

FRIDAY UPDATES
September 7, 2018

STERNWHEEL WEEKEND IS UPON US. Always the most exciting weekend of the year for Marietta, I think. We've had sun and we've had rain, and we've even had high water. The weather doesn't look too promising for all the outdoor activities, but we wish a safe and enjoyable weekend for all who are partaking of the festival. For the second year, I will be missing the sights and sounds again this year. Those amazing fireworks over the river are my favorite. Old age is so inconvenient.

THE OFFICE HAS BEEN BUSY lately. For a couple days, Callie was barely able to get any of her office work done. Between the phone calls and the visitors seeking assistance we have been overwhelmed. At times it takes Fr. Gene, Callie, and me to answer the phone lines and greet people at the office entrance. Sad to say, we have had to turn several people away without assistance. The gas cards are depleted. The food cards are depleted. The checking account is depleted. We are not trained counselors and it is difficult to know how to handle many of these situations when people are so desperate and hurting. It is difficult to say, "Sorry, we can't help. God bless you and we pray you can find help and things improve for you." Thanks to Callie for the excellent job she does with these people and for showing them compassion and understanding. When the crisis intervention budget is already gone in the first week of the month we may have to find a way to increase the budget amount. We may have to plead for donations in order to help those in dire need. Pray for the unfortunate.

CONGRATULATIONS Ben Windland. Ben has been hired by the Marietta City School System to manage their computer program systems. I may not have the correct explanation of his new position, but suffice it to say that Ben is happy to finally have a job doing what he studied in college. Ben has been assistant manager in the Barnes & Noble Book Store at WSCC, a job he held at Muskingum University while a student there, then at Marietta College after graduation, then to WSCC. Good luck, Ben on your new journey, beginning week after next.

BIBLE STUDY Thursday evening had six people, plus Fr. Gene. We studied James and Mark and had discussion about their teachings and how they related to the present days. No study next week, as Fr. Gene will be at continuing education out of town. We will resume study on September 20, at 7:00.

ECW MEETING will be Thursday, September 13 at 10:00 am. Bring a brown bag lunch. We will select the committee chairs for the Bazaar and begin making plans. All women are invited.

INTERMENT SERVICES for James and Roseanne Young will be Saturday at 11:00 am, in the Memorial Garden.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – Ann West (7th), Jake Morgenstern (13th).

GET WELL WISHES for Nancy Mollenhauer, recuperating at Harmar Place, Room 308, following a fall in her home recently. No broken bones, but receiving some rehabilitation therapy. Her son, Doug and his wife, Karen, have moved into her house in preparation of taking care of her upon her return.

REBECCA KEELEY is mending from a concussion received in a recent fall. Gillian reports she has fallen a bit behind with her college work, but will be catching up as she continues to heal.

THE BOETTCHER'S grandson has returned to classes at O.U. following a frightening episode with a sudden onset loss of vision. His vision has not fully restored, but he is persevering according to Hazel.

PRAYERS for Nancy, Rebecca, Judy, and Luke and for all those who are suffering in mind, body, or spirit. Heavenly Father, we thank you for our blessings, for those who are healing, for those who work so diligently to serve you through our church programs, and for all who support our church. We ask your blessings on those who struggle to provide for their families and for themselves. We continue to pray for those affected by the fires and storms and for those families separated at our borders. We ask these things through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

If you have stories to share with our members, please send them to me at: cadcisler@gmail.com by Thursday mornings.