



PSALM 133

A Song of degrees of David

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the

beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."

"....the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

CONFESSIONS OF FAITH

Bro. Benjamin J. Hartzler

Due to the fact that there are many different views of the scriptures and what constitutes the true faith in God and the attributes of sincere and victorious Christian living, it might be well to remind ourselves (and be reminded repeatedly) of the fundamentals of our faith and the creed of the Apostolic Christian Church.

There are many people who claim or believe to accept the "Apostles' Creed", as it has been called. So often, there seems to be such a great difference in what some people claim to believe and the application of such beliefs to their everyday living.

As the basis of our faith, we believe there is one God, the master mind, the architect and Creator of the universe, all-seeing, all-knowing and all-mighty. He created man in His own image, with a spark of divine intelligence, and placed him on this earth to be an honor unto Him, not of compulsion, but of his own, free will.

It seems for a long time, God did not give them much in the way of laws and commandments, or even promises, but they were left somewhat to themselves, in their primitive state, but with a conscience to guide.

For the most part, man's inclination seemed to be toward evil and away from that which was good, disregarding and forgetting God, his divine Creator, Master of the universe.

After a long time, God revealed himself through great and wonderful signs and works in the lands of Egypt, Arabia and Palestine. He came down from heaven upon Mt. Sinai, and spoke to them out of the thick darkness, so that they could hear His voice, and gave them the ten commandments, which was a code of laws by which to live.

These same Ten Commandments are yet basis of teachings we are to observe, but are covered by two simple commandments: namely reverence and faith in and toward Almighty God and love and respect for our fellow man. We are taught, "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

They soon forgot His works, ignored His commandments and refused to hear those whom God sent to them. Finally, God sent His own Son to them, the babe of Bethlehem, born of a virgin, contrary to the laws of nature, but according to the promise and power of God, one who would grow to manhood among them, live in their humble dwellings, eat their food, wear their kind of clothing, and work with His own hands, as other people.

When He reached the age of about thirty, he went to the river, Jordan, and was baptized by John, the baptizer. Then began His spiritual work which His Father gave Him to do, preaching repentance, forgiveness of sins, and a simple

doctrine of love, honesty and goodwill toward each other, and faith, trust and obedience to God.

He also proved that He had power over the forces of nature and the powers of evil. He healed the sick, opened blind eyes and deaf ears, gave new strength to crippled and withered arms and legs, cleansed lepers, raised the dead, drove out evil spirits, stilled the storms and the raging of the sea, forgave peoples' sins, and spoke words as never man spoke.

To complete His mission, He gave Himself up into the hands and desires of wicked and ungodly men, who tormented and crucified Him, and to make sure that He was dead, drained the blood from His veins. He was then laid in a tomb or grave.

On the third day, He proved that He had power even over death. He came out of the tomb, walked and talked with His friends, and gave them the commission to go into all the world and preach the gospel to all people, that all who would believe and obey could have forgiveness of their sins and a promise of eternal life.

Today, it behooves us all to be faithful to such a dear Lord and Master, to carry the torch on, and to take heed that it does not become dim or even go out, but that it should burn brightly, that all who might be looking for the light might see, and find the way to the kingdom of God.

DEAR LOST ONES

Submitted by Bro. Samuel Anliker

This was written after Karrole found peace and forgiveness of sin, and before baptism. Her coming from another doctrine makes this plea all the more touching and meaningful.

Once, long ago, a man walked

on this earth. He came to tell of a kingdom open to all men, regardless of race, financial status or education. This kingdom He taught would last for all eternity, for He was Lord and King of it. He spent His thirty-two and a half years of earthly life carefully and simply,

instructing us how we can enter this perfect kingdom. He dedicated His life to one of simplicity, seeking no gold or silver, desiring no position of high exaltation, and wishing no comforts for His dust-made body, but rather consecrating His life to a way of perfection,

humility, sacrifice and love. This man was the great God's son, Jesus Christ.

As He walked the roads of the world, He daily gathered around His presence souls desiring the gem of happiness. In their hearts, He cultivated the seeds of faith, hope and love. At last, His life on earth neared completion. He was accused of blasphemy, summoned before Pontius Pilate, and was sentenced the sentence of a common criminal, the scorn of the cross. As He died on the cross, He humbly and willingly accepted His sentence, for the love of mankind. Taking His cross, He embraced it, and meekly grasped it as the will of His Holy Father.

His cross was indeed the heaviest in all history, for each splinter was sins of man . . . the sins of you and me, sins we had committed against Him. Only love for us, who hurt Him, was in His heart. All He wanted was the lost ones of the world to come unto Him and find peace.

In such agony, He could think only of us, His loved ones, and longed to console us in our desolation. His compassion did not terminate at this point, but rather soared to new heights. When hanging on the cross, He earnestly entreated His heavenly Father, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." He pleaded with His Father, so that we might live.

Dear Friends, come unto Him so that you might live. Fear not that your sins are too great, for God is a great King, capable of forgiving all. Think not that you are too unimportant, for no child is so small that he does not warrant the protection of His watchful eye. No one is too diseased that he cannot find strength in His care. Each plea fills us with solace in His compassion.

The road that leads to heaven is rocky and steep, one filled with little thorns and blooming roses, to act as guide posts for the weary traveler. The person who decides to take the path must put aside all former roadmaps and pick up the one with no detours or short cuts, The Bible. In this book of golden wisdom, one finds all proper highways for reaching the throne of God safely, and swiftly. In this book, one reads of the Master's commands, life of promises, and here one finds solace for the

anguish-filled heart and strength for his weary body. More important than all these, he learns of the love that calls him forth out of a world of chaos into a world of glory . . . So, putting down my smutty books of romance, dances, parties and vice, I picked up this great book of God and found romance, adventure and mystery to a degree I never knew could exist. I found inspiration and courage to walk along the heavenly road, when I was tempted to turn off a side-path leading me back to my former life.

To make the soul live forever, one must crucify the flesh, a crucifixion that can only be done by the help of God. As Jesus cried on the cross of Calvary, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit", so did I.

The life of a Christian is a beautiful one. Where there is sorrow, there are joys to overshadow them. Where there is warfare, there is also peace to quiet fears. Where there are injustices done, there is charity to soften the agonies. Where there are problems, there is faith and hope to help solve them. Where there is hate bestowed upon the followers of Christ, there is Christ's love to console him. When one falls in love with Christ, one falls out of love with the world and looks for higher ground on which to walk.

One of the most precious gifts I received from God was the ability to speak with Him. When I was lonely, I could lie on my bed and just talk to Him. Sometimes I had many things to tell Him. Then sometimes I just sat and thought, but everyday I felt the words coming from my mouth were words prompted by the longing in my heart. Books of prayers I did not need, just my inner faith and peace in knowing that He was there listening to all I said, whether important or not. By these daily dissertations, He became my friend, with whom I could share my most secret thoughts and desires. The happiness and knowledge of this came from the fact that I knew He cared. The privilege of prayer is a great power, one capable of defeating armies of enemies, healing the longings of the hopeful, resting the weary, constructing mansions of glory, creating hearts with singing, and making peace with God. Prayer

is like a magic wand. When used with the right intentions, it can erase all traces of care, for prayer is speaking with the Creator of all, who answers all, with love.

Free your soul of your burden. Open it up to God, and find rest for your weary heart. These worldly things for which your flesh so eagerly craves do not bring happiness. Think, and carefully examine yourself. Money can purchase tickets to operas, ballets, theaters; it can buy cigarettes and alcohol, can offer you such activities as pool, gambling, offices, lusts, but only the love of God can bring happiness. God is love.

I know, because for twenty years I roamed the world, up hill and down, seeking pleasure where it is to be found . . . In taverns and dance halls but none was there. In greed or lust—it was not there. Frustrated and depressed, I turned toward Home to seek rest, and on my way, I stumbled on a sign, marked Calvary. There I saw a man hanging on a cross, with love written on His face with blood. Closing my eyes, I took a step toward Him and kissed His feet, and He, bending His wounded head toward me, so His thorny crown pierced my heart, said, **Welcome home, my child.**

Loosing myself in Him, I found a joy no pen can tell. Sunlight seems to flood my path. In finding this crucified King, I found a haven for my lonely heart and a happiness that makes me want to sing, mid tears and trials. I was a great sinner, but He took mercy on my soul and filled it with joy.

Christ wants you also. Do not

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remain one of His lost ones, but come unto Him and be found as I was. Don the robe of Jesus, and taste of a joy you never knew could exist. Consecrate your life to

Him, and heed his invitation to come and follow. Speak to Him daily of your heart's desires, and thrill as you hear His gentle words. Walk with Him, talk with Him,

and let Him become your friend. Take up your cross, as Jesus did, and find peace and happiness.

An unworthy servant of Christ,
Karrole Pomodoro

TEMPEST

Henry Souder Jr.

"And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, loosing thence, they sailed close by Crete." Gale warnings are not timed to the world. The tempest can follow the soft wind.

Our bark is in His hands. Our compass is steady for Home.

"But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon." They say an airplane rises against the wind. The sturdy tree is nourished in fight in the forest. Meeting winds mean that a Will is with us, to work for His glory.

"And when the ship was caught, and could not bear up into the wind, we let her drive." In His ship, we're not forsaken. Clouds may roll, and winds may blow. Caught in the tempest, we need to let His peace guard.

"And running under a certain island which is called Clauda, we had much work to come by the boat: Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven."

Day in, and day out, work keeps the ship in shape. The railroads giant tonnage comes in time-keeping minutes.

God hears brief prayer. Why not tell him earnestly? Why not use our precious moment? He can move mountains and men. Its impact we sometimes little dream.

"And we being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next day they lightened the ship; And the third day we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship."

Being tempest-tossed, we can rouse our inner ambitions. Great strength grows, to throw out the things that encumber.

There's no day, nor Way of His,

but He will enable. The martyr's fire is calm, for the grace.

"And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away. But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss."

We may see joy in waiting. Benefits accumulate.

For all the wisdom of priceless words, there is not always the "listen" that we would see. Our hands seem tied to further effort. With His storehouse, shut away, we gain priceless movements . . . for work ahead, **We have not yet begun to fight!**

Our fight is not striving, but love and kindness in deep realness.

"And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship." Not to listen brings some loss, somewhere.

"For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee."

Keep on, dear one. Though little attention seems paid, keep on. When the deck is swept . . . Go below and tell Him. He works wonders. His "lo" can break with surprising beauty. In the midst of the storm come His jewels.

"Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me." We don't observe the clouds when we sow.

"Howbeit we must be cast upon a certain island." If we do what He wants, first, He will see we get

where He wants, next. Let Him do the planning. We need to know what all is included, in the casting of all care on Him.

"But when the fourteenth night was come, as we were driven up and down in Adria, about midnight the shipmen deemed that they drew near to some country; And sounded, and found it twenty fathoms: and when they had gone a little further, they sounded again, and found it fifteen fathoms."

God has a way of preparing His people, listening.

" . . . And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves."

Change comes, it seems suddenly. The picture around is different. We should be steady and sure. We were placed for His purpose. The servant of God is groomed for emergency moments.

"But the centurion . . . commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land: And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship."

Don't overlook what God lets come. You'll be amazed what He can do.

Use golden moment. Drop them into God's saving-bank . . . some doing, some telling . . . thought, prayer, song.

Some sowing . . . some waiting, not overdoing.

"And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land."

God loses none of His keeping.

"Dark is the night, but cheering is the promise;
He will go with me o'er the troubled wave.

Safe He will lead me, through the
pathless waters,
Jesus, the mighty one, and strong
to save.

With His loving hand to guide,
let the clouds above me roll,
And the billows in their fury dash
around me.

I can brave the wildest storm,
with His glory in my soul;
I can sing amidst the tempest,
Praise the Lord!"

The Apostolic Christian Church

Submitted by Bro. Aaron Schwartz

The Apostolic church was founded by Samuel H. Froelich, once a theological student at Zurich. In 1832, he was deposed from the ministry of the Reformed church, Aargau. He began to organize a church.

While engaging in this work, he visited Emmenthal. He was well received by Christian Gerber and Christian Baumgartner, who were dissatisfied with their own church. Two years later, George Stieger, a disciple of Froelich's, a young man of 21, appeared and organized a large church of 60, including Gerber and Baumgartner and a large number from the national church. Stieger rebaptized all, and taught that only those who followed the Bible's teachings could be saved.

The new church grew rapidly. They followed to the letter the teaching of St. Luke 10, "... salute no man by the way."

In 1846, seven of these people came, from Switzerland, to Ohio. They found their way to the Swiss Mennonite in Wayne County, and secured a following from them. In 1852, several more appeared in Lewis County, New York, and won to their faith some of the Virklers, the Farneys, and others.

From here, one of the Virklers and a certain Weyeneth, one of the elders from Switzerland, came to Woodford County, Illinois. The first convert was Joseph Kreinbuhl, who became their first minister in Illinois. John and Joseph Virkler, cousins of those in New York, and Peter Engel, one of the earliest settlers in Woodford County, were added. A small following was gained at Dillon Creek.

Kreinbuhl was zealous, and labored to win new converts. In 1862, he went to Butler County, Ohio. A small church was established.

The growth at first was slow.

By 1877, they numbered in all only 87 members.

They are thoroughly non-resistant, and have nothing to do with civil government. In dress, they are extremely plain.

They baptize by immersion, and observe the practice of feet washing, although not in connection with the communion service.

