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## SIMON PETER THE SON OF JONA

Bro. Fred Grimm, now in heavenly home.

Simon Peter was one of the twelve disciples of Jesus. We know him as the disciple who was quick to talk, quick to express his opinions. Often we can compare with us, because many of us find ourselves quick to say what we think. He was called by different names. Sometimes it was Peter, then Cephas, then he was also Simon Peter. It was over 50 times that he was named in the New Testament. That is the time to take—take time to especially look up his life. Peter's work was a very special kind; he was a fisherman with his brother, Andrew, and with partners James and John.

John the Baptist said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Andrew first met the Lord. He went, and he enjoyed to listen to the Lord for a short time. Then he went and met his brother, Peter, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah . . . Then Andrew brought Peter to Jesus. Jesus said "Thou art Simon, son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas", which means, "A stone". This was Peter's first meeting with the Lord. He felt that Jesus was a very outstanding person.

In Luke 5 we read, Jesus said unto them, "Launch out into the deep, and let down . . . for a draught. . . Simon said, Master, we have toiled all . . . night. . . at thy word I will let down the net." They enclosed so many that the net brake. The disciples were surprised. Jesus said, "Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men." When they had brought the ships, they forsook them and followed Him.

Shall we not learn that who follow the Lord should let down the net for fish? He will with the blessing of the Lord cause men to enter the net. The net is the word of God, and if we send it out, some

will be caught. How shall we do it? By telling the people of the love of Jesus Christ. How glad He is to forgive. It is true, we will not always catch fish. We have tried to be good fishers of men, but we must admit we have toiled all night and caught nothing. Sometimes we will have to listen and cast the net on the other side of the ship. About the time we are about ready to give up, unexpectedly some will repent.

The time we said, "If the young friends would repent, we would have the courage to build a new church, a sister said, "If we would build a new church, then they would perhaps repent." We prayed to God about a new building. The old building was so small. The Lord taught us how to plan to build. Soon we had a nice group of converts. What a blessing that was. Often it was those we had the least hope for. One said, "I'll never repent." Soon he came crying from another room and was repenting. The evening dishes were in the dish water, but they left them there and went over to tell her parents they were repenting. They stayed there, and the dishes stayed unwashed. What came to our minds? It was the woman at Jacob's well. When He told her about her past life and she was convicted of her sins, she left the water pot she had come to fill, went back to her home, and told the people, Come, see a man, which told me all things that I ever did. Is this not the Christ? Then they came out of the city to see Him. We and this couple that left the dishes never failed to think of the woman at the well who went home without her water-pot.

How wonderful it was to us to find we could be fishers of men. There were nine that repented at that time, I believe, and at two intervals at later times, nine more

each time came into God's net. We read of what the Lord taught of things for us to do to tell of Jesus Christ, and different ways, showing our love to young folks, and taking a lively interest in them, and then we'll become satisfactory "fishers of men".

Dear ones, this still works today. Let us never get discouraged and give up. Many times we will have to fish all night, a whole month, yes a whole year or more without catching anything, but if we obey God's word and cast the net on the other side of the ship, we will catch more for the Lord.

The ministers who preach plainly to the friends in church, and the Sunday School teachers and any that will talk about Christ and His love for us are "fishers of men". Surely sometime some fish will be caught, if God's word is obeyed by the true fishers of men.

Notice: Everyone, especially servicemen, are welcome to visit us in Japan. John and Betty Klaus, 4-41. 1 chome, Nishi Tsutsujiga—Oka, Chofu-Shi, Tokyo-To, Japan. Tel. 0424-82-4344. Willis and Lois Ehnle, 692 Shioda, Ichimiya—Cho, Higashi Yatsushiro—Gun, Yamanashi—Ken, Japan 409-14. Tel. 05534-7-1177.

### WISDOM

This is wisdom, maids and men;  
Knowing what to say and when.  
Speech is common; thought is rare.

Wise men choose their words with care.

Artist with the master's touch,  
Never use one phrase too much.  
Jesus preaching on the Mount  
Made His ev'ry sentence count!

## TOKYO

### Yoshio Yamazaki

We had hail with thunder this afternoon, and it's really unusual weather in this season. Biggest one is about 7 centimeters ball, and it a little bit hurts when it hit us.

We had wonderful blessed Communion service here in Tokyo Church last Sunday afternoon, Oct. 27, and the Ehle family visited here. Bros. Jim and Dennis Fehr were also attending service here. Bro. John Klaus went to the country churches and took the responsibility for services there that day.

Richard Hany visited here in Japan second time for his R.R. from Viet Nam, and we surely had nice fellowship with him together. He is very nice boy and is not our member yet, but he is repenting.

Young students have demonstrated from place to place in our country. Last week they captured national railroad station in Tokyo, threw stones and crushed the train's windows. I feel sorry and pray for them, as they don't know what they are going to do.

We surely want to ask your prayers for our small congregations and Sunday School's growth, and also to have new converts in future.

This morning the Lord gave me the wonderful scripture through I Corinthians chapter 15 verse 58: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." This is really wonderful privilege of us Christian, and surely it's our responsibility for the glorifying of God. The world, it's become worse and worse day by day, and seems to be, Jesus will be coming soon. . . "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, **even** at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." All true Christians should be wake up and

serve the Lord more than ever. Our time is very short anymore.

## PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Carol Schieler — Shirley Anliker

Traveling across the miles to assemble with us for our worship service were ministers Bro. Harold Zeltwanger from Bremen, Bro. Jack Bollier from Leo and Bro. Alfred Bahler from Wolcott. Truly we can feel the blessings and nearness of God each time we gather together.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Bro. Gary Roth, who left recently to fulfill his duties in the Service, and is now stationed at Ft. Sam.

Although many of our students are tied down with studies, many found time to enjoy an evening of fellowship together. Due to a rainy afternoon, our weiner roast plans were changed—so hospitality was extended by our sisters who live at 204½ Wiggins Street in Purdue.

Bro. Dick Meister started his student teaching Nov. 3 at West Lafayette High School. He is teaching History and Psychology.

When we listed the new Lafayette residents in the last issue, we missed Jean Kaiser from Milford, who is teaching at Jefferson High School. Also, we wish to extend our sympathy to Jean and her family in the recent passing away of her mother. May God comfort them at this time of sorrow.

Ring the bells of Heaven! There is joy today, For a wanderer now is reconciled. Friend Linda Laidig (student) from Bremen has ancome to Him in repentance.

## SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Velta Laukhuf

Church services will be held this winter in the Women's Club Building, at the corner of Palm Ave. and Park Ct., starting Dec. 22. Services are at 1 P.M. EST. Remember, afternoons only, as another denomination with almost the same church name is there in the forenoon. If the good Lord is willing, Bro. Philip Wingeier will be staying at 2727 Parma St., Sarasota Florida. This street is located in the southeast part of the city. Check information for his telephone number. Bro. Wingeier plans to be in Sarasota sometime near the middle of December. All visitors are welcome to assemble with us. Bro. Philip extends a special in-

vation to ministering brethren to partake in the church service.

Bro Ben Maibach of Detroit plans to be with us part-time during the winter, as they have their own winter home here. Everyone welcomes the Maibach family.

## PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts — Anna Marie Baer

A son, Dennis Ray, was born Oct. 5 to Bro. Raymond and Sis. Betty Wagenbach. He was welcomed home by two sisters and three brothers. Bro. George and Sis. Elizabeth Wagenbach and Sis. Knapp of Cissna Park are the grandparents.

Orville Eberle received his discharge from the army a few weeks ago and is enjoying helping with the farm work. He is the son of Bro. William and Sis. Marie Eberle. At the present time we do not have any boys from our congregation in the armed services, the first time in nearly thirty years that the Sunday school has not packed boxes for the servicemen from our congregation. Robert Sauder, grandson of Bro. George Kieser, is in Vietnam and is to be remembered by our young folks at Christmas.

"As I think of Thee, a gentle rapture Overwhelms the soul that Thou dost love; This is one of those bright, precious moments Granted Thy beloved from above." Truly, we did have many precious moments one Friday evening, when Bros. Noah Bauman of Rittman and Rudolph Graf of Akron stopped for services, on the way to the conference in Iowa. A number of our loved ones from the Bradford congregation assembled with us to share the evening of blessings. As we read Psalm 103 together, we could feel we have many reasons

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to "Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name." We reviewed the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus, and of the Lord's suffering and death upon the cross. It seems all are in one accord that the end of time, when the Lord shall return, is much nearer than perhaps we think, for the prophecies are so rapidly being fulfilled. Soon the Lord will come to claim His own. Is our light shining in this sinful world, or does it flicker now and then as we are tempted to follow the ways of the world? Truly these are deceiving times, and Christians must beware and always be alert.

We have enjoyed beautiful weather this fall, and only recently had frost, although we still have some pretty flowers blooming. The grass is still a pretty green, but most of the beautiful leaves have fallen, and the trees are bare so it is beginning to look like winter.

It has been ideal weather for harvesting the crops, and most of it is done. The yield was not as good as the past year, yet we have many reasons to be thankful for the harvest. Bro. Joe shared a thought he had while harvesting his corn. As long as the stock of grain is firmly rooted in the ground, even though it is bent ever from the elements of the weather, the large machines going down the row can reach out and draw it into the machine. So it is in our spiritual life. As long as we stay firmly rooted in our Lord and Saviour and not break away, His arms can draw us to Him in the final harvest of souls. "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."

Our elderly friend, Will Streitmatter, had been confined to his home for some time, but is able to worship with us again, for which we are very thankful.

Wednesday evening services are resumed again at 7:30 p.m. We welcome visitors anytime, and are always glad to see the benches filled.

### CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

**Susan Zimmerman — Jan Herman**

"Meet today in social union. Spend the hour in sweet communion. As in seasons past, Christian friendship is a treasure . . ." We appreciate those who come from far and near to "meet in social

union and spend the hour in sweet communion" with us.

Those who have brought the gospel to us are Bros. Ed Hohulin, Goodfield; Emanuel Gudeman, Cissna Park; Nathan Stoller, Bradford; Russell Rapp, Morton; Jesse Schrock, Congerville; Ed Gudeman, Elgin; Elmer Witzig, Gridley; Fred Knapp, Congerville; Bob Grimm, Goodfield, and Leroy Hartman, Peoria. We thank these brothers for their labor of love.

We are glad to see new faces among us as the students have returned to the University for the school year. We welcome all, new as well as former students.

Bro. Ken Hodel has gone to Herscher, Illinois, to do his student teaching. We will be glad to have him with us again when his assignment is finished.

Bro. Earl Ringger and Sis. Dixie Stoller announced their engagement Oct. 20 at Gridley. Earl is a U. of I. student. May God's blessings rest upon them in their life together.

Surely the angels in heaven rejoice over one sinner that repenteth. We rejoice with Virginia Witzig, Gridley, and Linda Warren, Morton, who have turned their heart and mind to God.

This week we received word that Bro. Jack Leman, the father of Bro. Paul Leman of our congregation, passed away in Roanoke. May those left behind find comfort in knowing that "When a Christian dies, precious is the prize. Lasting joys for days of sorrow, rest from conflict on the morrow follow when he dies."

### BLUFFTON, INDIANA

**Delutha Moser — Carolyn Gerber**

"God's forgiving love overcomes the mountains of separation caused by our sins".

**Births:** A daughter, Katherine Marie, to Bro. and Sis. Thomas Baumgartner; a daughter, Tonya Rae, to Bro. Dale and Sis. Londa Gerber; and a son, Joe A., to Bro. Ernie and Sis. Lucille Isch.

**Shut-ins:** Sisters Katie Liebig, Mrs. Dan Lantz Sr.; Bros. Ken Aschliman, Sylvan Frauhiger, Roy Reinhardt, Obed Steffen, Neal Edington and Wm. Kaehr.

We had a proving and baptism for a dear friend; Janet Morris.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Verlin Stoller and Joe Schrock.

**Engagement:** Friend Rebecca Tonner has made known her en-

gagement to Mr. Michael John Leyse. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Curtis Tonner and Mr. and Mrs. John Leyse.

**Wedding:** Sis. Esther Reineck and Bro. Noah Aschliman were united in holy matrimony, with Elder John Yergler officiating.

**Funerals:** During the past month, services were held for Sis. Mary Dotterer, age 80. Surviving are: two sons—Paul and Joe, two daughters — Marge Stucky and Carolyn Lants. A sister, Sis. Lydia Kaehr also survives. Services were held for Bro. Godfrey Rauch, age 90. Surviving are 5 daughters, Sis. Leah Bertsch, Mrs. Fred Christner, Mrs. Tobias Steffen, Mrs. Myron Lehman, Mrs. Victor Simon; five sons, Jehu, Alfred H., Jeff L., Calvin M. and Ervin E. One sister, Mrs. Edward Ringger also survives.

### Giver of All

O Lord of heaven and earth and sea!

To Thee all praise and glory be.  
How shall we show our love to Thee  
Who givest all?

