	30



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

World Communion Sunday and Neighbors in Need Offering

October 3 is World Communion Sunday and the day we collect the Neighbors in Need offering. World Communion Sunday is an Ecumenical Observance which began in 1936. Its purpose is to celebrate our oneness in Christ, in spite of our differences, in the world we are called to serve which is ever more in need of peacemaking.

The Neighbors in Need offering is one of our five special offerings taken during the year in the United Church of Christ. One third of the money collected supports our Native American missions which are mostly in South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The other two thirds of the offering helps with missions in the United States, including the environment, health care, hate crimes, and direct service projects in local communities. It is my hope that you will continue to support this ministry of the United Church of Christ.



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