



When the ear heard me,
then it blessed me; and
when the eye saw me, it
gave witness to me:

Because I delivered the
poor that cried, and the
fatherless, and him that
had none to help him.

The blessing of him that
was ready to perish came

upon me: and I caused the
widow's heart to sing for
joy.

I put on righteousness,
and it clothed me: my judg-
ment was as a robe and a
diadem.

I was eyes to the blind,
and feet was I to the lame.



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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

TRULY THANKFUL EACH DAY

What is Thanksgiving? It is an upward ascending . . . a sweet return of a happy soul of gratitude and compliments to Him who is worthy of all . . . and more. Listen!

A visit was made to a group of lepers. Wearing sterile robes and protective boots, they walked through the cultivated acres, past the poorly constructed homes to where services were to be held. One by one, the lepers came limping in. Swollen faces were lifted in happy expectation. Obviously they were believers and familiar with the hymns of the church. "What shall we sing?" inquired the leader. Thinking they would certainly call for a song like, "I must tell Jesus all of my trials," there was a surprise. Their favorite selection was this: "The trusting heart to Jesus clings, nor any ill forebodes; but at the cross of Calvary sings, Praise God for lifted loads! The passing days bring many cares, Fear not, I hear Him say; and when my fears are turned to prayers, the burdens slip away. Singing I go along life's road, praising the Lord, praising the Lord; singing I go along life's road, for Jesus has lifted my load!"

Happiness has unseen chords. The artistry of God's hands makes magnificent hearing. The lost chord is in the Bible, so beautiful, so sweet to the trained ear. Forgiving, the second mile, the new life! Contentment, sweet resting. Listen!

Billy Bray, a Cornish miner, says that one year his crop of potatoes turned out so poorly that when he was digging them, Satan, at his elbow, said, "There, Billy, isn't that poor pay for serving your Father the way you have all the year? Just see those small potatoes!"

Billy stopped digging and replied, "Ah, Satan, at it again; talking against my Father, bless His name! . . . when I served you, I did not get any potatoes at all. What are you talking about?" And on he went digging, and praising the Lord for small potatoes.

Thanking God in all the circumstances of life is one sure way to dissipate depression. Satan cannot

stand hearing a constant praise of God. He prefers complaining, grumbling, and thought of self.

The sweetness of a soul is with the sacrifice of self, and the surrender into the many-splendored sweetness of God. Listen!

There lived a woman who was always so cheerful. Everyone wondered at her joyous serenity. ". . . you must have some clouds in your life," said a visitor. "Clouds?" she replied, ". . . of course, if there were no clouds, where would the showers of blessing come from!" This saint of God, like the poet of old, had learned to trace the rainbow through the rain.

Thanksgiving is good. Praise is the perfect expression of one to the Lord He knows. It is the joy so exuberant in the presence of God.

How many are the riches in knowing our meek, gentle, kind brothers and sisters. They have labored in His work. They grow more and more in His likeness. His Home circle is really a wonderful people, the glow of His likeness.

Praying Hands

From childhood, Albrecht wanted to paint. He left home to study with a great artist. Meeting a friend who also had this same desire, the two became roommates. Both were very poor. It was difficult to make a living and study at the same time. Albrecht's friend offered to work, while Albrecht studied. Then, so they thought, when the paintings began to sell, he would have his chance. After much persuasion, Albrecht agreed, and worked faithfully, while his friend toiled long hours. The day came when Albrecht sold a wood-carving. His friend went back to his paints, only to find that the hard work had stiffened and twisted his fingers. He could no longer paint with skill. When Albrecht learned what had happened to his friend, he was filled with great sorrow. One day, returning home unexpectedly, he heard the voice of his friend and saw the gnarled, toil-worn hands folded in prayer before him.

Durer's gratitude was captured in his inspired painting that has become world famous. We are blessed by both the beauty of the painting and the beautiful gratitude.

In many an inner closet, the saint has found entrance into the beautiful, glorious presence of the Father. We talk reverently . . . heart to heart and have the gentle ear of a Father's sympathy . . . such prize we have . . . whole years of winning would never come to this . . . and we thank Him for all He has done. To Him belongs the praying, nail-pierced Hands that won total victory . . . They gave that others may know the sweet toil in His service, with life eternal.

We know the way our Saviour looks upon giving. We are more blessed when we give than when we receive. The Lord loves a cheerful giver. He that sows in blessing shall reap in blessing. Where does such real joy stem? Such wonderful happiness in giving! As we have opportunity; as the Lord has prospered us . . . according to what we have, let us give.

We will never cease in thanking Him for all, for His all He gave to us. What joy and bliss in praise of the perfect One who satisfies in every way, forevermore.

From a World Relief report: Children's Home, Leo, Ind.

Bro. Jack Krantz reviewed progress to date: \$216,700 total funds collected to date; \$154,600 total funds disbursed to date; \$63,000 total funds currently available;

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Two of the buildings of the Apostolic Christian Children's Home are faced in brick. Part of the utility building shows near center. Here is opportunity to find the blessedness of giving—and supply a part of funds yet needed. The photograph is by Bro. Ed Souder.

\$50,000 total cash operating fund would be desirable and necessary; \$80,000 needed for startup costs; \$90,000 needed to complete homes, site and sanitary system . . . Considerable funds will be needed, and financial support of this urgently needed at this time.

The address of the Children's Home is Box 151, Leo, IN 46765.

TOKYO JAPAN
Yoshio Yamazaki

Time goes fast as an arrow, and we have a few more months left until next year. It seems to me that the end of the world will come soon. It is so busy around the world, as the economics, world political situations and so on. People could not about the spiritual things, but only the worldly things day by day. However, it is fortunate that we true Christians are reserved each a mansion in heaven by God's promise through Jesus Christ and his resurrection. (John 14:1-4).

Our Apostolic Christian churches in Japan are still small, as you know, but we brothers and sisters in faith are really tiding together and busy for the Lord the all times. We really know that the Lord's harvest is coming near aside of the

door.

During last week, one of my English class boys had a traffic accident when he returned home, and is in the hospital now. It was sad news, but fortunately the Lord saved his life. We really expected He heals him very soon. I visited his hospital today, and gave the God's word to his parents, and told them whether we live or die, tis all in the Lord's hands. We need to pray for each other.

GIRARD OH
Louisa B. Lance

O let us exalt our dear Lord and proclaim,
In songs of true gratitude, praise to his name. . .

Praise and thanks we bring to the Lord, for the blessings we could enjoy this day and evening. We thank (Bros.) Marvin Steiglitz (Leo) and Ben Stavenick (Mansfield) for bringing us many good teachings from the word of God. We enjoyed the fellowship with their families and others. Also this evening, we were privileged to have a large number of brothers, sisters and friends that came from Rittman to spend an hour of singing with us. Bro. Gary Maibach led us in prayer, and following the singing, Bro. Ben Hartzler gave a short

scripture reading, followed with prayer.

This month we had Bro. Ernest Graf (Akron) to serve our congregation one Sunday, and Bro. Fred Marty (Rittman) on Oct. 26.

Bro. Harold and Sis. Kathryn were called to the hospital at Ft. Wayne, due to the serious illness and surgery of Kathryn's father, Bro. Ezra Beer. They have returned home, and we were glad to hear that her father is on the road to recovery. We are glad to have Esther Deislinger able to come and worship with us again, after having had (ear) surgery. Bro. Jess Emch was confined to the hospital a few days for tests; he is home again.

We have had some beautiful fall weather that we could enjoy; very soon, we can expect the cold and snow, as we near the Thanksgiving season. I feel we have many, many things to thank our Heavenly Father for. We wish all people could be as well blessed as we are. When we read about the many people that are in need of food and clothing, it brings to mind this little poem:

How Much Ought I to Give?

Give as you would if an angel
Awaited your gift at the door;
Give as you would if tomorrow
Found you where giving was o'er;
Give as you would to the Master,
If you met his loving look;
Give as you would of your substance,
If his hand your offering took.

LATTY OH
Diane Stoller
Karen Klopfenstein

Little five-year-old Duane Sinn, son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Ann, had the misfortune of breaking his leg. . . Tom Sinn, son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Tootie, broke his collarbone. . . Bro. Tom Laukhuf is home again from the Cleveland Clinic, after having surgery. Our hospital patient is John Metzger.

Our congregation suffered a great loss, the sudden death of our Ministering Bro. Irvin Stoller. His widow is Sis. Marie (Laukhuf), his children, Bros. Wayne, Darl, Gale, and Sis. Christine. His brothers are Bro. Lawrence of Rittman, Harry of Woodburn, Bro. Roy from Latty, his sisters, Sis. Sadie Riggenschach and Nettie Ringger. Visiting in our time of sorrow were Minis-

tering Bros. Joe Waibel (Bay City), Ernie Graf (Akron). Walter Rehklau (Toledo). Joe Stoller (Princeville). Nate Stoller (Bradford), Marvin Stieglitz (Leo), Art Gudeman (La Crosse), Sam Schlatter (Junction), Henry Dotterer (Rittman).

Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun, . . . Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care . . . Then when all of life is over, and our work on earth is done. . . And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

The engagement has been made known of Sis. Mardel Stoller to Bro. Bob Dotterer of the Rittman congregation. Bro. Delmar and Sis. Marguerite and Bro. Henry and Sis. Martha are the parents.

Again we have been blessed with two more converts, Eli and Emma Pfister.

While Jesus whispers to you,
Come, sinner, come!
While we are praying for you,
Come, sinner, come!
Now is the time to own Him;
Come, sinner, come!
Now is the time to know Him;
Come, sinner, come!

WOLCOTT IN

Marjean Lehman - Arles Kropf

O God of wisdom, life and love,
Thine is the blessed plan
In holy bonds of love to join
The twain, created man.

Our friends, Debbie Stoller, daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Viola, and Gary Royer, son of Glenn and Kathy Royer, were united in marriage on Oct. 18, and are living in Nebraska, where Gary is in school.

Engaged are Dwight Waibel, son of Bro. Leon and Sis. Reva, and Lisa Stanley, daughter of the Charles Stanleys. They plan a June wedding.

Happy parents of Michael Glenn, born on Oct. 16, are Mike and Sis. Glenna Minniear. His big sisters, Michelle and Melissa also welcome baby brother. Bro. Glenn and Sis. Norma Blume are maternal grandparents.

Our entire congregation extends sympathy to the Latty folks in the loss of their minister, Bro. Irvin Stoller. In past years, Bro. Irvin often visited us here at Wolcott.

God has richly blessed us in this area with beautiful fall weather. . . many sunshiny days, wherein the farmers were able to gather in the bountiful harvest of corn and soy beans.

We enjoyed a blessed day on Nov. 2, when a nice group from Indianapolis, along with Ministering Bro. Richard Aberle spent the day with us. We also had visitors from several other places, and enjoyed a supper at the church, where all could be together.

ALTADENA CA

Linda Witzig

The engagement of Bro. Dale Hackenjoes and Sis. Laurie MacDonald was announced Oct. 5. Bro. Glen and Sis. Kay Hackenjoes and Earl and Sis. Lois MacDonald are the couple's parents.

My father, Bro. Bill Witzig had head surgery Oct. 11. God blessed the surgeon's judgment and skill, and the operation was successful. My father is now recuperating at home. He and my family wish to extend "thank you" to all who remembered him with prayers, cards and gifts.

Sis. Margarite Mott and her family thank all who remembered them with prayer, cards and gifts during their time of loss and sorrow at the death of Sis. Margarite's husband, Russell.

Sis. Mary Sirovi was hospitalized briefly for heart trouble. She is regaining health and strength at home now.

BERN KS

Esther and Stella Moser

Our Thanks To Thee

For beauty of the autumn days,
For beauty of the purple haze,
For shade and sunshine, cooling breeze,

For gold and crimson of the trees—

Father, we thank Thee!

For twittering birds at close of day,
For peaceful streams along the way,

For wild geese flying in the night,
For unseen power to guide their flight—

Father, we thank Thee!

For home and friends and fireside cheer,

For all the things we hold so dear.

For freedom on Thanksgiving Day,

For all to worship as they may—
Father, we thank Thee!

Bro. Louise and Sis. Mavis Meyer have a new grandson. Thad Jeremy, born Oct. 16 to Marcia and David Reist, Highland, where David is a school teacher.

Bro. Lou Baumgartner has safely returned from a visit to Switzerland. He brings greetings from Bros. Paul and Arwin Bauman, Henry and Bernhardt Frolich, who spent some time among us during the past years.

Bro. Wilhelm Metzger is a hospital patient, with a possible chipped ankle bone due to a tractor mishap. Hospitalized in the past, Sis. Lydia Hanhart with a back problem. Bro. Pete Esslinger, at the Mayo Clinic for extensive tests. Our elder, Bro. Lester Hartter was missed one Sunday, due to illness.

Elsie Wittmer Olson, age 82, passed away Oct. 27 at the Sabetha Hospital. Elsie was a resident at the A.C. Home for several years. Among her survivors are three step-children; two sisters, Sis. Lucy Hartter, Mamie, (Mrs. Dan) Strahm; one brother, Ben Wittmer. Falls City, Nebraska. Bros. Alphie Strahm and John Leman conducted services Oct. 30, with burial in the church cemetery.

A number went to Newton Oct. 14, taking the articles that were made during the past year for World Relief. All felt it was a day well spent.

FAIRBURY IL

Joyce Huber

We rejoice with two that have made the covenant in baptism and become children of God. Joe Slagel gave his testimony, that he found peace with God as he was reading the Bible and the room lighted up. Roger Zehr (son of the late Bro. and Sis. Joe) testified also of his love for his Lord and Saviour. May they continue to grow in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Bros.) Dale Eisenman and Perry Zimmerman assisted our Bro. Josh Broquard.

Other recent visiting ministers have been: Bros. Bill Kupferschmid, Bloomington; Joe Kaisner, Forrest; Walter Herrmann, Princeville; Kenneth Dietz, Bradford; and Aaron Steffen, Alto.

Bro. Daniel Schlipf passed away after a long illness. Surviving are

his wife, Ruth; a son, Donald; two brothers, David and Eli; four sisters; Sis. Salome Schlipf, Sis. Ruth Walter, Leah King and Hannah Reany.

We are sorry for those that have been hospitalized: Sis. Bertha Moser, Bro. Sam Steffen, Sis. Lillian Zimmerman, Sis. Esther Kiefer, Marvin Bahler, Jacob Stortz, Bro. Walter Moser and Sis. Tillie Steffen (who had foot surgery).