The golden sunshine, vernal air,  
Sweet flowers and fruit Thy love  
declare;  
When harvests ripen, Thou art  
there,  
Who givest all.

For peaceful homes and healthful  
days,  
For all the blessings earth displays,  
We owe Thee thankfulness and  
praise,  
Who givest all.

For souls redeemed, for sins  
forgiven,  
For means of grace and hopes of  
heaven,  
What can to Thee, O Lord, be  
given,  
Who givest all?

### HONOLULU, HAWAII

**Keith and Sharon Kellenberger**

We moved! Yes, from our cottage near Haleiwa to an apartment in Honolulu. Keith really appreciates the shorter drive to work. Much of our spare time this past month was spent painting, cleaning and furnishing our new apartment. Being on the eleventh floor, we have a beautiful view of the ocean, city and airport, and behind us, the mountains. We cannot help but marvel at God's creation, especially at sunset. We feel so blessed to have found such a nice apartment.

Our new address is Apt. B-1102, 1545 Linapuni St., Honolulu Hawaii 96819. Phone number is 817-726. We extend a warm welcome for vacationers, servicemen going to or coming from Viet Nam, or those on R and R to contact and visit us. Even if it's only a short layover, do give us a call. It takes only ten minutes to get to the airport from our home. Aloha!

The following story is one I heard several years ago. It's good lesson made it a story I couldn't forget.

Sally was silent, as she knelt by the grave and tenderly placed a wreath of flowers on it. After a few minutes of silence she rose with tear-filled eyes.

"Was he a relative?" asked her friend softly. "No," replied Sally, "not a relative." "Oh then a dear friend," guessed her companion. After a pause Sally said slowly . . . "I never knew him."

Seeing her friend's puzzled expression, she went on. "It happened nineteen years ago, when I was about a year old. I was too small to remember, but here's what my mother told me. Late one night a few months after Dad died, our house caught fire while we slept. Mom awakened my three brothers and got them out of the house. When she rushed back toward the house to get me, a fireman held her back. 'You can't go in there anymore! It's not safe! It's too far gone!'

But my baby's in there! my mother screamed. My baby's in there! Still the fireman restrained her, as another fireman prepared to go in. Before he got his smoke mask on, a man from the crowd had burst past and rushed into the house.

Up the smoke-filled stairs he ran, groping his way till he found my bed. Snatching me up he made for the stairs, but no! It was too late! A sheet of fire now enveloped the stairway. To the window, but no! Now flames cut him off from the window, and soon the floor would go!

The minutes seemed like hours to the crowd watching outside. Then suddenly a small bundle wrapped snugly in a blanket came hurtling out the window to the crowd below. Seconds later the house collapsed. But I was safely out, not hurt at all."

As she looked directly into her friend's wide eyes, she spoke sadly. "He never came out. That's why I always stop at his grave when I visit my home town. I'll never be able to thank him enough. You see, . . . he died for me!"

Let us never forget to thank our Saviour for dying that we might live!

### LESTER, IOWA

#### Emelie Knobloch

William Metzger left for Ft. Sam for his training. His wife plans to join him soon. Daniel Moser is in San Diego, after enlisting in the Navy. Gary Feucht is taking more schooling in Great Lakes and Tim DeHaan is in Montana. Steven Knobloch and Robert Leuthold were in National Guard; they have returned home and are completing their training. Dwayne Feucht has been discharged and is employed here. We are happy to have these loved ones with us, and wish peace will soon be restored so all may be returned safely.

Bro. Leo Moser performed marriage ceremonies, Sept. 8. Ronald Feucht and Sandra Leuthold at the home of her parents, Bro. and Sis. Alvin Leuthold. On Sept. 28, Jerry Feucht and Judy Miller were married at her parent's home, Bro. and Sis. Noah Miller in Winthrop. Ronald and Jerry are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Feucht. We appreciate these new couples in our community, where they are employed.

We had several brothers who expounded on the gospel during September and October: Bros. Ed and Ben Hohulin, Ervin Stoller, Henry Sabo and Silas Leuthold. We had many folks here for the conference. We want to thank all these loved ones for their efforts and teachings shared with us. We wish to extend an invitation to visit us again.

Dwight Mogler, son of Bro. and Sis. Howard Mogler, Sis. Julia Knobloch were hospital patients. Bro. Jake Metzger had major back surgery. He has been hospitalized for a couple months. I am sure, after such a long stay, he would appreciate cards. His address, Jacob Metzger, c/o Sioux Valley Hospital, Sioux Falls, South Dakota or to his home address: Rock Rapids, Iowa 51246.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Meyer, a daughter, Sandra Kay, Oct. 10.

### FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

#### Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich

#### Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

There is much joy in walking a Christian life. Our dear Bro. Lester Huber and his dear companion Sis. Glendoris, with their Christian family, have gone to Kentucky to share, and want to give there this Christian joy of living for the Lord. Everyone will receive their pay check from whomever they serve.

This is the address where all of the Bro. Lester Huber family live: Becknerville Road, R. R. 2, Winchester Ky. 40391.

On Oct. 13 a minister from our church, with others, were at the Indianapolis Sunday gathering, which is held at the YMCA. This same Sunday the Bros. Lester Huber's had a gathering in the YMCA in Kentucky. The Indianapolis gatherings had blessings that words hardly can express, so now that is what we wish for the beloved Hubers. There is rejoicing in heaven over every sinner that repenteth.

Bro. Chris Wuethrich Sr. has been hospitalized quite a while with a heart condition. One would think a good and kind father like he would not ever have to suffer, but God will never forsake him, however trials come, so daily prayer is for new strength for him, for body and soul.

Sis. Ella Yaggie is at the Mercy Hospital in Urbana, Ill. We surely miss her. We earnestly pray that sufficient faith is given her, so that she can endure all that is placed on her. Wonderful memories are when she was our children's Sunday School teacher, cleaning our church weekly, coming to church early on Sunday morning, and setting the tables and making the coffee. Yes, in God's house is her joy, so we are looking forward to her assembling with us again.

Thanksgiving closing — My daughter-in-law, and also my daughter-in-love, is my helper now. Family ties make thanksgiving every day.

### ATHENS, ALABAMA

#### Mrs. William Haggemaker

#### Our Circle

At our little church, we have had several newcomers this month. For this we are very thankful, and it makes very happy also when those who have been absent for awhile return.

Bro. George Kelly has been back with us for the past two weeks, bringing his family; they have been absent for such a long time, due to the lingering illness of dear Sis. Ora, his wife. She had been bedfast for nearly two years. Sis. Ora went home to be with the Lord Sept. 23; she was and still is much loved by all who knew her, for she was a virtuous woman and a true servant of God.

Births—we have two families in our church who have been blessed. Bro. Nick Prestriedge and his wife Carol have a son Mark Nickholas Prestriedge. Sis. Peggy (Porter) Knox has a baby daughter. Both babies are "firsts".

Hospitalized was Miss Ann Klopfenstein, who entered the hospital Oct. 31, had surgery on her knee, and is back home now doing fine.

Ronald Amerson has re-entered the hospital for treatment of the damage he suffered from a stroke. Many thanks to all of you who sent cards to him before; he really was happy that you were thinking of him and praying for him. Please continue to pray for him as the Lord moves you. His condition isn't good at all; he isn't allowed visitors except the immediate family.

We all know that trials must come; God's word tells us to endure and we shall be saved. He has promised that he will not give us a burden, that he cannot give us the strength to bear.

### FT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

#### Wendell Anliker

"His call we obey, as Abram of old. Not knowing our way, but faith makes us bold; Wher-e'er He shall lead us, the way He doth guide; He knows best who rules us; "The Lord Will Provide!"

What comforting words these are, as we did experience this month when we lost six brothers and friends. Bro. Barry Isch, Bro. Ron Koehl, Bro. Leland Metzger and Friends Dan Kaeb, Charles Knapp and Bill Wiedman are home on leave now and will be going to Viet Nam soon. We pray that "The Lord Will Provide" for them. We really enjoyed their fellowship and will surely miss them.

We want to welcome into our small group Bro. Gary Roth, Roanoke; Bro. Merle Rocke, Eureka; Bro. Steve Bucher, LaCrosse and Convert Dale Strassheim, Oakville. They started basic training the 28th of October. Steve's wife, Sis.

Vickie, drove down the 23rd to be with Steve. Sis. Carol Ringger from Bluffton came with Vickie and will be staying with her for a week. Dale's wife, Carol, who is also repenting is here with her husband. We pray that God's richest blessings be upon them as they go through life together.

Our regularly scheduled visiting minister for October 13 brought Bro. Roy Werni; and his wife, Sis. Betty of Lamont into our midst. God truly does provide for us our every need, through His precious word.

Coming with Bro. Roy and Sis. Betty was Bro. Martin Beyer of Gridley and Sis. Esther Knapp of Forrest.

On Oct. 27 we were richly blessed with the wondrous teachings of the word from Elder Bro. Emanuel Gudeman His wife, Sis. Ida of Cisna Park accompanied him.

Our scheduled ministers for the month of November are from Gridley, the 10th and Elgin, Ill., the 28th.

Bro. Barry Isch has turned the Silver Lining reporting over to me now, so with the Lord's help I will try to continue bringing the news from Ft. Sam to you.

### MORRIS, MINNESOTA

#### Mrs. Herman Schaefer

#### Mrs. Carl Joos

Bro. and Sis. Richard Schmidgall are the parents of a little girl. She has been named Peggy Ann, and was born Oct. 19. Peggy has four sisters and two brothers to welcome her. Grandparents are Mrs. Henry Schmidgall and Mrs. Clara Moser.

Jimmy Schmidgall, young son of Bro. and Sis. Gilbert Schmidgall, was hit by a car near his home. He was hospitalized for a short time for minor cuts and bruises. We are thankful that little Jimmy wasn't more seriously hurt.

Bro. Raymond Roth and Bro. Elias Somerhalder, Burlington, Oklahoma, were our visiting ministers. We all enjoyed a very blessed day together and thank them for their visit.

### REMINGTON, INDIANA

#### Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

#### A Thankful Heart

Take nothing for granted, for whenever you do. . . The "joy of enjoying" is lessened for you. . . For we rob our own lives much more than we know, . . . when we

fail to respond or in any way show Our thanks for the blessings that daily are ours. . . The warmth of the sun, the fragrance of flowers. . . The beauty of twilight, the freshness of dawn . . . The coolness of dew on a green velvet lawn. . . The kind little deeds so thoughtfully done. . . The favors of friends and the love that someone. . . Unselfishly gives us in a myriad of ways. . . Expecting no payment and no words words of praise. . . Oh great is our loss when we no longer find. . . A thankful response to things of this kind. For the joy of enjoying the fullness of living. . . Are found in the heart that is filled with thanksgiving.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Joe Stoller Princeville; Bro. Edwin Ringger, Gridley; and Bro. Irvin Lehman, Wolcott, Ind. The fact that was emphasized is the importance of giving up our own will, if we want to follow our Lord and Saviour.

Ed Frey and Reuben Scharloch were both again in the hospital. Reuben wishes to thank everyone for all the thoughtful things that were done for him. May God in His mercy bless each one in their affliction, that each one can look to Him.

There was gladness to have Bro. Eldon Getz on furlough, before he is sent to Germany. May God be His hope and stay.

Our community was again saddened at the loss of our friend, Otto Merkel, 53, Oct. 21. He lived here most of his life. His parents were Jake and Emma (Gettsinger) Merkel. He leaves his wife, two sons and two daughters; 2 sisters—Dr. Alice Merkel of Plymouth and Sis. Irene Knobloch of Lester. His oldest son was killed in Viet Nam in March. His brother, Alvin was killed in World War II. Our sympathy goes out to all concerned.

We enjoyed having our cousin, Bro. John and Sis. Aldine Waibel from Peoria. In New York, they visited an aged uncle, who still lives on the farm with a son. They have a large dairy. He still helps with the work and gets the meals. He was so happy he was remembered and that they spend some time with him.

We are getting older, too, and can grasp what it means for someone to take time to call on you. We spend the evening at my brother Herman's new home. Bro. Johnny is in the building business with his

son. He also related how they have hornets there. He brought a large nest back with them. It is really a work of art.

I was privileged to assemble with the Francesville congregation, where it was brought out how important the little word "if" can be, as mentioned so often in Romans.

How blessed when we can **Stop-Look-Listen** and follow the path the Lord wants us to take.

Around 40 brethren from the surrounding churches went to the conference at Lester from Chicago by a chartered plane. It really is a thrilling experience the first time you fly.

### WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Arles Kropf

We received many good teachings through the efforts of our visiting ministers, as well as from our home ministers. Those visiting us were Bros. Joe Stoller of the Princeville church, Noah Shrock of Oakville, Joshua Broquard of Fairbury, Willis Weigand of Goodfield, and Aaron Steffen of Alto.

Gale Klopfenstein was hospitalized this past month for an appendectomy, but is getting along fine.

We are glad to have Ruth Hofstetter back in our midst, after her several months' stay in Oakville.