They make use of the ban in their religious discipline. Religious association is limited to their fellowship.

(Editor's postscript: We need to keep from judging. Our hearts, in His great love, want all to be in eternal joy. In our pathway, which as Bro. Otto Norr said, is always growing shorter, we want to be kind, a light to all. We shall not pass this way again, ever. However, we patiently point out, only the truth will win. Prove with the scripture. It will make all the difference on that great day.)

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher
Faye Wackerle

Bro. Art Gudeman from La Crosse and Bro. Floyd Wieland from Detroit spent a little time with us, in May. We wish to thank them for the words of Life that were spoken to us.

Bro. David Wieland and Sis. Judy Collver were united in Holy Matrimony on May 24.

We pray that God will bless this union.

Bro. Carl Wackerle was in the hospital for a few days, was quite ill, but is home and feeling better.

Sis. Lena Lambert fell, and broke her ankle. Sis. Emma Schlatter has not attended church for some time, due to ill health.

We pray for all our sick and afflicted and wish them God's grace.

A baby girl was born to Bro. Jim and Sis. Marlene Ramseyer. They named her Debra Sue.

ATHENS, ALABAMA

Ann Wagler

Jerry Kyle and Lily Mae Gee were married recently. She is the daughter of Tom and Leona Gee, who regularly attend our Athens church.

John Wilson and Carolyn Moss were married May 21. Carolyn is the daughter of Clifton and Sis. Jewel Moss.

Roy Barnett has not been well. He is the father of Sis. Doris Moore.

Joan Wagler graduated on May 31 from the University Hospital School of Nursing, in Birmingham. She will complete her training on Sept. 5.

Susan Wagler returned home from her first year of school in Chattanooga. She will attend Athens College during the summer.

Kathleen Kyle has been a shut-in for some weeks. She is lovingly cared for by her sister, Sis. Zelma Young. A group of Athens ladies had lunch with them, in honor of Zelma's birthday, on May 15.

Is the burden past your bearing?

God's in His heaven.

Hopeless? Friendless? Not one caring?

God's in His heaven.

Burdens shared are light to carry; Love shall come, though long He tarry.

All's well! All's well!

Landersville

John Byars and Betty Frost were united in marriage by Elder

Noah Bauman on May 3, at the home of her parents, Bro. Richard and Sis. Opal Frost.

Tommy and Millquay Craig are the parents of a daughter, Emily Sue, born May 12. Her parents are Leman and Louise LouAllen.

The following young people graduated from high school this year: Marie Oliver, Betty Frost Byars, Glenette Pierson and Wayne Frost.

Sis. Bertha Harville visited her daughter in Montgomery, Ala., who is ill with diabetic complications. Although Sis. Bertha is failing in health, she has a lovely garden, and her yard is bright with a variety of flowers, which she shares with us each Sunday.

"God keeps the aged
With hearts of gold and silver-
tinted hair
And earnestness, and greater
faith in prayer.
He keeps them as a shepherd
guards His sheep,
'Til in His fold they gently
fall asleep."

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS Leland Plattner

Our visitors for the month included the ministers, Bro. Loren Strahm from Gridley, Kansas, and Robert Young from Wichita, on the 10th, and Bro. Jess Emch, on the 24th. We were also glad to have Bro. Art Gudeman visit us on the 31st and bring us a message.

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The schedule of ministers is:
June 14, Sabetha;
June 28, Ft. Scott;
July 12, Alto; and
July 26, Fairbury.

LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA Clara Heininger

Worship services around the

Word of God and a time of good singing for young and old, with Sunday School classes for two groups, nursery age up to primary age, Junior and Bible class groups, met in the homes of Leman LouAllen, Bro. Carl and Mavis Naylor and Bro. and Sis. Richard Frost, on Friday evenings.

Linda Gail LouAllen and David Frost of the Primary grade surprised all the mothers on Mother's Day with a special song called M-O-T-H-E-R. It was a blessing to all.

Tommy and Millquay Craig welcomed the birth of a little daughter, born May 12. The baby will be at the hospital until she weighs 5 pounds.

Tuesday, May 12, the ladies of the Landersville area met at the home of Mrs. Elaine LouAllen, for a blessed afternoon of singing and fellowshiping around the Word of God.

The Story of A Father

Jesus gave to us the story of a
father, good and kind.
Yes, that very lovely story in the
Bible you will find,
For a wayward son, and restless,
left his father's loving home,
And in far-off foreign countries,
as a wanderer, he would roam!

Then at last he spent his money;
he was destitute indeed,
So he worked as but a swineherd,
in his time of want and need.
Then so lonely, poor and wretched,
many dreams to him would
come,
Of the happiness and plenty
in his father's distant home.

So repentant, he determined
he would go to that dear home,
And perhaps the loving father
one repentant would not spurn.
But I'll ask to be a servant;
I'm not fit to be a son.
Then he started on his journey,
the disheartened weary one.

But the always loving Father
saw the wanderer far away,
And how joyous was the welcome
for the one who went astray!
Not a servant was returning,
but a son, as from the dead,
And a robe and ring were given,
and a bounteous feast was
spread!

'Tis a sweet and lovely story
by our blessed Master told;
It has come down through the ages
from the far-off days of old,
And we read with hearts so humble
in the ever living Word,
That unbounded and unchanging
is the mercy of the Lord.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY August Mueller

We are very happy to welcome Sis. Ann Heinz into our congregation. She moved from Rockville to Tenafly, to live with her sister-in-law, Sis. Elsa Welti. We deeply regret that her husband, Bro. Ray could not move in with her, but he moved to a better home, a home not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Sis. Isabella Metz is no longer with us here in Union City. The Lord provided a new home for her. She is living in Rockville, with Bro. and Sis. Eugene Fehr. Sis. Ann Tchudin feels bad about it, after living with her for 30 years. Sis. Ann did everything in her power for Sis. Metz, but she could no longer take care of her, on account of her trouble with her leg.

Sis. Jennie Schupka passed away in Mansfield, May 14, at the age of 87. Her body was brought to Schlemm's Funeral Parlor, here in Union City.

Sunday, the 17th . . . It was a day of joy and blessing for all of us. These are showers of blessing, of which we sing in that hymn, when kindred hearts and minds meet and greet each other. There is no higher standing in this whole world and time. All the riches in this world can not be compared with the peace and the blessing of God.

Tonight, we paid our last respect to our dearly beloved sister-in-faith, Jennie Schupka. Brother Ernst Lugenbuhl and Bro. Schneider conducted the funeral service. It was short, but very impressive. We heard that we should be prepared, that when our time comes, we have a living hope in our hearts that we will inherit eternal life.

How gratifying it is when one can be laid in the grave that served the Lord many years. Sis. Jennie dedicated all her life to the Lord, and there is no doubt in my mind that she was yearning to go home. The Lord has granted her wish, and has taken her home, where she will be united with her father,

mother and three sisters, never to depart anymore.

Her remains will be turned over to Mother Earth tomorrow morning, in George Washington Cemetery, where three of her sisters are sleeping, peacefully. There she will sleep until the trumpet sounds. The dead will rise, those who have served the Lord, to everlasting life, and later, those that served the power of darkness to everlasting destruction.

Sis. Jennie spent the biggest part of her life here in Jersey. We thank Bro. Lugenbuhl, Bro. Schneider, and all the other members from Rockville for coming to the funeral service.

Wonderful month of May. Wonderful creation of God! How beautiful the green leaves and the grass, when the sun comes up in the morning, to give light and life to the world, to the honor of God, our heavenly Father. No man can praise and honor the Creator of Heaven and Earth enough, for the wonderful works He does, and for His love and kindness which He does bestow on mankind.

Sis. Ann Tchudin returned from her trip to Mansfield and Rockville. I was glad to hear that everything went along smoothly, and that Sis. Metz is happy and content in her new home. Thanks to our elder, Bro. John Bahler, who was so concerned and did so much in order to find a good home for Sis. Metz. God will bless them for their deed of kindness. Rejoice, the Father loves us here. He takes very good care of all His children.

Friend William Orth was called to serve in the Army. His address: Pvt William Orth US51525786 Company G 2nd Training Reg. Ft Dix New Jersey 08640

Hearty greetings to all the members and friends everywhere, from this reporter and all the members and friends here in Union City. God bless you all.

MOUNTAIN HOME HILLSBORO, ALABAMA

Clara Heiniger

Sis. Martha Evans was not able to attend services for several Sundays.

Bro. Junior Hale held worship services in the Courtland area, at the home of Riley Terrys. The little children enjoy the Sunday School lessons of little children of the Bible.

In the month of May, 22 ladies and 17 children met at the house, and a blessed time of fellowship in singing with the young and old. A nursery class was held in another room, while the ladies read the 2nd chapter of St. John. It was a precious time spent in fellowship with the Lord and one another.

The church is now getting ready for building, soon as material arrives.

The month of June brings Father's Day. This poem was interesting, of a Bible father.

Vigil Of A Father

He walked along the way, did
Abraham,
With Isaac by his side,
And lurking in the heart of
Abraham
Were fears he couldn't hide.

The words of God were sounding
in his ears:
"Take now thy son . . . and offer
him".

Would Isaac live no more, when
this was done?
Would Isaac, then, be lost,
When that command was a promise
kept?

For Abraham had promised well
his Lord;
The old man wept,
But there was in the heart of
Abraham
A hint of promise true.

For God, with many sons on earth
—was not He a Father, too?
The old man must have known,
while binding Isaac there
With trembling touch,
That God would send deliverance
out of heaven.
God's love was such!

And when God showed His tender
love, protection
For the beloved boy,
Abraham said in his heart, My
Father knows a father's
love', and prayed in joy.

BERN, KANSAS

Mrs. Morris Edelman
Mrs. Leonard Baumgartner

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Roy Wernli from Lamont and Bro. Loren Strahm of Gridley. We thank them for coming and ministering the Word of God to us. Bro. Loren spoke especially to our

young people: When you are in need of help — go to your parents.

Sis. Leah Bauman has returned to her home, after spending the winter with her daughter in Phoenix. We are happy to again have her place in church filled.

Sis. Stella Moser was a hospital patient this month.

Ronnie Strahm, son of Bro. and Sis. Alvin Strahm, has been discharged from the Marines and is home from California. He is now attending college at Hays, Kansas.

Our church attended the funeral, at Sabetha, of Bro. Chris Grimm, who for many years lived in our community.

Sharon Meyer, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Louis Meyer, has started working at the Apostolic Christian Home for the Aged.

High school graduates were John Lehman, son of Bro. and Sis. Edward Lehman, and Dale Strahm, son of Bro. and Sis. Ephraim Strahm.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS Ruth Ricketts

May 10 was a day set aside to honor our mothers, to whom we owe so much. We were pleased to have so many of our friends worship with us that day.

It was also a special day for us, as Brother Fred Grimm of Taylor was here to help Brother Silas Leuthold serve the Lord's Supper to the congregation. It was rather touching, as we feel it is probably the last time it will be served to the entire congregation. A number will soon be attending church at Bradford. It always brings us closer together, and is well if we keep it in mind. Brother Fred said how it was at the Passover. A perfect lamb was killed, and the blood placed on the door, so that the death angel would pass over. God sent His perfect son to shed His blood for the salvation of our souls.

The engagement of Sister Diane Grimm, daughter of Brother Eli and Sister Lena of West Bend, and Brother Marvin Knobloch, son of Brother Clarence and Sister Emma, was made known May 10. We wish them God's blessings as they look forward to this important step in life.

There is a tiny new grave in the church cemetery, where the body of the still-born son of Brother Vernon and Sister Bernice Stoller was laid to rest. Four sisters sur-

vive, as do his grandparents, Bro. George and Sis. Elizabeth Stoller and Sis. Elizabeth Wagenbach.

Marsha, eleven-year-old daughter of Brother William and Sister Gladys Knobloch, is confined to her bed for several weeks, suffering from rheumatic fever. Merle, six-year-old son of Brother Levi and Sister Mildred Endress, is also confined to bed, suffering from rheumatoid arthritis. May God be with these little ones, to give them patience to endure their shut-in days.

John, son of Brother Ed and Sister Doris Guingrich, was hospitalized several days, suffering from a severe ear infection. He attends the University of Illinois, and was unable to attend classes for some time.

Brother John Baurer submitted to surgery May 20, and is getting along as well as possible.

Sister Lillian Stahl submitted to surgery and was a hospital patient a few days. She, too, is getting along nicely.

Mark, eight-year-old son of Brother Roy and Sister Donna Ehnle, miraculously escaped death, when he fell from a tractor and the large wheel partially ran over his chest. He was hospitalized for several days and is confined to his bed, but has much for which to be thankful, that his life was spared. Surely his guardian angel was near him.

Greg, son of Sister Edith Martin, received a painful cut in the thigh of his leg, when he fell backward from a tank and struck a jack. A number of stitches were required to close the wound, both inside and outside, but we are thankful to say he is recovering nicely.

Sister Geraldine Streitmatter has gone to Mayo's Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, for tests. We hope and pray she will soon be able to return home with a good report.

Mumps and measles are quite prevalent among our younger children.

Douglas Lee was born to Brother Lyle and Sis. Betty (Tanner) Stahl, June 3. He is their first child, and most welcome.

Our church dining-room looks quite different with the installation of new horse-shoe tables, which we feel will be an improvement.

Brother Eugene Siebenthal spent the week-end over Memorial Day

at home. He has a new address.

