

## Celebration Moment #5 Church Mice - Invisible Volunteers

Have you heard about Church Mice? This was a term coined by a church's pastor's wife as a label for the men and women of who donate countless hours both in the church and in the community. Well, here at Friedens we also have "Church Mice" who are the "invisible" church members who scurry about voluntarily doing good deeds without asking for recognition--who sees that something needs to be done, and they do it.

When a screw comes loose in a doorjamb, a church member will use a screwdriver to fix it. When a funeral dinner needs to be cooked, you'll find the kitchen busy with loving hands preparing a meal for the family.

When the Nursery needs to be refurbished, a group of parents get together and do the job.

Other invisible volunteers spread out across the community to visit our homebound church members.

Flowers and vegetables are planted and watered without supervision, and Hunger, Inc. benefits from their efforts.

As early as 1911, when the former church was built, volunteers were busy. Then, as now, someone regularly changes the vestments on the altar throughout the church calendar.

Someone bakes the bread for communion services.

Volunteers set up and take down tables and chairs for the Shalom service and other events.

Invisible volunteer tutors help students in our community to enforce their education goals.

Pastor Marc has mentioned Minnie Buerger as an outstanding invisible volunteer during her 65 years as a member of Friedens. Older members may remember "Minnie's Closet," which was a storage area in our church that Minnie kept organized for many years. Her generation and all generations gave and continue to give generously and unselfishly of their time to the Glory of God.

It is said that the humility of the heart doesn't need to be recognized, but God knows when we do good deeds in His House of Worship. All of us should thank God for "Church Mice."