FRANCESVILLE IN

Helen Huber - Sharon Neihouser

What glorious state to be a lamb of Jesus. . . In all the world there is no higher standing. . . We are rejoicing in that six precious souls have given their testimonies and are now our sisters and brothers in Christ. They are Shiela Ward (daughter-in-law of Emmett and Sis. Lena), Tim Gudeman (son of Bro. Jim and Sis. Lois), Van Bucher (son of Bro. Wally and Sis. Rossella), Christy Gutwein (daughter of Bro. Emil and Sis. Mary), and Don and Pam Vogt (daughter and son-in-law of Bro. Emil and Sis. Mary Gutwein). We welcome each one into the Family of God. Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott) helped Bro. Wendell on Sat. evening and Sunday in this important work. Bro. Harry Bucher visited on Sunday for the happy occasion, since Van is his grandson. . . also, Bro. George Yergler was present with us.

Roger and Janet Overmyer have another little girl to love and cherish. Her name is Deana Jayne, and Lana is happy with a sister. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Lee and Sis. Velda Overmyer. . . Jason John has come to the home of Bro. John and Sis. Bev. Huber to make them happy parents. Bro. Eugene and Sis. Mildred are the paternal grandparents.

Bro. Sam Anliker (Lamont) ministered unto us on Oct. 26, as he was here for the 50th wedding anniversary of Bro. Ben and Sis. Sarah Anliker. Many relatives and friends came to share with them on the happy occasion. We are sorry to report that Sis. Sarah has returned to the hospital for a check-up on her leg. . .

"Our sincere thanks to our relatives and friends who remembered us in many ways on our golden wedding anniversary." Sarah and Ben Anliker.

Oct. 4 was the wedding day of our friends, Kitty Wuethrich (Bro. Chris Lee and Sis. Ruth) and Dennis Gutwein (Adam Jr. and Arlene).

GRIDLEY KS

Julie Strahm — Wilma Young

I don't feel it would be out of place . . . to print an article I came across recently. It was very impressive, and I would like to share it. It was written and printed 31 years ago, at the time when London was being blitzed. I can't help but feel this very quote could hold definite discription of our own country in time to come:

We have been a pleasure-loving people, dishonoring God's day, picnicking and bathing—now the sea-shore is barred: no picnics, no bathing. . . We have preferred motor travel to church going—now there is a shortage of motor fuel. . . We have ignored the ringing of church bells calling us to worship—now the bells cannot ring except to warn us of invasion. . . We have left our churches half-empty when they should have been well filled with worshipers—now they are in ruins. . . We would not listen to the way of peace—now we are forced to listen to the way of war. . . The money we would not give to the Lord's work—now is taken from us in higher taxes and high cost of living. . . The food for which we refused to give God thanks—now is unobtainable. . . The service we refused to give God is now conscribed for our country. . . Lives we refused to live under God's control—now are under the nation's control. . . Nights we would not spend watching unto prayer—now are spent in anxious air-raid precautions.

It remains a great blessing that our country is still given the opportunity to travel from place to place. Sis. Ungela Strahm, daughter of Sis. Lena has just returned from a 2-week tour of seven different countries. Sis. Ungela departed from America at New York, on Oct. 15, to arrive sometime later—first in London, England. Twenty-five hundred miles were traveled outside America, in order to include the other countries of Holland, Germany, Austria, Italy, France, and Switzerland. Ungela states:

"A most enjoyable time was surely experienced."

Christina Young, daughter of Evelyn and Glen, of Kansas City, Ks., was united in marriage to Dewayne Gibbs. Christina is the granddaughter of Sis. Lydia (Andy) Young.

PRINCEVILLE IL

Ruth Ricketts

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High".

We do indeed have many reasons to give thanks. . . Due to almost perfect fall weather, most of the farmers have gathered in the abundant harvest. The trees have displayed much beauty for us to enjoy, and even now some still have colorful leaves. The grass is still a vivid green, and the weather warm. Surely God has been good to us.

We were reminded to keep the true love for each other, with forbearance, when Bros. Joshua Broquard and Merle Kaisner of Fairbury spent a Sunday with us. . . One of our own ministers brought a thought for us to ponder; as Moses saw the bush on fire and not being consumed, so should we appear to those around us. We should be burning with God's love, but not consumed by the world of sin and evil.

Many timely warnings and admonitions were brought to our attention when Bros. Walter Steffen and Wallace Ramseir were with us. . . In quietness and humility. God's word was brought forth by our Bros. Ron Heiniger of Bloomington, LeRoy Hartman of Peoria and Nathan Stoller of Bradford. This world is not our home. . . We should take care not to become too engrossed with material works, that we don't take enough time to read and ponder the precious word. Many prophecies have been fulfilled and seems more being fulfilled at a more rapid pace.

Bros. Arnie Gerst of Chicago and Kennie Dietz of Bradford spent the first Sunday of November with us.

On Oct. 7, a daughter, Shannon Kae, was born to Bro. Steve and Sis. Vicki Elsasser. Bro. John and Sis. Lillian Elsasser and Bro. Robert and Sis. Leila Meyer of Bluffton are grandparents. Sis. Pauline Knobloch, who resides at the Peoria Home, and Sis. Ann and the late

Bro. Jacob Meyer and Bro. John and Sis. Mary Moser, all of Bluffton, are great-grandparents. . . . Bethany Mary was born to Bro. Howard and Sis. Mary Ann Herrmann Oct. 21. She is welcomed home by three sisters and two brothers, and grandparents, Bro. Robert and Sis. Esther Broquard Herrmann.

Bro. Silas Leuthold was hospitalized for a few days, suffering from a kidney stone. He felt better and is able to be with us again. We regret that Sis. Mary, however, is having more pain in her hip again and was not able to come to church the past Sunday.

Bro. Kenneth Knobloch and his daughter, Julie are both recovering and able to be about again. . . . "We cannot thank you enough for being so kind. We really appreciated your prayers, visits, cards, gifts, flowers, food and kind words while we were in the hospital and when we returned home." Bro. Kenneth and daughter Julie Gehrig. . . . Sis. Elda Martin spent several days in traction in the hospital, for a sprained back. She has recovered and is able to come to church. When visiting her in the hospital, she said she has had everything so good, she felt perhaps she needed something to suffer too.

Frieda Berchtold awoke one morning, attempted to get out of bed, and found she could not walk. She struggled for an hour and a half, until she finally got to the telephone for help. She had suffered a stroke. She is in the hospital and able to move her legs, but her arm and one side of her face is affected. . . . Darlene Graham, daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Jeanette, is in the hospital, having submitted to an emergency appendectomy. Sis. Frieda Streitmatter, mother of Bros. Harold and Burton of our congregation, fell at the home in Eureka where she resides. She spent nearly three weeks in the Eureka Hospital, where she was treated for a broken arm just below the shoulder. She was so anxious to get back "home" to her people. This wish was granted, and she is now in the infirmary at the A. C. Eureka Home, where she receives tender, loving care. She is so grateful for all remembrances, and cards are most welcome.

We are thankful every day, but we are glad that our country has

a day set aside, for which we hope all will take time to be thankful.

Bro. John Joos is making satisfactory recovery from heart surgery (a double by-pass) in a Houston Hospital. He and his wife, Sis. Louise will be leaving soon for their winter home in Sarasota. . . . Sis. Marie Kieser had a new knee joint put in. She is now on the road to recovery and is getting stronger, with less pain. . . . "I would like to thank everyone for prayers, cards, gifts, and visiting me at the hospital. . . . Sis. Marie Kieser.

ROCKVILLE CT Carlton J. Lanz

November woods are bare and still;
November days are clear and bright.
Each noonday warms the morning's chill;
The morning's snow is gone by night.

As we look into the month of November, we like to review, briefly, some events in our history. It is well if we consider some of its pressing moral problems . . . from whence comes so much that borders on disunity in these United States.

From a handful of colonists scattered along the Atlantic seaboard, this country has grown to a broad land, on which a fair share of the world looks for leadership and material aid. From dependence upon others and upon nature, our forefathers fought their way through to self-sufficiency and abundance. They had left restrictions in their homelands to seek for liberty, and found here a challenge in the winning and development of our country.

Some few of them were adventurers, and at times lawless, but the great majority were sober, serious men and women who, as they marched ahead into the forests and across the wide prairies, carried a book of dependable standards under their arms, and in their hands, the Bible. By recourse to its pages, they were able to determine what was fundamentally right. To the great majority, this was not a matter of whim, but a deep-seated conviction based upon teachings from the Scriptures. The Bible had been read and pondered in their homes since childhood, and from the word

of God, they had learned a language of what is basically right for all men.

Under the great challenge that was America, they fought through to success by a unity of opinion that came from a single source, The Book of Books. In the Bible, with its clear-cut pictures of human experience, rules of conduct, its sublime teaching passages, all of which have been tested through the ages, they found divine guidance.

If we will examine what these men achieved in the national, and in state constitutions as well, we will find that they established government of laws, and not of men. The laws were patterned in the fundamental principles of right and wrong as taught in our Bible. We prospered and grew great under the RULE OF LAW—God's law. Thus the United States began as a union UNDER GOD. Have we shifted away from the fundamental law—the basic rules of human conduct set forth in the Good Book?

So as we again greet November, we look upon it as the final episode of autumn and its colorful passing, and Thanksgiving Day a time when families unite in giving thanks to God above, for His unlimited blessings, and for granting us the gift of life through His undying love.

Born Oct. 20, a son, Nathan Curtis, to Bro. Curtis and Sis. Sally Zahner. The couple has two other sons, Kent and Kevin. The grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Margaret Schlatter, Bay City, and Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Clara Zahner, Ellington, Ct.

The wedding of Bro. James Scheider, son of Bro. Albert and Sis. Gladys Schneider, and Sis. Sandra Gerber, daughter of Bro. Earl and Sis. Esther Gerber of Forrest was solemnized at the bride's home church. On their return from their honeymoon to the South, they will reside at Rockville.

Sis. Hannah Trueb, 83, died Monday in a local convalescent home. Born in Gruningen, Switzerland, she lived in the Rockville section 55 years. She was well-known as a cook, having been employed by several area families. She leaves a brother, Jacob E. Trueb of Ellington, and two sisters, Hermine Trueb and Mrs. Louise T. Scheider, both of the Rockville section.

In this country, our Scriptures are free of practically all restrictions. Each may own his own copy, and open and read it. To those who do use it, it is approached with affection and veneration. We believe in God, and through its sacred pages He speaks to us. The more we use and know our Bible, the closer we come to Him.

SARASOTA FL

Lyn Blunier - Sandra Price

Nothing can happen outside of God's will, trust in His love, be patient, hold still; the clouds will all vanish, the sun again shine, if you will make thy Father's will thine.

The Sarasota Church wishes to express their sympathy to the family and friends of Bro. Irvin Stoller of Latty—so often our loss is Heaven's gain.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 12, our congregation gathered for a pot-luck supper—celebration for our Ministering Bro. Phil Weingier and Sis. Fern's Golden Wedding Day. They wish to express their gratitude for the loving wishes and deeds of kindness from their hometown in Alto, to the many brethren and friends who helped make their day so special.

Bro. Lenny Meyer of Chicago visited Oct. 19. Bro. Meyer's parents of Ft. Lauderdale and other brethren visited us also. We welcome all the ministers and brethren visiting our sunshine state to worship with us. For information call Bro. Phil, 371-4155.

We trust the healing touch of the Master be given our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach . . . and Sis. Minnie Nuest, who plan to have surgery this month. . . . **May we become quiet, our soul in repose, as over and over we've said Jesus Knows. Testings and trials no fear should instill, since there's nothing can happen outside of God's will.**

SHIODA JAPAN

Willis R. Ehle

The town meeting-place was the scene of the wedding for our dear friends, Hideo Takei and Sumiko Yamamoto, who attend our church services regularly. I had just pronounced them husband and wife, and was leading the assembly in prayer to the living God, for Him to guide them in His ways. Being completely engrossed in the

prayer, I didn't hear anything unusual, nor notice anything, but I was told afterwards that a man toward the rear of the assembly stood with hands together praying his own prayer while I was praying, evidently thinking he should be praying to Buddha rather than to the living God. While I am in favor of freedom of religion, I am very much opposed to mixing Buddhist practices with practices which pertain to serving the true and living God through Jesus Christ our Lord. ". . . choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

At the physical therapy department of this hospital, I was to put my infected hand (caused by a tiny boil which I thought I could push out fast and be done with) into hot water for 3 minutes, and then into ice water for 1 minute, and to repeat this operation for 20 minutes. According to the Japanese nurse's explanation, this dousing, after having it in rather comforting hot water, constituted a clarion call to the white corpuscles in the blood stream to come and join in the battle against the bacteria, who would like to take over the entire body system. We, too, need to be called to battle against sin and evil, against Satan and his emissaries, who would like to take over the entire body of Christ, which is the church. Anything which we can deny ourselves, anything which we can do toward achieving more unity of heart and mind in more closely adhering to God's word as taught in the New Testament, let us jump at the chance with joy and enthusiasm. "Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance".

Miss Morimoto of the Japanese Immigration Office was only doing her duty. She had come all the way from Tokyo to investigate just what we are doing, an investigation in conjunction with our applying for a visa extension. Not being Japanese citizens, we are called aliens. Miss Morimoto looked over our church property, observed our kindergarten, and took back with her a portion of God's word which

I gave her. There is one place where I don't want to be an alien, and that is when it comes to entering Heaven. Aliens are prohibited from entering, yet it is a very desirable place. There, everything will be superb and take on an entirely new dimension. Christ changes us from aliens to citizens. . . . "That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel. . . ."

Bro. Pierre and Sis. Catherine Neihouser of Francesville seemed to enjoy Japan. His sentiment is, "There is no need to try to explain it to anyone. You've got to see it to get the feel of it." (Loosely quoted.) He was particularly referring to the masses of people, the hustling, bustling crowds.

Our kindergarten offers an opportunity to sow the good seed of God's word, but it is also an important instrument for good-will in the community, and for making many contacts. We are accepting applications for teachers to come to Japan in the summer of 1977. Sisters who have now, or will have, teaching credentials may send a letter of inquiry or application to Bro. Ben Maibach, after clearing with their local elder.

AKRON OH

Lynda Pamer

Ernie and Vickie Graf have a new addition to their family. Tracy is glad for a little sister. Amy Marie. Bro. Ernest and Sis. Louise Graf are Amy's grandparents.

Sis. Elizabeth Heib (Bro. Leo) was in the hospital for treatment. We are glad that she is able to attend church again. She says she is feeling better . . . Bud Walker (Evelyn Messner) was in the hospital and home again, but has since been readmitted . . . Clara Knopp is in the hospital, after having a stroke.

Rose and Eszti Bako (Bro. Sandor and Sis. Kathy) have been in Hungary since June for a year of study. They are living with their grandmother.

ALTO MI

Donna Steffen

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD. . . ." Our great God is so good, and His blessings upon us are so many; surely He deserves all our praise and thanks everyday of our lives. We know and feel the worship most acceptable to God

comes from a thankful and cheerful heart.