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Carol Jean is the name of the new daughter born to Bro. David and Sis. Shirley (Streitmatter) Kieser, May 27. Four sisters welcomed her home.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Mrs. Raymond Roth

We had our general church housecleaning May 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Pifer of Hugo, Colorado, are the parents of their first child, a son, Troy Schupbach, born May 12. Mrs. Pifer is the former Donna Schupbach, daughter of Floyd and Sis. Matilida Schupbach.

Millicent Brown, daughter of Bro. and Sis. John Brown, and Larry Frieden were united in marriage, in the home of the bride's parents, May 29.

Nancy Kircher, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wayne Kircher, and Garry Johnston were united in marriage in the home of the bride's parents, May 31, by Nancy's grandfather, Bro. Eli Somerhalder.

Bro. & Sis. Ben Metz of Fairbury came for over Memorial week end. Sunday evening singing was enjoyed by many at the home of Bro. and Sis. Marvin Ott. Bro. Ben used to assemble with us while stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. We enjoyed having Ben in our midst again.

Hospital patients this past month were Joann Schrock, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bill Schrock, for an appendectomy; Bro. George Miller, for medical treatment; and Bro. Ed Kircher, for treatment of shingles.

CROGHAN — NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Mrs. Lawrence Farney Mrs. David Schambach

On May twenty-third and twenty-fourth, we enjoyed a blessed week-end, when Brother John Bahler came from Rockville to minister to us. On Saturday evening we met at the Croghan church, to hear the testimony of Samuel Virkler, and on Sunday witnessed his baptism, which followed the afternoon service. Our new young brother, Samuel, is the son of Bro. Clifton and Sister Charlotte Virkler. On Sunday evening

we gathered at the Naumburg church, where Bro. Bahler and Bro. John Widrick administered Holy Communion. We surely thank Bro. John for their presence and for the uplift given by his ministrations.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Demorest are the parents of a son, Mark Charles, born May 10. Mrs. Demorest is the daughter of Bro. Carl and Sister Corrine Virkler.

Elwood and Etta Virkler are the parents of their third son, born May 10 and named Mark Elwood Elwood is the son of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Pernal Virkler.

Brother John Merz underwent a serious operation sometime ago, but has recently returned home. He is still under the care of nurses, but is happy to be able to be at home with his loved ones.

Sister Barbara Bachman recently spent a few days in the hospital, but has again returned to her home.

Friend Arthur Hirschey was also hospitalized at two different intervals, but we are happy to have him in our midst again.

We are sorry to report that Friend Joe Sabo has again returned to the hospital. Sister Lucy Hany has also been there for a week for tests, etc., and we are glad to report that nothing serious was found, so she could return home again.

John Schambach, son of Brother David and Sister Lois, has been ill for the past five weeks, a week of which was spent in the hospital. He has returned to school again.

Bob and Jean Sturtz are the parents of a new baby girl. Bob is the son of Roy and Sister Edna Sturtz.

Our community was saddened by the sudden death of a friend, Harold Streeter. Although he had been in poor health, it was a shock to all. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Berdena; his three sons; three brothers; and a sister, Mrs. Jerome (Sister Cora) Farney. He was a son of the late Brother Reuben and Sister Louise Herzig Streeter. His funeral was held from the Naumburg church, with Brother Robert Beyer officiating.

On June 2, funeral services were held at the Naumburg Church for Sister Nellie Beyer Redelsperger, who entered into rest at the age of 83, after a long illness. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Frank

(Sister Dora) Brothers; a son, John Cole; and five grandchildren.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Nancy Honegger — Martha Stoller

Bro. Andy Lehmann was a medical patient, and Sis. Tillie Rieger a surgical patient, at the Fairbury Hospital recently. Both are again at home and recovering nicely.

Bro. George Gramm of Gridley and Bro. Josh Broquard of Fairbury assisted Bro. Henry Kilgus in the serving of Holy Communion. Mention was made of the many grains of wheat, ground together to make one loaf of bread; so are we united together as one body in Christ.

"We drink one cup; we break one bread;

Our Saviour suffered in our stead."

Visiting ministers the past month have been Bros. Noah Schrock, Dave Kieser, Silas Leuthold, Ezra Feller, Phil Sauder, and Vernon Schwab.

Bro. Schrock reminded us how we each have our place in the household of God. While not all can be ministers, nor Sunday School teachers, nor song leaders, there still is a duty for every member, even though we may never be heard from.

If only by our presence in the assembling of God's people, we show our dedication. Even when we become weak and frail in the flesh, a silent prayer can still be uttered in behalf of the congregation.

The farmers in this area are busy with cultivating and haying at present. We have had it very dry for several weeks; however, today we are having a lovely rain, which has been falling gently all afternoon, another blessing from God.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Marie Zaugg

Brother Joe Muhlebour had surgery about two weeks ago. He is still in the hospital. He is getting along all right, and plans to go home in a few days.

Sister Ella Banwart spent two weeks in Savannah, Mo., for treatment. She is home and getting along fine.

At this writing, Vacation Bible School is in progress. The children were looking forward to attending. We pray God will plant precious seed into their tender hearts, that in the proper time the seed will grow and bear much fruit.

Sister Annabell Bahr will be the next reporter for the Silver Lining. May God bless her and give her the necessary grace to carry on the work.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Emily Kilgus

On Mother's Day, we were blessed by the visit of Bro. Henry Kilgus. It had been a long time since his last visit, which was before his illness.

Bro. Elmer Bucher of Francesville spent a Sunday with us recently.

John Schieler, son of Herb and Mary Jo Schieler, and Ronnie Getz, son of Bro. and Sis. Phil and Eliza Getz, are our graduating seniors. We wish them the Lord's leading and guiding, for whatever the future may hold.

Our Vacation Bible School is now in session. For the past several years we have shared this with the Wolcott Sunday School, and it was held there the past two years. A program will be held at the end of the week.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Ernest Knecht

Morning Services 10:00. Sunday School 10:00 Singing 11:30.

Afternoon Services 12:00. Thursday evening 8:00. (The first Thursday of the month, we have Bible class and an hour of fellowship, with refreshments after Bible class downstairs.)

On May 22, a daughter, Tamara Lynn, was born to Richard and Janice Schrenk.

We rejoice with Joanne Stoller, who has given herself to the Lord. She was baptized a few weeks ago. She is the daughter of Virgil and Hulda Stoller, of Gridley, Illinois. Joanne will be a sophomore at Northwestern, and expects to be with us in Chicago for two more years. Joanne intends to study at the University of Bonn, in Germany, this summer. We wish her God's grace and success in her undertaking.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen

Katie Kachelmuss

A precious one from us has gone; A voice we loved is still. A place is vacant in our church, Which only God can fill.

On Friday morning, May 15, our

congregation and community were saddened by the sudden and unexpected passing out of this life for that better home, beyond, of our beloved elder, Bro. William Stettner, who had so faithfully served us for so many years, and whose kind and loving counsel and advice will be missed by all.

Bro. Will was born in Weilandorf, Germany, August 5, 1879, and came to America with his parents in 1884. They located in Elgin, Illinois, where he lived all the rest of his life. In the year 1894, he received and obeyed a call from the Lord unto repentance, became converted and was baptized that same year, at the age of 15. As a young brother, he became interested in singing the beautiful hymns, in our hymnals, and served as song leader for many years. He also served as a Sunday School teacher many years, and many of his pupils repented and still cherish those precious memories of the times so wisely spent together. He was chosen for the ministry in the year 1935, and finally as elder and shepherd of the flock, which he so kindly and wisely guided through several perilous occasions. He was married to Emma Spiess, who survives, along with two sons, Robert and Howard, and four grandchildren.

Bro. Will was very diligent in visiting the sick and aged who could not assemble so freely. He enjoyed the years of his retirement in fulfilling this calling, as he expressed a hope once that if the Lord would give him a few years after retiring, he would like to spend his declining years like this. This was granted to him, and he was very faithful in carrying out these duties. Always uppermost and foremost in his heart and mind was how to please the Lord. Some of the last words that he spoke were that whatever the Lord's will might be, that he would be satisfied. Little did we think that so soon his lips would be sealed, but, even then, the many wise and godly teachings and advice he shared with us will become more precious and valuable with the years. We believe that God will say to him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the glory of thy Lord. No doubt many have enjoyed his beautiful writings and teachings in the Silver Lining.

Bro. Herman Braun and Sis.

Sharon Powelson were married on May 17, by Bro. Herman Kellenberger. They are making their home at Aurora, Colorado. Bro. Herman is stationed in Denver. We wish them God's blessings.

Bro. and Sis. John Steffen have a baby girl, born May 15. They have named her Carol Lynn. Bro. and Sis. Paul Leman have a girl, born on Easter Sunday. They named her Jill Margaret.

Milford Rein and Donald Schambach were hospitalized a short time.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Al. Fisher, Vernon Leman, and Edwin Bahler. We received blessings and good teachings through their efforts. Bro. Bahler mentioned that whenever it becomes his duty to stand up and preach the Word of God, he feels so unworthy, but he is always reminded of when Joseph was before Pharaoh to interpret the dream, he said, "It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace." Bro. Edwin said this always gives him courage to go on.

We were also reminded of the destruction of Sodom, and how it is recorded in Ezekiel, chapter 16, what the iniquity of that city was. The Lord said it was pride, fulness of bread and abundance of idleness. The brother said it seems to parallel with the times we are living in, when men take such pride in their inventions and achievements, the fulness of bread and the prosperity in our land today, the abundance of idleness and how the working hours are being cut down and people have so much idle time. How sad it is that so many do not seem to see the real purpose of their life here on earth. In Job we read, ". . . thou has appointed his bounds that he cannot pass". Life is serious, as the author put it:

Tell me not in mournful numbers
Life is but an empty dream,
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal.
Dust thou art, to dust returnest
Was not spoken of the soul.

Sis. Anna Banwart has had a severe heart attack, and will probably be hospitalized for some time. We wish her God's help and comfort in her illness.

Sis. Martha Hugh fell and broke a bone in her ankle. She hopes to return home from the hospital soon. May God be with her and bless her in her confinement. She will have to use crutches for quite some time, when she returns home.

Dennis Feucht is stationed near Munich, Germany (about 50 miles from Munich, but his home base is Munich). His parents would like to know if any of our people have a son near there, so that Dennis could get in touch. If there would be some family in one of our churches who have a son there, would you write and tell Dennis' parents. They would appreciate it very much. Write:

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EUREKA, ILLINOIS Cathryn Wettstein

Our visiting ministers the past month have been Bro. Al Scheitlin from Elgin, Bro. Art Gudeman from La Crosse, and Bro. Wendell Gudeman from Francesville. Bro. Art Gudeman stressed in his sermon, how that all must die if we expect some day to live. How very important this is for each soul.

Births: To Bro. Marvin and Sis. Dorothy Schmidgall, a baby girl, Jane Sue, born May 18. They have three sons and two daughters. To Allen and Nathalia Getz, a baby boy, born, May 31. He has been named Gary Ray. They have two sons.

Sis. Mildred Huber, Bro. Leroy's wife, has returned to her home from the Mayo Clinic. Her condition is satisfactory.

The fourth Sunday of May, there was no singing at the church. They have discontinued the singings through the summer months. When fall comes, they will start again.

Two more souls have found it worthwhile to turn to their Saviour in repentance. They are Martha Grusy and her husband, Alf. May God give them grace and strength to keep going ahead, ever looking to Jesus, who died on the

cross for the sins of the whole world.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich

It was like walking through a beautiful "Flower Garden" when Bro. Henry Beer spoke to us, for Wednesday evening services.

On Sunday, the following brothers said they wanted to come to us for a "Love Visit", Noah Schrock, Joe Waibel and George Yergler. The blessedness of faith was told us in a comforting definition.

God blessed the home of Bro. Robert and Sis. Norma Pfladderer with a baby son, Larry Robert. The grandparents are Bro. Will Kahlers. The grandparents, Bro. Sam Geyers, are also so thankful for their son Arthur's family, to have a baby daughter, Jane Marie.

The following was read for the opening of our evening program, preceded by a prayer. "We wish to welcome each one here tonight, and ask your prayers that we may all receive a blessing. We have chosen for our theme, "Graduation". The time is here again when many young people are graduating, some from grade school, others from high school, and still others from college. To each graduate comes a feeling of apprehension; What next? Shall I go on to school? There is yet another school. Those who have enrolled wonder why they hesitated so long—the reward is great, and the lesson not too difficult. It is the School of the Cross. Graduate, have you enrolled?" A poem was read, "Final Grade", followed by a duet, "The Saviour For Me". Then, after more poems and songs, short services were given, followed by the presentation of Bibles to each high school graduate. The evening program was closed with a prayer.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS Marian Wiegand

The engagement of Karen Waldbeser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Waldbeser of Morton, to Gary Wiegand, son of Bro. Henry and Sis. Persida Wiegand, has been announced. A September wedding is planned.

Bro. Daniel and Sis. Verla Wiegand were blessed with a son, Michael Ray, born June 2. He is welcomed by three brothers and three sisters.

Bro. Vernon Leman of Eureka

visited our congregation this past month. In his sermon, he reminded us how short this life is, compared to eternity. He also warned us of the danger of spending so much time providing for this life, that it leaves insufficient time to prepare for eternity.

The marriage of Vermeda Rokey, daughter of Bro. and Sis. John Rokey, and William Young of Peoria was solemnized June 5. They will make their home in Peoria.