### THANKSGIVING

This is a day when all our hearts  
Are filled with grateful praise;  
This day, above the rest, we want  
To recognize God's grace!

We look back at the pilgrims who  
When blessed with fruitfulness  
Set forth this day in which they  
might

Express their greatfulness. . . .

And should we not acknowledge  
Thee

For all with which we're blessed?  
For health, for raiment and food  
For shelter and for rest.

For all our daily needs supplied,  
We render thanks to Thee.  
Accept the gratitude we bring  
And offer thankfully.

We praise Thee for these  
mercies, Lord,

For all that Thou hast done,  
But we remember most of all  
The Gift of gifts, Thy Son!

Thou gavest Him to die for us,  
For us His blood was shed;

'Twas for our sins He bore the  
shame

And to the Cross was led!

Full well we know we merit not  
Such wondrous love from Thee,  
And yet Thy mercy does provide  
Salvation full and free  
To all who will with faith behold  
The Saviour on the tree,  
And so for Him, Thy precious Son,  
Oh Lord we would thank Thee.

### ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Virgil Graf

Dick and Lucy (Graf) Griffith have recently moved to Altadena from Sacramento. We welcome them and their son, Robbie, into our midst. Their new address is 232 W. Mariposa, Altadena California.

Sis. Emma Hoffman of Rockville has been spending some time with her daughter, Bro. John and Sis. Lois Klotzle. It is so nice to have loved ones from many miles away to visit us.

Sis. Jackie Lanz has moved back to her home in Rockville. Jackie had been living here about three months. We extend an invitation to her to return, as we enjoyed her stay here.

### BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher

We have so many of our congregation who are ill or in the hospital: Bro. William Wieland was in the hospital, but had returned home; he had a setback and is in the hospital again. Bro. Carl Wackerle had a hernia operation; he has now returned home and is doing quite well. Bro. Howard Wieland has been in the hospital.

Sis. Minnie Freidinger has been in the hospital. Mildred Hodder had an operation on her nose and is doing fine.

We wish our loved ones who are ill in body or mind the Lord's blessings and grace.

Bro. Frank and Sis. Faye Wackerle celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. We wish these two beloved people the greatest of our Lord's mercy and grace in their many trials and sufferings.

We now have elected a new President. We pray that he will look to our Lord and Saviour for guidance in his new post as the highest government officeholder in our United States. Let us pray that our land may stay free of religious persecution so that we may worship our dear Lord and Saviour as we have been able to in the past. Let each one pray for our government every day.

### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Fannie Schieber — Jeanette Knapp

Time passes so swiftly. Soon the holidays will be with us. Everyone is so busy with their daily work, and all the extras added to their usual work. Quite a few of the ladies from our Church have been helping raise money for worthwhile projects. Each one of us are thankful each day that we have health and can do our daily chores and assist where we are needed.

Our visiting minister for the month was Bro. Phillip Wingeier from Alto. We thank him for his visit. Sis. Fern, his wife, accompanied him.

Sis. Margaret Ott has been in the hospital and had surgery. She is home again now. We certainly hope she will continue to improve, and can soon assemble with us again.

Little Lori, small daughter of Bro. Allen and Sis. Carol Schrock was in the hospital for a short stay. We are glad she is home again.

Some of the young folks from our church spent a week end at Remington. They enjoyed their visit very much, and we are all thankful they had a safe journey there and home again.

### FT. WAYNE, INDIANA

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

Mark 14:8—"She hath done what she could . . ."

Satan often discourages those of us whose time is spent in ordinary service in the home, or in earning a living and raising a family, but the business of bringing up your family in the fear of the Lord and carefully instructing them in His Ways, and setting before them an example of godly living is "no menial task nor trivial matter".— And how can we be an example for our children, if we do not walk in his ways ourselves!

Funeral services were held for Sis. Anna Schott on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 9, at 1 p.m., with Bros. Norman and Verlin Stoller officiating. Sis. Anna had gone to her rest at Parkview Hospital the previous Sunday evening. Surely we will all remember her for quiet, loving ways, and her Christian example. The Ft. Wayne Church has been notified that they will be the recipients of a gift of money as specified in the will of Sis. Ann. Surely its use will bring special memories of her!

A few of us gathered one Sunday afternoon with our Sis. Ida Sinn,

to share with her a tape of a past sermon, a few songs and a prayer. Sis. Ida has been unable to assemble with us for some time. It seems it is so often we neglect to visit those who are afflicted, but there is a great blessing for all.

We enjoyed the special quartet numbers by the Milford young people and the closing words by Bro. Theo. Beer, when Milford was in charge of our October monthly singing.

Sunday, Oct. 20, our two older Sunday School classes enjoyed a day of fellowship with the Latty Sunday School. Our thanks to all who helped make this blessed day possible.

Many willing hands were lent to paint the inside of our Church Home. May the blessings from above be showered to those who so willingly gave many hours of their time for this.

Not only are we thankful again at this time of year for material things, but also for the spiritual things which we are so in need of, and do receive in so great abundance.

The following words will be sung by one of our Sunday School classes in a Thanksgiving Program on Nov. 24:

#### Our Thanksgiving Song

(Tune: America The Beautiful)

O Gracious God, we gladly bring  
Our thankful hearts and tongues,  
And give them freely, cheerfully  
To thee in prayer and songs.

O God from whom all blessings  
flow,

O God whom we obey,  
Reach out Thy gracious loving  
hand;

Receive our thanks today.

O God in whom we do believe.

From whom we shall not stray.  
We thank Thee for both life and  
health,

For this great holiday.

We thank Thee for our homes and  
schools,

Our churches everywhere,  
Our parents and our Christian  
friends;

We thank Thee for Thy care.

#### GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Mrs. Eldon Metzger

As I write this morning, the election still has not been decided. Oh that our earthly elections could have the quality of our heavenly

candidate—when you choose Him, you KNOW your life under His direction will be well taken care of, and His promises are certain to be fulfilled. Perhaps we're not "campaigning" hard enough for Him by living more dedicated Christian lives.

Karen Huber, daughter of Bro. Sam and Sis. Mary entered the Ft. Scott Hospital with a throat and gland infection.

We appreciated having Bro. Alpha Strahm and family from Bern with us. He read the parable of the husbandmen who cared for the vineyard; when it was time for the harvest, he sent his servants and finally his son to collect his share. Instead of getting his just reward, they killed the son . . . the master took the vineyard away from these men, and this was related to the Israelites rejecting Jesus. It also relates now to us—if we reject the Master and don't give Him just "rent", He'll take it away from us also. We will all repent some day—either now or in eternity. **Count the cost . . .** repentance in eternity won't do any good then—there will be no reward.

Bro. Rudy Bahr was elected 7th and 8th grade Sunday School teacher, to fill the vacated places of Bro. Martin and Sis. Mary's move to Lamont.

In our suggestions to reporters they asked for "little things that happen at home." Recently the radio was on, and one of those cigarette jingle advertisements were on. In the pause after "Happiness is . . .", our ten-year-old son piped up from the other room. "Going to heaven." He doesn't know how surprised and happy his "slip" made his mother feel!

#### INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Howard and Louise Getz

On Oct. 13, our minister was Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville). A good-sized group assembled for services. The following week brought three ministers: Bros. Arthur Gudeman (La Crosse), Earl Kilgus (Remington), and Carl Kipfer (Bluffton). Bros. Loren Stoller (Latty) and Vernon Schwab (Wolcott) also served the Indianapolis church in October. The love and lessons shared by all of these ministers is deeply appreciated by our growing congregation.

On Nov. 3, a first baby arrived to gladden the home of Bro. John and Sis. Mary Isch. He has been named

John Andrew. The grandparents are Bro. Harry and Sis. Clarice Isch of Bluffton and Bro. Bill and Sis. Elsie Rager of Latty.

New residents of Indianapolis this fall are Craig and Sis. Connie Gutwein and their son Jimmy. Bro. Mark Gutwein is now attending school in Indianapolis, as well as his sister, Sis. Janet. They are all from Francesville.

New Sunday School teachers for the younger children are Sisters Susan Price and Janet Gutwein, replacing Sisters Becky and Susan Mayer. The older class is taught by visiting brothers or by Bros. John Isch or Howard Getz.

A World Relief sewing group has been organized and will meet monthly in the various families' homes.

Our son, Neal was released from the Bloomington Hospital on Oct. 20 after a 2½-week stay for treatment of osteomyelitis. All the accompanying X-rays have shown no bone damage, for which we are very thankful.

With Election Day over and a new administration readying itself, let us pray that somehow, if it be God's will, that our nation can "bind up its wounds" and work on building both domestic and international peace.

#### MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Alma Baum — Gus Baum

Your writers were privileged to be among those who attended the Brotherhood Conference . . . a most impressing and rewarding experience.

We welcomed Bros. Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski; LeRoy Messner, Winthrop; Paul Banwart, West Bend; and Paul Butikofer, Elgin (Ia.) who visited our congregation and shared God's message with us.

Friends, Judy Miller, daughter of Bro. Noah and Sis. Laura, and Gerald Feucht, son of Emil and Ruby, were united in marriage, by Bro. Leo Moser. They are at home in Lester. A host of good wishes go with them for many years together, made rich with God's blessings.

Autumn, in all its beauty has quietly slipped away.—Migrating birds have come and gone; the whistling swans made their appearance and are lingering to rest on their distant journey. We continue to see numerous duck hunters brave the bone-chilling north wind blasts of this area. Several snow-flurrying days in October remind us

that winter's relaxing days will soon be with us, when the course is changed from that of a busy summer, to more hours for meditation—along with the important responsibility that is ours.

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out all fear.

### MORTON, ILLINOIS

Joan Getz — Mrs. Ken Getz

We rejoice that two dear souls have been baptized: Sis. Linda Rapp, daughter of Elder Bro. Russell and Verna (Birkey) Rapp, and Sis. Carol Wuthrich, daughter of Bro. James and Sis. Eunice (Wiegand) Wuthrich.

Births: A daughter, Stacey Ellen, to Bro. Robert & Sis. Christine (Schupbach) Baum on Sept. 19; a son, Timothy Joe, to Bro. Joe and Sis. Shirley (Schmidgall) Braker on Oct. 6; and a son, Steven Roby Heiniger, to Friends Larry and Bonnie (Roby) Heiniger on Oct. 23.

Thank You's: "Thanks to all dear ones who remembered me with their prayers and love gifts while I was in the hospital and since I am home. They shall never be forgotten." Sis. Hazel (Schrock) Ferguson. "Many thanks from me for the cards and gifts while in the hospital and convalescence at home." Sis. Dorothy Hari.

Bro. Wayne Rocke has willingly agreed to support the Sunday School brothers by teaching a class and directing the Bible Class for Christian Endeavor. We are also thankful to Sis. Sharon Herman and Sis. Phyllis Farney, who have consented to teach Sunday School Classes.

The coming marriage of Sis. Marge Huette, daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Nettie (Aberle) Huette and Bro. Maurice Schaefer of Tremont, son of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Frieda (Hartter) Schaefer was announced. All their many friends wish them God's blessings.

We are happy to have Sis. Emma (Endress) Herman home, after having surgery. Sis. Phyllis (Stoller) Greene is also home, after a few days in the hospital. Bro. John Zimmerman suffered injuries in an automobile accident, and even though he is still in the hospital, is improving nicely. We are sorry to hear Bro. Harry Wick must stay in the hospital another week or two. We pray all these dear ones will soon be fully recovered.

Bro. Henry Beer of Milford brought us words of life and salva-

tion. He also shared with us his religious books and records.

We enjoyed the presence of the Eureka Men's Chorus at our October Sunday night sing. Their message in song was a rich blessing to all.

As the Thanksgiving season comes closer we thank God for his many blessings and ask:

Heavenly Father, We thank Thee for this food. We thank Thee for giving us the institution of the home; What joys have come to us through this Thy crowning creation! The warmth of friendship and understanding, The common goals, the common good of hearts tuned together to the key of love. Forgive us for ever complaining. Forgive us for the hasty word, the thoughtless deed; We bless Thee for little children, for their prattle and laughter, for their trust and purity. May they see Christ reflected in our actions and our attitudes. Saturate us with sympathy, grace us with tenderness, And season us with kindness and gentleness. Command us, until we shall conform into the image of our Saviour and Lord. In His name we pray, Amen.

### PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Now thank we all our God  
With heart, and hands, and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom the world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms  
Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

Ardeane Kay Feucht, daughter of Sis. Frieda Feucht and Chris Feucht and Gary L. Ruckle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ruckle, were united in marriage Oct. 13.

Sis. Ruth Klein, daughter of Sis. Edna Klein and Bro. Randall Kellenberger, son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Velma Kellenberger were united in marriage Oct. 20. Both newlywed couples are living in the Peoria area. Our best wishes are extended to them for their happiness and God's blessings.

Dennis Baurer has repented and been announced for proving and baptism. He is the son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Verna Baurer. It is so encouraging whenever we hear of one more dear friend that finds themselves in their lost condition and seeks their refuge in the Lord.