We wish to thank Bro. Rudolph Graf (Akron) for coming to worship and fellowship with us. We were richly blessed, and our souls were filled with joy and peace from the words that the Spirit of God gave.

Sis. Melva (Bro. Joe) Oesch was hospitalized for back surgery. Although she suffered much severe pain, she is now feeling better and has returned home . . . Hospitalized is Bro. Chris Weigele. He underwent a total hip replacement. He seems to be recovering quite well.

Sis. Mardell Grusy moved to the Alto area several months ago, from Congerville; now she has her own apartment. Her new address is 560 Grand River Rd., Ada MI 49301. She has been a real blessing to our small congregation, and it's obvious she loves the Lord, and to fellowship with His children. We appreciate having her here. Her parents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Minnie Grusy (Congerville).

Our friends, Steven and Sandy Schutte, were blessed with the birth of their first child. Steve Derry was born Oct. 12. The happy grandparents are Sis. Virginia Schutte and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dominiak.

The wedding of Brenda Schutte and Jerry Paton took place Oct. 11. Parents of the newlyweds are Sis. Virginia Schutte and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Paton.

There are several things God would like to take away from you, and I'm sure you'll be glad. God says: I'd like to take away your worries (I Peter 5:7) . . . your loneliness (Hebrews 13:5) . . . your fear of death (Psalm 23:4) . . . your self-centeredness (Luke 14:33) . . . your sins (John 1:29) . . . your condemnation (Romans 8:1) . . . your old nature (II Cor. 5:17).

Who is this so willing to take from you all these distressing things you would gladly give away? No man could do this, but God is able and willing. Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

ATHENS AL
Hazel Vibbert

We have had many visitors. We had seven elders over the week-end

of October 26. Bros. John Bahler and Rudy Graf were at the Athens church, and gave us a brief history of the church.

On the 12th of October, we had Holy Communion. This was the first time that this has been done without the assistance of a northern elder. Bro. John Wagler assisted Bro. Lavovd Moore.

My dad, Bro. Henry Perry, had surgery the 27th . . . then up in the evening. He had complications and had to be rushed back to surgery. He was in ICUU, but is out now and doing a lot better. He will be a shut-in for awhile. He had a tumor removed from his throat. His address is 510 Coleman Ave., Athens, Alabama.

BRADFORD IL

Jane Leman

We were so vividly reminded by Bro. Leroy Hartman (Peoria) to come out from the world and be a separate people, and to hold fast to the traditions which we have learned. We were also grateful for the visits of Elder Bro. Roy Sauder (Peoria) and Bro. Joe Stoller (Princeville).

First-time parents are Mike and Kim Dietz, as they welcome a baby boy, Steven, into their home. Sis. Hilda Dietz is paternal grandmother.

The engagement has been announced of Marcia Elsasser and Mark Rapp (Tremont). Parents of the couple are Bro. Duane and Sis. Doreen Elsasser and Bro. Elton and Sis. Helen Rapp.

Bro. Loris and Sis. Lottie Stissers' daughter, Sally, was united in marriage to Jim Mummert.

CONGERVILLE IL

Mary Schrock - Mary Leman

The angels in heaven rejoice when one sinner repents. Lynn Knapp, daughter of Bro. Willis and Sis. Bernice, gave her testimony on Nov. 1, and was baptized the following day. The following ministers were with us for the occasion: Elder (Bros.) Josh Broquard (Fairbury), Joe Braker (Morton), and Bro. Henry Grimm (Morton).

Celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary this past month were Bro. Frederick and Sis. Marge Knapp. Family and friends surprised them with a reception on Oct. 25. Bro. Gene Lehman (Wol-

cott) was here for services that day.

Parents for the first time are Bro. Fred and Sis. Maryellen Zimmerman. Mathew D. was born Oct. 16. Bro. Dan and Sis. Dorothy Hartter (Eureka) and Bro. Orville and Sis. Lulu Zimmerman are the happy grandparents.

Sis. Ida Rocke (Bro. John) was hospitalized for cataract surgery, but is home again. We hope she will soon be back in church. Others hospitalized were Troy and Trent Schrock, sons of Bro. Byron and Sis. Mary, and Deron Schrock, son of Bro. Ken and Sis. Janet.

EUREKA IL

Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher

Bro. Wm. Gudeman from Elgin was our only visiting minister.

Sis. Martha Fehr, age 86, passed away at the "Home" Oct. 7. Her funeral was on Friday the 10th, conducted by Bro. Vernon Leman. She is survived by two brothers, Eli and Amos. Burial was in Roanoke Cemetery.

Two Births: A son, William Joel, to Bro. and Sis. Art and Donna Wettstein on Oct. 7. He was welcomed home by four brothers and two sisters . . . A daughter, Tarla Kay to Bro. and Sis. Lewis and Arletta Martin on Oct. 27. She has four sisters and two brothers to help care for her.

Among the ill: Sis. Sara Tanner, wife of Bro. Paul, was a hospital patient several days for inner ear infection . . . Bro. Sam Hartter was in Eureka Hospital for a medical checkup . . . Susie Grusy was a patient in a Bloomington Hospital for eye surgery. She is the widow of Isaac Grusy and a resident of our "Home".

Henry Schumacher (age 81) passed away in his sleep at the "Home" Oct. 1. His funeral was at the Mason Funeral Home in Metamora on Monday, Oct. 3, conducted by Bro. Ben Fehr of Roanoke. He is survived by Sis. Elizabeth Hodel, Eureka; Sis. Anna Schumacher and Bro. Andy, who live in the "Home". Burial was in Roanoke Cemetery.

"I want to thank the loved ones who kindly remembered me with thoughts, prayers, cards, gifts and visits during my stay in the hospital and since returning home." Bro. Dan Wiegand.

The Bible

There's no book to me so precious
As the Book of Life so true.
Every time I search its pages,
I find treasures rich and new.

Tis a guide unto my footsteps,
And a lamp that lights my way.
I have peace and joy and blessing
When its message I obey.

Yes, I love the dear old Bible,
Though 'tis old, it's ever new.
It has stood the test through ages,
And still stands today, most true.

Do you wonder why I love it,
Love its message full and free?
It's because I know the Author,
And He means so much to me.

FORREST IL
Kathryn Steidinger
Beverly Eisenmann

Thanksgiving Day has come again
With its golden harvest-time.
Our season's handiwork is blest;
We enjoy these gifts of Thine.
And in the comfort of our homes
Happy family circles dine.
Oh God we give Thee thanks.

We live in a land of plenty
And from childhood have been
blest.
May freedom of worship we cher-
ish
Continue without molest.
Jesus, the dearest of blessings,
Brought hope of eternal rest.
Oh God we give Thee thanks.

We in our community are hum-
bled at heart as the Lord has
blessed our labors, and we are tru-
ly thankful for a bountiful harvest.
Three families are thankful for
baby boys. Rodney and Mickey
Zimmerman welcome Cory Lane,
their first child, and the first
grandchild for Bro. Glen and Sis.
Mildred Zimmerman. Baby Cory
was taken to Peoria soon after his
birth, where he underwent surgery
twice, and now after several weeks
he is able to be at home. Bro. Lou-
is and Sis. Louise Zimmerman and
Bro. Paul and Sis. Martha Honeg-
ger are great-grandparents . . .
Matthew August is the name chos-
en by Bro. Ron and Sis. Carol Koehl
for their second son. Mark is his
brother, and grandparents are Bro.

Leroy and Sis. Juanita Koehl and
Bro. and Sis. Ken Laukhuf . . .
Eric John is the first child of Brian
and JoEllen Short. Ed and Edith
Honegger are grandparents, and
Sis. Lizzie Honegger is great-
grandmother.

Nov. 2 was the wedding of Sis.
Sandra Gerber and Bro. Jim
Schneider. Among those who came
to share the joys of this day with
Jim and Sandra were Jim's Dad,
Bro. Al, and his grandfather, Bro.
Ernest Luginbuhl, who also ex-
pounded to us the living word. We
wish them much joy, happiness,
and blessings in their new home in
Rockville.

Bro. Homer and Sis. Virginia
Blunier are on a 15-day tour of Is-
rael, Egypt, and Greece. They feel
very fortunate to have the privi-
lege of visiting such places as Je-
susalem, Garden of Gethsemane,
Bethlehem, Jericho, Jordan River,
Sea of Galilee, Jacob's Well, the
Pyramids, the Acropolis, and other
places.

Those of our congregation who
have been hospitalized are Mary
"Chris" Maroney, who attends
Sunday School with us, and Sis.
Ruth Roth. Both are home, after
having had surgery . . . In for tests
were Bro. George Lehman, Sis.
Hulda Honegger, and Ben Traub.
Our prayers are with Bro. Glenn
Knapp and his family, as Glenn had
several heart attacks and is in In-
tensive Care.

We have missed Sis. Leona Rick-
etts and her pleasant smile in our
midst. Even though very crippled
by arthritis and in pain, she always
has a cheerful countenance. She
was quite ill when taken to the
hospital, has had surgery, and now
after several weeks, she has been
well enough to return to her home.

Is thy lot to suffer in sickness and
pain?
Let nothing deceive you to mur-
mur in pain.
Endure and be still, Believing it is
thy dear Saviour's good will.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
Barb Landes

Thanks Be to God

I am grateful Lord,
Because my meager loaf I may di-
vide,
For that my busy hands

May move to meet another's need;
Because my doubled strength
I may expend to steady one who
faints.
Yes, for all these do I give thanks!

For heart to share, desire to bear
And will to lift,
Flamed into one by deathless
love—
Thanks be to God for this!
Unspeakable! His gift!

May the Lord grant us the grace
as believers, to offer Him fruits of
thanksgiving. The Lord has blessed
us so abundantly. Surely He is
pleased when we offer thanksgiv-
ing to Him by sharing our blessings
with others.

On Oct. 4 and 5, Colle're Week-
end was held at ISU. Over 150
young members and friends attend-
ed. Learning about God's word and
fellowshipping with friends and
brothers and sisters in Christ are
truly blessings from God.

We want to thank Bros. Nate
Steffen, Bob Grimm, Everett Hari,
Dave Wiegand, and Chuck Hemmer
for worshipping with us during the
month of October. The Christmas
program at ISU will be held in the
Prairie Room at the ISU Union on
Dec. 4. Everyone is invited.

INDIANAPOLIS IN
Patrick and Judy Dubach

Whenever your adversary pours
in upon you like a flood, suggesting
all kinds of impossibilities, what
are you to do and how are you to
go forward? Take down the Good
Book, read the promises and the
prophecies. Read in Daniel: ". . .
there is a God in heaven that re-
vealeth secrets . . ." Your night
will unveil new stars never seen
by day. On the black thunder-
cloud, a rainbow will appear —
God's everlasting covenant — and
you will find a sunrise at midnight.

Again this month, several min-
isters lent themselves to us. They
were Bros. Earl Kilgus—Reming-
ton, Lenard Meyer and Dale Eis-
enman—Chicago, Wendell Gerber
—Bluffton, Gene Lehman—Wol-
cott, Jack Bollier—Leo.

JUNCTION OH
Gwen Manz - Betty Manz

Two ways, O man, are there for
thee;
There are two destinations.

Upon the path to heav'n we bear
The cross and tribulation.
The other path with joy abounds,
And yet no inward peace is found;
It leads thee to destruction.

We rejoice that another dear soul
had turned his back on the world
and has begun to walk the path of
the cross.

Jerry and Pauline (Manz) Carnahan were blessed with their second son, Nathan Adam, on Oct. 8. Bro. Adam and Sis. Kate Manz are grandparents.

John Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn) and Elaine Dohoney (Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dohoney) were united in marriage Oct. 31. They are residing at 308 N. Main, Paulding.

Bros. Marvin Stieglitz (Leo), Henry Dotterer and Ben Hartzler (Rittman) were visiting ministers.

KIOWA KS

Janice Frieden

A number of us visited Wichita and heard the Peoria choir sing, and our souls were truly uplifted by their songs of praise, especially as we watched the love of God shine forth from each face, and knew that each word was from the heart. A dear sister-in-faith turned to me as we listened and said, "Can you imagine what heaven will be like?" and I have to think as I look back: When God grants such beauty of song to mere mortals, trying to imagine what Heaven's choir will be like is unfathomable. Oh how true are those precious words: How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out.

Fellowship with those of like faith is a tremendous blessing, whether in worship through the word or song, and we were richly blessed with both. Our monthly singing was truly worship through song, as there was a large group and a great joy in being together to sing praises to God . . . And as to worship through the word, we are blessed every Lord's Day as our ministering brethren lend themselves to bring us the word in its simplicity and truth. This month we had an added blessing as Bro. Noah Schrock, Oakville, was in our midst. Bro. Noah left many beautiful thoughts with us, but one stands out to me. He was speaking of the song, "Rock of Ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee," and then He said, "If we are in the

cleft, we are surrounded by the Rock." What more could we ever ask for!

The World Relief groups met at Newton to bale the articles to be sent to the needy; when all the bales were counted, there were 75.

Two of our dear sisters in faith: Lottie Bartel and Kathryn Miller were hospitalized, and though Sis. Kathryn hasn't been released yet, Sis. Lottie is residing at the Kiowa Manor.

Bro. Isaac Diel was also hospitalized for only a short time, and then the Lord called him home. Bro. Ike had for many years looked after his dear wife, Marie, at the Cherokee home, and for the last few months at the Kiowa Manor. He was grateful to anyone who came and shared the scripture and prayer with him and Marie. Ministering Bros. Raymond Roth, Kiowa, and George Lambert, Wichita, officiated at the service and ministering Bro. Ronald Allenbach presided at the graveside. May Bro. Isaac's family be comforted in their loss by God's precious word, which gives hope in the life that now is, and in that which is to come.

As there is joy in the presence of the angels over one sinner that repenteth, so was there joy among us at the repentance and conversion of Jeffrey and Debbie Frieden who just a short time ago moved from here. Jeffrey and Debbie were taken into the fold; we extend to them our heartfelt love in the new life they are starting in the Lord. When we look around and see those still finding place for repentance in this present evil time, our hearts just overflow with thanksgiving to God, who is still calling souls, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

LA CROSSE IN

Lorene Moser - Marilyn Zeltwanger

Sunday, Sept. 28, Elder Bros. Herman Kellenberger (Elgin) and Roy Sauder (Peoria) brought us many spiritual blessings with messages from God's precious word. They assisted Elder Bro. Ed Frank and our congregation with Almighty God's grace and guidance, with much prayer, that Bros. Don Gudeman and Willard (Todd) Feller are to assist in the ministry. May God grant the brothers and their wives, Sis's. Mary and Karen His grace, strength and courage in

their new duties.