On June 7, Christine Knapp, daughter of George and Martha Knapp, was united in marriage to Dale Metzger, son of Bro. Jake and Sis. Elsie Metzger of Lester. They will make their home on a farm near Rock Rapids, Iowa.

We thank Bro. Ezra Feller of Cissna Park for the Word spoken to our congregation, and prayer spoken with the congregation, on Mother's Day.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

Bro. Simon Wagenbach from Tremont was our guest minister on Mother's Day. He brought us a very inspiring message.

Our two young friends, Virginia Witzig, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marjorie Witzig, and Vickie Hodel, daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Jean Hodel, have received their caps, after serving faithfully as Candy Strippers in Eureka Hospital. A hundred hours of service are required in order to receive the caps. Virginia and Vickie are entering their sophomore year in high school in the fall, and we feel they are to be commended for doing such a worthwhile duty, beside all their school and Sunday School activities. May God bless them farther on.

Bro. Joe Klopfenstein is again able to assemble with us, after being absent for some time after suffering a heart attack.

Bro. Robert Keurth also has been able to assemble with us, following a long absence, having undergone surgery some time ago.

Bro. Peter and Sis. Janet Meiss of Normal, Illinois, are the parents of a son, Philip Lynn, born May 13. Sis. Janet is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Sam Pflederer of Morton, and Bro. Pete is the son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Hulda Meiss of Gridley.

On Saturday, May 23, our friend, Joann Stoller, daughter of Bro. Vir-

gil and Sis. Hulda Stoller, gave her testimony, after having repented and receiving peace with God. Her baptism took place the following day.

Our friend, Kenny Burgess, has been announced for proving in a few weeks. We are glad to have these two young people join our flock.

Bro. Philip Kiefer, who has spent the winter in the Fairhaven Rest Home in Fairbury, spent a week in his home in Gridley, but has again returned to Fairbury.

Our little friend, Janet Gramm, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Mary Elizabeth Gramm, had the misfortune of cutting her leg on a piece of broken glass. A number of stitches were required to close the wound.

Sis. Martha Witzig is recuperating in her home, after being a patient in Methodist Hospital in Peoria. Her sister, Sis. Matilda, is recovering from a bout with a bad back. Wish them both a speedy recovery.

On Sunday, May 31, our guest ministers were Bros. Merle Bucher and Ed Frank from La Crosse. In the introduction, Bro. Merle quoted the Psalmist, "I was glad when they said . . . Let us go into the house of the Lord." I think all of us are glad when we can lay aside our duties of the week and assemble in the house of God.

Our sister, Setta Klopfenstein, has been suffering with a back ailment. We hope she will soon be able to assemble with us again.

God is mighty! He is able to deliver.

Faith can victor be in every trying hour,
Fear and care and sin and sorrow
be defeated

By our faith in God's almighty,
conquering power.

Have faith in God; the sun will shine,
Though dark the clouds may be today.

His heart has planned your path
and mine.

Have faith in God, have faith
always.

Saint

A little child, on a summer morning, stood in a great church . . . the sunlight streamed through the beautiful stained glass windows.

A little later, the question was asked, "What is a saint?" The child replied, "A saint is a person who lets the light shine through."

Anonymous

MILFORD, INDIANA

Arthur Haab

John Kaiser, who lived in the Milford community, went to his eternal reward. Funeral services were held at our church by Elder Bro. Theo Beer.

Visiting brothers who helped in our Sunday School this past month were Clarence Rudin, Glen Egoff, and Urban Bauer from Cissna Park, Earl Steffen from Elgin (Ill.) and Ray Sinn from Latty. It is appreciated so much when these dear brothers will take the time and spend the effort to bring God's holy word to our young people. Sunday School teachers stand next to the ministers in expounding and teaching God's word, and as the members upstairs enjoy a visiting minister, so do our Sunday School children enjoy a visiting teacher, who is often given more attention than the regular teacher, and thus is better able to sow good teachings in youthful minds.

Bro. Paul and Sis. Kathy Haab and son are home on leave from Fort Sam. Bro. Paul is expecting to be discharged in the near future. Friend Nelson Beer, who is stationed at Detroit, has been able to worship with us quite often.

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High school graduates from our church this year are friends Mike Zimmerman, Ken Beer, Jean Kaiser, and Connie Hartter.

Sis. Ilene Kammerer will be substituting for me as Silver Lining reporter again this summer, as my wife and I will attend summer school at college, to further our educations.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Mrs. B. E. Getz

We are thankful Bro. Joe A. Getz's health permits him to again minister to us.

Bro. Joe Kaisner of Forrest, Bro. Merle Kaisner of Fairbury, Bro. Walter Anliker of Eureka, and Bro. Don Sauder of Roanoke, brought us very inspiring messages.

There are many sick, among us, at present. Bro. John Frank was in the hospital, but is able to be home again. Bro. Joe C. Belsley is at Rest-Mor. Bro. Sam Ackerman, Bro. George Yentes and Henry Gunther had major surgery. Sisters Clara Welk, Lydia Getz and Rose Teubel are convalescing at home.

A baby daughter was born to Sis. Louise and Bro. Edward Teubel, May 23.

Our Vacation Bible School has begun, and will be held each evening for two weeks.

SABETHA, KANSAS **Mrs. Theodore Locher**

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Roy Wernli from Lamont, Bro. Alpha Strahm Jr. from Bern, Bro. Al Langhoffer, Wichita and Bro. Wayne Miller Fort Scott. We were richly blessed with the spiritual food, which is so needful. With the grace of God, let us, each and everyone in this walk of life, go forth with this talent we were entrusted with, and gain to our best ability.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 31, for Bro. Chris Grimm, who passed away May 27, at the age of 84. Bro. Chris served the church many years as a trustee. Funeral services were conducted by Bros. Carl Hartman and Eugene Marti.

Sis. Louise Baumgartner has returned to her home again. She spent several weeks in Topeka, at the home of her daughter, Alice Livingood, convalescing, after having surgery. She is improving. We hope Sis. Louise will soon be able to assemble with us again.

Bro. Jake Plattner had the misfortune of having a fall, and was hospitalized a few days. He is now staying in the home of his daughter, Tillie Menold, and family.

Our grandson, Mark Metzger, who is seven years old, has completed his first year in the school for the deaf at Olathe, Kansas, and is now home for the summer vacation. Having visited the school a few times and seen how eager they are to learn, and how soon they seem to know their lessons, it is heart rending to see so many children that have to live in a silent world. They graduate with an academic or vocational major equal to that of high school student. Now, they are ready to go out to meet

the world and become useful citizens. It takes much time and patience, but the teachers say it is so rewarding to see their progress. May God bless them for their efforts, and give them courage to keep up the good work. This school enrolls 308 deaf and hard of hearing pupils, from 6 to 21 years of age.

The Sabetha congregation was host, Sat., June 6, and 7, to our Youth fellowship. Those taking part were from Lamar, Fort Scott, Wichita, and Bern. With the blessings of the Lord, let us, each and everyone in this walk of life, go forth to gain more talents for our Master.

AKRON, OHIO **Grace Schuckert**

The Philip Webbers have a new little guest in their home for a few weeks, nine-month-old Gabriel Bryan, their first grandchild. The baby's parents, Gabriel and Mary Webber Balazs of State College, Pa., are now visiting some of the Balazs family in the West.

Many extended good wishes to Sis. Sadie Brenner on her 87th birthday. Smiling Sadie, who makes her home with a daughter, Mrs. Alma German at Silver Lake Estates in Cuyahoga Falls, is able to attend church services most every Sunday.

Elmer Graf Sr. is in satisfactory condition in a local hospital, following recent hernia surgery. Friend Stephen Graf was hospitalized, for the setting of a broken nose, on the 27th wedding anniversary of his parents, Bro. Ernest Graf Sr. and Sis. Louise. Bro. Leon Graf's wife, Janet, spent several days under observation at Cleveland Clinic Hospital.

College students are leaving or returning, as the case may be, with discontinuance of classes for the summer months. We welcome Bro. Walter Gasser, his wife Mary, and their child who are moving to this vicinity from the University of Cincinnati. Bro. Walter plans to begin an internship at Akron General Hospital soon.

The speed and ease of our earthly travels over modern highways, upon which we can go far and fast in a short time, was contrasted to our pilgrim Journey, by ministering Bro. Robert Beer, as we spiritually travel a wilderness and some times must trod over rough ter-

rain, as we meet with obstacles in our path.

On visiting a dear, elderly sister some time ago, who has since passed to her rest, I found the following quotation on the bulletin board of the county home. Having committed it to memory then, I have found occasion since to commit it to life, and so quote it here.

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

BLUFFTON, INDIANA **Carolyn Gerber Delutha Moser**

Births: We were blessed with baby girls in our congregation this month; To Bro. Ramon and Sis. Lorena Steffen, Brenda Lee, May 7; to Bro. Tom and Sis. Marilyn Baumgartner, Jennifer Sue, May 12; and to Bro. Paul and Sis. Mary Jo Gerber, June Elizabeth, May 27.

Engagements: The engagement of Sis. Mary Kay Gerber and Bro. Leon Gerber was announced on May 10. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Alvin Gerber and Bro. and Sis. David Gerber. The wedding is being planned for July 12.

Sis. Ann Gerber and Bro. Kenneth Reinhard had their engagement announced on May 31. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. David Gerber and Ezra and Sis. Delphia Reinhard. The wedding is being planned for August 2.

May God, who holds the future in His hands, shower upon these two couples His richest blessings, as they travel life's pathway together.

Visiting ministers: Through the inspired messages brought to us from Elder Bro. John Bahler and ministering Brothers Alfred Bahler and Henry Sabo this past month were truly blessed teachings, as in Hebrews, chapter 2, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

Hospital patients: Our brethern who had some shut-in hours this past month are Sisters Elma (Sam) Kaehr, Dorothy (Vernon) Gerber, and Lorene Geisel, Brothers Samuel Gerber, Leon Gerber, and William Fiechter, who is yet a patient.

Bible School: We are trusting the teachings that were sown in the tender hearts of this years

Vacation Bible School scholars will some day bring forth fruits pleasing to our God. The attendance is 250. It started June 1. An evening program is to be presented on June 12.

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Marriages: A wedding reception was held for our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Arlon (Suzy Cook) Gerber, on May 29. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Gerber and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cook.

The marriage of friend David Schaefer, son of Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Schaefer, to Carolyn Johnson, daughter of Paul and the late Bernice Johnson, took place on May 31.

Friend Charles Isch, son of Bro. and Sis. Ervin Isch, and Linda Decker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Decker, are being united in marriage on June 12.

Converts: Again, sufficient grace was granted to three dear souls, who have sought in their Maker this peace; "not as the world giveth, give I unto you." from St. John 14. Provings being held in the near future will be for our friends, Deliah Aschliman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Roy Roy Aschliman; Nancy Bertsch, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Oscar Bertsch; and Darrell Steffen, son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Steffen.

Whatever is — Is Best

I know, as my life grows older,
And mine eyes have clearer sight,
That underneath each wrong
somewhere,
There lies the root for right,
That each sorrow has its meaning,
By the sorrowing oft unguessed,
But as sure as the sun brings
morning,
Whatever is — Is best.

I know that each sinful action,
As sure as the night brings
shade,
Is somewhere, sometime punished,
Tho' the hour be long delayed.
I know that souls are aided,
Sometimes by the heart's unrest,

And to grow means often to suffer,
But whatever is — Is best.

I know there are no errors
In the great eternal plan,
And all things work together,
For the final good of man,
And I know when my soul speeds
onward,
In its grand, eternal quest,
I shall say, as I look back
earthward,
Whatever is — Is best.

Submitted by
Lillian Isch

BURLINGTON, IOWA Uriel Gehring

Brother Kenneth and Sister Charity Scheitlin have a new baby boy, Rodney Kenneth. Rodney has two sisters and three brothers.

Brother and Sister Ruby Eberhardt have a new baby girl, Susan Kay. Susan has one sister and two brothers.

The front entry of our church was recently covered with vinyl tile; this has made a nice improvement to the building.

Saturday evening, June 6, Sister Mary Wagler, our oldest member, who just recently celebrated her 90th birthday, suffered a stroke and lapsed into a coma. She never regained consciousness, and passed away to a well deserved rest, Sunday evening, June 7, at about 10:00. Funeral services will be Wednesday afternoon, June 10. She was preceded in death by her husband, Christian T. Wagler, on October 27, 1957. Surviving are seven children, Ben, Paul, Joe, Ulie and Bob of Burlington, Mike of Little-york, Ill., and Tillie Frank of Salem, Ia. Ben, Paul and Tillie are members of the Apostolic Christian Church in Burlington. Sister Mary lived a full life. Joy and sorrow were intermingled, but she always seemed content with her lot. **Godliness with contentment** was her motto for living. She never wanted to be a burden to anyone, and this wish was granted her, as she slipped away to eternity so peaceably.