Mrs. Lois Schlatter England died

Oct. 27 at Methodist Hospital. We were happy to hear she repented and received peace. She was a daughter of Bro. Adam and Sis. Mary Rudin Albrecht, and was married to Charles England Oct. 20, 1956. Surviving are her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Erwin (Sherrill) John and Mrs. John (Ruth) Martin; three grandchildren and one nephew. Two brothers preceded her in death.

Sis. Emma Helwig died Oct. 8 at the A. C. Home in Eureka. She had been there six weeks. Her funeral was held here in Peoria, where she lived for thirty years. Surviving are one sister, Minnie Nauman of Portland, and several neices and nephews.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Emma Messer. Her brother, Adam Messer died recently. Our sympathy is also extended to Mrs. Lydia Meyer. Her brother, Ed Sauder of Minnesota died recently, too.

We enjoy all who visit our assembly. Bro. Simon Wagenbach was our guest minister the Sunday of the Klein-Kellenberger wedding. The first Sunday in October we enjoyed the fellowship of the Sunday School and some of the brethren from Elgin, Ill. They joined in singing at our Monthly Hymn Sing on Sunday evening. At our November Hymn Sing, we enjoyed the Men's Octet from Eureka-Roanoke.

Sis. Clara Kahler moved to the Buehler Home, 3415 N. Sheridan Rd., Peoria Ill 61614. Sis. Mattie Fisher moved to the A. C. Home in Eureka.

Our friend, John Thomas received his discharge from the Army in September and is attending college at Southern Illinois.

### TUSCON, ARIZONA

Anna Thomas

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: Because his mercy endureth forever. Our visiting minister was Bro. John Somerhalder of Phoenix. He was accompanied by his wife, Sis. Charlene, Bro. Joe and Sis. Connie Beer, with the Bible Class from Phoenix.

### "Our Circle"

We have untold blessings when our small group assembles at the YMCA for an hour of Bible study and an hour of worship service. We have such a beautiful view of the mountains through our window, standing so strong and firm. It reminds us, that is the way the

word of God is. After our services we usually go out for dinner; then we take a tour to our new church building to see how much progress has been made during the week.

**PULASKI, IOWA**  
**Mrs. Dave Wiegand**

We welcomed Bro. Carl Kinsinger to our congregation, the Sunday before the Brother Meeting. He lived here in his younger years, and tries to come back each year the Sunday before the conference. He reminded us to not place the praise of man above the praise of God.

Corn harvest is coming along pretty good. A few farmers are done, but most of them are just getting a good start.

**STUTTGART, GERMANY**  
**Bill Emch**

We were sorry to see Friend Roger and Marge Ackerman, Morton, leave, as Roger received his discharge. Bros. Harlan Metzger, West Bend; Denny Koehl, Forrest; Bill Emch, Lamont, and Friends Gerry and Deana Gasser, Rittman, were able to gather with them before they left. Roger and Marge have been a big help to all the service boys, as their apartment was always open to us, and many evenings and week ends were spent with them. We wish them God's rich blessing in their future endeavors, and may they be rewarded for all their deeds.

**WINTHROP, MINNESOTA**  
**Delores Messerli — Carol Messner**

Services were held the next night following the close of the Brother Meeting in Lester. Visiting ministers, Elder Bros. Silas Leuthold, Princeville, and Herman Kellenberger, Elgin, were here. Bro. Albert Fisher, Chicago, and Bros. Elias Somerhalder and Raymond Roth of Burlington, Oklahoma, traveled here for a most enlightening evening. Their wives accompanied them.

We were admonished, "Stay close to the true word of God", and not to go out on the limb for a taste of the pleasures of the world. A prayer was made for the dear friends, asking God to extend the day of grace awhile longer.

Bro. Henry and Sis. Sarah Kellenberger of Elgin, Ill., were here for the week end. They formerly lived here, and many pleasant hours were enjoyed reminiscing.

Five of the six daughters of Bro.

Levi and Sis. Lillian Pfister, along with their mother, Sis. Lillian, assembled with us. The Pfisters are past residents of our community, having moved to the Ft Wayne area more than two years ago.

Bro. Eugene and Sis. Ella Mae Schmidt are the parents of their second son, Wesley Paul. Veryl, Marcy, Leona and Lila welcome him home. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Jake Knobloch of Lester and Sis. Emma Schmidt of here.

Lila, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Eugene Schmidt, was hospitalized with pneumonia.

Bro. Roy and Sis. Rose Alice Howk are thankful to have their son, Steve, home after Vietnam duty. Steve; Linda, his wife and baby, Brian are stationed near Chicago.

**Now Thank We All Our God**  
All praise and thanks to God, The Father now be given,  
The Son and Him who reigns With Them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore,  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ".

**FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS**  
**Joyce Huber**

The celebrated Thanksgiving Day has come again. Scripturally we are to give thanks always, for all things, and in every thing, for Eph. 5:20 says, "Giving thanks always for all things. . . ." and Thess. 5:18 is "In every thing give thanks . . ." The act of praise—"From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD's name is to be praised" (Ps. 113:3) brings us into the glorious Court with God Almighty. In Ps. 100:4 God says, "Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise . . ."

Earl Steffen, son of Bro. and Sis. Sam Steffen, and his bride, Betty (Peters) have sought Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord. We rejoice with them of their receiving peace with God.

Bro. Bernard and Sis. Sharon Kelson were blessed with a boy, Robert Keith. The new baby has brothers Paul and Mike and a sister, Carol.

Bro. Carlos and Sis. Jane Meiss became a new and happy father and mother, as a baby girl, Renae Lynn was born to them.

We appreciate having visiting ministers recently: Bro. Francis Rother and Bro. Henry Grimm of Morton; Bro. Nate Steffen of Elgin; Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville, and Bro. Phil Wingeier of Alto.

**GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS**  
**Lydia and Eunice Kammerer**

Thank God, the waters are still troubled. Last Sunday certainly made us think of how, long ago groups turned to God in repentance. We are so glad to report the following souls who have turned their backs on the old life and have turned to a new way of living. They are: Mrs. Ella Cargill, and her daughter, Dixie; Virginia Witzig, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marjorie Witzig; Eloise Stoller and Clark Stoller, daughter and son of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Lucille Stoller; Carol Ringger, daughter of Bro. Ray and Sis. Nadine Ringger; Brenda Ringger, daughter of Bro. Edwin and Sis. Pat Ringger; Lloyd Stoller, son of Bro Edward and Sis. Marie Stoller; Carol Stoller, daughter of Bro. Reuben and Sis. Emily Stoller; Roselyn Funk, daughter of Bro. Leo and the late Sis. Clara Funk; Mrs. Gladys Foor, daughter of Bro. Henry and Sis. Emma Ringger; Joyce Witzig, daughter of Bro. Edward and Sis. Dorothy Witzig; and Judy Caldwell, who attends I.S.U. and lives in LaSalle, Illinois.

We certainly wish all of these dear souls much grace in their new walk of life. May we add, we and many others feel, God was pleased with the decision of a new edifice, and is pouring His blessings in adding new souls to our congregation.

Ground-breaking services were held on Monday morning, Oct. 28 for this new church so many of us have longed for. May God bless the hands of the workmen, and grant grace that all will be to His honor and glory.

Bro. Edmond Kloter, from Fairbury was our visiting minister the past month.

Announcement has been made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Sis. Dixie Stoller, daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Lucille Stoller, and Bro. Earl Ringger, son of Bro. Edwin and Sis. Pat Ringger. We wish them God's grace

and blessings in the important step.

Bro. Jack Gramm, who is stationed in Korea, is home on leave until the 18th of November.

Bro. Amos Funk, who suffered leg injuries in his place of business, is now getting around with the aid of crutches; however, he has not been able to assemble with us as yet, but hope is before long he will be able to do so.

Richard Kiefer, small son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Louise May Kiefer, is recovering from hernia surgery.

Our friend, Gladys Foor has improved sufficiently to be able to attend services a half day each Sunday.

Our monthly singing was held on Sunday, Oct. 20. The evening was spent in group singing, and numbers were sung by the three daughters of Bro. Art and Sis. Ruth Gramm.

#### NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz  
Miss Della Witschey

Miss Clara Heiniger of Hillsboro and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Heiniger of Morton attended services at the Monroe Church on October 6 and visited with the Weltz family on October 7, on their way to Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maurer and daughter Mary Beth, Mrs. Dan Roth and Miss Emma Huetten were visitors in New Martinsville on Oct. 19, visited with the Weltz family, attended services at the Monroe Church on the 20th, and toured Viking Glass Company on Oct. 21, returning home the same day.

Harold Witschey has been confined to his home for several days and is under the doctor's care for phlebitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth of Parkersburg left in October for Zephyrhills, Florida, where they will spend the winter.

Miss Della Durig has been confined to her home for several weeks by illness. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Myers and son Tommy of Washington, Pa., were guests of Miss Della Witschey on November 3.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade visited with their son, James and family in Cleveland, on Oct. 19 and 20.

Warren Witschey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Witschey, who is employed in Huntington, W. Va.,

spent several days here the first of November.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Witschey of Doylestown, O., visited with the Witschey families the last week of Oct. They with Della Witschey, Mary & Margaret Witschey & Mrs. Elizabeth Hawkins spent the afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Witschey in Moundsville.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron visited with the Barth families on Oct. 20.

Wayne Witschey and Eleanor Kay Longwell were united in marriage on Nov. 6. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Witschey and is a partner with his father and brother in the Witschey Market.

Mrs. Warren Kimble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Durig, has been able to return home, after being a surgical patient in the local hospital for several days.

#### RITTMAN, OHIO

Florence Hartzler  
Elma Stoller

To those in hospitals, Sis. Marian Steiner, Bro. Ezra Beery, Bro. Herman Ingold, and to those shut in at home, Bro. Fred Widmer, Bro. Willis Snyder, Sis. Lula Bertschy, we give you a bit of cheer: "Back of the clouds the sun is always shining; after the storms your skies will all be blue. God has prepared a rosy-tinted lining, back of the clouds, waiting to shine through."

To those in bereavement, the family of Sis. Della Maibach, her daughters Sis. Marie Winkler, Sis. Ellen Weber, Sis. Martha Walder, Sis. Pearl Breece, and Lillian Rupp, her sons Bro. Roy, Andy and Jack, we give a word of comfort: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away", wonderful words read by Bro. Ben Maibach, Detroit; "At Home Tis Well! There God in adoration adorns each victor's brow with wreath of gold; all who believe and hope like those of old sing praise and thanks in highest exultation . . ." beautiful words sung by the choir—thus was done for the funeral of our dear sister, who passed away suddenly.

To those in repentance, Dean Hartzler, Duane Indermuhle, Marvin Ramsier, a word of hope and love to help lighten the load: "By

thy hand thou shalt be taken; though you feel of Him forsaken, do not doubt, but God believe! Strive and labor without ceasing till His grace, from sin releasing, send thee power and relief. Locked within thy chamber's stillness, pour into His heart the fulness of thy sorrow and thy grief."

To those in the service, far from home, Arthur Beery, who left recently, and is now at Ft Sam, a word to cheer your lonely hours: "Remember that God is only as far away as a prayer". Art is the son of Howard and Sis. Lucille Beery. We are glad to see that Art's wife, Eileen, assembles with us while he is away.

We have two new births to report: A son, Daniel Willard, born to Bro. Elmer and Sis. Lorene Blough. Ruthann, Ellen, David and Larry welcomed the little fellow home. Eric Wayne is the name of the new son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Carole Steiner. Curt and Dwight also welcome their new little brother.

A thought for Thanksgiving:

#### To Love is to Think

How shall we keep Thanksgiving Day?  
With hearts that own God's love  
always,  
That put away the petty ill,  
And sweetness e'en from grief  
distil,  
That count the joys and find them  
dear,  
And reap the blessings of the year.

#### UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Ed Aeschleman

We were blessed with 2 visiting ministers during September, Bros. Jesse Emch of Girard and Al Fisher of Chicago. From them we received timely messages of God's love and encouragement for our small congregation. We are appreciative and thankful to God for their visits and for the other visitors we had from Connecticut and Illinois during the month.

We are pleased to report the birth of two babies in September to members of our congregation: a girl, Julie Lynn, to Bro. Kaywin and Sis. Karen Martin; and another girl, Margaret Elaine, to Bro. Allen and Sis. Dorothy Beer. May God continue to bless both parents and children toward fulfillment of the assigned purpose of their lives here on earth.

**FORREST, ILLINOIS**  
**Martha Stoller**  
**Carolyn Zimmerman**

Funeral services for Hugh Wallace, 75, husband of Sis. Leona, were held on Oct. 10. He is also survived by three daughters, June Mowery, Fairbury; Royalene Davis, Strawn; Nancy Honegger, Forrest; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Our local ministers conducted the services.

Bros. Ivan Steidinger, Roy Maurer, and Sis. Elna Nussbaum have been chosen to assist in our Sunday School. May they experience many blessings as they accept their new responsibilities.