"While Jesus whispers to you, Come"—Our dear friend, Julie Jacobs, answered Jesus' whisper, has repented, received His precious peace, and was announced for proving.

Our hospital patients were George Pfladderer, who submitted to major surgery, and Bro. Bert Bucher, who had tests and X-rays taken. They were dismissed and doing satisfactorily. Conrad Paarlberg is assembling with us again.

Thursday evening, Oct. 30, we were blessed with the visit of Bro. Albert Schneider (Rockville), who brought us wonderful words of life.

But I prize the friendship highest
Of the one whose heart is true,
Friends who live by truth and
goodness
And who live in Him anew.

We heard much about love and friendship through poems and songs presented to us during our fall program, Sunday, Nov. 2. Bro. Harry Bucher (Valparaiso) closed the program with a few words of inspiration and a prayer.

"Thank you for the prayers, cards, visits and gifts during my illness. They certainly are appreciated." Elmer Heiniger.

The Precious Legacy

Like the bee and the ant,
folks have striven so hard
To store food in the summer,
winters needs to retard.
Also year after year,
they some treasures lay by
For their health, and their comfort,
till God takes them on high.

Now if by God's blessings
their fortune mounts greater
Than it takes to care for them
till called by the Creator,
How gladly they WILL
all this earth's hard-earned
blessings
To the ones they have fondled,
yes, from childhood caressing.

Each parent is thankful
when the children learn well,
As they teach them, Be faithful
to God, and to tell
Them to love every neighbor
(though at times this is tough);
In the end we oft find this
smooths many a mile rough.

When we go back in history,
we often can find
Where the richest of people
whose wealth great had climbed,
Were saddened by children
who their parents had spurned;
Knights Lost Heritage, SAD!
When their fate they had
learned.

How much sadder our fate,
if our Father in Heaven
Who has far greater riches
than rich man's ever given
Would be so disappointed
by our poor behavior,
That he'd say, **You have lost;**
you've spurned your dear
Saviour.

Now the Father on High
has great treasure to give
All his children on earth,
who with whole heart will live
For their Heavenly Father's
good pleasure below.
Then a Mansion in Heaven
He will gladly bestow.

Just think of the beauties
of streets of pure gold,
Where God and the Lamb
are its light we are told.
A bright home in eternity,
TIME WITHOUT END!
This we wish for ourselves,
all our children and friends.
Bro. John Heiniger

LAMONT KS
Jane Isch

Now it is accomplished!
I'm no longer mine;
Lord, I will forever and always
be Thine,
For Thou hast created
and purchased me, too;
Baptized with Thy Spirit,
Thou makest me new.

We shared a very blessed week-
end when our friends, Jeff and
Debbie Frieden were proved and
baptized. We welcome them as bro-
ther and sister in our most pre-
cious faith, and wish them much
joy in serving their Creator. We
certainly did enjoy all those from
far and near who spent this most
blessed day with us, especially the
visiting ministers, Elder Bro. Dan
Koch from Tremont, (Bros.) Ron-
ald Allenbach from Kiowa, Loren
Strahm and Lloyd Kraft from
Gridley.

The World Relief workers had a
blessed day on Oct. 14, when they
met at Newton, to package the
goods to be sent to those in need.

Our friend, Ben Ott, passed a-
way at the age of 75 on Oct. 18.
Funeral services were conducted
by Elder Bro. Sam Anliker and
Bro. Loren Strahm. He is survived
by his wife, Ruth, and two children,
Carl and Mrs. George (Mary) Ket-
ley of Eldorado, Kansas.

As the end of the year draws
near, we want to wish everyone
God's richest blessings throughout
the holiday seasons.

MILFORD IN
Linda Beer

Give thanks always for all things
... God commands us to give
thanks. The Lord pours so many
blessings on us, and yet He often
must wait on us to express our
gratitude. A grateful person is a-
ware of small things in life —
whether good or bad, and trusts
God in time of trouble, knowing
all that comes our way is for our
good. As parents, if we show grati-
tude each day of our life, we lay
the foundation for how grateful
our children are in later life. May
we put our gratitude into action.

Sis. Nettie Haab, our Silver Lin-
ing correspondent, moved to La-
fayette, where she has begun
schooling.

Sharing the word with us on Oct.
5 were (Bros.) Gary Maibach,
Rittman, and John Steiner, Oak-
ville. What a blessed privilege is
our Christian fellowship.

Bro. Ezra Beer was hospitalized
for several weeks and underwent
surgery. He is now home, but
needs to return for more surgery
... Bro. Sam Reimschisel has been
shut-in much of the time, along
with Sisters Laura Wuthrich and
Inez Brooks; and Charles Weisser.

Kathy Beer is our new sister-in-
faith. She is the daughter of Bro.
Jesse and Sis. Shirley.

Our Elder Bro. Theo. and Sis.
Naomi Beer celebrated their 50th
Wedding Anniversary on Oct. 26.
Bros. Richard Aberle and Earl
Zeltwanger were present for this
day, along with many other visi-
tors. A reception given by their
seven children was held at the Fel-
lowship Hall, with many memories
relived by the honored couple.

Dick and Becky Pelath of Michi-
gan City were blessed with a son,

Anthony Robert. He is welcomed
home by Scott and Marc. Bro. Bob
and Sis. Marguerite Hoerr are
grandparents.

The art of Thanksgiving is
Thanksgiving.

MORRIS MN
Esther Schaefer
Corrine Schmidgall

God has blessed us with beauti-
ful fall weather, so most have been
able to get their harvesting done,
same spiritually . . . God has ex-
tended His coming, so more have
time to prepare themselves for the
harvest of the souls of man. Let
us take advantage of His precious
gifts.

We had a blessed evening on Oct.
23, when Bro. Noah Schrock, an
old soldier of the Lord, made the
trip here. Certainly God has been
good to him. Bro. Albert Wuthrich
of Pulaski also visited us.

Our hospital patients: Minnie
Schlupp (W.N. or "Dutch") was
in Fargo Hospital, had a cataract
removed from one eye. We are glad
to report, she is recovering real
well. . . Ed Heil was admitted to
Morris Hospital as medical patient.

The home of Bro. Steve and Sis.
Pam Schaefer was blessed with a
son, Daniel Steven, born Oct. 30.
He is welcomed at home by two
sisters, Becky and Michel, and one
brother, Tim. Grandparents are
Bro. John and Sis. Esther Schae-
fer and Bro. Leo and Sis. Thelma
Dogotch.

NEW MARTINSVILLE WV
Minnie Weltz — Della Witschey

Mrs. Charles Blunier and Mrs.
Wm. Hangartner of Roanoke, Mr.
and Mrs. Ralph Irving of St. Char-
les, Ill., visited with the Barth fam-
ilies the first of October.

Paul Berger underwent minor
surgery on his neck the early part
of October, and has fully recovered
and doing fine . . . Della Witschey
fell in the kitchen of her home and
suffered some very painful injur-
ies, but is able to get around again.

P. W. Johnson passed away on
Oct. 15, after a several years' ill-
ness. He is survived by his widow,
Dora Durig Johnson, one sister and
one brother.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of
Akron visited with the Barth fam-
ilies on Oct. 12 and 13 . . . Mr. and
Mrs. Charles Jenney of Wads-
worth, O., were visitors here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mullett, Mrs. Harry Mullett and daughter, Ruth accompanied Miss Jessie Hassig back to Akron on Oct. 19 and visited with relatives in Akron and Canton, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Barth of Parkersburg visited with the Barth families here on Oct. 26 . . . Mrs. Lydia Hassig of Rittman spent a short time with relatives, accompanied by her daughter . . . Mr. and Mrs. Fred Riggenbach of Conroe, Texas, spent a month here with relatives; he is a son of the late Fred and Birdie Riggenbach and grew to manhood in this community . . . William Durig of Portland came here on Oct. 25 and visited with his relatives, whom he had never met for an overnight. He drove the many miles by himself, and enjoyed meeting with the many Durig families.

Margaret Witschey and Elizabeth Hawkins spent the week-end of Nov. 1 with her brother, Ralph and family in Parkersburg.

Mrs. Albert Myers of Washington, Pa., passed away on Nov. 2. She was a neice of Miss Della Witschey.

C. O. Wade has improved and is doing real well at home, following two weeks of hospital care . . . Mary Ann Brothers was quite ill for several days, but is back to normal again . . . Elza Ritz has been under a doctor's care for several weeks, but is much improved.

PHOENIX AZ

Julie Hoerr

As the song goes. . . "There's a Christian Welcome Here" for any winter visitors. You are most welcome!

Many enjoyed a reception and singing Oct. 12 for Bro. Allan and Sis. Edith Freed's 25th wedding anniversary.

Sis. Doris Kokanovich was a surgery patient in October . . . Keith Kauffman (Bro. John — Betty) suffered injuries, following an accident in Oregon. After several weeks of hospitalization, he has been released, though not able to return here. Our dear Bro. Sam Farney continues to be cheerful as he grows weaker still.

Our Sunday School enjoyed the fellowship of the California and Tucson groups when they visited the last week-end of October.

Curtis Kauffman (Bro. John —

Betty) is enjoying **Knowing the goodness of God that leadeth thee to repentance.**

"We wish to express our sincere appreciation for deeds of love shown us during my illness. To all of you who remembered us with cards, visits, gifts and especially for your prayers." Bro. Paul Froelich.

We are thankful to the Lord for so much every day, but have you thought — Every experience He gives us, everyone He puts in our lives is the perfect preparation for the future **only He can see** for each of us.

PORTLAND OR

Connie Steffen

I need the prayers of those I love . . . Bro. Paul Rumbold has asked that this beautiful hymn be sung, from time to time in the past months, and the many prayers for the health of both Bro. Paul and Sis. Anne have been answered, as they are both feeling much better.

"Thanksgiving" comes in many forms. I would like to share some of my "Thanksgivings" with you: Twenty-two years ago, the brethren from the Portland church began having services twice each month, at a little community 150 miles away. It was a real work of love which led those dear ones to an area 32 miles from the nearest town, over 13 miles of narrow gravel road, much like a farm lane, to an area where only a small handful of people came to hear. We could tell that here was a people apart, different from others we had known, and we felt a longing to be with them, to have what they had. It didn't take long to hear that the way to this joy, peace and happiness could be found in coming to Christ. It was about Thanksgiving time when my mother (Sis. Anna Cooper) and I turned to the Lord in repentance. Thanksgiving — for sins forgiven; that wonderful joy that floods the soul when Jesus whispers **Peace**. Thanksgiving — for the Lord directing a group of people who showed us by their lives, as well as telling from His word the way to salvation. Thanksgiving — for the concern of a loving elder (Bro. Noah Schrock), who took time to write to us, sharing important scriptures, at least once a week, to encourage and cheer us on. Thanksgiving — for a

dear shepherd (Bro. Guy Miller), who answered our many questions and opened to us yet more important truths. Thanksgiving — when we were taken before the congregation to give our testimonies and were adopted into the household of faith. Do you remember how nothing and unworthy you felt when you were taken into full fellowship at baptism? Thanksgiving — when my daddy and brother (Bros. Ray Sr. and Ray Jr. Cooper) came to tell us they were repenting, so our home was filled with joys from the Lord. Thanksgiving — for the fellowship which is **all of ours** in this Household of Faith. May we ever prize it, and never take lightly all the Lord has given us.

PULASKI IA

Ernestine Wuthrich

Janice Rinkenberger

The wedding of Bro. David Schaer and Sis. Sandy Stoller was on Oct. 19.

The children of Bro. Bernard and Sis. Leah Schaer had a reception to honor their 25th wedding anniversary on Nov. 2.

Bro. Ron Rinkenberger had an accident at work and was hospitalized for a short time, but is home now and doing fine.

REMINGTON IN

Amelia Schini - Mildred Clauss

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come." Sunday, Oct. 25 was a precious evening, when we could gather together on the quiet evening to observe communion. Elder Bros. Sam Anliker and Ed Frank were with us to assist our dear Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler. We were inspired by Bro. Sam's forereading and sermon, taking us to the Cross, where our dear Saviour shed His blood for the remission of our sins. Then again, as we were served by Bro. Alfred and Bro. Ed, Bro. Sam remained on the pulpit and softly and slowly read the Communion chapter to us. This was very inspiring. We closed by singing all the verses of No. 89 in the Zion's Harp. A very uplifting evening. . .

Our congregation has been blessed with inspiring messages from several visiting ministers: (Bros.) Walt Steffen, Milford; Andy Virkner, Bay City; Noah Miller, Minneapolis. One of the brothers read

from Acts . . . where we find . . . "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." So we can be assured that fellowship is an important part of our spiritual life.

Sis. Lilly Frey has returned to her home, after being a resident at Lafayette Care for several months while she was recuperating from hip surgery. It is a pleasure to have her assembling with us again.

Joe and Linda Schneider are the parents of a baby girl, Candice Danielle. She has a sister, Ginger; Sis. Anna Schneider is the paternal grandmother . . . Ron and Brenda Clark have been blessed with the arrival of their first child, Rochelle Deanne. Bro. Earl and Sis. Arlene Kilgus are the maternal grandparents.

Sis. Lili Bahler, daughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Lois, has gone to Peoria, where she is employed as an LPN at St. Francis Hospital.

Our friends, Gary and Lois Phipps, had the misfortune of a fire in their home. They and their family are living in an apartment while their home is being repaired. We are thankful none of them were injured.

Sis. Emma Bahler, wife of Bro. Jake, underwent surgery at Home Hospital, Lafayette. She is getting along satisfactorily, but she expects to be hospitalized for several weeks . . . Jane (Braker) Hilton was hospitalized, but we are thankful she is recovering and has been dismissed to her home.

ROANOKE IL

Mae Kay Hodel — Edith Sauder

The miracle of love is this; that love is given to us to give to one another. Sis. Jean Leman and Bro. Thomas O'shea of the Bloomington congregation were united in marriage Oct. 19.

Annette Hangartner, Tom Sauder, Daniel and Dennis Schwind, and Carol Schwab are our new brothers and sisters in Christ. Elder David Kieser was here to help with the important work.

Bro. Elmer Bucher spent Nov. 2 with us.

Little Sunbeams: Son, David Michael, to Bob and Marilyn Ott. Mr. and Mrs. William Ott and Bro. Harold and Sis. Emma Blunier are the grandparents . . . Son, Jedd Matthew to Mark and Connie

Rocke. Bro. Harry and Sis. Lydia Rocke and Bro. Ben and Sis. Helen Fehr are the grandparents . . . Son, Gregory Michael to Mike and Sharoly Minger. Mr. and Mrs. Orville L. Clampitt and Sis. Rose Minger are the grandparents . . . Daughter, Jessica Lynn, to Bro. John and Sis. Linda Hodel. Grandparents are Bro. Stan and Sis. Verna Hodel and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Peg Bucher.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Rebecca Hodel (Bro. Stan and Sis. Verna) to Bro. Mark Grimm (Bro. Hank and Sis. Mary Lou) of Morton.