Oftimes when we would visit her, she would recall events that happened sixty, seventy and eighty years ago. Her memory and thinking ability were good until the end. It was always an inspiration for us younger ones in the faith to talk with her and receive godly counsel. She could talk from experience, and would generally con-

clude her discourse with this thought, "The Lord has been good to me; He has never left or forsaken me, and what He wills for me will be best for me." This is a testimony that shall live on; this is the faith of our fathers we should strive to keep. Her light, which shone for so many years and gave hope and encouragement to others, has now gone on, and it will be up to the rest of us who remain to retain the faith that carried her through life and through death. We thank God for allowing her to remain with us so long, and we also thank Him for calling her home, that for which she many times yearned. May the Lord also comfort her dear children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

LAMONT, KANSAS Mrs. Bernie Emch

The unfailing One, that never forsakes us, has so wonderfully blessed us with the much needed moisture, that has surely been a boost to our crops, pastures, water supply and all things that depend on rain. Let us all be as free with our thanksgiving for the same as we were with our grumbling of the dry weather.

Our Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker served our members Communion, this past month. On this sacred occasion, we do feel the unworthiness to partake of it.

I Corinthians 11:23-27 ". . . the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."

It is so uplifting to have visiting ministers spend a day with us. Bro. Wayne Miller of Ft. Scott and Bro. Loren Strahm of Gridley were with us in this past month. May they be blessed in their labor. Our prayers, asking that they and all Ministers of the Word be given strength to carry on, is our help for them.

The funeral of our friend, Chris Storrer, 60 years old, the son of

the late Albert and Sis. Barbara Storrer, was held May 16 at the Sexton Funeral Home in Madison, conducted by Bro. Samuel Anliker. The burial was at our church cemetery. He died in the State Hospital, Osawatomie, Ks., where he had lived for 18 years. He is survived by one brother, Dan; an uncle, Bro. Jacob Beck of the Apostolic Christian Home in Sabetha; and many cousins.

Mary Storrer is now at the Hartford Rest Home, recuperating from a heart attack. She hopes to regain her strength again, that she can care for herself.

Friend Raymond Young has been transferred to Spain. He is the son of Melvin and Frieda Young, and grandson of Bro. Feldor and Sis Millie Young.

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MORRIS, MINNESOTA
Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger
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Sisters Pauline Tohm and Clara Moser were hospitalized a few days. We are happy they are both able to assemble with us again.

Bros. Leo Moser and Paul Banwart were with us the week end of May 17. On Saturday evening, Mabel and Francis Schmidgall, Gene Schmidgall, and Robert Schmidgall, the son of Bro. and Sis. Raymond Schmidgall of Winthrop, gave their testimonies. They were baptized on Sunday. May the Lord be with them in their new walk of life.

Bro. and Sis. Richard Voeller and family have moved to Seattle, Washington. We wish them the best in their new home. Their address is: 14610 S.E. 113th Street, Renton, Washington.

Since the death of Bro. Henry Koehl, a vacancy was left in the ministry, and there was a feeling help was needed. After voting, the duties fell on Bros. Floyd Schmidgall and Alphai Moser. We wish them the Lord's help and grace in carrying out this important work.

Bro. Harold Gramm underwent an appendectomy. He is at home again, recuperating nicely.

A daughter, Kristin Kay, was born to Jerry and Veloyce Koehl on

June 3. She had one brother, Daniel Wayne. Bro. and Sis. Edwin Koehl are the grandparents.

Sis. Ricka Messner observed her 87th birthday on June 4. She would like to express her thanks to all those who remembered her at this time.

WEST BEND, IOWA
Anna Schmidt

Bro. Ed Zaugg had surgery and is improving quite well. We hope he will continue to improve.

Bro. and Sister Victor Banwart are the parents of a son, Bruce Douglas, born on May 27. He was welcomed home by one brother and four sisters.

On May 31, a daughter, Melinda Kay, was born to Bro. and Sis. Larry Fehr. They now have a family of three sons and one daughter.

Sis. Diane Grimm, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Eli Grimm, was announced to Bro. Marvin Knobloch, son of Bro. and Sis. Clarence Knobloch of Princeville. An August wedding is planned.

On May 10, Bro. Leo Moser assisted our elder, Bro. Paul Banwart, in serving us communion. It is a sacred blessing to partake of the Lord's Supper. May it ever unite our hearts in love.

JUNE

June is as the fleeting
days of youth.
It is the incredible softness
of flower petals,
Like the precious sweetness
of a baby's cheek.
Its morning dews are as
sparkling jewels,
Making a chalice of the
wondrous rose,
Lending fresh beauty to the
green and gold and blue
of another day . . .
But all too soon the zenith
is reached, and passed,
And God in His wisdom
does shorten the days,
Gently, bit by bit.

This poem was written by a
sister of our congregation.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA
Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

Sister Katie Stoller just informed me that Bro. Jesse is showing some improvement, although there are days he does not feel so well.

Bro. Jesse has been confined to the Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, since May 16. Anyone wishing to send him a card, I'm sure it would be appreciated, as the days and hours are quite long. We wish Bro. Jesse a speedy recovery.

Our congregation was saddened by the death of our dear brother, George Stoller, husband of Sister Lenora, who passed away Wednesday, May 27, following heart surgery at the Robert Long Hospital, Indianapolis, where he had been a patient one week. He was a native of Paulding County, Ohio, but had lived in the Fort Wayne area since 1927, and was the owner-operator of the Mineral Vapo-Bath, on Webster Street. Surviving are his wife, Lenora; a son, Edwin; a daughter, Yvonne, at home; four brothers and four sisters; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Stoller of New Haven. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 31, at 10 a.m. at D. O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home, and 10:30 a.m. at the church. Bros. Emanuel Gudeman, Sam Aeschli man and Henry Beer conducted the services. Burial was in the IOOF Cemetery, New Haven. Bro. Emanuel Gudeman read the following scriptures as his text:

Isaiah: Chapter 30, Verse 15
"For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: . . ."
I Corinthians: Chapter 15, Verse 57
"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

The following words, a tribute from his family, were read at the services:

**"A Final Tribute to Brother
George, from his Family"**

All of us knew, George, a little of the heavy cross you had borne for most of your years, but only now, too late, do we feel the full impact of the realization of what you must have endured during those final months of anguish. We knew, also, of your feeling of personal unworthiness, and of your regarding us all as more worthy than yourself. Too seldom, while we pushed selfishly ahead, and each went too often his separate way, too seldom did we notice your quiet example of humility and quiet service: being loyal to the faith in which you

found your Saviour, employing your talents in the fellowship of the saints — not always understood or not always being understood, but striving in the spirit of Christian thankfulness and compassion to render to God your unquestioning devotion, in return for His great gifts to you. And all the while, like Paul of old, you were bearing the ever-present "thorn in the flesh".

Now suddenly, with weeping, we realize that it is you who has been a source of inspiration to us who have not yet felt the heavy hand of adversity upon us. It is your example of tolerance and patience which beckons to us, who have been so ready with the answers, calling us to remember once again that we are dust, and so soon shall join you in the grave. We shall always remember, with contrite hearts, your final words before they took you from our presence, "Thank You!" These words are so typical of your acceptance of all that God had sent your way.

Would to God we had done more for you, George! But we believe that, even now, you have already heard those wonderful words of our Lord, "To day shalt thou be with me in paradise", that, even now, the voice we loved to hear is blending with the Heavenly choir. We are coming! We shall meet you, Brother George!

"Card of Thanks"

We wish to extend our thanks for the many prayers, cards and gifts during the illness and death of our husband, father, son, and brother.

George Stoller Family
Jesse Stoller Family

Sister Helen Sorg is back in our midst, after spending the winter months with her brother in California. She is making her home at the present time with Bro. and Sis Wm. Levy.

Sister Mattie Clauss and family have just recently moved to their new home on Route 2, Woodburn, Indiana.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILL.

Ben Blunier

Bros. Merle Kaisner from Fairbury and Simon Wagenbach from Tremont were our visiting ministers at the two May services. They brought wonderful messages. Among the teachings, we were

asked to be God's witnesses for love in these latter days, where we encounter so much strife and hatred in our various walks of life. "Kind words can never die."

Most of the University students have now completed their year's work and have returned to their homes for the summer vacation. We shall miss them, but are looking forward to welcoming many of them back again next fall, along with the new students who will be starting.

Correction—"Times for Services" in May issue; Champaign-Urbana services are held the first and third Sundays of each month.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Mrs. George Butikofer

Steven Metzger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Metzger, Johnny Schupbach, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Schupbach, and Larry Frieden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ediom Frieden, were our Elgin High School graduates this year. We wish them the very best of everything in this life, and a home in Heaven after this life becomes history.

Larry has enlisted in the Navy and is now located in San Diego, California. Johnny is assisting his parents on the farm, and Steven has been working for the Asparagus Canning Co. of Elgin.

Sis. Marie Butikofer has been unable to assemble with us for the past few Sundays, due to a sciatic nerve condition. We hope that she will soon be well again. Her family now with her are Sisters Shirley and Ruth and Bro. Albert.

The theme for this year's Bible School was "Jesus, our promised Saviour." This promise was traced down through the pages of the Bible, from Genesis to the ascension of our Lord.

Sis. Shirley Butikofer was the teacher, assisted by Sis. Mary Metzger, Jeannie Metzger and Marsha Frieden.

It was a one-week, full day session this year, ending with a program, after which a picnic supper was enjoyed. Thinking it might be of interest to some folks to name the pupils attending I am enclosing the list: Kathy, David, Trudy, Audrey Pulfer; Eugene, Wilmer, Karla, and Marion Moore; Lonnie & Tony David Metzger; Timmy Butikofer; Chuckie Schupbach; Philip Metz-

ger; and Sheryl and Sharon Schneider.

Some of the songs by the children at the program were "Jesus Loves Even Me", "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus", "Traveling Home", and "Oh, How I love Jesus".

We are enjoying lovely weather. Haying is in the making and the rows and rows of corn are being cultivated.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Florence Sutter

Our Sunshine State has been blest with many showers of rain in recent weeks. As the flowers and shrubs spread forth their beauty in thankfulness, we also are refreshed and glad we are remembered with God's blessing.

Bro. Ken Troxel was hospitalized for a short time, but is now home and doing fine.

A farewell dinner was enjoyed, by several of us, for Sis. Emily Recksteiner, Bay City, who spends her winter months in Miami. We are happy Sis. Emily and her father can be with us, and hope they will return again next season.

Bro. Ronnie and Sis. Hope Gasser spent their honeymoon in Florida, staying at Sis. Hope's grandparents home in Lakeworth.

A thought that will linger was expressed by one of our ministers, that we must change our thinking, as the prodigal son, as it would have done him no good to return to his father without a change of heart and mind.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Martha Rinkenberger

We enjoyed a day of blessings with Bro. Maurice Frank of Chicago.

Bro. Gene and Sis. Norma Nuest have been blessed with a new baby girl. They named her Jeannie Rae. They have a boy, Donnie. May God bless them.

Jill Hienold had surgery and is getting along fine again.

Marvin Heinold was called into the service. He is in Texas.

Shari Bucher (Merle's) was at Mayo's Clinic for observation.

LATTY, OHIO

Mrs. Gale Stoller
Mrs. Ray Sinn

A baby girl was born to George and Sharon Keysor. They picked the name of Kristi Kay for her. Bro. Kent and Sis. Gloria Miller

have a new baby girl, Ronda May, in their home. Ronda has a sister and brother to welcome her. May God grant us all a deep understanding and wisdom to teach our little ones his way.

Sister Iva Stoller and Sister Dora Sinn were in the hospital this past month. Both have recovered enough to be dismissed. Sis. Rose Zeltwanger, Sis. Christina Kupferschmidt and John Metzger are still in the hospital. We hope it will not be long before they are all well enough to be released. Also, we wish our sick ones patience and healing power from God.

We have quite a few graduating from high school this year. They are: Dan Sinn, son of Bro. Dan and Sis. Nellie; Jerry Glass, son of Harold and Dorothy; Gus Schlatter, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Elsie; Alan Stoller, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Helen; Dale Laukhuf, son of Bro. Lester and Sis. Vera; David Laukhuf, son of Carl and Louise; Rodney Laukhuf, son of Bro. Merl and Sis. Dolly; Keith Stoller, son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Minerva; and Sis. Susan Lanz, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Clara.

We wish them success in whatever earthly occupation they might choose, but most of all we wish for each one the heavenly occupation of serving the Lord faithfully in their lifetime.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

On May 8, the choir of I.S.U., Normal College, of which many are brothers and sisters in faith, spent an evening at the A.C. Home, to sing for the shut ins and the sisters there. Sis. Leah and Lillie Hohulin, who have charge of the Home, made this possible by inviting them. Their niece, Sis. Lillie Ann Moore, who also attends this college was also there. Bro. Joe Schrock, who has charge of the Bible Class at Normal on Wed. evenings, was among them. A lunch was served later. Let us thank the group and the Hohulin Sisters, who are always ready to do good to others. They will get their reward.

Sis. Lydia Steiner Hohulin, age 61 years, passed away at her home, May 10. She had been ill for some time. She was a dear mother and a loving wife. She will be greatly missed. Her family did all they could to make her comfortable. She enjoyed them coming in every day.

Now, she has gone to be with her Lord, where there is no more suffering. They have sweet memories of her. Surviving are her husband, Silas; five sons, Martin Dale, Melvin, Vernon, Ben, Alf, and three daughters, Edith, Ruth, and Mary; her father, Bro. Meno Steiner; two brothers and 7 sisters. Her funeral was held on Wednesday. Many relatives and friends attended. Bro. Michael Weyeneth officiated.

Bro. Henry Sabo of Mansfield was our guest speaker on Mother's day. We appreciated him being here and his message.