Two little boys were welcomed into their homes this month. Scott Glen, was born to Glen and Lucille Feller. Scott also has 3 sisters. Bro. Larry and Sis. Cynthia Kaisner named their boy Jeffrey Wayne. Jeffrey has one sister.

Friend Paul Koehl is up and about again, following recent surgery. Sis. Lillian Bachtold is getting around with the help of a crutch. She has one leg in a cast, with a broken bone in her foot, the result of a fall when a ladder gave way. Bro. Bob Leman was hospitalized for 3 days, after being attacked by a male hog. Many stitches were required to close the wound in his leg. Esther Miller is presently making her home at Fairview Haven, Fairbury.

Four lambs were added to the fold recently. Kathy Gerber, Peggy Stoller, Gail Blunier, and Dennis Fehr gave their testimonies and were baptized. Bros. John Bahler and Josh Broquard assisted Bro. Henry Kilgus.

Other recent visiting ministers were, Bros. Loren Stoller, Latty; Jim Hoerr, Peoria; Bob Grimm, Goodfield; Jim Ringger, Bradford; Dave Kieser, Princeville; Corbin Bahler and Ernest Gerber, Rockville; Walter Koehl, Merle Kaisner and Edmond Kloter, Fairbury; Phil Wingeier, Alto; and Willis Wiegand, Goodfield. We were the recipients of many blessings through the messages of the brothers, and thank them for their efforts.

Bro. Ronnie Koehl is spending a 24-day leave with his parents, Bro. Leroy and Sis. Janita, before going to Vietnam. May the Lord bless and keep him in His care. It should comfort our brothers and friends in the armed forces to know, that each time we assemble in the house of worship, a special plea is made

in their behalf. If God can answer a single, fervent prayer, surely His heart will be moved when whole multitudes plead unto Him in one accord.

We have experienced exceptionally fine weather this fall. The corn harvest is practically finished, and many farmers are winding up their fall plowing. Although the overall report is a shorter crop than last year, we still are grateful for the many blessings which we have received in the past year.

The following brothers are serving on the various committees for the Home of the Handicapped: Site Committee—Earl Feller, Cissna Park; John Hoerr, Peoria; Chris Hohulin, Goodfield; Aldon Nussbaum, Fairbury; Harry Roche, Eureka. Planning—Carl Frautschi, Herman Menold, Joe Witzig, Morton; Bruce Schafer, Peoria; Sam Wegman, Tremont, Bldg.—Dick Haefli, Peoria; Jack Krantz, Morton; James Leman, Roanoke; Arnold Rassi, Tremont; A. J. Schrock, Congerville. Finance—Frank Honegger, Forrest; George Bauer, Cissna Park; Adolph Roecker, Peoria; Carl Schieber, Congerville; John Wiedman, Fairbury. Operating—Al Hunziker, Harold Krantz, Karl Schuon, Morton; Ray Moser, Tremont; Harlan Thomas, Peoria. Board of Trustees: Chairman, Carl Frautschi; Vice Chairman, Herman Menold; Treasurer, Frank Honegger; Asst. Treasurer, George Bauer; Secretary, Al Hunziker; Asst. Secretary, Elmer Bucher; Directors, Harvey Grimm; Phil Mogler; Harold Krantz.

**BERN, KANSAS**  
**Esther and Stella Moser**

This is the month to print the Service list. Perhaps some will think as I did at one time: Is there any point in doing so? This is why I have somewhat changed my thinking. Recently a sister told me that last Christmas-time she wrote eighty letters to the service boys, and this a busy mother, farmer's wife and helper at the A. C. Home.

As the annual Conference was held fairly close to us this year, quite a number other than our ministers and Sunday School teachers attended. May the Lord bless the efforts that are put forth to solve the many problems of the church today.

By the time this is read, it will be time for annual Thanksgiving services. We have much to be

thankful for. The Lord has blessed with bountiful crops: milo, corn, beans. Farmers are more than busy harvesting. Let us not forget to give thanks to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts.

The past Sunday was a most blessed day. First, we had visiting ministers, Bros. John and Corbin Bahler, Rockville. After services, Convert Janice Lehman brought her testimony before the congregation and was baptized. It was the age-old, ever-new miracle, a sinner condemned, unclean, cleansed through Jesus' blood into a new being, a child of God. Elder Bro. Bahler assisted Bro. Hartter, as did Bro. Gene Marti. In the evening we gathered with the Sabetha congregation for services. We wish to thank the brothers for their efforts in bringing God's word to us, and extend a hearty invitation to come again.

I would like to dedicate the following poem to Sis. Janice, along with our best wishes for the Lord's blessing, as she starts on the path that leads to heaven's goal.

Take me by the hand, dear Lord,  
 And lead me all the way;  
 I dare not walk the road alone,  
 Or I will go astray.

Take me by the hand, dear Lord;  
 The way is rough and long,  
 And I am weak and trembling,  
 Lord,  
 While Thou art calm and strong.

Thou knowest all the rough spots,  
 Lord,  
 That I alone would meet,  
 So take me by the hand, dear Lord,  
 Then I'll not know defeat.

Though some may choose to walk  
 alone . . .  
 They do not understand . . .  
 I want to walk with Thee, dear  
 Lord,  
 And have Thee take my hand.

**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

We are thankful for the ministers who visited us. Elder Bro. John Widrick of Croghan and Bro. Jim Hoerr of Peoria were with us Oct. 27, and Bro. Harry Sutter of Ft. Lauderdale was in our midst Nov. 3.

We've had several newcomers to our congregation during recent months. We welcome Sisters Ruth Schumacher, Shirley Kachelmuss, Kathy Zimmerman and Diane Ol-

son, Bro. Steve & Sis. Connie Sauder, Bro. Ed and Sis. Connie Fraut-schi, Bros. Rich Sutter and Dave Knobloch, Joyce Hoerr, Nettie Haab and also Sis. Mary Kae Anliker, who is spending several weeks in the city on nurse's training affiliation at Children's Memorial Hospital.

Sis. Anna Stortz has been hospitalized for several weeks. We wish her renewed strength from the Lord.

Recent marriages include: Helen Knecht, daughter of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Louise, to John France; Bill Hay, son of Sis. Esther Hay, to Chris Diacho; and Bro. Norman Stahl to Sis. Gloria Metzger, of West Bend. We wish them all the Lord's blessings.

Bro. Dale and Sis. Judy Eisenmann were blessed with a baby boy, Todd Alan, on Oct. 30. He has one brother, Bradley Dale. Grandparents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Lucille Feller and Bro. Chris and Sis. Lydia Eisenmann of Cissna Park.

We rejoice with Judy Klopfenstein, daughter of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Catherine, who has answered the Lord's call to repentance.

#### LAMONT, KANSAS

##### Mrs. Stephen G. Schrader

It is early morning; the family is still sleeping (except for one little daughter) as I endeavour to write the news.

We feel privileged to have our loved one, Sis. Dena Fechter, in our midst again, after she had been in Colorado for some time due to her asthmatic condition. She is presently hospitalized with an asthma attack; which was precipitated by a cold. It must be discouraging; but our prayer is for her speedy recovery.

Last Sunday, Nov. 4, marked the fourth birthday anniversary of our twin daughters, Maria and Marla. It also marked their first visit to Sunday School. They were so excited about going, and afterward talked much about the lesson and activities. This zeal in the very young to learn of godly things and about Christ is indeed a tender and precious thing.

Our congregation was blessed by the visit of Elder Bro. John Bahler and his son, Bro. Corbin of Rockville. Bro. Corbin revealed how faith on the part of the individual was the very thing which enabled Christ to work in them, the faith that He is the Son of God, that He

is all-knowing, nothing within them could be concealed or withheld.

Little Julia Marie, who arrived on Oct. 9, was welcomed by her brothers, Ricky, Timmy, Wayne and Marvin. Her parents are Bro. Glen and Sis. Lorean Anliker. Elder Bro. Samuel and Sis. Kathryn Anliker are the paternal grandparents.

Our friend, Wanda Emch was united in marriage to Terry Atkinson. Wanda is the daughter of Martin and Mary Jane Emch. They are students at Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia, and we would wish them much happiness in their life together.

As it is again time for our national elections, we are reminded of the apostle Peter's words: "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall".

We look forward in a few short weeks to thanksgiving and are reminded of this little poem:

"Thou that hast given so much to me,  
Give one thing more—a grateful heart:  
Not thankful when it pleaseth me,  
As if Thy blessings had spare days,  
But such a heart, whose pulse may be  
Thy praise."

#### LATTY, OHIO

##### Dolores Grant — Marguerite Stoller

We have experienced the beauty of God's handiwork, as winter approaches and leaves summer behind.

Yes, October . . . when come the pleasant days of fall, when trees are on a dress parade with garments all by nature made. The woodland trees in grand array, their lovely garments do display. "My Garden of Verse" by Henry Beer.

Our visiting minister on Oct. 6 was Bro. Alfred Bahler, Wolcott.

On Oct. 20, the Bremen and Ft. Wayne Sunday Schools visited our congregation. They were entertained at the home of Bro. Lewis and Sis. Mildred Stoller, following services, and a potluck supper was served at the church.

Hospitalized is Sis. Bertha Stoller, wife of Bro. Jake, who fell and suffered some fractured ribs. Hospitalized for the second time was

the infant son of Bro. Jack and Sis. Mary Gerber. Little Timmy is home again and improving from a heart ailment.

Mike Stoller had the misfortune of falling from a ladder and breaking his arm.

We are happy to have Bro. Jesse Gerber home again from the hospital. He has improved much, after a long struggle and many days in the hospital.

Also hospitalized is John Schlatter, a patient at the Paulding hospital.

We wish all our sick and injured a speedy recovery.

#### MANSFIELD, OHIO

##### Aaron A. Sauder

" . . . and be ye thankful."

We are thankful for the blessed week end of Oct. 13, when many visitors from Indiana and Rittman fellowshipped with us. Bro. Bob Meyer of Bluffton fed us from God's word in both morning and afternoon services. One thought he shared with us, which he said had been told to him some years ago, was that we shouldn't hide behind our church in saying, "Our church believes such and such," or "our church doesn't believe, etc." We should know our Bible well enough that we can say, "The BIBLE says." Following church services, everyone was invited to meet at the Rural Life Center, where everyone joined in singing praises to our Lord. Three men's quartet's presented hymns of praise, and the program concluded with the men, their wives, and our Vesper choir blending their voices for several selections, including, "It is an excellent thing, thanking the Lord." At the close of the day, we surely could echo the words of the psalmist, ". . . my cup runneth over."

We are thankful that those who have been hospital patients have returned to their homes: Sis. Katherine Bertka, Sis. Lena Beer (Dave), Bro. Fred Dinger, and Kenney Cordrey.

Our love and sympathy go to Sis. Katie Bertka on the death of her sister, and to Bro. Dick Banks whose father passed away.

Thanks for pain and thanks for pleasure,

Thanks for comfort in despair.  
Thanks for peace that none can measure;

Thanks for love beyond compare.

**SABETHA, KANSAS****Mrs. Joe Steiner**

Our brethren again assembled together with the concerns of keeping our spiritual house clean and in order. Even so we, during this past week, assembled to give our church house its annual housecleaning.

We appreciate the visit and messages given by Bro. Eli Somerhalder and Bro. Raymond Roth, both of Burlington, Okla., who stopped here enroute to the conference at Lester. We also were blessed by the visit of Bros. John and Corbin Bahler of Rockville. They, along with their wives, spent the week end following the conference here in our community.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Chris Fehr of Roanoke and Bro. Robert Hartter of Sabetha. Sis. Chris is the daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Helen Fehr. Bro. Bob is the son of Bro. Virgil and Sis. Marie Hartter.

It has been announced that Friend Shelby Meyer has peace with God and man. If the Lord is willing, she will have the opportunity to bring her testimony before the congregation in the very near future.

Bro. Andy and Sis. Irene Lehman wish to thank all who remembered them on their recent anniversary, their 25th. May the Lord be with them and continue to bless, that they may have many more years together in His service.

**MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA****Marcelle Dapper — Jan Elsasser**

As we approach another Thanksgiving, let us all appreciate what both our fellowmen and God have done for us. It often happens that when a person gets what he wants he never remembers to say, "Thank You." It disturbs us to realize that we are so ungrateful to our fellowmen, but the base ingratitude to God, exhibited by so many, is even more distressing. Let none of us be like the nine lepers we read of in St. Luke:

And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: And they lifted up their voices and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified

God, And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

Let us remember the importance of being thankful every day of the year, and not only on this day set aside at Thanksgiving.

Our friends, Fred and Louise Erhart were overjoyed to receive a phone call from their son, Johnny, while in Australia on R & R. He is stationed in Viet Nam and hopes to return home in December and possibly for Christmas. We pray that God will bring him safely home again.

Sis. Nettie Locher underwent surgery Oct. 30. She has returned home and is doing as well as can be expected. We pray God's blessings upon her, that she may not have to suffer.