Congratulations: Bro. Andy and Sis. Emma Schumacher, who celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary.

Our sympathy is extended to the Harvey Pfister family on the loss of their dear wife and mother, Wanda.

Our friend Henry Schumacher, 81, passed away. He is survived by two sisters, Sis. Elizabeth Hodel and Sis. Anna Schumacher, and one brother, Andrew.

Hospitalized and home again are, Bro. Jake Schafer and Sis. Norene Herbst. Bro. Ben Fisher has returned home from Forest Park.

SILVERTON OR

Joan Dietrich

We are enjoying some beautiful fall days, and the beauty of God's colorful creation this time of the year. We have also enjoyed a bountiful harvest given from our loving Father's hand. May we realize how blessed we are in this land of plenty, and ever appreciate all things God does for us. The way of salvation and the freedom of worship are ever our greatest gifts, and may we thank Him each day for them in prayer and in humble obedience to His holy and eternal word.

Dear God, wherever we may be
On this Thanksgiving Day,
Gathered with loved ones in our
home
Or many miles away,
We bow our heads, remembering
those
Who shared Thanksgiving past;
Those who have walked with us
awhile
Whose love will always last.
We thank Thee for the joy of
friends,

The food before us set,
And for a tiny Pilgrim band
Whose trials we can't forget.
Help us to sift the good and bad,
The hatred and the strife.
Grant us the wisdom and the
strength
To lead a useful life.

TOLEDO OH Lydia Meister

There isn't a tree in the forest,
But God's hand planted it there.
There isn't the smallest wee spar-
row,
But He holds it safe in His care.

There isn't a roadway so rugged,
A mountain so high or so steep,
But your God can help you to
climb it,
If your hand in His you will keep.

So trust in your Heavenly Father;
Take heart in His love, His calm,
For He will take care of His chil-
dren.
He holds their whole world in His
palm.

Oct. 12, a perfect autumn day!
. . . The day of our dear sister Suzanne Rehklau and Bro. Roger Saurer's marriage. Elder Bros. Ben Maibach and Joe Ramsier conducted the service, before a large gathering of brethren and friends from various places. Bro. Virgil Metzger of the Champaign-Urbana church held services in the morning. We are happy Sue and Roger are making Toledo their home.

Sis. Dee and Bro. Ed Beard have a baby son to cherish, Seth Aaron. Seth has sister Joy to welcome him home.

A group of our singers spent the week-end with the Peoria brethren and friends. They had a blessed visit and fellowship meeting.

Our World Relief meetings start Nov. 11. We look forward to the blessing of laboring for our Lord, giving help to His needy little ones.

Sis. Lois and Warren Newman have announced the engagement of their daughter, Karen to Dennis Labadie of Chicago.

Irene and B. J. Ziegler have left us for a winter in Sarasota. We surely miss their pleasant company.

Moving? Drop a card. Tell both old and new address.

TUCSON AZ

Gloria Bauer

The first Thanksgiving was a day set aside for thanking God for material blessings. The Pilgrims praised God for a bountiful harvest, shelter, and protection. Today we are richly blessed with MATERIAL blessings and also a rich abundance of SPIRITUAL blessings. . . . So let us thank God EVERY day for our eternal salvation and his many blessings.

Anew, Lord, we are bound to Thee
Through Thy blest sacrament,
which we
Partook, that joined in heart and
hand . . .
To Zion's realm and holy land.

We were privileged to partake of a special spiritual blessing this month. Elder Bro. Roy Farney and Bro. Noah Herman served Holy Communion to the Tucson Church.

The last week-end this month, our Bible Class and young people enjoyed a blessed time as guests of the Phoenix Church. The Phoenix congregation hosted a week-end for the Tucson and California churches. Those of us who attended have many memories of the week-end and look forward to being hosts in the spring.

Our friend, Mike Sakir is hospitalized.

WEST BEND IA

Mrs. Melvin Fehr

Mrs. Raymond Anliker

Surely we have great reason for rejoicing in our congregation, as we have four souls seeking the Lord in repentance. They are Sandy Banwart, daughter of Bro. Albert and Sis. Betty, Mavis and Deann Bruellman, daughters of Bro. Harley and Sis. Adele, and Mrs. Lydia Wilson.

Our house of worship was filled with many relatives, friends, and businessmen for the funeral of our dear friend, Raymond Wilson, who passed away Oct. 14 at his home, after a lingering illness. Bro. Elmer Schmidt of Winthrop offered his services. Survivors are his wife, Lydia, and two daughters, Mrs. Gorden Anderson (Ruth) and Mrs. Mike Steil (Esty) both of West Bend. . . . The family would like to thank the loving relatives and friends for the many comforting words, deeds of kindness and love

and memorials given in tribute to our beloved one. Mrs. Lydia Wilson and family.

Announcement was made Oct. 26 of the engagement of Sis. Julie Anliker and Bro. Pat Zaugg. Parents of the couple are Bro. Ray and Sis. Louise Anliker and Bro. Oscar and Sis. Francis Zaugg. . . . Dan Banwart is engaged to Brenda Menz. Dan's parents are Bro. Albert and Sis. Betty Banwart.

Don and Mona Haverman are the happy parents of their first child, Jamie William, born Oct. 7. Grandparents are Bro. Don and Sis. Verda Bruellman.

We are thankful Bro. Paul Banwart is well enough to attend services with us again. Our hospital patients were: Sis. Clara (George) Bruellman, Sis. Verda (Don) Bruellman and Joni (Louis) Schneider.

Tears were shed when Bro. Bill and Sis. Rose Obermann bid farewell to our congregation, but how the joys will be added as they assemble with the Burlington congregation.

It was a blessed week-end to have Bro. Noah and Sis. Hattie Schrock visit us. The Lord inspired him to share with us many teachings, and should it be his farewell sermon to the West Bend congregation, we pray that we can meet together in all eternity.

"I wish to thank all who remembered me so kindly with their prayers, cards, gifts, and love during my stay in the hospital and since I am home. I also wish to thank all who remembered me on my 85th birthday." Paul Banwart Sr.

WICHITA KS

Glenis Allenbach

"Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious."

The Peoria choir has just visited us.

I had several mention to me as to my having plenty to write about this time, and this is true, but the important thing is to write what is pleasing to the Lord.

We can certainly say it was beautiful and inspiring and this is said as an encouragement to the choir.

In considering what I should write, I thought, "Lord, what

would you have me say?" I guess you could call the following — God's word in action.

I was in a "down mood". I'm sure you can all relate to this feeling. For some time, a melody had been reoccurring to me, a very pretty melody from a hymn a relative of mine had written. I did not remember all the music and words, but I had the urge to sit down at the piano and see if I could come up with something. I was able to find part of the words and melody, and I sang and played them over and over. I truly received a blessing—I was uplifted! Don't you love to sing beautiful words! This had especially beautiful ones, as it was of the author's personal experience of coming to the Lord. It was almost as if the Lord said to me, "See this is what I mean!" While showing thanks and praise to the Lord, we also receive a blessing, and isn't this true of many of the scriptures when we follow them.

So we can with all sincerity say, the choir visit was an **uplifting** experience for us, and based on God's word, we know it was an uplifting experience for them also. . . . It was very easy to think of the word, uplifting, as a form of expression, but it took the Lord to give it special meaning.

Recent visiting ministers are: (Bros.) Noah Schrock, Burlington; Art Baurer, Princeville; Bill Kupferschmid, Bloomington; Roy Wernli, Lamont; Sam Huber, Sabetha; Lloyd Kraft, Gridley and our ministers of song, Bro. Ed Meister and the Peoria choir.

God has given us here in Kansas a most beautiful fall and Indian summer. . . .

We know our world is full of troubles, so — **keep singing.**

BLUFFTON IN

Ruby Habegger - Rhonda Steffen

Blessed are those who can give without remembering, and take without forgetting.

Our shut-ins this month are Arlen Heyerly, John Maggart, Nick Chaney, Sisters Kay Fairchild, Esther Geisel, Salome Fiechter, Mary Ann Gerber, and Bros. Leonard Bertsch, Vernon Geisel, Joe Steffen and John Frank.

We sympathize with Bro. Leonard Grandlienard and Sis. Joyce Gehring on the death of their father. . . . A precious brother in faith,

Jacob Meyer, passed on before us on Oct. 7. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Ann, and three sons, Bros. Bob, Dale, and Harold, two daughters, Mrs. Truman (Maxine) Worden and Mrs. Otto (Jean) Beer. There are three brothers surviving, Dr. T. O. Meyer, Bros. Adam and Charles . . . and Mrs. Arthur (Elizabeth) Scharlach, Miss Sophia Meyer, Mrs. Aaron (Stella) Scharlach and Sisters Mrs. Ida Troxel, Miss Sylvia Meyer, and Mrs. Charles (Mary) Speheger.

Two dear friends were united in marriage, Carol Neuenschwander and Tim Mock. The parents of the bride are Bro. Bill and Sis. Mildred.

Bro. Jacob and Sis. Elizabeth Aeschliman Graber celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on Oct. 18. The Lord has truly blessed them richly in their lives together.

Visiting ministers in October were Bros. Ray Sinn from Latty and James Ramseyer and Roy Weiland from Bay City.

We are very pleased to have Elder Bro. John Yergler back in our assembly.

Two precious bundles from heaven arrived at Bluffton. Bro. Alan and Sis. Sheryl Ringger are the parents of Sally Elaine, born on Oct. 2 . . . Bro. Lynn and Sis. Valerie Kipfer are the parents of a baby girl, Abby Lane, born Oct. 24.

BREMEN IN Marian Germann

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork."

As you drive past the many harvested fields of corn, wheat, soybeans, you really can see God's handiwork. How is your spiritual harvest? Is it a bumper crop, or that of barely enough to get by? Let each of us strive to produce a full bumper crop.

Our visiting ministers were Elder Bros. David Bertsch (Leo), Gene Bertschi (Roanoke), and Wendell Gudeman (Francesville).

We are sorry to say that Sis. Leah Souder is again in the hospital. She does need our love and prayers during this time.

On Nov. 2, the engagement of Bro. Eric Meister and Sis. Cindy Suttor was made known. Eric's parents are Edith and Elmer Meister and Cindy's parents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Carolyn Suttor. We

are all very happy for Eric and Cindy.

BURLINGTON IA Elaine Eisenmann

A special welcome to Bro. Bill and Sis. Rosella Obermann, who have moved back "home" to Burlington from West Bend.

Congratulations to Danny and Sis. Lynn Townsend on the birth of their first child, a son, Joshua Lee, who arrived on Nov. 1. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Ken and Sis. Charity Scheitlin. This is their first grandchild. Joshua's great-grandfather is Bro. Gus Scheitlin of Oakville.

On Nov. 1 and 2, our Sunday school Bible Class students were guests of the Oakville Bible Class, along with Forrest and Fairbury.

Also on Nov. 2, we were privileged to have Bro. Joe Waibel of Bay City here for Sunday evening services.

CHICAGO IL Kathy Schlatter

In this season of special Thanksgiving, don't let sour grapes jam up your life. Sweeten your life with His love and be preserved. We thank our Lord for the visits of (Bros.) Elmer Schrenk, Alto (Oct. 12), Bob Pohl, Burlington, and Harold Emch, Girard (Oct. 26). Truly they allowed His Spirit to speak through them.

We welcome Sis. Jackie Koehl and Bro. Rich Hermann as new Sunday School teachers. May God bless their help.

Sis. Miriam Lockwood broke her leg and is still hospitalized. We hope she will have a swift recovery.

Excitement on Halloween: Leroy and Elaine Sohn are again happy parents, this time of Jeremy Leroy. His brother and sister, David Carl and Jessica Ann, at home, and grandmothers Sis. Lydia Sohn of Fairbury and Josephine Minnec, Lombard, are delighted, too!

Life is a patchwork of events quilted by the Comforter.

CISSNA PARK IL Grace Bauer - Marilyn Knapp

Praise God from whom all blessings flow . . . What a bountiful harvest He has given us. Many of the farmers in our community are finished with their fall work — the weather being beautiful and the

harvest was great. . .

Thou has given so much to us, Dear God; Give one more thing . . . a grateful heart.

Our visiting ministers were (Bros.) Joe Braker and Fred Knapp. A potluck supper and a singing were enjoyed after church services that day by all who could attend.

Sis. Lil (Mrs. Al) Hari, Sis. Eulalia Eisenmann, Sis. Martha (Mrs. Sam) Hari, and Sis. Esther Siegle are hospital patients. Sis. Emma (Mrs. John) Wahl was a surgical patient. She had a heart pacemaker put in. Sis. Ollie (Mrs. Ezra) Feller was in the hospital, but has now returned home. Bro. Jon Anderson is still in Texas and receiving treatments. He may be there until the middle of December. His address is: 16410 Shady Elm Drive, Houston TX

Our sympathy is extended to the Albert Kaufman family at the sudden death of their son and brother, Wilmer.

Haste and seek your soul's salvation; Heed the word of God today! We again have souls answering God's call, and pray that many more might come to Him before it is too late.

May He who hears our every prayer look down from up above, and bless us this Thanksgiving with his abiding love.

"We wish to thank everyone for cards and gifts we received for our 25th wedding anniversary." Vi and Howard Greiner.

CROGHAN NY Alice Virkler

O Spirit of God's strength and might,
Create in us new life and light;
O join us all in heart and mind,
That access to God's throne we find
Within Thy light!

How wonderful are the words of the author of this beautiful hymn. On Sunday, Nov. 2, we could feel "new life and light" as we were "joined together in heart and mind." We welcomed a new sister-in-faith, Barbara Virkler, daughter of Sis. Charlotte. We sure receive new life and light into our hearts and minds, when we can hear the testimony of a friend who has been filled with this new life and light. In the evening, we were privileged

to receive the wonderful blessings of partaking of Holy Communion. It is our prayer that we can all united stand as members of Christ's body in this busy life.

We wish to thank our beloved Elders Rudy Graf and John Bahler for their love and services rendered unto us.

We are thankful that our dear Bro. Seth and Sis. Olivia Schulz were spared serious injury, when they were involved in an automobile accident. Seth was hospitalized for several days, with broken bones in his hand and bruises. Sis. Olivia received minor injuries . . . Sis. Polly Grau has been able to assemble with us, after being hospitalized for surgery . . . Bro. Dave Schamback was a medical patient for several days . . . Sis. Barbara Virkler remains a medical patient, and Bro. Leon Ebersol is hospitalized for surgery.