Christian Endeavor was held here Sunday evening, May 17, with 10 churches taking part. The Bible Class served a lunch, after the sing.

We were saddened by the sudden death of our dear brother in faith, William Klein, on May 19. He passed away at the Methodist Hospital. He was laid to rest on his 62nd birthday. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Edna; eight daughters, Sisters Milly Prather and Sonia Banwart of Eureka, Sisters Ruth, Evelyn, Linda, and Mary, Elaine, and Rita's two sons, David and John, all at home, three grandchildren and five sisters. Bro. William was one of our Sunday School teachers for the past 6 years, and still held that duty until his death. He took a deep interest in teaching the children in the 7th and 8th grade class. He also helped our adult Bible Class by his tireless effort. His funeral was held Friday, with Bro. Roy Sauder officiating.

We sympathize with the Ollie Metz family. Her son, Raymond, age 62 years, passed away at Campaign, Illinois. His funeral was held there, June 2. We also sympathize with Bros. Fred and Philip Hasler, whose brother, John, passed away at Detroit. Bro. Fred was able to attend the funeral.

On Wed., June 3, Sis. Katherine Pfaffmann, age 68 years, passed away at Methodist Hospital, where she had been a patient since March 9. Sis. Katherine was ill for many months. She had much patience. She had a sweet disposition and was liked by everyone. Surviving are her husband, Fritz; two brothers, Walter and Elmer; six sisters, Caroline, Sophie, Emma, Louise, Ida, and Marie. Her funeral was held Sat., June 6, with Bro. LeRoy Hartman officiating.

Bro. Walter Rehklau and his family of Toledo was in our midst

Sat. evening, at the home of Sis. Anna Baer. Bro. George Keiser, the ministers of Princeville, and the ministers from here were also there. It was a blessed evening.

We enjoyed the Bible Class and Sunday School of Milford, Sat. and Sunday, June 6 and 7. Some of the teachers and their minister, Bro. Elmer Hartter, came with them. Bro. Elmer had an inspiring message on Sunday. The Hymn-Sing was held on Sunday evening; Milford took part. The Peoria adult group and the Bros. of Harmony also sang. There was also congregational singing.

Bro. and Sis. William Schlipf celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 7. The Schlipfs have one son, William; three daughters, Sisters Elsa Hartman, Elizabeth Hartman, and Emma Rocke; and nine grandchildren. Their family and a small group of their old friends gathered for a dinner. The evening ended, singing a few German songs.

Our Daily Vacation Bible School will start June 15 to June 26. Bro. Arthur Moser is in charge.

Those in the hospital at this writing are Bros. Frank Lambert and Ed Stock and John Sinn, and Sisters Ollie Rocke and Katie Getz.

PORTLAND, OREGON Mrs. Edward Unsicker

"God . . . hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus". Ephesians 2. We, in Portland, feel the truth of this blessed position, as we extend a warm welcome to the Sam Fuecht family. Bro. Sam Sis. Leona, and their six children are thankfully received into our church and Sunday School fellowship.

"If place I choose or place I shun,
My soul is satisfied with none;
But when Thy will directs my way,
'Tis equal joy to go or stay."

At Silverton, we are so happy again to embrace Sis. Clara Kaufman, who has returned from a several-month convalescence at the Fairbury Home.

School is out! Another milestone for our young people! We would like to encourage you to read the New Testament this Summer. Learn of Jesus, the greatest Teacher ever! In this treasure-house of knowledge is found the answer to

all life's problems. Here is eternal wisdom that all this world's education, totaled up, compounded and multiplied cannot equal.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Ella Mae Trent

We were reminded by Bro. Ernest Gerber, that while men strive for great earthly fame and honor, the highest station that one can acquire in this life is to be a child of God. This is something for the new graduate to consider, as he seeks to establish himself in this world.

There is the familiar story of the college professor questioning an entering freshman. First questions were, "Why did you choose this school, and what do you hope to acquire here?" The freshman answered that he hoped to obtain his Bachelor's degree. "And what then?" asked the professor. "I'll acquire my Master's degree," answered the freshman. "And what then?" repeated the professor. "Acquire my Doctor's degree," was the reply. "And what then?" continued the professor. "I want to be a great lawyer and acquire much honor and status," said the freshman. The professor still drilled, "And what then?" The freshman hesitated, then replied, "In time I'll die." The professor finished with the question, "And what then?" Some day we will all face this last question. What do we expect to face?

The evening of May 23, we listened to the testimonies of five dear souls—Mitchell Baltic and his wife Violet, his sons, Pete and Dan, and his sister Violet. We welcome them into our congregation as brothers and sisters in Christ. Bro. Rudolph Graf, in assisting Bro. Noah in this undertaking, heeded us to keep the straight way narrow and to be obedient servants of Christ's church. May we continue in the love and peace toward God and our fellowman, which these souls could testify they found among us. Following a month's furlough, Bro. Pete returned to Fort Sam.

May 24, Bro. Lawrence Emch ministered at the wedding of Bro. Merle Hartzler and Sis. Bonnie Rigenbach. May God add his blessings to the union.

We have enjoyed Bro. Ernest Gerber and his wife of Rockville, in our midst for the past few

weeks. They not only assisted Bro. Robert and Sis. Betty Bauman as they welcomed their third child, Robert Allen, on May 25, but Bro. Ernest freely gave of his talents in ministering to us.

Bro. Truman and Sis. Mary Ellen welcomed a new son, Thomas Frederick, this past month. Sis. Mary Ellen can also rejoice that Bro. Truman has been restored to moderate health.

Bro. Charles Marty and Sis. Ida Winkler have required hospitalization. We submit them to the care of the Great Physician, trusting that if it be his will once again, they can be restored to good health.

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ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Irene Legel

Are You?

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock?
Or do you generally stay away,
Then criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along?
Or are you the sort that's satisfied
To only just belong?

When the business session comes
around,
Do you pretend you're sick?
And leave the work to just a few
Then talk about "the clique"?

Think it over, member;
You know right from wrong.
Are you an active member,
Or do you "just belong"?

Bro. and Sis. Dave Fisher are parents to a son, born May 11, named Robert Benjamin. He has two brothers: Jimmy 11, Kenneth 9; and two sisters Laurel 7, and Ruth Ann 2. His grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ben Fisher and Bro. and Sis. Leonard Fehr, all of here.

Bro. and Sis. Marvin Pfister are parents to a daughter, born May 13, named Donna Ruth. She has a brother, Steven 5, and a sister, Rita

Kay, 3. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Elmer Sauder of Tremont and Sis. Lizzie Pfister of here.

May 17, we were very happy to have Bro. Francis Rother of Morton, who gave us many good teachings. We enjoyed a blessed day.

Sis. Barbara Martin, who has been staying with her daughter and family, Bro. and Sis. Bill Sauder, since leaving the hospital several weeks ago, has improved enough to return to her home again. We certainly hope she will keep improving.

We are very happy our elder, Br. Dave Mangold, has been able to come to church all day now, although he hasn't done any preaching and is not always able to be on the pulpit. It is a blessing to have him with the congregation. We hope he can continue to improve, and wish him the "Lord's blessings"

Many enjoyed the inspiring messages given by Bros. Fred Knapp and Joe Schrock, from Congerville.

How wonderful it is, on Memorial Day, to go to the graveyard, where many are remembered who have gone on before with the beautiful blooms of life . . . "Gone but not forgotten."

Many are busy with the Summer Bible School, which is in process now. How wonderful it is to teach these young children the ways and life of our dear Saviour. May the dear Lord bless them all for their efforts and good works.

Sorry, we always have night church on Wednesday night, year around, not on Thursday night as it reads.

O Tree of Life, O Tree of Life,
Which flourished there in Eden,
Then barred by sin that entered in,
Man's curse from God was given,
And pain and sweat were the
reward;

From Dust to Dust, God's voice
was heard.

The flaming sword was placed to
guard,
So man could not re-enter.

A ray of Light to this Tree of Life,
To Adam then was given,
The woman's seed would crush the
head

Of the deceiving serpent,
And when the day of grace drew
near,
Our Lord and Saviour did appear

And brought His love and peace so dear,
For healing of the nations.

At Calvary, dark Calvary,
The sacrifice was given;
Christ's blood alone could e'er atone
And pardon ev'ry sinner.
Man's curse of sin was on Him laid.
In pain and torture sore afraid,
My God, My God, aloud he prayed,
Why hast Thou Me forsaken?

O Dismal Tomb, from Rock new-hewn,
And readied there for mortal;
All hope now gone that anyone
Would open heaven's portal,
But Lo, the stone was rolled away,
And Christ arose on the third day!
His Word now calls, **Believe; Obey.**
O hear Him, all ye nations!
Submitted by Sis. Norene Herbst

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT Carlton J. Lanz

A Thought

In the pursuit of quest for silver and gold, man is often apt to ignore many of the priceless treasures that are to be had, even within reach of every home. True friendship is around us all, though for some it is difficult to find. To gain it, we must all plant seeds, seeds that are both kind and forgiving. Faith is free to all who want and seek it; it can be found through contrite prayer. God alone gives this precious blessing — like hope, it is ours to share. Love is life's most priceless treasure; it comforts those who yearn, yet love can be ours only if we love in return. So, should we not make use of these priceless things. Those who do are bound to have love and songs in their hearts . . . and some to share.

On May 28, Lisa Mae, a little girl, was born to Bro. Gene and Sis. Ellen Kupferschmid. Her grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Ruth Zahner and Bro. Werner and Sis. Clara Kupferschmid. The infant is Gene and Ellen's first child. Among our many members and friends visiting us this month were Bro. Simon Wagonbach. Bro. Simon brought us many good teachings both on Sunday and Wednesday evening, through which we were richly blessed. We would welcome all who visit here.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI Mrs. Eli Sutter

We had a quiet month here at Taylor, although we had many visitors. Bro. Clarence Yackley was our only visiting minister. It is always a pleasure to have Bro. Clarence visit us, as he was formerly from our congregation. He spoke on Galatians, and reminded us that the admonitions were not only meant for them, but for us also. His wife, Sis. Vera, was quite ill when they arrived and was unable to assemble with us.

Bro. Arnold and Sis. Marjorie

Gerst and children from Tulsa came here over the Memorial Day week end. Bro. Arnold left for their home on Sunday, but Sis. Marjorie and children plan to stay for several weeks with her parents, the Kenneth Arrowsmiths of Quincy, and his folks the Bro. Leslie Gerst of Oakville. They live quite a distance from any of our churches, so are not able to assemble as often as they would like. Those of us that live close to church take it for granted and do not realize how much we would miss the fellowship if we were deprived of it.

NO MAN HATH HIRED US

Elder Brother Fred Grimm

In these days of great industrial growth, where we see a large percentage of our population employed, it would almost seem strange to hear the expression used in the title of this article—**No man hath hired us**. We are speaking here of a different type of employment.

Our Lord and Saviour spoke many parables and made many likenesses, as He taught the people while here on earth. Among the very interesting ones was the story of the householder, who went out early in the morning to hire laborers into His vineyard, promising them as a reward, **that which is right**. Laborers were hired again at noon and at three PM. At five PM, there were still some standing idle in the market-place.

When asked why they were still idle, they answered, ". . . no man hath hired us."

Surely, the Lord meant this to be applied to His sending out servants, inviting man to work in His spiritual vineyard. Many scriptures in the New Testament teach us plainly how we can become thus employed. John the Baptist preached, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." The people came, "confessing their sins." When the people were pricked in their hearts at the preaching of the word, they asked the apostles, in Acts 2, ". . . what shall we do?" Peter answered firmly, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you . . ." The Apostle Paul, in Acts 26, verse 20, said "that they should repent and turn to God, and do

works meet for repentance." Many other similar scriptures could be quoted.

The same message is going out today, wherever the true gospel is preached. True ministers are the servants of the Lord (the householder), going out to hire men and women, young and old, into His vineyard.

Who can say that no man has hired them? Surely, in this world, many have not heard the true gospel of repentance, confession of sins, and faith in the atoning blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. But to those of you who will read these words—can you truthfully say, **No man hath hired me?** How many times have you heard this wonderful invitation, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"? Do not say that you have not been invited to come and labor in His vineyard.

The eleventh hour is at hand. It is about five o'clock, and at six o'clock, the working day ends. Come now; be employed at once, and receive the reward, which is eternal life. In one more hour, it may be too late.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS Esther Schmid

We rejoice over every soul that finds the way into the sheepfold through the door, which is Jesus Christ, as this is the only way. May 13, our Elder Bro. Joe A. Getz was with us for evening services. A large attendance witnessed,

as Mary Jane Aberle gave her testimony of repentance and was baptized.

Susan Rapp and Joann Frank have been announced to give their testimonies in the near future, and we trust will enter the true sheepfold.

Bro. Eugene Bertschi of Roanoke spent a Sunday with us this past month. We enjoyed the fellowship and good teaching he brought us, giving an example how we should be willing and eager to forgive and forget, as a little child when it is corrected will love us as before.

Sisters Mary Woerner and Emma Greiner were hospitalized this past month. Bro. Jeff Spring, who was at Restmor Nursing Home, is now home. We hope they will be restored to reasonable health.

We are having Vacation Bible School for two weeks. Approximately 125 children are enrolled. For the advanced and high school classes, there are evening sessions, with a visiting minister from our surrounding churches coming each evening. We trust that the seed sown falls on good soil, and in due time will bring forth the desired fruit of repentance. May many become willing to follow our Saviour, who has done so much for us.