Bro. John Dapper wishes to thank the many friends and brethren who remembered him with cards, prayers, and flowers during his stay in the hospital. Everyone's thoughtfulness is certainly appreciated. Bro. John has returned home and is able to assemble with us again. We are very thankful to God that His Almighty Hand of protection and power has once again restored our ministering brother to good health.

A thought: We must adjust ourselves to the Bible, never try to adjust the Bible to ourselves!

**MILFORD, INDIANA****Marguerite Hoerr**

My mother, Sis. Naoma Beer has the privilege of helping care for her thirty-second grandchild in Philadelphia at this time. Little Margaret Elaine was born to Bro. Alan and Sis. Dorothy Beer on Nov. 3. She has a big brother, Michael and an older sister, Betsy. Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Ida Gude-man of Cissna Park are her maternal grandparents. We extend our congratulations to her happy parents.

Mildred Levy was admitted to the hospital for minor surgery, and we are happy to report she has made a complete recovery.

Tom Campbell, son of Phil and Clarann, suffered a broken collarbone while playing on some equipment on the school grounds. Tom Speicher, son of Bro. Lew and Sis.

Miriam, was injured during a school game and had to be hospitalized for a while for observation. Both of these young men are able to be back in Sunday School, and we are so thankful their injuries were not more serious.

Bro. Ernest Krauter was hospitalized again for medical treatment. He has had many setbacks since his stroke, and our prayers are that he will be able to enjoy better health soon.

Congregations undergo many changes during the life of a church, births, illnesses, marriages. Deaths are always a great loss, and we mourn the one who has gone on. We lost a dear sister whose abilities were so far-reaching that her loss is felt keenly by everyone, from the youngest children, whom she taught faithfully for over twenty years, to the very oldest, for whom she always had a kind word. Those of us near her own age feel a sense of loss so deeply, because she was always there when something needed doing; so many depended on her. The Lord has called her and heaven will be her home. We try to look beyond our own feelings and rejoice that such a place is reserved for the true and faithful. We pray that her family can hold fast to this comfort when the heavy grief of parting overwhelms them.

Sis. Helen Kaiser went to be with the Lord, Tuesday, Oct. 29, at the age of forty-eight years. On June 28, 1941 she was married to Bro. Bob Kaiser, who survives her. Two children were born to this marriage, Bro. Steve of Milford and Jean Ann of Lafayette, Ind. Also surviving are her parents, Bro. Oscar and Sis. Hulda Graff of our congregation; and four sisters—Mildred (Mrs. Ray) Levy of Warsaw, Sis. Clara (Mrs. Dick) Kaiser of Milford, Sis. Kathryn (Mrs. Eugene) Sauder of Elkhart and Phyllis (Mrs. Herb) Heuni of Mishawaka. Two brothers preceded her in death.

Helen was a dedicated Christian and a loving and faithful member of the Apostolic Christian Church for over 26 years. She was a devoted, faithful wife and a loving mother. Our sympathy is extended to her entire family.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESSES**

Write us, or tell one of the reporters, if so.

**VALPARAISO, INDIANA****Mrs. W. A. Jacobs****Mrs. H. G. Bucher**

Our visiting ministers were from Milford, Bros. Elmer Harter and Walter Steffen. We thank them for their inspiring messages. Bro. Carlton Beer, a Sunday School teacher, was with them. Sis. Clara Heiniger from Alabama also visited us. We enjoyed their visit.

Bro. Harry Bucher mentioned in his prayer that we pass through this life but once. We have a poem which we would like to add:

**I shall not pass this way again.**  
Through this toilsome world, alas,  
Once and only once I pass.  
If a kindness I may show,  
If a good deed I may do,  
To a suffering fellowman,  
Let me do it while I can.  
No delay, for it is plain,  
I shall not pass this way again.

On Nov. 3, Bro. Maurice Frank of Chicago ministered to us. We thank him for coming. Bro. Dillar Ames is on his way home from Vietnam; his loved ones are anxiously waiting his return. His sister, Carolyn Lester, has been announced and wishes to be baptized when he arrives.

**WEST BEND, IOWA****Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart**

Our hospital patients include Bro. Levi Banwart and Bro. Melvin Fehr, who are much improved and able to assemble with us again; Sis. Lydia Reinhart has had eye surgery and is slowly improving; and Ray Freiden is still in the hospital, slightly better, with respiratory problems. For sometime Sis. Ann Anliker hasn't been able to be with us for Sunday worship. May we ever realize and appreciate the blessing of health and pray for those less fortunate.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the Sauder and Schneider families in the loss of a brother-in-law, Ed Sauder, formerly of here, but in recent years having lived in Minnesota.

Countless were the blessings our congregation has received through the visiting of the numerous elders and ministers from the various churches, enroute to and from the Conference. Many visited us for the first time, and we extend a hearty welcome to anyone passing nearby to include West Bend in their travel plans if possible. Deepest heartfelt thanks to all for their efforts and inspiring

messages brought to us, as well as to the Lester congregation for making it possible for concerned persons to sit and consider the dangers confronting the church today. Without the timely warning of our beloved Elders, evils could creep in unaware.

The marriage of Sis. Gloria Metzger and Bro. Norman Stahl was solemnized on Nov. 3 by Elder Leo Moser. May the Lord bless their important undertaking and their home in Chicago. We rejoice that Bro. Leland Metzger could spend a month's furlough with us before reporting for duty in Viet Nam. May we remember these boys in our prayers.

**ELGIN, ILLINOIS****Louise Steffen — Katie Kachelmuss**

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Uriel Gehring, Harvey Heiniger, John Widrick and Wendell Gudeman.

Thy messengers Thou sendest  
By them to us extendest  
The living Bread of Heaven.

May God bless them for their efforts in proclaiming God's holy word.

For the past several years, a group of our sisters have been inviting the members and friends (and our ministers and their wives) for a dinner sometime in October, so we were together again. It's quite a group, about 75 in all. We had a very good dinner and then a Hymn-Sing. There was in our midst a friend (Grandmother Knupper) who is eighty-five years old; she hasn't been in this country very long and doesn't understand our language. One of the brothers suggested we sing a few hymns in the German language—the first one was "Ich habe nun den Grund gefunden,"—"I now have found the firm foundation." Bro. Herman Kellenberger said it reminded him of his father and grandfather singing it, and it did his heart good. Bro. Ed Gudeman then closed with a German prayer. Our friend, with tears, expressed her thanks and gratitude. We had a blessed evening, and may God bless the sisters for their kindness and love. Bro. Al and Sis. Margaret Fisher were also with us.

Hospitalized for surgery were Marje Wewetzer, and Gregory Gudeman; they have returned to their homes again, and are doing well. May God give strength to the

sick, the aged, according to His will, and also to all who care for the sick and the aged.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Nina and Ida Moser and Lydia Messerschmidt, in the death of their brother, Ben Moser.

Birth—to Stanley and Cheryl Kellenberger of Appleton, Wisconsin, a son Craig Howard, born Oct. 3. Bro. Herman and Sis. Della Kellenberger are the grandparents of Craig.

**GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS****Elna Grimm**

Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Truly, we do have so much for which to give thanks. It is good that we have set aside a special day of the year for Thanksgiving, but surely we must never forget to thank our Lord anew, every day of our lives for His rich blessings, His deep love, and His sweet compassion.

Many of our brethren have done extensive traveling to attend our annual Brother Meeting. Needless to say, there was much concern and many prayers in their behalf. To my knowledge, they all returned safely to their respective places. Praise be to God for this!

Our Bro. and Sis. Wesley and Mildred Knapp met with an accident when their car was struck at an intersection in Goodfield, when another car failed to stop. They were both admitted to the Eureka Hospital, where they were treated and bedfast for several days. Two of their children were in the car at the time of the accident; however, they escaped with minor injuries. Oh surely we give thanks to God for sparing our loved ones.

Bro. Ira Rokey, who was hospitalized quite some weeks ago, has been released and is now recuperating at home.

Our friend, Evelyn (Mrs. Floyd Hofmann) of Deer Creek just recently submitted to major surgery. She, too, has been released, and is said to be improving satisfactorily. We miss the faces of our friends when they are absent from our worship services.

Bro. Mike Meece, who was recently wounded in Viet Nam and sent home for a brief rest, has since returned to Walter Reed Hospital, where he received his honorable discharge. Bro. Mike served in Viet Nam for approximately six months.

During this time he met with many a soul-stirring experience, and often very narrowly escaped death. In deep humility and with fervent prayer, he served his country, and his fellowmen. Now that he has been somewhat disabled, he seems to take no thought for his own discomfort or loss. Instead—his heart goes out to the men who still remain in that undesirable atmosphere. Again, we give thanks to God for sparing Bro. Mike, and for giving him the grace to remain true.

Our friend, Douglas Reeser, son of Bro. and Sis. Violet Reeser, has entered the service of our country.

Our friend, Sam Scheiler, confesses peace with God and man, and has been announced for proving and baptism in the near future. "I say unto you . . . likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance."

We were blessed with three visiting ministers: Bro. Gene Metzger from Lester, Bro. Vernon Leman from Eureka, and Bro. Simon Wag-enbach from Tremont. With each one, we felt the penetration of our Saviour's love. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift".

A baby boy was born to our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Nohl, on Oct. 20. His name is Tony Ray. Bro. and Sis. Ivan and Pearl Nohl are the paternal grandparents.

#### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Dixie Stoller

"One life will soon be past;  
Only what's done for Christ will last."

Bro. Edwin Bahler closed with the preceding words which so accurately summarized his loving message. Is it not true that the odds of being born into a Christian home are very slim! Therefore, we should be ever so grateful to God for giving us the opportunity to live in such a wonderful environment . . . But Satan will be working hard on those who desire to be true Christians. We must always remember to earnestly pray for grace to overcome the temptations of this evil world.

We don't want to miss helping another child of God either, for in so doing we too find ourselves closer to God through earnest pleading for His help. We are placed on earth among other chil-

dren of God, so that together we can work out our soul's salvation.

Then as we go through life with our Lord and Saviour, our light should radiate so that others can see by our acquaintance that there is something special about us. There are no false pretenses.

Bro. George Gramm of Gridley ministered unto us the following week and reminded us of man's duty on earth. It says in God's holy word, that except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. It is only God's goodness that leads man to repentance. If we ask God to lead us to the truth, he will do it. Then when we are reconciled to God and have a clear conscience, He will share us His blessed peace, and we may go rejoicing on our way.

Bro. Ed Hohulin shared with us a most interesting and spiritually rewarding discussion on marriage and engagements. A true Christian marriage should be patterned after Christ. We should be loving and kind. Just as Christ gave of Himself for unity in the church, so should a husband and wife be in a family.

Faith is what it takes. It should not be taken lightly! It also says in the Holy Word — "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?" We are only asking for trouble when we disobey the word.

Bro. Harvey Heiniger of Oakville was kind enough to spend the evening with us and so lovingly reminded us that, once we have been redeemed by the shed blood of Jesus Christ and have partaken of His wonderful blessings, we should not reach back into the sinful world. Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, and ever be of holy conversation, being diligent until the Son of God shall again appear.

#### LEO, INDIANA Mrs. Elias Souder

O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.

Our Sunday School classes used the new addition for the first time. There is still some finishing to be done.

It was nice to have Bro. and Sis. John Wagler go with us to the Butler Rest Homes. I'm sure the

people there enjoyed their visit and were blessed.

The Henry Schwartz family have left for their winter home in Florida.

Funeral services for Herman Conrad were conducted Oct. 30. Burial was in Leo Cemetery. Herman was a brother to Rose, Diane and Adella Conrad.

Funeral services are planned on Wed. for Mrs. Kathryn Conrad Friece.

Mary Lantz was on our sick list. We are happy to report, she is feeling better.

Hazel Terrill, sister to John Bollier, gave her testimony and was taken into the church. Bros. Samuel Aeschliman and Orville Ringger assisted in our services. Bro. John Baumgartner also assisted in the singing. They were accompanied by their wives.

#### AKRON, OHIO Florence Graf

Although no greeting takes the place

Of talking with you face to face;  
This comes across the miles to say,  
Have a nice Thanksgiving Day!

Ernie Graf, son of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Louise and husband of Vicki, has returned safely from his duties in Vietnam. We rejoice with his loved ones upon his safe return—surely the Lord is ever near. Ernie will be stationed at Ft. Riley Kansas, for the rest of his tour of service.

Mark and Dennis Fritz spent some time at home with their parents, Harold and Esther Fritz. Esther underwent major surgery, but is progressing satisfactorily.

Rudy and Jean Graf welcomed Michael David into their family circle. Little Michael was born Nov. 1.

A few from our congregation attended the annual Conference.

Donna Palmer's new address 1098 St. Michaels Avenue, Akron 20 Ohio.

Note of thanks: To the many dear ones who remembered us with cards and gifts on our 25th anniversary, we extend our humble thanks and gratitude. May God bless you for your kindness. Elmer and Juliet Graf.