A little girl, Karla Kay, was welcomed by Bro. Paul and Sis. Lisa Schamback on Nov. 3. Karla is their first child. Her grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Lois Schamback and Ray and Arlene Grau. Her great-grandparents are Bro. Ted and Sis. Amelia Belle Virkler and Sis. Isabelle Virkler. She also has a great-great-grandmother, Tina Farney.

FT SCOTT KS

Ida Sinn

We enjoyed having Bro. Lloyd Kraft with us one Sunday, to minister unto us.

Lydia Hawkins is again a hospital patient. Jason Sinn, son of Lester and Shirley Sinn, was hospitalized with respiratory trouble.

Our ministers, along with a mixed choir, visited our three rest homes last Sunday afternoon. Sis. Anna Pfister is a resident in one of the homes. We miss Sis. Anna in our assembly.

A goodly number of us from the Kansas churches met at Newton to help with the World Relief work. This is an annual occasion, on the second Tuesday of October.

GOODFIELD IL

Verna Hartter - Elna Grimm

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man". Very recently the importance of this

verse was brought to us, that we might keep the faith, and be able to reap these wonderful promises!

Our visiting ministers were (Bros.) Eugene Bertschi, Roanoke, and Edwin Ringger, Gridley.

Bro. Chris and Sis. Vi Hohulin have two new granddaughters — Kristen Donelle, born on Oct. 11 to Bro. Stan and Sis. Jean Hohulin. Sis. Rachel Hodel, Eureka, is also a grandmother. On Oct. 13, Bro. Wes and Sis. Joyce Hohulin were entrusted with a new little daughter, Keri Raye. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Ann Leman, Eureka. The great-grandmother of these little girls is Sis. Lil Zimmerman, Morton.

Roy and Sis. Corine Roth are parents of a new son, Derek Robert, born Oct. 23. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roth and Sis. Ann Marti, all of Lamar.

Our Bro. Howard Heinold has suffered a back injury while working on his farm . . . Injured in an auto accident (neck injury) was our Sis. Betty (Willis) Wiegand . . . Sis. Mildred (Elmer) Bauman had surgery on Oct. 18 . . . Bro. Bill Hohulin had the misfortune of a leg injury, while working at home. We are happy to report that all are back worshipping with us. Sis. Kay DesCarpentrie had a tonsillectomy on Oct. 27.

Our Sis. Lydia Holliger is still hospitalized.

GRIDLEY IL

Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God . . ."

As trucks waited in long lines at grain elevators day after day, loaded with the precious commodity that provides food for a hungry world, we were impressively reminded that God, who is the unlimited Giver of all gifts, has given in such abundance that our cup runneth over. Farmers and all of us are awed by this bountiful, record-breaking harvest. It is almost like the miracle of Jesus, in which He instructed His weary disciples who had been up all night fishing without success, to cast their nets once more. The result was a catch so large that "they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes." In Malachi we can read: ". . . prove me now herewith; saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and

pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." With grain piled up high on the ground, farmers waiting to continue harvesting until more room can be made available, these words aptly describe the condition of this harvest year. We reverently wonder and marvel at Him who gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater and is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think.

Traditionally, Thanksgiving day has been set aside at the close of the autumn season to give thanks for the fruits of the earth. Perhaps it is partly because of the annual observance of this day, that God has blessed this land with such productivity and material abundance. For it is His will that men thank Him, and honor Him, not only for the fruits of the earth, but in every thing.

The following list of the blessings we enjoy was compiled by a Sunday School class of young people: food, clothing, the sun, home, life, family, freedom of religion, health, benevolent government, prayer, access to God through Christ, the Bible, the church, God, friendships, the plan of salvation. These are some of the many reasons we have to be very thankful this Thanksgiving Day and every day.

Bro. Bill Funk and Sis. Valerie Brockwell, both of Gridley, were united in marriage on Nov. 2, when we were privileged to hear about the beautiful attributes of unending love, which manifests itself in patience, kindness, humility and unselfishness.

Sis. Sophia Kaupp has been in the hospital. . . . Sis. Donita Marti and Bro. Lyle Wettstein were in the hospital for a short time.

We extend a warm welcome to Bro. Dave and Sis. Emma Lou Steffen and their family, who have moved into our area from Fairbury. We are glad to have them as a part of our congregation.

We appreciated the visits of Ministering Bros. Tom Leman from Elgin and Duane Kilgus from Fairbury.

HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,

Who wondrous things has done,
In whom the world rejoices. . . .

“ . . . With HEART and HANDS and VOICES . . . ” Here at the Home, we have so much for which to be thankful. Though we cannot begin to recount all kindnesses, yet we can mention a few examples: the building of a second-floor storage room in our utility building; the building of a charming foot bridge across a small ravine on the path to the woods; the help with crafts, gardens, bus driving to church, yard work, Sunday kitchen duty and resident help, the many hours given in preparation for Benefit Day, the volunteer hours spent in helping accomplish the multitudinous office duties, not to mention all the gifts which help make it possible for us to continue in this work.

It is our pleasure to acquaint you with Gary Feller, son of Earl W. & Lucille Hamilton Feller of Downer's Grove, Illinois, who visit him whenever possible. It is at times like these when Gary's personality sparkles, and he turns on his charm, endearing himself to all who care for him. His favorite foods are “meat and gravy”; a favorite pastime in taking walks. Gary has one sister, Judy Eisenmann of Darien, Illinois.

Our thanks go to Eureka, Normal, Forrest and Roanoke for visiting our Home for Friday evening services. It does take effort, but it is much appreciated.

The passing of summer is evident. The leaves, following the Creator's bidding, have turned from their lush summer green to the breathtaking, brilliant color of fall; and then having served their purpose, they now lie in repose upon Mother Earth. The flocking of the birds flood the firmament with a chorus of song from tree-cathedrals (who taught them how to sing?) The farm land, which was golden ripe for harvest, lies barren and fallow, ready for another year. The flowers' heads are drooping, now being tired and ready for a long winter's rest. The gleaning of the garden has been finished. . . . And then there are those sunsets created by the Master Painter. . . .

Moving? Drop a card. Tell both old and new address.

LAMAR MO
Marie Marti - Gail Banwart

Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast,
There by His love o'er shaded,
Sweetly my soul shall rest.

Little Kaelee Jo Marti, 10-day-old infant daughter of Larry and Judy Marti, is now safe in the arms of Jesus. Little Kaelee was taken to live with Jesus on Oct. 25. Our hearts go out in love and sympathy to the dear family. In addition to her parents, she leaves a sister, Stacia and her grandparents, Bro. Dale and Sis. Corrine Marti, and Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Workman of Lamar. Great-grandmothers are Sis. Anna Marti and Sis. Marie Stewart. May the Lord be with them in their hour of sorrow.

Sis. Fern Braker (Bro. Lester) was in the hospital for several days, but is home again, and we hope and pray she will be able to assemble with us again soon.

We certainly have been blest with a beautiful autumn. The Lord has provided beautiful weather. The farmers have most of their crops out, and most of their planting done. Praise the Lord for His wonderful care and keeping!

Certain thoughts are prayers.
There are moments when, whatever

be the posture of the body,
the soul is on its knees.

MANSFIELD OH
Lucille Groh

**BLESS THE LORD. O MY SOUL.
AND FORGET NOT ALL HIS
BENEFITS.**

There is a song of joy-filled hearts and thanksgiving. Harvest is ended. Goodness and mercy have followed throughout every day of the year. The Lord has loaded us with His manifold tokens of love and mercy. Thanksgiving Day is a sacred day, a day for spiritual inventory, a day for family reunion, fellowship with old friends, sharing our bounties with those less favored. If throughout the past year earthborn clouds have blotted out the sunshine of your spiritual sky, may there be a rift in the clouds today, so that you can see through to the land of pure

delight, where God's children will forever dwell.

The Lord richly blessed our congregation on Nov. 2, when the Bluffton choir visited our church. They presented a very inspiring program, and we can all agree that our cup was filled to overflowing. A special thank you to Bros. Carl Kipfer and Wendell Gerber for proclaiming God's word to us.

How thankful we are that Sis. Elda (Alvin) Riegenbach, who had hip surgery, and Sis. Emma Bucher, have been restored to a measure of good health and can assemble with us again. Sis. Alice Graszl had foot surgery and is also able to assemble with us again.

Happiness fills the home of friends Bill and Becky Sauder. They are the parents of a new baby girl, named Diane Kay. The paternal grandparents are Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Sue Sauder.

MORTON IL.

Emma Knapp - Peggy Joos

Life brings joys and sorrows to us all. Among our joys, three more precious souls have given their life to our Heavenly Father. Oct. 5-6, we witnessed the testimonies and baptism of Jackie Getz (Bro. Roy and Sis. Phyllis), Ruth Rapp (Bro. Russell and Sis. Verna), Rachel Peters (Clarence and Geraldine).

It is the truth that time is but lent to us, which makes us look upon our years as a trust handed into our temporary keeping. Following a sudden heart attack, Sis. Mary Zobrist passed away at her home on Oct. 13. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Noah; five sons, Bro. Raymond, Calvin, Lloyd, Willis and Noah Jr.; and four daughters, Doris Brecher, Fern Grieder, Ruth Reinken and Marilyn Erickson.

Bro. John and Sis. Jan (Hunzicker) Schini of Bremen welcomed their first child into their home Aug. 27. Brenda Jov's grandparents are Bro. Al and Sis. Ginny Hunzicker. . . . God has brought sunshine into the home of Bro. Robert and Sis. Peggy Joos, by blessing them with a baby girl, born Oct. 13. Sissy and Robby welcomed Tricia Lynn, as did grandparents Paul and Sis. Margaret Joos and Starlie and Mary Phillips. . . . The arrival of little Janelle Marie on Oct. 13 has brought much joy into the home of Bro. Gene

and Sis. Joyce Strunk. Welcoming her is Jeffrey, Tammy and grandparents, Bro. Wm. and Sis. Ruth Strunk, and Bro. Robert and Sis. Marie Kauffman of Cissna Park. . . . Benjamin Harry was the name chosen for the new son born to Bro. Harry and Sis. LaVerne Kaiser Oct. 17. He has three sisters and two brothers to welcome him. Sis. Lillie Kaiser and Bro. Fred and Sis. Nettie Huette are the grandparents.

For this cause shall a man leave father and mother and shall cleave to his wife. On Oct. 26, Bro. Doug Getz took Sis. Carol Neukomm as his wife. Their parents are Bro. Ken and Sis. Ann Getz and Bro. Al and Sis. Gerry Neukomm.

We marvel to see a structure be erected by many willing hands in so short a time. The Fellowship Hall is now completed.

We shared many blessings when a group of young people and Sunday School teachers from Bluffton spent a week end here.

Our visiting ministers were Elder Bro. Ezra Feller (Cissna Park), Bros. Harvey Grimm (Bern), Merle Bucher (LaCrosse).

Announcement was made of the engagement of Bro. Mark Grimm and Sis. Becky Hodel of Roanoke. Mark's parents are Bro. Henry Jr. and Sis. Mary Lou, and Becky's are Bro. Stanley and Sis. Verna.

"We wish to thank our friends, neighbors and relatives for the expressions of kindness and sympathy bestowed upon us during the illness and death of my husband and our dad." The George Belsley family.

Hospital patients: Louise Rapp, Sisters Laura Hauter, Rose Musselman, and Lydia Welk, Ernie Rassi, Phil Hauter, Chris Frank, Bros. Ed Teubel, Ed Roecker, and Irvin Schmidgal.

NAUMBURG NY Eleanor Herzig

We were privileged to assemble with the Croghan congregation Nov. 1 and 2, to witness the testimony and baptism of Barbara Virkler. Elder Bros. Rudy Graf and John Bahler were with us for the week-end, and helped us to partake of Holy Communion on Sunday evening.

Another dear brother and a sister-in-faith have left this life to enter into eternal rest.

Bro. Theodore Rohr passed away on Oct. 5. Funeral services were held Oct. 8 by Bro. Robert Beyer. He is survived by three sons, Alton, Bernard, and Richard; a brother, Bro. Earl Rohr; two sisters, Pearl Colegrove and Katherine Wooschlager.

Funeral services were held on Nov. 3 for Sis. Lucy Hany, widow of Bro. John, who passed away Oct. 31, by Elder Bro. John Bahler of Rockville. Survivors are a son, Frederick of Michigan; one sister, Sis. Dorothy Herzig; three brothers, Theodore and Bro. Arthur Herzig, and Bro. Leon Herzig of Rockville.

Katherine Wooschlager was hospitalized during the past month.

OAKVILLE IA Martha Wiegand

Sis. Sandra Stoller and Bro. David Schaer (Pulaski) were united in marriage on Oct. 19 by our Elder Bro. Ed Lanz. We were also privileged to hear the word brought to us by (Bros.) Vernon Leman (Eureka) and Bill Gerst (Alto).

We also enjoyed the messages brought forth by Bro. James Hoerr (Peoria), Elder Bro. Joseph Waibel (Bay City), and Bro. Uriel Gehring (Burlington) this past month.

Services were held by Elder Bro. Ed Lanz for our dear Bro. George Vierling, 73, who departed this life at his home on Oct. 20, after an apparent heart attack. He was born in 1902 at Tremonton, Utah, the son of Bro. William and Sis. Lisette Rudolph Vierling. He married Minnie Mauer in 1927; they sought the Lord together, and she preceded him in death in 1960. Bro. Vierling married Sis. Gladys Kupferschmid in 1964, who survives him, as well as two sons, William and Wayne of this area; one daughter, Virginia, of LaPorte City; a brother, Bro. Emil of Oakville; three sisters, Mrs. Marie Schmidgall of Morton, Sis. Emma and Esther, of Burlington. We will greatly miss Bro. George's quiet presence in church.

Friend Janette Schulz (Bro. Myron and Sis. Dorothy Wagenbach Schulz) has found peace with God and man and will soon be given opportunity to present her testimony before the church.

"We are grateful to all who remembered the family of Bro.

George Vierling in many ways during our sorrow and bereavement. Thank you all for your kindness." Sis. Gladys Vierling.

PURDUE

Kris Leman - Kathy Tanner

"Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life." As each of us carries on our daily lives, whether in school or working, we must not lose sight of our goal and our purpose on earth. Time moves swiftly, and we have but a short while to achieve all that we can with the gifts God has bestowed upon us! May each of us remember that all we achieve for God here on this earth will be more than justly rewarded for all eternity.

During the month of October, we were blessed with visiting brothers from LaCrosse and Gridley. We thank them for sharing the word with us, and giving us the inspiration to carry on our work here on earth!