Bro. Joe A. Getz spent Sunday afternoon with us on June 7. Our closing hymn was no. 127 in the Zion's Harps, "Prove Ye, Prove Ye Every Spirit." May we be mindful of the sincere teachings in the words of this song. We trust the dear Lord will help us all to discern the evil spirits when they draw near.

WICHITA, KANSAS Mrs. Harvey Smith

Another school year has come to a close. We have many young people who have completed their high school education, so now they must make a decision as to their future. To them, it would be our hope and our prayer that they could seek and find this precious Saviour to guide them through the life that is before them. That he may bless their achievements and sustain them through the trials that confront them. — Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Our Sunday School was entertained by the Sabetha church, June 6 and 7th. The fore reading in Ecclesiastes, Chapter 12, was very timely — "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them . . . St. Matthew 25, Verses 15 through 29, were meditated upon . . . The parable of the talents, and how they could be put to use in the service for our Lord. Only that which is done for Him will last. The one who hid his talent until the Lord came lost even that which he had. We thank them for the hospitality and fellowship extended unto us.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA Linda and Melva Messner

Elders and ministers visiting this month were Bros. Paul Banwart, Leo Moser, Noah Gerber and Henry Mogler. We heard many inspiring messages to nourish us daily.

A dear sister-in-faith, Marguerite Messner, was suddenly taken from our midst on May 21, while visiting her sisters and a brother at Twin Falls, Idaho, at the age of 66. She had suffered a stroke late last fall and had recovered quite well. While in Idaho, she again had a slight stroke. Two days later, with two short gasps, she bid this earth farewell, to go home to her Maker. She was born in South Dakota, of a different church, & married Joseph Messner, in 1920. Two years later, they repented, and were baptized at a farm home close to Winthrop. They were charter members of the Winthrop congregation, and held services in the different homes until the church was built. Her husband and a son, Amos, preceded her in death. Surviving are 3 sons, Roland of Winthrop, Leo and Marlyn of Gaylord; 4 daughters, Sis. Delores Messerli of Winthrop, Sis. Rose Alice Howk of Glencoe, Avice Lehrke of Minneapolis and Elaine of Brownston. Funeral services were held by Bro. Henry Mogler.

There is no time that we could set for parting.
We who must remain are never ready for such pain.
Even our prayer would be,
"Not yet!
Not yet! Dear God, Another day
With us, let our beloved stay."

We must believe, when falls the blow,
That, wisely, God has willed it so.

As the Lord has taken, also has he given. A son was born to Kenneth "Boots" and Margaret Messner on May 21. They named him Bradley Allen. The grandparents are Walter and Florence Messner.

Kenneth Howk has a new address:

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MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA Christine Locher

Our dear friends, Linda and Eldon Witzig, and small daughter Teri have left our community for Roanoke, where they plan to reside. While in our community, Linda taught elementary school and Eldon was serving as an apprentice in the sheetmetal trade. They will be greatly missed, but we trust the Lord will bless them in their new home.

My mother, Sis. Julia Dapper, wishes to express her appreciation for the cards, notes and visits during her long recovery from back surgery. She is able to sit for a very short period of time. We are looking forward to when she will be able to assemble with us once again, as it has been over a year. We are thankful that the Lord has been with her in her time of need and that our prayers have been heard.

Adult Bible Class	10:00
Morning Worship	10:45
Sunday School	10:45
Noon Singing	1:00
Afternoon Worship	1:15
Wednesday Evening	7:45

Third Sunday of the month dinner at 4:00, with song worship following.

Daylight Saving Time to last Sunday in Oct., then PST.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA. Mrs. Gus Weltz

The services at the country church will be held as planned and mentioned in our last news letter, on Sunday, June 28, beginning at eleven o'clock with a song service, lunch at noon and preaching service in the afternoon, with visiting ministers present.

The cemetery was well cleaned and decorated with beautiful flowers, for the Decoration Day

observance. Many visitors paid their respect to their loved ones resting in the church cemetery, on Limestone Ridge.

Mrs. Emma Berger continues to improve, is gaining strength and hopes to be able to attend the services on June 28.

Rudolph Graf and Delbert Indermuhle visited with Mrs. Emma Berger on May 31, after the services at the Monroe Church. She was so pleased to have them.

Mrs. Lillian Beery and daughter, Ruth, of Rittman visited here over the May 30 week-end with Mrs. J. G. Burgess and many other relatives. They also visited with relatives in Sardis, accompanied by Mrs. Burgess and Mr. and Mrs. Earl McIntire.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Witschey and son, Dan, of Dallas, Texas, visited the first of June with his father, D. S. Witschey and family.

Gus Weltz retired from Viking Class Company on May 28 and is enjoying home life, sitting in his yard and visiting with his many good neighbors.

Mrs. J. G. Burgess visited with her daughter and family, Mrs. John Partlow in Monroe Heights, Pa., the week of June 15.

What You Are Is God's Gift To You—What You Make Of Yourself is Your Gift To Him.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Mrs. Ezra Gerst

Mrs. Edwin Banwart

We welcome Bro. and Sis. John Steiner back into our midst again. Bro. John has completed his service in the Army.

Almo Langland, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Noah Schrock, is suffering with back trouble. She was in the Burlington Hospital for a few days, and has been transferred to Iowa City.

Sis. Anna Eisenman has not been able to attend church service the last few Sundays. Bro. Herbert Gerst was a surgical patient at Burlington Hospital. May God be with them all and give them the needed strength and courage.

Announcement was made Sunday, by Bro. Noah Schrock, of the engagement of Bro. George Vierling and Sis. Gladys Kupferschmid.

Joyce Heiniger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Clem Heiniger, was married to Fred Weyrick.

Our community was saddened by the car accident which took the

lives of three young men, all of this community. One of them was Larry Holstein, 26, husband of Dorothy, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ernest Frank. They have two small children. We sympathize with them.

A Child of A King

Poor? No, of course not! Why, how could I be,
When Christ, the KING, is taking care of me?

Tired? Sometimes;— Yes, more than tired; but then
I know a place where I can rest again!

Lonely? Ah, well I know the aching blight;
But now—I've Jesus with me day and night!

Burdens? I have them; oft they press me sore,
And then—I lean the harder, trust the more.

Worthy? Oh, no! The marvel of it is
That I should know such boundless love as His!

And so, I'm rich; with Christ I am "joint-heir",
Since He once stooped, my poverty to share.

ALTADENA CALIFORNIA

Jeri Minger

"The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore." Psalm 121:8. May God be with Bro. and Sis. Sam Feucht, as they leave us and join the congregation in Portland. They will be missed by all. A farewell picnic for the Feuchts was attended by many of our congregation at Farnsworth Park in Altadena.

Also leaving us this month was Bro. David Stevig, who has finished his freshman year at University of Southern California. His parents, Bro. and Sis. Roy Stevig, spent a few days in this area.

We all enjoy it so much to have those of other churches visiting our congregation. May God bless them in their journeys.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

How blessed to know when loved

ones pass on,
That they lived and have died in the Lord,
That they walked in His way, and have striven for truth,
And have loved and have cherished His word.

When labors are ended, and the shadows grow long,
When the soul longs for peace and for rest,
Then to have the assurance that Jesus is mine,
What a balm for the sanctified breast!

About two years ago, Sis. Jenny Schupka came to our Church Home in Mansfield, from her home in New Jersey. She was the last of her family and was often lonesome and expressed her longing for "home." On May 14, at the age of 87, her wish was fulfilled, and she went to be forever with the Lord. "... and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." Ecclesiastes 12:7. Services were held in Mansfield on Thursday evening. Burial was several days later in Union City.

She heard the voice of Jesus call, "Come unto me and rest,
Come, leave thy earthly labors all,
And enter into rest."

After six weeks of pain and suffering, following severe burns, on June 16, Sister Emma Fuhrer entered into her rest, at the age of 68 years. Her family cared for her so lovingly, but were thankful when the Father said, "Come." Services were conducted by Bros. Sam Aeschliman and Henry Beer. Her nieces and nephews sang her favorite hymn, "O How Welcome is the Sabbath", and also "At Home 'Tis well!" Sis. Emma was always especially interested in and kind to the children, and even during her pain she would ask about the little ones in Sunday School. Our sympathy is extended to her family—her brother John and her sisters Tillie Oesch (Mrs. Karl), Mary Sauder (Mrs. Wm.), Aldine, Naomi Cordrey (Mrs. Donald, Esther Gilliom (Mrs. Elmer), Nellie Groh (Mrs. Herman), and Martha, and a foster brother, Donald Pierce.

We enjoyed the visit of Bro. Clarence Yackleys of Phoenix, when they spent a few weeks with their daughter and family. We were

blessed with inspiring sermons by Bro. Yackley, in both morning and afternoon services on May 3, and during our mid-week services on May 7. We welcome him to return soon.

Our Vesper Choir presented a program of hymns at the Richland County Home on May 20, and at our Church Home on May 27. An hour of blessed fellowship was enjoyed, as we visited with our dear sisters and the other residents in the home.

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Ft. Deven Massachusetts

TOLEDO, OHIO
Marge Reinick

Our elder brother, Rudolph Graf, and ministering brothers, Joseph Ramsier of Rittman and Ernest Gerber of Rockville, were with us recently. Bro. Graf served us the Lord's Supper, of which we were thankful to partake.

The family of Sis. Emma Frautschi observed Mother's Day and her 84th birthday, in Toledo. All of her children, their families, and her three sisters were present.

Larry Knapp, son of Sis. Helen Knapp of Cissna Park, will be in Toledo for eight weeks. He is attending meat-cutting school.

We thank Bro. Schlatter of Junction for ministering unto our small congregation recently.

Many of Bro. Dick and Sis. Beulah Clark's relatives have visited them at their new home here.

Time of Services
Morning Worship and Sunday School ----- 9:45
Afternoon Worship ----- 12:00
Thursday Evening Song Service ----- 8:00
(EST)

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
Herman Norr

The majority of students attending school in the Indianapolis area have returned to their homes for summer vacation. We missed the fellowship of the students, their parents and friends last Sunday, and are looking forward to renewing and making new acquaintances next fall.

An enjoyable and blessed Sunday was spent with Bro. Loren Stoller and others from Latty. Bro. Kiesers from Princeville were visiting friends near Indianapolis and

spent the day with us.

We would like to suggest that a number from each of the surrounding churches visit us each Sunday.

Children have a special invitation. Ample room for a large group is available.

Bro. Theo Beer of Milford plans to be with us on June 21. On July 5, Bros. Henry and Robert Grimm and others from Morton and Goodfield plan to spend the day at the church in Indianapolis.

Services, starting at 11 a.m., are held the year around at the downtown YMCA, located at the corner of Illinois and New York.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA
Eileen Yackley

Bro. Joe Reber and family have moved to Portland and will attend the church there. They lived in the valley about a year. Bro. Joe found his salvation while here—and had become "one of us." They will be greatly missed in our little congregation. Our loss will be Portland's gain.

Bro. Sam Farney (our elder Roy's father) was in church Sunday afternoon again. We are happy to see him slowly improving . . . God will never leave us or forsake us . . . how kind that the psalmist wrote the Lord is My Shepherd—instead of—The Lord is **The** Shepherd.

Bro. Joe and Sis. Connie Beer have announced the arrival of their daughter, Sherrie-Jo, May 30. Sis. Connie is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Richard Schupbach, one of our ministers.

Airman Aldo Yackley is now stationed at Washington DC His new address is:

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Bro. Joe Herbst and Sis. Naomi moved to Phoenix in 1950. Two daughters, Sisters Margaret Bradford and Clara Banwart and their family came later. Sis. Naomi preceded him in death by several years, and now Bro. Joe joined her. The two were certainly a joy in our congregation, and are both greatly missed among us here. A grandson, Bob Lemons, from Korea

was able to come home for his funeral.

Sis. Madeline Knochel's father, Arthur Knapp, passed away.

God hath not promised—skies
always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways all our
lives through.
God hath not promised sun without
rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without
pain.

But God hath promised strength
for the day,
Rest for the labor, light for the
way,
Grace for the trials, help from
above,
Unfailing sympathy, Undying
love

I have asked to be relieved of my duty as the Silver Lining reporter. I wish to thank Sis. Eileen Yackley for volunteering to take my place, and I also wish to thank those who have helped me. I know that your Silver Lining reporter appreciates your cooperation and support. Sis. Averil Stevig.

We rejoice to have Bro. David Stevig and Sister Janet Wullschleger back with us. Our Lord knew what He was doing when He put young members in the church. They are the future of our church. We need them.

LEO, INDIANA
Mrs. Elias Souder

We were richly blessed and received much encouragement from the services our brothers, Noah Schrock of Oakville and Joe Waibel of Bay City. We were told all about the key of David, which we read about in the Revelation, chapter 3, where the church of Philadelphia the message was sent to.

On the Sat. and Sunday of May 23 and 24, a group of young people of the Elgin, Ill. church were with us. The Sunday School teachers assisted in Sunday School. At our noon song-service, they sang beautiful hymns for us. A dinner was served for everyone at the Fellowship Center.

Helen Norr is at home recuperating, after having surgery at the hospital.

Our Bible school began June 8, and will be in session for two weeks. David and Mary Lantz are giving a helping hand this year. David

says he cannot see how anyone can be so busy and yet be retired. But we all know, doing good pays off well in the end. Sowing good seed, we watch as a gardner watches for the tender springing of new; so we sow in hope. The children are learning some handicrafts (something they learn to do with their own hands). Teaching a child through doing helps them to do good to whom they go.

