

January 2023



Pastor Tim's Reflections

Dear friends: As we begin this new year, we anxiously anticipate what God has in store for the journey ahead of us! May this well-known prayer offered below provide us focus and be a guiding light in our travels ahead! May each of you have a wonderful year full of blessings and joy-filled surprises! May each of us, as participants in Christ's Body, be instruments of God's love and mercy!

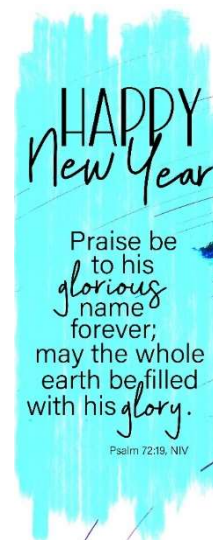
Happy New Year!

The Work of Christmas Begins:

- When the carols have been stilled,
- When the star-topped tree is taken down,
- When family and friends are gone home,
- When we are back to our schedules

The Work of Christmas Begins:

- To welcome the refugee,
- To heal a broken planet,
- To feed the hungry,
- To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear,
- To share our gifts,
- To seek justice and peace for all people,
- To bring Christ's light to the world.



-(by Michael Dougherty, a variation on Howard Thurman's 'When the Song of the Angels is Stilled')

Pastor Tim and Danielle



Plans are being made for our 150th anniversary. We are inviting those interested in helping with the history and archives to please contact the church office.

CAN YOU HELP

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Janitorial Work
- Open Council Positions
- Church Newsletter



Stay Connected!!

SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTES

Text: **FriedensUCC**

To: **84576**



- 1 James Molohan
- 4 Miranda Williams
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- 17 Jenny Brown
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- 21 Laronyea Artis
- 22 Eric Miller
- 24 Kayla Haller
- 25 Brett Grotefendt
Damon Willis
- 26 Gavin Fetter
- 27 LaVerne Buehrer
- 28 Katie Barker
- 31 Dave Hoppes

On the Calendar

Confirmation Classes – 3:00 – 4:30 pm Every Wednesday

Quilting Circle – 9:00am Every Monday & Wednesday

Choir 6:00 pm & **Bells** 7:00 pm Practice Monday evenings

TOPS – *Taking Off Pounds Sensibly* 9:00 am Every Monday

Jan 1—New Year Communion Service 10 am

Jan 2 – Office Closed

Jan 7 – Hall Rented - Private Party

Jan 8 – Worship with Eric Bosaw
Sheltered Reality 6pm

Jan 15 – Worship with Kelsie Parrish

Jan 16 – Martin Luther King Day – OFFICE CLOSED

Jan 17 – Girl Scout Cookie Drop Off (Fellowship Hall closed)

Jan 19 – Friedens UCC Coffee & Dessert Series 7pm with Sarah Wetzel
BBB “How to Protect Yourself from Scams in our Modern Society”

Jan 20 – Girl Scouts Powder Puff Set up

Jan 21 – Girl Scouts Powder Puff Derby 8am
- Team Appreciation Event (Tentative)

Jan 22 – Finance Board Meeting (after worship)

Jan 24 – Womens Guild Meeting 1pm

Jan 25 – Classic Friedens Event (Senior Group) 9am
- Vision Committee Meeting 6:30pm

Jan 26 – Ministries Unlimited Meeting

Jan 28 - Trivia Night 6:30 Doors Open

Jan 29 – Council Meeting (after worship)



Winter Sunday School & Worship Schedule:

9:00 am Coffee & Fellowship Hour

9:50 am Gathering Music in Sanctuary

10:00 am Worship begins (with children in attendance)

10:15 am Children go to Sunday School after Children's Sermon

ATTENDANCE

Date	#	Live
12/4	94	17
12/11	102	10
12/18	135	40
12/24	119	57
12/25	47	60



1/1 – Doug & Deb Brendel

1/8 – Charlie & Andrea Maneke

1/15 – Ron & Sandy Harbison

1/22 – Sandy Nissen & Gwen Bosaw

Please arrive 30 minutes prior to service



January 1st & February 5th

Join us on Facebook for live videos & recordings of Sunday Services



<https://www.facebook.com/Friedens-United-Church-of-Christ-354214570387/>



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPSd5dwIb9TRs6c6NUc9fQg>



A word from our Teams

Church Growth & Evangelism – On behalf of Friedens United Church of Christ and Triad Strong, I would like to thank you for your participation in the Inaugural Festival of Trees. Together, we were able to raise more than \$1700 for Triad Strong. We had 40 displays donated by local businesses, organizations, and individuals. We had lots of visitors come to the event and everyone was amazed at the creativity and uniqueness of all the trees and wreaths. We look forward to hosting this again next year and sincerely hope that you will be able to participate. For pictures and video from the event, please visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FriedensUCCTroyIL> Until next year, Eric Bosaw

Technology – We welcome Michelle Siebert to assist in some items on the technology team! Welcome Michelle!!

Mission & Community – In Sept. we plan to get a group of members to go and build beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. In March we plan to work the St. John's SOS soup kitchen. We will also do that on another occasion.

We are hoping for the Sesquicentennial to organize a Rise Up For Friedens campaign to collect coins for the elevator fund. More to come later.