Our annual fees for the Silver Lining are being accepted in the Akron area. You may give or send your contributions to your reporter before the new year.

**ALTO, MICHIGAN****Loretta Steffen**

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: . . . For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations." Psalm 100

This psalm is one of my cherished treasures, which I learned in childhood days. Oh the depth and the beauty of it. May we all keep it on our hearts and lips through the holidays . . . Ever rejoicing and giving thanks to our Creator, first for sending the Saviour to redeem fallen man from everlasting destruction, next for this beautiful land in which we have the freedom of worship.

We have this wonderful heritage and so many lightly pass it by. Dear ones, if you are lightly passing, reconsider! You will be much more accountable than those through the world who have never heard the blessed truth.

Bro. Elmer Schrenk underwent minor surgery and is feeling fine again.

Our beloved, aged, sister in the faith, Bertha Schwartz is in intensive care in the hospital, after suffering from a heart attack. We pray for her, that the Lord will be at her bedside. Just this week she spoke these touching words to my husband: "Yes, every morning I pray to the Lord that He will put his arm under mine and carry me through the day." The beauty of faith is revealed in this. Let us all be more childlike and trusting.

Bro. Ernest and Sis. Ellen Oesch have a nice increase in their family. Two of their children were married. Karen Gilbert was married Oct. 26 to their son, Kenneth. On Nov. 1 their daughter, Kathy, was married to Dallas Beland. We wish the best for them and pray the Lord will be welcome in their homes.

Various ones in our congregation were involved in traffic accidents. We are thankful none were injured seriously.

**BREMEN, INDIANA****Ann Zimmer — Becky Feldman**

We are rejoicing that several friends in our congregation have turned to the Lord and are seeking God's will for their lives. We pray that they may grow in grace.

A Homecoming Sunday was held in October, during which we welcomed back many who once attended worship services. After church

services, a program was given. It dealt with our past, present and future church. Pleasant memories were evoked by the singing of two old songs in German, and a poem of bygone Sunday School days. After our present activities were told of, we were all reminded in the meditation by Bro. Harold Zeltwanger of the wonderful Homecoming in Heaven that we can look forward to if we are prepared to meet the Lord.

During the dinner served afterwards, we enjoyed so much renewing old friendships. We invite all who attended to visit soon again and not wait for a special day.

Ministering Bro. Walter Rager was with us Sunday and served the congregation well by reminding us that Jesus Christ is the door of the sheepfold and the **only** door by which we may enter the kingdom of heaven. We enjoyed fellowshiping with him and his wife, Sis. Sharon, and pray the Lord's continued blessing on Bro. Walter's ministry.

One of the poems used at our Homecoming program.

**Friends**

Of all the many blessings that our gracious Father sends,  
I thank Him most of all today for tenderhearted friends;  
Friends who know about my faults and keep on loving still,  
Friends whose friendship changes not with happy days or ill.  
Friends to whom my inmost secrets safely I confide,  
Friends who make me happy just to have them by my side.  
Yes! of all the many blessings that our gracious Father sends  
I thank Him most of all today for tenderhearted friends.

I like my friends to meet each other —those for whom I care.  
I feel their friendship's worth so much I want the rest to share.  
Friendship's like the miracle of loaves in Galilee,  
Though shared by many others, there's none the less for me,  
And since I've thought of you, dear friend, in friendship's closest tie,  
I've longed to introduce you to a Friend, for He and I  
Spend many hours together in a happy solemn tryst;  
How I wish that you might know Him! my best Friend, Jesus Christ.

**BRADFORD, ILLINOIS****Delores Duckworth****Martha Kieser**

We were blessed on Oct. 27 with the visits of Bros. Theo. Beer from Milford and George Sinn from Latty, who were on their way to the Conference. Bro. Theo. pleaded with the dear friends not to be among those who are "Almost persuaded—Almost but lost." On their way home from the Conference, Bros. Noah Bauman from Rittman, Rudy and Ernest Graf from Akron paid us an evening visit, for which we were very thankful.

Bro. Herman Dietz returned to Mayos' in Rochester and had surgery again. We pray that he will be granted patience to endure and will now recover well. Robert Ehnlé has also been a surgical patient, but is now home, getting along okay.

**BURLINGTON, IOWA****Mrs. Paul Wagler****Mrs. Paul Eisenmann**

"Thus united and in concord, Let us walk the path of life; Hand in hand, O may love bind us, for each other's welfare strive."

Several of us attended the Brother Meeting. How thankful we are that we can still be united in our beliefs, even in these latter days. May we all truly strive to do His will.

Eddie Seggerman, son of Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Helen Seggerman, and Charlene Hamilton of Winfield, were married Oct. 5. They will reside in Mt. Pleasant. We wish them much happiness.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Charity (Mrs. Kenneth) Scheitlin and her family in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Helen Nicholson, of Morning Sun, who passed away Nov. 3 in Burlington Hospital.

Those spending some time in the hospital were: Sis. Lil (Mrs. Adolph) Massner; Paige Massner (daughter of Bro. Allen and Sis. Ann); Lewis Frank (husband of Sis. Tillie).

Several of our members will go south for the cold winter months, for health reasons. We will miss seeing them in our midst, but hope God will be with them and that they will soon be back.

We certainly do appreciate the support of the Oakville congregation from time to time. Bro. Ed Lanz ministered to us recently, and our monthly church singing was

very well attended Nov. 3, with many present from Oakville.

As we looked out of our windows at the first snow this winter, again we were reminded of our Heavenly Father above, who watches over us and cares for us. He truly has the power to do mighty and wonderful things.

We read in the Bible, There is joy among the angels over one sinner that repenteth. Surely there must also be much joy in Heaven over each of His children who stays true to Him. Our beloved Sis. Lydia Kuntz (Mrs. John) is one of those who has been true to God for many, many years. She turned 89 years old on Nov. 5, and on Feb. 15 she and her husband would be married 61 years. They are still able to attend church services quite often. Sis. Lydia has six children: Bro. George of Oakville; Louise Carter of Burlington; William and Clarence, also of Oakville; Emily Morgan of Peoria; and Harvey of Waukegan Ill. They have 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. How wonderful to have old soldiers of the cross to look to, for strength and courage.

#### BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

**Millicent Frieden — Laverne Roth**  
Weather has been wonderful, with ample moisture to bring the wheat up; the country is one big green carpet. Stockmen are turning cattle out for wheat pasture.

Our elder, Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix, visited us Oct. 13. A covered-dish supper was enjoyed by many in the church dining room, followed by a singing.

We rejoice in the news of another soul that has turned to repentance, Mrs. Mike (Caroline) Kraft.

Hospital patients were Sis. Marie Schurter and Sis. Millicent Frieden.

Bro. Eli Somerhalder and Bro. and Sis. Raymond Roth attended the Conference.

One of our minister's closed his sermon with these words: "When Christ comes knocking at your door, let him in; he hasn't come to borrow something, but to give you something."

#### CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

**Mary Young — Margaret Rudin**  
The week end of Oct. 19, our Bible class entertained the Bluffton Bible class, parents and teachers. Supper was served at the high school on Saturday; an enjoyable evening was spent. On Sunday, sup-

per was served at the church. Our Bible class enjoyed having them; it is nice when our young folks that are brought up in the same faith can become acquainted. Bro. Robert Meyer came with them and left many precious teachings for our youth.

Other visiting ministers were Bro. Russell Rapp and Bro. Nathan Steffen and their company. We find this a great privilege to meet and greet our dear ones. Thanks to all of you.

The engagement of Sis. Elizabeth Sinn and Bro. Fred Knapp was announced; our best wishes extend to them.

Among the sick and shut-ins are our elder sisters, Lena Feller and Ida Eisenman. They are feeling better and hope to soon assemble with us again. Bros. William Beer and Gene Hauptli had surgery and are improved.

Bro. Phil and Sis. Leah Aeschliman observed their 65th wedding anniversary on Oct. 13. The hymn "The Christian Home" was sung by the congregation. Both are in fairly good health and able to attend church every Sunday.

Thank you note: We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the many cards, gifts and kindness during the many years and now on our 65th wedding anniversary. May God bless you all. Phil and Leah Aeschliman.

Our sympathy goes to Bro. Henry Schmidt and Sis. Lois and family, in the loss of his mother, whom they so lovingly cared for. Also, Sis. Barbara Bauer, in her loss of her brother, Jack Leman.

#### Our Circle

According to Webster, one definition of circle is a number of persons united by a common bond. This bond of love that we possess through Jesus Christ is priceless.

It is a privilege and joy to be able to go to God's house on the Lord's day. We enter reverently through the door of the edifice with a prayer that God will provide a blessing for each. We find our church home neat and orderly, due to our faithful caretakers.

Last Sunday, the first person to greet was one of our Sunday School teachers. This bond of unity was felt in the greeting. We admire the gentleness and courage our teachers have with our youth, as they help lay the foundation for our

children's heritage — our future church.

As we seat ourselves in the sanctuary, we feel the power of God's presence. Members and friends have come in a common bond to worship. We look upon the faces of those around us, young, old, sad, happy. Some show a feeling of anxiety, distress or sin-burden. We think of the faces that are missing, due to lack of interest. Others have government duties; some are sick, some care for the sick.

Voices raised in singing—Truly this is one of those bought precious moments, granted thy beloved from above,

We listen reverently for God's word to be read and proclaimed. The concern for the needs of each one present must be heavy on the hearts of those who are to speak. God does use these ministers and speaks through them. The word goes forth; the needs are met. Some are lifted up, encouraged, others are convicted. Some go away sad, but God has spoken. The message of salvation has been heard.

As we leave the edifice refreshed in the spirit, we glance to the cemetery nearby and hope that one day this circle will not be broken.

#### CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Carol Virkler

Mrs. David Schamback

Visitors were, on Oct. 15 and 16, Bro. Al Fisher from Chicago. In his inspiring messages he likened our pilgrim path of life to a diet, and the results if we yield and "nibble" a little here and there.

On the week end of October 19 and 20, Bros. John Bahlers and Ernest Luginbuhls from Rockville were with us. On Sat. evening we gathered to hear the testimony of our dear one, Pauline Grau. On Sunday we welcomed her into our fold, and wish her God's continued peace and guidance. Later we were greatly uplifted when we partook of Holy Communion.

On Oct. 27, Bro. Andrew Virkler was visitor from Bav City.

We are very thankful for their efforts in bringing us God's word. We have surely received much encouragement to continue on.

Hospitalized are Bro. Sam Virkler, Sis. Inez Snyder, Joyce Virkler, Sis. Edna Beyer and Edward Virkler. We wish each strength from above to endure all their burdens.

Bro. Sam Virkler, son of Bro.

Clifton and Sis. Charlotte, passed away on the afternoon of Nov. 8 at the House of the Good Samaritan, Watertown, where he has been a patient for the last 14 weeks. He is also survived by four sisters, Sis. Alice, Sis. Carol, Sis. Eleanor and Barbara; three brothers, Andrew, John and Rudolph; his paternal grandfather, Andrew S. Virkler, and maternal grandmother, Sis. Barbara E. Virkler.

#### FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

##### Wanda Kraft—Marie Zaugg

Glen Banwart, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Ella, was hospitalized with sprained muscles in his back. We are happy to report he is back at work and doing fine.

#### Thanksgiving Prayer

We pray that we may be thankful to Thee, the Father, for all the material blessings, just as the Pilgrim fathers were thankful that first Thanksgiving Season in the year 1621.—Material-wise they had so little compared to the abundance we enjoy. We confess we often take it for granted and do not give Thee the due praise. Forgive us, dear Lord.

We pray that we might be thankful for the spiritual blessings as our forefathers were. They sacrificed so much: their homes, their fatherland, so that they might worship Thee in spirit and truth, according to their convictions. We sacrifice so little.

We are thankful for Thy Son, Jesus, who sacrificed His life, His blood, His all, so that we might live eternally.

We thank Thee that after 347 years, we still have the blessings, and have them more abundantly. We still have this religious freedom and we have Thy living word of life and Thy saving grace; take not these gracious blessings from us, if it can be Thy will.

We thank Thee for our most precious faith, and that Thou has preserved it. Give us grace that we may show our appreciation through our deeds and conduct; too often we give Thee only lip praise; please forgive.

We thank Thee for every true and upright brother and sister. May we all be faithful children, more loving and kind. We thank Thee for the many friends of the faith. May Thou convert them with Thy omnipotent power and wash them in Thy precious blood.

May we all sail the Sea of Life and trod the pathway together, that when our pilgrim days are over and time will not be measured in days and centuries, that we may worship Thee the Father and Thee the Son in Eternal Thanksgiving.

By our Ministering brother,  
Raymond Banwart

#### GIRARD, OHIO

##### Jesse C. Emch

"He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he."

Born to friends George and Phyllis Lance of Iowa City, a son; Donald George is his name. He has 3 sisters and 1 brother to welcome him. George is a son of of Sis. Louisa Lance.