RITTMAN OHIO Grace Gasser

The life of a Christian was illustrated so beautifully, as we watched the development of a Monarch butterfly. First, a caterpillar was brought into the room in a jar. During this caterpillar stage, its main concern was feeding the body, which was really quite beautiful. One morning our caterpillar had spun itself into a beautiful green chrysalis. As the days went by, and our chrysalis hung so quiet and still, it seemed impossible that anything could be happening inside. However, one morning upon entering the room, our eyes were met by the beautiful monarch butterfly which had just emerged. Later we took it outdoors, and watched it soar away to heights unimaginable by its little caterpillar body, which had previously crawled on the ground. Like the caterpillar, we have been given a wonderful body, whose care requires much of our time and attention. The grave to which our body is destined appears to be as lifeless and still as our chrysalis, however, the body that will emerge from that grave and the heights to which it will soar are beyond our

ability to grasp in this present form.

Kenneth Maibach, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Mable, has decided to heed the Lord's call to "Repent". What a wise decision!

David Marty, son of Bro. Dean and Sis. Martha Lou, and Steve Rhoads, son of Bill and Marjorie, were hospitalized for surgery, but both are out and enjoying health again. How fast young bodies heal! Sis. Elizabeth Ramsier has been confined to her home, due to illness. Bro. Ernest Hartzler was a medical patient in the hospital. Bro. Karl Beery is hospitalized for surgery. Sis. Mildred Hartzler is in the hospital for injuries received in a fall at her home. Bro. Herman Ingold is at Brenn-field Nursing Home, after being hospitalized.

New arrivals include: a daughter to Stan and Gloria Hartzler. Sheila Renee is welcomed by one brother . . . a girl to Barry and Jean Smithburger, named Carrie Marie . . . a girl, named Crystal Dawn, to Bro. David and Sis. Dot Ramsier. Crystal joins one brother and one sister . . . a boy named Darin Edward, to Bro. Andy and Sis. Mary Jane Winkler. Darin has one sister and two brothers.

Engagement announcements: Bro. Larry Rufener to Sis. Susan Luginbuhl of Rockville . . . Bro. Bob Dotterer to Sis. Mardell Stoller of Latty.

Ralph and Sis. Adena Rock celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They wish to thank all the brothers, sisters, and friends, as well as the Sewing Group, for making this day so pleasant for them.

Steve Maibach, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Mable, is stationed in Alaska with the Air Force. His address is: A M N Maibach, Steven J . . . PSC No. 2 Box 4868, APO Seattle WA 98742.

Nov. 1 was the wedding day of Ed Gasser, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Nina, to Joan Patterson of Creston. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Joe Ramsier.

Our visiting minister on the afternoon of Nov. 2 was Bro. Paul Gasser of Akron.

TAYLOR MO

Marie Butikofer - Janelle Scott

God's word was brought through two visiting ministers (Sept.) (Bros.) Bob Pohl, Burlington, and

Art Bahler, Fairbury.

Those going to higher learning are Bonnie Plank (Barbara and Buddy) to University of Missouri. Columbia; John Feller (Judy and Don) and Wendy Grimm (Donna and Roy) to Quincy College; and Sis. Marcia Sutter (Marg and Gerald) to Southeastern College at Keokuk, Iowa, for further nurse's training.

We have been blessed with wonderful fall weather to harvest the grain and fruits of the earth. The older we get, the faster the seasons seem to come and go. It makes us realize we should redeem our time. The Bible says our lives are like a vapor that soon vanishes away. May we each day strive to do a kind deed to some one less fortunate than we, such as the sick in hospitals, rest homes, and those who are confined to their homes with perhaps no hope of getting better in this life.

This Thanksgiving Season, let us be thankful for our material blessings, but most of all, that two more souls are seeking their salvation. May many more, near and dear to us, find grace to repent.

During the month of October, we were blessed with several visiting ministers, (Bros.) Bill Gerst, Alto, who as a child attended his first Sunday School and church at Taylor; Leroy Huber and Marvin Schmidgal from Eureka congregation; David Weigand, Champaign. We surely received many timely teachings, reminding God's children to be watchful and prayerful, and those yet outside the fold to heed the call, so all would be ready to meet our Maker.

God's holy word has surely been
Inspired of God, and not of men.
No power or eloquence of man
Could e'er conceive it wondrous
plan.

Withstanding all the tests of time,
It stands unchanged, unique, sublime,
Proving to every tongue and race
God's wisdom, mercy, love, and
grace.

LESTER IA

Alice Metzger - Donna Metzger

O give thanks unto the Lord;
for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Thanksgiving sea-

son — a time when we all pause to give thanks to God for gifts and blessings, large and small. The greatest gift, and for which we are most thankful, is free, the hope of salvation for all who heed His call. It was with thankful hearts we could witness the proving and baptism of Caroline Knobloch, daughter of Bro. Art and Sis. Elgeva. Her great-uncle, Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger, along with many more relatives and friends was here for this blessed occasion.

Thankful we are for our other visiting ministers, (Bros.) Clifford Grimm, West Bend; Noah Schrock, Oakville; and Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer, Elgin, who in sincerity and love preached the word of God.

Thankful parents are Bro. Gene and Sis. Shirley Nester, for their precious little girl, Lori Ann, born Oct. 8. She has three sisters. Grandparents are Bro. Wm. and Sis. Elizabeth Nester and Sis. Marie Butikofer, Elgin, Ia. . . . And we heard of another little girl born yesterday, Nov. 3, to Bro. Raymond and Sis. Twyla Meyer. Grandparents are Sis. Emma Meyer and Bro. Lou and Sis. Norma Bauman, Goodfield. She has five brothers and two sisters to welcome Joy Lynn home.

We are thankful when we hear the sick and injured are feeling better. Little Merlin Meyer, son of Bro. Raymond and Sis. Twyla, is wearing a cast on his arm (broken while playing). Jeff Popkes, son of Mrs. Eleanor Popkes, was hospitalized and is wearing a cast on a broken leg, which happened while playing. Our dear old sister, Lena Maurer, suffered three broken ribs in a fall at the home of her daughter . . . glad to see her assemble with us again. Jalene Mogler, daughter of Bro. Phil and Sis. Lydia, fell at school and was in the hospital for a few days. Fred Metzger was hospitalized for tests. Dana Metzger, son of Bro. Marvin and Sis. Jolene, was hospitalized with bronchitis. Sis. Pam Knobloch was taken to the hospital very ill, but is feeling better. Sis. Lydia Knobloch was in the hospital, and since her release, she and Bro. Jake have moved to the Valley Manor Home in Rock Valley, Iowa.

We have had very warm and beautiful weather throughout our harvest season. Because we had only very light frosts, our trees and

flowers were unusually colorful, and we still see many flowers blooming profusely. We do hope for rain before winter sets in, as it is very dry.

Give me a healthy mind, good Lord,
to keep the good and pure in
sight.

Which, seeing sin, is not appalled,
but finds a way to set it right.

Give me a mind that is not bound,
that does not whimper, whine or
sigh.

Don't let me worry overmuch
about the fussy thing called I.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL IL Jeanie Haerr

We have had a beautiful month of October . . . Beautiful weather and beautiful fellowship. It was a privilege to share our fellowship with the many students who attended ISU week-end on Oct. 5. Visiting ministers for the occasion were Bros. Harold Gramm, Bob Pohl, Elmer Witzig and Joe Schrock.

On Oct. 11, we were happy to hear the testimony of Steve Stahl. Steve, as a very young man worked with some members. Little did these members realize that their Christian walk of life was being so keenly observed by this young man, who seemingly went his own merry way. Time passes quickly, and eventually Steve ended up in California with a lot of worldly experiences behind him. Suddenly he knew what he wanted and decided to be a Christian. Steve found the spirit was very willing, but the flesh was weak, after a month's time dismally doing the things he wanted to leave behind. He returned to his home in Illinois about this time — wanting one life and living another — but Steve was a fortunate soul. He remembered those Christians who had that "something" that is needed to "hang in there" day after day, in good times and bad. They had truly repented for their sins, as the Bible tells us to — they had confessed their sins and had prepared a heart where the Lord could be invited to spend the rest of their lives, with His help working on toward their salvation. We are thankful to God that these members did not hide their light under a bushel thru the week — that the elder had the Bible to refer Steve

to — that the ministers preached the plan of salvation from the Bible — that the church provided the fellowship in times of need — that Steve is now a brother in Christ! Do you consider enough what you do and how you do it each day, so that our church remains an Inn to those who are seeking the heavenly road?

On Oct. 26, the Peoria choir added much to our monthly sing and fellowship hour.

DETROIT MI Charlotte Barton

Dear Lord, she is so little! Take her hand—

Go with her, when I cannot walk the long,

Dark road beside her, when she has to stand

Upon her own small feet and face the throng.

She is so little and so very dear.

So made for loving! When I cannot touch

Her any longer, she will feel You near,

And need not miss me then, so very much.

The wonderful handiwork of God blessed Bro. Mark and Sis. Bev Bahr, on Oct. 29, with a baby girl, Alisa Lynn. Alisa's grandparents are Bro. Willard and Sis. Eloise Bahr and Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene Maibach.

Our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach is in the hospital for observation and tests. Sis. Perseda Wieland is still not able to assemble with us.

With Thanksgiving approaching, I asked my Sunday School class what were blessings in their lives. I was pleasantly surprised when all of their hands went up. They were bubbling over with thoughts, not just one or two, but many, many. They could not sit still until I called on them. It was such a good reminder to me of all the blessings I have to be thankful for each day, especially my Sunday School class. I pray we can all remember to thank our Heavenly Father for all He has done for us.

I'm thankful for all good with which

I've been blessed throughout my life,

For hardships and for heartaches, too,

For failures, trials and strife.
I'm thankful for each little prayer
Someone has said for me,
For loving thoughts, for friendli-
ness,

For all good-will I see.

IOWA CITY IA

Lynn Banwart - April Wiegand

We have been blessed with unseasonably warm weather the last few weeks, and it's hard to think that winter is just around the corner.

This month we heard the inspired word from Bro. Dale Moore (Elgin) and Bro. Bill Gerst (Alto). It is wonderful that the visiting ministers are so willing to travel the many miles to serve our little community. We thank all the parents, friends and relatives who support us and hope they will continue to do so.

Remember to take a day at a time and to keep your light shining!

MINNEAPOLIS MN Josephine Esterling

"And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Another young precious soul has thirsted for the waters of life eternal and has taken the necessary steps in repentance. Mavis Miller, daughter of Bro. Noah and Sis. Laura, has made her beginning for a new life in Christ Jesus. We thank the Lord that He still calls souls to repentance.

I read of the origin of the dollar bill. On the back side of the bill, in the middle, it reads, "in God we trust". This is flanked by the great seal of the United States, on which the broken pyramid is designed to teach us that the country had not yet been completely built. Above the Pyramid is a great eye, representing The eye of God. The words on the pyramid are "Annuit Coep-tis", meaning "He has smiled on our undertakings" and beneath the pyramid is "Novis Ordo Seclorum" which means a new order of the ages. This great new order of the ages was built upon almighty God, but if the people of God do not support our nation, it will not long endure. We do not doubt that certain people are trying to break down the religious and moral standards on which our nation was established. They would like young

people to grow up, having no idea of the spiritual foundation. Let us continue to pray for our government and people in high places — for unless we are governed by God, we will be ruled by tyrants.

WINTHROP MN.

Carol Messner - Marcelle Dapper

In most areas, fields show signs of bareness, as the harvest has been gathered in. We are told in the scriptures there will be a Great Harvest, which represents the end of the world, when the Lord will come to separate the wheat from the tares. The good seed is the children of the kingdom, and the tares are the children of the wicked one. He shall gather the tares, and they shall be burned in the lake of fire, where there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Bros.) Earl Banwart and Noah Gerber of West Bend shared this very scripture with us Sunday. Bro. Noah said, when there is wailing of a soul, there is little anyone can do for them. What a sad and lamentable time that will be . . . So the warning was sounded to those that are lost, and those of us who are born again to remain true until life's end.

We are thankful our older brethren remember us here during their travels. Midweek services were held by Bro. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski. Memories and times together are shared with Bro. Albert and his wife by many of our congregation. Bro. Albert spoke of faces that are missing since he last was here; how we therefore should be ready, so we may meet in heaven, if not here on earth.

Hospital patients were Sis. Carrie Messner and Kathy Messerli (Bro. Connie and Sis. Delores). Bro. Bill Messner lost part of his little finger in an accident.

Tom and Maggie Miller have a new baby daughter, Nicole Megan. Two brothers, Jeff and Matthew welcomed her home . . . Wayne and Ruby Miller are the parents of their first son, Shane Michael. Older sisters, Lannette and Lanae are anxious to help care for him. Paternal grandparents of both babies are Bro. Noah and Sis. Laura Miller of Minneapolis.

"And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing." We too should offer "sacrifices of

thanksgiving" . . . Not as they did in the Old Testament on an altar, because in this age of grace we do not observe rituals like the Israelites. The answer is found in Romans 12:1: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice . . ." This is the SACRIFICE of THANKSGIVING every Christian can make. God wants your body — your tongue to speak His praise, your hands to do His work, and your feet to run with the gospel of peace.

SABETHA KS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

Now, in the month of November, our minds turn to Thanksgiving, which is only a few short weeks away . . . But we as brothers and sisters in the Lord have much to be thankful for during the entire year.

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

The purple-headed mountain,
The river flowing by,
The sunset and the morning,
Which brighten up the sky.

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

We thank our visiting ministers, who were our Elder Bros. Sam Anliker, Gene Marti and Lester Hartter. As has been reported, our elder, Bro. Gene Marti has been transferred in his employment to Springfield. They have been going to Lamar, as that is their nearest church, although he will continue with the oversight of our Sabetha church. It was felt there should be a local acting head of the church to serve in Bro. Gene's absence. The church was given the opportunity to vote on whom they wanted for this duty. This duty was given to Bro. Sam Huber, who will serve under Bro. Gene's direction. May the Lord continue to be with him and grant the grace to carry out His wishes.

Sis. Lavonne and Bro. Roger Aberle are thankful little Rick Alan arrived safely on Oct. 9. He

has a sister, Lori, and a brother, Scott to welcome him home.

SARDIS OH

Karen Indermuhle

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

As our families and friends gather around that bountiful Thanksgiving table, we have yet another opportunity to praise and thank our loving Father, our blessed Redeemer, and our faithful Comforter. God's children should be daily realizing and experiencing the beauty and worth of what the Holy Trinity has done for them, and make every day Thanksgiving!

Each Sunday this fall we have had the privilege of meeting our Lord's brothers and sisters from near and far. Especially for those servants proclaiming His precious word, we thank the Lord! Those visiting ministers were Gary Maibach (Rittman), Don Sauder (Rohanoke), Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka), and Andrew Virkler (Bay City).

TREMONT IL

Lydia Rassi - Mary Jane Leuthold

John Aaron Rassi came Oct. 4 to share the home of Bro. Curt and Sis. Kathy. Bro. Herb and Sis. Jane Gramm of Gridley and Bro. Arnold and Sis. Lydia Rassi of Tremont are his grandparents.