On June 8, Harry and Caroline Stoller attended the graduation ceremonies at Indiana University, where their two sons graduated. Harry J. Stoller received his A.B. degree in medical Science and is presently a sophomore at Indiana University Medical School. Dr. Leon J. Stoller received his M.D. degree and will be spending the coming year at Lakeland, Fla., where he will be an intern.

BREMEN, INDIANA Joseph L. Bauman

Our ministering brother, Robert Hueni, though somewhat improved has been unable to attend services for the past three weeks. The prayer in all our hearts is that Bob may soon be restored to his normal health, to his family, his work and our congregation.

Sister Elizabeth Yackley, who some eighteen weeks ago had the misfortune of breaking her ankle, only recently was able to remove her cast, and still gets about with the aid of crutches. We know it has been a long siege for dear Elizabeth, who spent many hours patiently looking after the welfare of her father, prior to his passing, then her sister also.

Married recently in our congregation were Don Meister and Dianne Jackson, who have been faithful attendants of our services. Our sincere wishes go to them for a long and happy married life.

Born recently to Brother Don and Wilma Buck, a baby girl. May God bless this dear family, which now numbers six children.

Vacation Bible School is in session, with a good number of young people in attendance. Every effort is being made as the scripture commands, to train the children in the way they should go, that they shall not depart from it.

We are once again in the rare days of June, when beauty all about us is almost overwhelming. God's hand is everywhere at work;

and it remains for us to have eyes to see and the spirit to appreciate the wonders all about us, and His great love for mankind. Let us be thankful for the blessings of life.

GIRARD, OHIO

Reporter: Jesse C. Emch

Correction: We are on Daylight Saving Time until the last Sunday in October, then Eastern Standard Time.

LAMAR, MISSOURI Marie Marti

Sunday Morning Service ---- 10:30
Sunday School ---- 10:30
Noon Singing ----- 12:15
Afternoon Service ---- 12:30
Singing ----- 7:30 p.m.,
first Sun. of each month.

(CST all year)

A baby girl, Ann Louise, has come to live with Marie and Keith Simmons. She is six weeks old and is welcomed into the family by 8-year-old Wally. Bro. and Sis. Fred Lanz are the new grandparents of this fortunate little girl.

Elder Bro. Sam Anliker reminded us, in a recent visit, that there was a blessing pronounced on those who read the Bible. He encouraged us to read more in the word of God! "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein . . ." From Revelation 1:3.

We were happy to have Bro. Eugene Marti stop here, enroute to Ft. Sam Houston. Bro. Eugene brought to us an inspiring message on Tuesday evening. In conclusion, he expressed the desire to leave with each one important point. Is there anything that separates you from God? Such as trusting in riches? When Jesus told the rich man (St. Mark 10) to sell his possessions, take up his cross and follow Him, the man was sad. There may be other things that separates from God. Whatever they may be, they can be removed with the help of God—"for with God all things are possible." (St. Mark 10-27).

LESTER, IOWA

Emelie M. Knobloch

Folks from here attended the funerals of Sisters Lydia Hohulin of Peoria and Margueriette Messner of Wnthrop. Sister Hohulin was the mother of Sister Edith Knobloch of our congregation.

We are happy to report that Sis.

ter Edith Beck and Bro. August Knobloch, who have been stricken with strokes and are in homes, were able to attend services for half a day. This must have been a great joy for them, to have been able to gather with loved ones again, after several months of absence.

Our Sunday School will recess after June 7, for the summer, until school resumes again in the fall. We held our annual Sunday School picnic June 7 for the entire congregation. Bro. Alvia Meyer has resigned as Sunday School teacher, after at least 25 years of teaching.

We are happy to report, although our community was hit by twisters on June 8, especially the farm of Elder Bro. Leo Moser, we feel fortunate there were no injuries, only personal property damage.

After meeting many of our loved ones after commencement the other evening, I had to wonder, have they given their future life much thought! Many of these young folks are now on the threshold of their career and goal in life. While giving this important decision a thought, do you not feel, loved ones, now would be the opportune time to choose your path in life? Look into your future—unto eternity. You may seem young yet, but God is no respecter of person.

What a precious thought is written in that song, "The time flies on, and death draws nigh. Unite us Lord, with thee on high . . ."

What could be a more pleasant goal, than, when our earthly race is run, we meet on yonder shore . . . the heavenly goal.

Leave all thy ways to God's
direction,
Who loves thee with a tender love,
Whose will is good, true
His affection,
And steadfast as the
Heavens above.
He knows thy need;
He hears thy prayers
He keeps thee ever in His care.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Jeff Young

Our Summer Vacation Bible School is in full swing. The children have planned a program for the evening of June 12.

Our visiting ministers this past month were Bro. Ben Zimmerman, Bro. Maurice Frank (of Chicago), and Bro. Bob Grimm. We thank

them for their efforts. May God be their rewarder.

Among the ill:

Our friend, John Hofstetter, has been hospitalized for some time, but is able to be home again.

Bro. George Rechkemmer was in the hospital several weeks, but is home, much improved.

Sis. Lydia Ehman had the misfortune of falling in her home and breaking her right shoulder, which makes her very handicapped. I am sure she would enjoy mail in her lonely hours.

Sis. Huldah Honegger had surgery. We hope good health will soon be restored to her.

Bro. Joe Kupferschmid was in the Paxton Hospital for some time, with a broken arm he received in a fall.

Marilyn Kaufman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. John Kaufman, and Leonard Roth, of Fairbury, were united in marriage by Bro. Emanuel Gudeman, Sunday, June 7, at the home of the bride.

This poem was handed to me by an aged member:

Growing Old

Every day we are growing older,
Every day our steps more slow.
Every day our hair grows whiter;
Every day our work grows lighter.
(Another at the helm, we know.)

We are sailing down life's river;
We are drifting with the tide.
Soon our faltering steps will guide
us
Safely to the other side.

We are leaving home and children,
All on earth we hold most dear;
Soon we shall hear the Boatman
calling,
I am waiting; do not fear.

We have tried to do our duty;
We have done the best we know.
We have tried to lead our children
In the path that they should go.

We have tried to help a neighbor;
We have tried to help a friend.
We shall try, and keep on trying,
Until our lives shall end.

We shall meet with other loved
ones
Who have gone their way before.
They will welcome us so gladly
To that happy, peaceful land,
Father, mother, sister, brother,
waiting for us, hand in hand.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Schumacher

Vacation Bible School began on Monday, June 1, and will be held through Friday, June 12 — from 7:00 to 8:30 in the evening. Much effort is put forth by parents and teachers in this. The children enjoy the Bible stories and activities.

Brian Dean Schieber is the new son of our friends, Ronald & Danelle Schieber. He was born on June 4, and is their first child.

We were privileged to have, on June 7, Bro. Homer Reineck from Toledo. We certainly enjoyed their visit, and invite them to come back soon.

My Father Has Need

My Father has need of the birds
and the flowers
And a place for each beautiful tree,
And so I am sure in His wonderful
plan
There's a place and a mission for
me.

So wherever I go and in all that
I do,
I crave the clear vision to see
My place in my Father's most
wonderful plan,
My place and His blessing for me.

AGAIN AND AGAIN

Is there a problem with no quick
solution?
There is no problem that He has
not known.
Is there a burden too great for
your shoulders?
He will not leave you to bear it
alone.

Courage, my comrades. Take heart
with the dawning!
Rise from the failures; bury the
pain.
Faithful the old sun comes up in
the morning,
Just like His mercies, again and
again.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

Sis. Amelia Zimmerman's daughter, Shirley, was married to John Luttrell, Sat., May 2.

Maxine Zehr, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ben Zehr, was married to Ray Yoder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Yoder, on May 17. We wish both of the new couples God's nearness in their new roles in this life.

Our Elder Bro. Josh Broquard

had Remington and Peoria guests, Sun., May 17, including Bros. Sam and Earl Kilgus. May God bless the hosts for their hospitality, and the visiting ministers for their very interesting messages to us.

Bro. Donald and Sis. Ione Broquard were blest with a new baby, May 24, John Keith. Also, welcoming home baby brother are Sammy, Nancy, Jane, and Dianne.

Uncle Dan Huber fell, while polishing the floor at Fairview Haven, receiving a skull fracture and other serious injuries, and was taken to Chicago for brain surgery, June 7.

O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle,
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway,
If Thou wilt be my Guide.

O let me feel Thee near me;
The world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle;
The tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within,
But, Jesus draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee,
That where Thou art in glory,
There shall Thy servant be,
And Jesus I have promised
To serve Thee to the end.
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.

Coming: "The Left Ones"; if you know the danger, you can pray that God will keep His elect. We will hear some words about the move to unite all churches, taken from a writing, "The Case Against A World Church". The article was sent by Bro. Noah Schrock. Our brethren in Japan stand fast with us. A danger confronting them will be seen in an article, "Soka Gakkai", submitted by Bro. Willis Ehnle. Let us pray for each other.

the editor.

"KNOWN UNTO GOD"

Henry Souder, now at home, served his church many years as minister. He also served a number of other churches in Indiana and Ohio as elder.

"Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world."

The landscape of life carries the fresh imprints of God. This little moment, while we tarry beneath a natured sun, looks out onto a vast unending. Before us, men have lived, been moved on. Though history's hand of time seems suspending, it is illusory. Prints behind and destiny written with holy hand prove this little day.

Time's honored sketches of tribes, states and nations have long before been known to God. The crested surge of the frontier pioneer followed lines of a map in the mind of the eternal One. As we pause, little against the unabated wilderness sky, we know the awesome greatness of One who comprehended the dust in a measure.

"Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?"

In a former day, this rolling land and valley around Leo was wooded forest. The Indian could stealth vast array of wild life. The St. Joe River skirted against the bank of what was to be town. Its quiet gait straightened and curved its way, to join hands with the St. Marys and become the Maumee. God knew the coming of the pioneer, his song in the woods.

When nature sings, we glimpse part of the vastness of His marvelous wisdom. When a soul comes to God, the unsearchable riches of great character opens in wondrous splendor. When the love of the heavenly Home shines, there is beauty untold. Heavenly joy is tasted, in serenity of peace. His acquaintance, ah, it reaches dimensions unknown in human thought.

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!"

Henry Souder was born August 17, 1846, and died October 25, 1924.

His father had moved westward from Pennsylvania. In Wayne

County, Ohio, the youngest member of the family, Henry, arrived.

We trace his childhood . . . see him later, kneeling in deep penitence at Calvary . . . see a redeemed life, see sorrow and happiness working together for good for a child of God.

God had plans for young Henry. He picked out Indiana soil as location for glorious purpose.

There was a feeling in the older Henry that west he might or would like to go. He left Wayne County on an exploratory search. He walked, and walked. God's heavenly map was in operation. Eternal purposes are often not grasped. The route was marked unseen, and, oh what wisdom in its heavenly scale!

". . . who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?"

To Indiana he came. Pioneering was soon to end. Little Henry was eight or nine years old when dad died. Eight or nine is a tender age. The roll of fathomless ages surged and rolled, in true experience. Far out, ah, dad has sailed. Days had been sundered by a major move of the Lord.

We draw the curtain a bit on that February . . . 1855. The time is three days before departure. "I Henry Souder, being of lawful age and sound mind, make and declare this my last will and testament. First, I give my soul to God who gave it." He remembers his wife, Elizabeth. There is \$1100 each for the boys, Joseph and Henry. There is the charge to the children, and also to the boys if they reach the being of age, to pay an annual sum to mom.

God's ways are measured in footsteps of eternity. "With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?"

God does pay attention to the young ones he so dearly loves. His

treasure-knit moves are formed to magnificent plans. They far, far outbreadth our wisdom, reach where only we can believe and obey.

A little boy with blue eyes stood, and watched down the old dirt road. Mother Elizabeth did not seem to feel she had ability to train or perhaps time or means to keep little Henry in the way she should. At Mike Klopfensteins' (Mike married her daughter Catherine), little Henry could learn.

Henry watched as far as he could see mother. Mom was gone. He would go and cry. There were moments when longing was, if he could **only just** see his mother's sun-bonnet.

Somehow, in God's great wisdom, He uses tears and hardship to great benefit. He was teaching then, too, and His movements were eternal. He saw a future Henry Souder, mature and His. He saw one happy in for ever. That's why He could let little Henry's eyes wetten.

"He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry **them** in his bosom, **and** shall gently lead those that are with young."

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We'll try, in July . . . a list of all the addresses we have in our file of service men.

There is golden opportunity to do good, for the servicemen [and others]. Away from home, they like the mail call . . . with a letter to them.

If you could see when that letter comes . . . if you could know how hours are away from home. We won't pass this way again, but now we can do good. Shut-in hours can also be investment hours . . . let's all remember them with an avalanche of kindness.

Put an address [or more] found in one of the news columns, on an envelope, and go across the miles with a deed of kindness. the editor.

A little said can sometimes mean a lot . . . If you enjoy the Silver Lining, perhaps you can tell somebody who doesn't receive it. Lend them a copy. The footpath called day is very short . . . If a friend is a concern to you, why not send the Silver Lining. Every precious means should be used.

If you are moving, don't forget to let us know. Notify us 30 days ahead. Remember to send your zip number.

Henry