Sis. Ruth Bollinger was in the hospital for several days, but is home again. Sis. Ella Deislinger is home, after being a patient in the Youngstown Hospital for some-time. Sis. Ethel Hafley is back in the Glen View Nursing Home, Mineral Ridge, Ohio. She was a patient in the Youngstown Hospital the second time, due to complications. Friend Grace Stoll is not doing so well and is mostly confined to her home. Sis. Esther Saylor is a patient at the Grenn Cross Hospital, Warren, Ohio. We wish all a speedy recovery and grace from God to bear their afflictions. Is it not well for us to acknowledge our need for His help?

#### LA CROSSE, INDIANA

##### Lucille Heiniger

Bro. Don & Sis. Mary Gudeman are the parents of their second daughter, Rebecca Lynn, born Oct. 20. Keith & Lana Nuest are the parents of their third child, a girl, Bonni Suzanne, born Oct. 24. Bro. Garry & Sis. Lois Bucher are the parents of their second daughter, Sheryl Lynn, born Nov. 4.

Bro. Steve Bucher has left for the service and is stationed at Ft. Sam. His wife Vicki is also there. They have an apartment. We wish them God's blessing and protection.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Dave Keiser and Art Bauer of Princeville; John Yergler of Bluffton; Gerald Suttor of Taylor; Arnold Gerst of Chicago; Erwin Bahler of Remington. They brought us messages to help us on life's way; to some it is a warning to some a comfort, and spiritual food to sustain us on life's journey.

Louise Alt submitted to survey and is still in the hospital. We wish a quick recovery so she can return to her home. Bro. Ezra Meiss is still at the Evergreen Nursing Home in Valparaiso. We also wish that he can soon return to his home. Bro. Edward Frank has been confined to his home the past two weeks. He has not shown much improvement. We pray that it is not too serious, and that he will be assembling with us in the near future.

Sis. Ida Yergler is now able to assemble with us again. We are always glad when the sick are well and can assemble with us. "We wish to thank each for all the prayers, cards, and gifts sent to us while Ida was in the hospital and since returning home. May God bless each one. Bro. George & Sis. Ida Yergler.

Our niece, Vicki Swing has been able to return home from the hospital, after being there for several weeks. She was in an auto accident, and received a broken hip and multiple cuts and bruises. It was just a year ago our son, David, met with his serious accident when this happened. It is no wonder we pray in the morning for protection and guidance for the day.

#### LAMAR, MISSOURI

##### Marie Marti

We want to thank Bro. Henry Sabo for stopping to visit our congregation, the last of our U. S. churches to be visited by him. We are thankful that he did not pass us by. Bros. Lester Braker and Charles Marti from Lamar attended the Conference and reported a good meeting. We do pray that each of us can in love accept the decisions made, as we do have confidence that God was in their midst as they deliberated on some of the important issues of today.

Louisa Rentsch and Sis. Lizzie Remm have been hospitalized for medical attention. Oscar Banwart was taken to the Memorial Hospital, after he had collapsed in the dairy barn while doing the milking on Tues. evening, Oct. 29. He remains in the hospital. He is suffering with hemorrhaging ulcers.

Louisa Rentsch wishes to express her sincere thanks to all who remembered her 88th birthday with cards and gifts. Sis. Edna Frieden submitted the following poem in memory of her mother who passed away a year ago. The

poem was written by Bro. Henry Kipfer.

### In Memory of Mother

I often recall my childhood days  
When I was nurtured in God's  
ways  
By loving parents, providing each  
day,  
Beseeching the Master to help  
always.  
Father was left with a broken heart  
When from this earth she did  
depart.  
Now Jesus promised that after the  
sorrow  
There would follow a better  
tomorrow.  
Going through life I often recall  
The goodness of mother toward us  
all.

### TAYLOR, MISSOURI

**Mrs. Eli Sutter — Mrs. Bill Heimer**  
Bro. Russ Henning completed his two years in the service and has returned home. We are glad to have him back and thankful to the Lord for his protection.

We were glad to have Bro. Elmer Bucher, Francesville, and Bro. Bob Pohl, Burlington, as visiting ministers. Bro. Bob's family accompanied him.

Vernon Huber was a hospital patient again. He has returned home and is feeling quite well.

The Bible Classes, teachers and parents from Oakville, Burlington and Pulaski churches spent Sunday, Oct. 20 with us. We all enjoyed their visit very much and are thankful that they take the interest to meet at the different churches. It was inspiring to hear them sing praise to our Lord. We pray there will be some good seed sown that will bring forth good fruit.

### OAKVILLE, IOWA

**Martha Steiner**

Services were held in Ames for the college students and residents on Oct. 13 by Bro. Albert Wuthrich from Pulaski. The schedule has been set for the second Sunday of each month, in a meeting-room at the First Christian Church in Ames, 6th and Clark Streets. Services begin at 1:30 p.m.

On the third Wed. evening of each month we meet at 7:30 p.m. in Danforth Chapel, on campus at Iowa City for services. In October the ministers were Bros. Harvey Heiniger, Oakville (in charge) and Robert Pohl, Burlington. We have found these meetings to be a bless-

ing to friend and member, student and visitor, enjoyed by all.

Dale Strassheim, son of Bro. and Sis. Ezra Gerst, has been sent to Ft Sam Houston, to serve in the armed forces of our nation. His wife, Carol, and Diane Stoller, wife of Daniel who is currently at Ft Sam went to join their husbands.

### ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

**Carlton J. Lanz**

Several brethren from Rockville, headed by Bro. John Bahler, attended the annual Conference. A tape no doubt will be forthcoming in the near future to enable those not present to hear the proceedings of this important meeting.

Our visiting brothers serving in the ministry were, Bros. Ernest Graf Jr. and Roy Weiland. Both now have relatives at Rockville.

Bro. Eric Kloter, his tour of duty in Service completed, has been discharged. Sis. Rose (Bro. Marvin Luginbuhl's wife) received as she put it, "Good news" that her brother, Ernest Graf Jr. has returned from Vietnam.

Bro. Arnold Hany is hospitalized for what he termed a strained heart. Surgery is being considered. Sis. Laura Zahner has been somewhat inconvenienced in the past, with her leg in a cast due to a broken bone in her foot. While walking she had turned her ankle resulting, unfortunately, in the bone fracture.

Birth: Nov. 2, a daughter, Debra Leigh, to Bro. Richard and Sis. LaNae Aberle. Grandparents, Bro. John and Sis. Esther Moser and Bro. Joe and Sis. Mary Aberle of Sabetha. The couple has one other daughter, Rebecca Lynn, age 17 months.

### TREMONT, ILLINOIS

**Josephine Schaefer**

**Mary Jane Leuthold**

Many were those who spoke of the blessings from the message brought to us by Bro. Henry Beer of Milford. We certainly want to thank Bro. Henry for his visit, but above all we want to give thanks to the Father above for showering us with abundant food. Without this, we would soon fall by the wayside.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Bro. Maurice Schaefer, son of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Frieda, to Sis. Marge Huette, daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Nettie, of Morton.

The engagement of Maizie Frank, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Bernice, to William Hopkins, who is teaching in our high school in Tremont, has also been made known. We wish for both of these couples the blessings of the Lord in their marriages.

### FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

**Robert and Janice Sutter**

Friends Vicki Beer and Seth Howard were united in marriage by Bro. Harry Sutter. Vicki is the daughter of Bro. Victor and Sis. Dorothy Beer.

We were very happy to have Bro. Al Schneider and his wife, Sis. Gladys, from Rockville in our midst. The message we received from Bro. Al was certainly from the inspiration of God.

### ELGIN, IOWA

**Mrs. George Butikofer**

Here is a copy of a message we received from Bro. Floyd Frieden:  
"10-27-68

Di An Base Camp

Dear Ones in Faith:

Greetings in the name of our precious Lord and Saviour. I really miss not being at home. The Christian fellowship of you loved ones is another thing that is missed very much. Everything is going pretty good for me most of the time. My prayers are with you back home very often. A least one in faith Bro. F. Frieden."

Our brother, Arthur is responding very nicely to the medication treatment which is being given by the Mayo Clinic specialists.

Bro. Lawrence Gehring submitted to surgery, at the Schortz Hospital a few days, and is now already home feeling quite well.

Sis. Joy Frieden (Mrs. Edwin), is getting along real well, after having surgery at the West Union Hospital.

The farmers are busy harvesting the corn crop. Some folks shell and dry right as the corn comes from the fields.

My mother had her 85th birthday on the 16th of October. She enjoys good general health. She keeps busy with her home-making duties; cooking is her specialty. Mother does not neglect partaking of spiritual food, nor of talking to our Heavenly father by way of prayer.

Greetings to all of you Silver Lining readers; may you have a blessed Thanksgiving season.

**EUREKA, ILLINOIS****Cathryn Wettstein  
Salome Schumacher**

Bro. John Bollier from Leo was our guest one Sunday.

Birth: A son, Kurt Fredric, to Richard and Sis. Nelma Eastman on Oct. 11. He has a brother and a sister.

Those who are in the hospital are as follows: Sis. Leah Bowald tests and observation. Sis. (Miss) Mary Rocke from the "Home" is a medical patient. Hulda Koelling, for test and observation. Bro. Charles Wettstein (my father) entered Methodist Hospital Nov. 6, where he will undergo eye surgery. May God be near all those who call on Him in prayer. May He grant grace and strength to each one.

"I wish to thank each one that remembered me on my birthday, for each card's message, and many who took the time to write a line. Was certainly helpful and an encouragement to me, to put my whole trust and faith in the Lord, to lead and guide me, in this war-torn country—Vietnam. May God bless you all. Your Bro.-in-Faith, Edwin Kupferschmid."

**WICHITA, KANSAS****Mrs. Larry Farney  
Mrs. Harvey Smith**

It was announced that our friend Jeff Groom has received peace and is looking forward to baptism.

Bro. George Lambert has been a hospital patient. He is home recovering from surgery, and we hope he will soon be able to gather with us again.

Bro. Clarence Yackley and his wife Vera visited us. Clarence compared a Christian's life to that of an eclipse of the sun. If an object comes between the earth and the sun, the sun is darkened. So it is if we allow something to come between God and us, we become darkened and others do not receive any light.

**PORTLAND, OREGON****Connie Steffen**

Here we are nearly at the years end. So very much has happened, many very wonderful things and quite a number of unfortunate things. Do we really stop and thank God for all He gives us?

Bro. Martin Reuter is feeling much better and has returned to

his home at Silverton. Sis. Rose Knapp has felt well enough to return to her home. We are glad our dear ones can have strength as their day.

Bro. Robt. Miller was able to attend the Brother meeting. We were happy that he was able to go. The greetings and various messages he shared with us was a joy.

A little thought: "Have you ever heard of a spiritual blowout? It seems it always happens by a slow leak."

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## THE MASTER COMETH

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He spread the starry heavens. He placed the earth, hung it upon nothing. He has marvellous power. His understanding is infinite.

On earth His steps shine with glory. He cares about each of us, and knows by name. He builds our bridges. He pilots through the deep channel.

"And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, And besought him greatly saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: **I pray thee**, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live."

The valley of the shadow. Daddy loved her so much. His little jewel was fading. Just about gone. Jesus will give joyous happiness in His time. "And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and sus, came in the press behind, and thronged him."

A delay came. Delay can mean wonders. "And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Je-touched his garment."

This touch of God brings healing. All about us, everything we knew had not helped. Jesus is passing. So many voices calling . . . So many people . . . if only He can be touched. Really touching.

"And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague." The life of Jesus, how much power abounds! Misery must flee. Such a life is in reach. To live in His life is the joy of joys.

"And Jesus, immediately know-

ing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?" He certainly shows great love in seeking His sheep. Only one is like this.

"And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? And he looked about to see her that had done this thing."

We need to get through. Thoughts may crowd. Some differ. His answer and His help is what helps. She could have put it off. Been hedged in by her mountains. She pressed through to Him. and then He tenderly helped. "But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth."

Listen! Divine steps. Jesus does not keep himself hid. Darkness hides away from Jesus. We touched. His goodness leads to repentance. He will give help. Not all earth's money, success, nor fun can even begin to compare to His peace. "And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague." How good you feel, cleared of guilt!

With glory in ages coming are His reward. He holds the key of hope. Sorrow's house has gracious Light. "While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe."

What a carrying on at that house. Quiet weepings hear sweet comfort. "And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and

James, and John the brother of James. And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly."

Tender and sweet is the Master. He knew where that little one had gone. He had her under His care. What calm sweet rest is in His words: "And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth."

The wise and learned do not see. Jesus goes straight through to His wonderful happenings. They come as He says. "And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying."

He takes father and mother. See what He thinks of those tender family scenes He made? What a happy reuniting! Someday not very far away, He will come. "And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise."

This Jesus does all things good. Just what kind of a thrill was that when she opened her eyes and arose, alive? "And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment." What a thrill awaits us up the road, in His time!

He cared about everything. "And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat."

He always cares. That is the way He is. Such a privilege, such life. What joy to be with Him, ages without end.