Our friend, Mark Rapp, son of Bro. Elton and Sis. Helen, has announced his engagement to Marcia Elsasser of Princeville. Her parents are Bro. Duane and Sis. Doreen.

Among our sick were Sis. Martha Kaeb and Bro. August Bolliger. Bro. August suffered quite a bit, but is starting to assemble with us again.

We thank Bros. Cleo Rinkenberger of Pulaski and Uriel Gehring of Burlington for their inspiring messages sent through them by our Lord.

Wayne and Janice Litwiller have a new baby boy, born Sept. 16 and named Jeffrey Wayne. Bro. John and Sis. Lila Moser are the grandparents.

Sis. Whilemine Baurer is leaving our congregation to make her home in the Peoria A. C. Home. We certainly will miss her, and

may the Lord bless and provide for her in her new residence.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Eli Gauger, in his passing away Oct. 31.

"I want to thank all that remembered me during my illness with cards, gifts and prayers." August Bolliger.

Again we are approaching another Thanksgiving season. May we thank our God for life and breath, for sunshine and the rain, for everything we have or hope to gain. May we thank Him for sparing us (who are His children) much suffering and pain, for giving up His only Son to bear our sin and shame.

VALPARAISO IN

Marie Heinold - Cam Feller

On Sunday, Oct. 12 we welcomed Bro. Nat Steffen from the Elgin congregation. We were so richly blessed in the message of faith. . . As was read in Hebrews 11, verse 1: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Faith is a living power from Heaven,
Which grasps the promise God has given,
Securely fixed on Christ alone,
A trust that cannot be overthrown.
Such faith in us, O God implant,
And to our prayers Thy favor grant.

We were told of a sister who ministered faith by her long, patient wheelchair suffering of 18 years. Had her daughter known it would be 18 years of caring for an invalid mother, she didn't believe she could have done it, but one day at a time it was accomplished. The kind, soft voice of this aged mother is still remembered by this writer, who knew her as a child.

We wish to express our deep appreciation to Elder Bro. Ed Frank of LaCrosse, who in the absence of Bro. Harry Bucher led our small flock in the teachings from God's holy word.

LEO IN

Mrs. Elias Souder

"O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." We all do thank our Lord for His great mercy in extending this time of grace, and as souls are following in the steps

of the Saviour. We have quite a group of dear ones now who are answering His call, and we are praying in His good time, He will keep on calling and all can come and be saved.

Some of our loved ones have gone to sunnier climates. Bro. & Sis. Marjorie and Albert Frautschi arrived in California to spend the winter months.

Wed. evening church service was very pleasant, as brethren from our Illinois churches were working at the Children's Home and worshipped with us.

We also welcome the William Jerup family, who came from California. He was transferred thru the Goodrich Company.

There have been a number of sick people. Most seem to be on the road to recovery. Gary Garman, Nancy Klonfenstein, Mary Souder, Edward Souder and Mary Farney were all in for surgery. Herman Bertsch was hospitalized for heart condition.

Weather here has been beautiful, like three Indian summers.

ELGIN IL

Mary Moser

Thank you, God, for everything,
the big things and the small. . .
For every good gift comes from
God — the giver of them all.
And all too often we accept without any thanks or praise
The gifts God sends as blessings
each day in many ways,
And help us to remember that the
key to life and living
Is to make each prayer a prayer of
thanks, and everyday Thanksgiv-
ing.

We are experiencing an unusually mild fall season, and perhaps one of the most beautiful that I can remember.

On Oct. 12 we were blest with a visit from Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss from Forrest.

Sis. Rose Kaptain wishes to thank everyone who remembered her with cards and gifts on her 85th birthday. . . Sis. Rose is a resident in our rest home.

Matthew Walter, the first child of Sandra and Walter Schubert, was born Oct. 30 at Sherman Hospital. Grandparents are Mrs. Julia Schubert and Bro. Arthur and Sis. Alma (Rein) Schmidt. . . Mr. and

Mrs. Myron Meglin (Linda) announce the birth of a daughter, Beth Michelle on Sept. 9. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Meglin and Bro. Delbert and Sis. Jeanette Schmidt are the grandparents.

Chris Leman, daughter of Bro. Tom and Sis. Marlene, fell and broke her wrist. . . Hospital patients include Bro. Henry Kellenberger and Clara Knobloch, who both have had surgery, and Bro. Al Wewetzer. . . Bro. Henry Kellenberger wishes to thank those who visited him while in the hospital and for cards, gifts and prayers. . . Frieda Eisemann wishes to thank everyone for prayers, cards and gifts received during her hospital stay.

FT LAUDERDALE FL

Kathy Sutter

November brought cool breezes to South Florida, reminding us that our visitors will soon be arriving. We are looking forward to a pleasant winter and many hours of good fellowship.

We want to thank our Elder Bro. John Bahler for the many years of service he gave the Ft. Lauderdale church. He asked to be relieved of his duties here, and arranged for Elder Bros. Ben Maibach and Joe Braker to take on this new responsibility. We welcome them, and pray that they will find abundant blessings and few burdens in the labors they are called to perform.

We have had several of our congregation hospitalized. Little Daniel Sauder was quite ill for several days with pneumonia, but improved and very glad to be at home again. . . Sis. Arlene Wieland is hospitalized. We are hoping that surgery won't be needed, and that she will soon be well again. Bro. Henry Schwartz is also in the hospital, recovering from a sudden attack of pneumonia.

UNION CITY & PHILADELPHIA

Carolyn Roberts

Our day was filled with blessings and joy on Oct. 19, in which we can say, **Our Cup Overfloweth.** Our Elder Bros. John Bahler and Rudy Graf were with us for this important day.

We had five that were received into our fellowship as our brothers and sisters-in-faith. They are Dimitrie and wife, Aurelia, and daughter, Ofelia Liuba. . . Emilia

and husband, David Pancarician . . . Duties were placed upon Walter Rump to help in the ministry. The small folk in Union City and Philadelphia are surely grateful for this added help, and Thanks be to the Lord. . . The Lord's Last Supper was also held . . . A remembrance of the Lord's great Sacrifice and renewing of hearts and minds.

Bro. Louis Schoenleber, who has been in failing health and unable to attend services for a number of weeks, has now again been able to attend half days . . . Sis. Marie Walch has returned from her five months of summer duties, and again is attending services with us . . . Friend Elizabeth Rush has been a hospital patient, and is able now to be with us.

BAY CITY MI

Carolyn Schamback

We are thankful for the visits of Bros. Edwin Ringger and Harold Schmidgall of Gridley, Illinois. We appreciate the efforts of our ministers to travel and share the good news.

Bro. Paul Waibel has suffered a coronary and is in intensive care.

PEORIA IL

Betty Miller

Sis. Leona Race extends this from her husband: "I would like to thank everyone for the prayers and the many lovely cards and gifts while I was off work this summer and since, in and out of the hospital." Bernard Race. He has been fighting a malignant tumor.

"We wish to thank everyone for their deeds of kindness, including cards, gifts, blood donations, and especially the prayers concerning Ricky. We have been overwhelmed by the love shown us." Bro. Leon and Sis. Eunice Kaisner . . . Little Ricky had successful heart surgery.

Bro. Bruce and Sis. Leila Witzig's little Genanne had corrective surgery . . . Sis. Cynthia Hodel had an emergency appendectomy . . . Dan Waibel, son of Bill and Sis. Joyce, and Bro. Ben Stickling, husband of Sis. Sharon and father of six children, are hospitalized with serious injuries.

Sis. Emma Woerner, Sis. Lydia Herman, Bro. Walter Bittner, Sis. Mabel Weber, and Clara Frank

were in the hospital.

Oct. 4, many of our young people attended College Days at Lake Bloomington, ISU. Oct. 8, Bro. Roy and Sis. Gertrude Sauder and Bro. Chuck and Sis. Marian Hemmer left for Yugoslavia, where they enjoyed fellowship of members there, as well as lovely scenery. It was an interesting, educational and spiritually-uplifting trip.

Peoria choir went to Wichita Oct. 18 and 19. The warmth, hospitality, and appreciation of the people, and the good-will among the choir members made for a most enjoyable time. The inspirational music and the blessed fellowship of those of like faith make it all worthwhile.

Oct. 19, Roanoke Sunday School was here. Nov. 2 Toledo choir was here. Bros. Walter Rager and Homer Reinick ministered to us, and their sermons were truly wonderful. Visiting ministers during October were Bro. Joe Braker, who helped with the provings and baptisms Oct. 4 and 5; Bro. Ben Maibach, who held Thursday evening services; and Bro. Joe Schrock, Oct. 26.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA IL

Howard and Dianne Leman

We have enjoyed the many visitors during the fall, and look forward to sharing our Christian fellowship with more people this winter. Peoria choir plans to visit us on Nov. 19, along with Ministering Bros. Ken and Jim Hoerr.

We will worship on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day, and all are welcome to come if they are in the area.

LEXINGTON KY

Glenda Huber

"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget

not all His benefits".

Yes, all of life takes on a different hue when we spend our time counting our blessings rather than airing our complaints, as one has said, "Let us hem our blessings with praise lest they unravel."

Blessings, yes we have so many;

We could never name them all,

So let's lift our hearts in gladness

For God's favors great and

small.

May God's love and His Holy Spirit flow richly through and in us, that our lives might radiate and glorify our Lord.

On Oct. 26, we had with us Bro. Bob Knobloch and his family from Morton. He showed us many interesting slides of the Handicapped Home in Morton, and also shared with us the many functions and responsibilities that are involved.

We were grateful to have several ministering brethren to visit and bring forth His word to us. They were (Bros.) Wendell Gudeman, John Wagler, Junior Hale, and Lynn Klonsfenstein.

We thank and praise the Lord for two souls who have heeded our Lord's calling this past month. S. T. Smallwood and Joe Lowry are repenting.

Monica Huber's relatives from Vietnam are adjusting quite well. They have become dear to us, and we enjoy having them in our fellowship. We want to extend our thanks and appreciation to all of you who have helped them out in some way or another.

Success is neither fame, wealth nor power; rather it is seeking, knowing, loving and obeying God. If you seek, you will know; if you know, you will love; if you love, you will obey.

Lexington is a fast-growing city in the way of industry, and offers many opportunities for employment; also, the University of Kentucky and Medical Center, located in the city, offer many areas of education. We encourage those of you who might be seeking employment or education to consider Lexington. We extend a welcome to you.

CHILDREN'S HOME

The editor asked Bro. Terry Farny some questions. The words in bold, darker print are the way they were answered or the essence of them.

What good do you look forward to in helping the children who are expected to come to the home?

Terry hopes to bring the salvation message . . . to plant that seed . . . to give a good, Christian home, with proper environment to children that don't have this.

Wm. Pfister
R. 4
Bluffton, Indiana 46714

The number in each home will be Ten to each — girls and boys, five and five preferably.

When do you expect carpet to be installed in the east home?

He is hoping after the first of the year.

When do you expect to occupy yourself the east home? March.

New trees have been planted — sugar maple, pine, hickory, a tulip tree, and another kind.

How about the new well? (The first was sulphur, with water unfit for drinking.)

The new well is 107 feet deep . . . 850 feet west of the building . . . a good well. The old well has a filter on it . . . It could be used for irrigation, if a fire etc.

When do you think the home will be ready for children? April.

How about the sewage disposal plant? Has it been approved?

It is at the state level — There was to be a meeting the 11th (Nov.) . . . haven't received information . . . should receive this week.

How is the health of Mary? Mary is feeling good. How's Amy coming? Good . . . How old is she? Nine months . . . What's she doing? She stands . . . about ready for steps.

There is a box change in the address: Box 151, Leo IN 46765.

Terry wishes to thank those who helped the week of Nov. 3, giving

a general face life to the outside.

When the editor drove out on a Monday, the western sky, beautifully colored, showed the sunset artistry of the Creator. A fair moon spoke more of His wonderful, creative mind . . . He is infinitely great. Aren't we glad to commune with such a Father and Saviour?

When His hand is in the work, it surely, unmistakably moves, each step, and further and further . . . Isn't it so good we can know Him, abide in Him, work with Him . . . and hope for and live in that everlasting happiness!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Write us, or tell one of the reporters.

THE WAY OF THE SPIRIT

Henry Souder Jr.

The living God has wonderful feelings, thoughts and ways. There are people who draw people to friendship through their charm. We talk about character. We hear about personality. God is the One where it counts immeasurably to know better. Friendship? Yes, sweet and sacred, wonderful . . .

The Way of the Spirit is the character of God. There are some wondrous revealings in Galations. We are told of the fruit of the Spirit in the 5th chapter. Into the shining face of God we look, for He perfectly shines forth in these. We have much to learn of His joy. So much of time past, our countenance rose and fell with a contemporary mood. His joy has been His constant Way. From yesterdays everlasting. Now, joy residing in changeless beauty. Far off ages of ages Tomorrow. His children shine in His matchless word and this real joy shows.

In triumph His child stands, shining in Him; In His death unto death, and His life unto life. The no verses are not only a constant challenge, but a victory anthem of

joy, waving the pennant of eternal life. In that contenting chapter in Romans 8, with its "no condemnation" we drink deep in the winning ways of God. Never can a child who rolls up point after point be happy with the go of the multitude. Those cheering sections give hollow feelings, empty days. They end with ashes. The beat is the mind after the flesh, and that cannot please God.

God's mind is matchless—but we can model after it. We see unequalled greatness in the lonely garden, and the place of the skull. Such a very personal touch, it centers right down, for me. The moments before something dreadful happens are when the threat thunders, and tomorrow is won. Our Saviour became heavy. "My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death." Real . . . to a touchingly tragic people, He breathes out His breath—tomorrow, but beginning today. Tarry with me. Loving moments—glimpses into the great heart of God . . . listening to Jesus' love—can we ever praise Him enough? A Father listening. Listening, God

talked to God, and He became willing.

We look at Calvary. The heart-searching love, "Father, forgive" . . . the tender, precious moment, Mother, thy son. The beautiful, beautiful (don't you see us there?) sympathy of Christ as a soul finds His God and happy Paradise to come. Nor can we now know all the love, in that unfathomable why? Forsaken! God is the Almighty One—yet what is this? Ages to come, in them will He reveal His marvellous grace.

There is priceless power gained through prayer. . . the Comforting, challenging, assuring is His holy word, pouring deep into our hearts the quiet composure and personality of God. Trouble, problems, pressing places, and sorrow, in all there is sweet solace. It can come in His intimate way, such a Friend. We learn in His classrooms, grow greater in His laboratories. We listen in the storm and learn the sweetness of our Savior.

Ah yes, and the best is yet to come. Care while you may!