NOVEMBER MISSIONS FINAL:

\$992.50 Collected for Ministries unlimited

\$992.50 Matched

\$ 1985.00 Final Total

NEXT MEETING: January TBD

150th Anniversary Committee –Join us for a trip down memory lane! After service we will be looking thru photos and other information for items of interest related to the history of the Friedens. Information will be provided at the event as to what is being sought out when looking thru the records. A light lunch will be provided. **JOIN US ON Sunday, February 5, 2023**

Stewardship and Finance –Looking into a stewardship program for next year. We are in need of additional members to join our team. Please reach out to Jeff or Monica for any questions you may have! Prior finance experience is not needed.
NEXT MEETING: January 22 after worship

Membership & Fellowship: CHRISTMAS WITH CELTICA CONCERT (Cake, Coffee, and Cocoa) on Dec 15th went great! We had around 50 people in attendance, some from visiting churches!

The winner of the Powell Hall Tickets was announced at the concert! Tom Fisher was the highest bidder! Congratulations Tom!

DESSERT AND COFFEE SPEAKER SERIES begins on Thursday January 19 with "How to Protect Yourself From Scams In Our Modern World" (BBB PRESENTATION) 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us!

WE NEED IDEAS FOR FUTURE SPEAKERS SOOO.... (Let us know...What you know. Who you know. What you want to know. So, we can line it up!)

WHAT ARE YOU GOOD AT...WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN??? (This not a trick question or a trap...the 150 Anniversary Committee is looking to fit the right people with the right "jobs" for our Anniversary Year Celebration in 2024! We need your help! Please contact Amy Schroeter)

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday January 3 at 10:00 am

Security Team - We reviewed the revised Congregational Emergency Response Plan (ERP) and discussed issues that needed to be added. The changes to Emergency Response Plan documents will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Also discussed was the need for a Safety/Security Manual which covers all aspects of Church Safety and Security. Various items were discussed which should be included in this manual.

We discussed the AED status, IT ERP status, Cemetery ERP status, First Aid kit status, and Church Evacuation Maps requested changes.

Also discussed were the need for a new church inventory, need for testing for emergency lights, need to coordinate the safety requirements of the congregation children,

NEXT MEETING: the first week of January 2023.

Worship Team - Looking for a team chair. Danielle has been filling in but will not be able to do so for much longer. We are in a "good space" with worship and music. Planning an Easter kid's program.

From our President

As we enter into a new year it's appropriate that we reflect on the many accomplishments we have made that brought us to this point. During the past year we took on a massive restructuring of our organizational structure, turning our outdated "boards" into more functional "teams." This reorganization placed the ownership of our programs at the working level of the people and started a better connection with the congregation.

Along with the restructuring of the organizational structure came the realignment of the budget. We attempted to redistribute our funds into a "one account" system, realizing that individual boards shouldn't be the sole owner of their funds. The funds in their accounts really belonged to the entire church and should be managed as such. It wasn't easy to change our thinking on this - we had a hundred fifty years to get into the habit! But to their credit, most of our teams jumped on board and made it happen for the good of the whole church.

We still have work to do though. We must re-write our constitution and by-laws. We had hoped to have this ready for the new year, but in order to do it correctly we will need more time. Our goal is to have the changes made and presented to the congregation by the Spring of this year. Thank you for your patience.

There are so many positive changes that it would be impossible to cover them all in this short letter. Please reach out to the team leaders and ask them how they are doing. They will be providing regular updates throughout the year in our newsletter, so we hope this will enhance our communication.

I look forward to an exciting new year and all it will bring to our church.

Yours in Christ,
Joseph Smith
Council President



A word from our Teams

Building and Grounds— Added a new member (Michelle) to the team. She will also help in the Safety and Security committee. Completed several projects this year (Sanctuary remodel, Friendship house deck, LED Lighting, etc.). Bid for elevator has an 18 week lead-time. Looking into sales of some assets (cemetery).

Faith Formation – Some members on the team have served many years and would like to step down. Looking for new members. Working on Children's ministry expansion and different age group programs. Calling all older adults/retiree's, join us on **January 25 Senior Adults Classic Friedens Wednesday 9am-3pm**

Staff Parish Relations – Hired a Cemetery Sexton, Faith Formation Director, and Nursery Attendant in 2022. Will start yearly evaluations of paid staff.

Boards not reported: Food Team

MISSIONS

January

Troy Transient Fund

Jan—Transient fund
Feb—St. John's SOS soup kitchen
March—Got Your Six
April—One Great Hour
May—DuBois Center
June—Marion Medical Mission (Wells)
July—Hitz and Hoyleton
Aug—Sleep in Heavenly Peace
Sept—Riverbend Family Ministries
Oct—Triad Strong
Nov—Ministries Unlimited
Dec—UCC Retired Ministers

Faith Forming Updates

Kelsie's Korner

Children's Sunday School- Each Sunday morning at 10:00 am

We are having such a great time on Sunday mornings! During the month of January we will be starting our next series called Billy Bob's Barnyard Theater which will get kids participating in the story of Jesus' birth.

How can you help?

Register your child for Sunday School!

Fill out a registration form on Sunday morning when you drop your child off for Sunday School or email the church. We would love to have your child get involved!

Apply to volunteer with the Children and Youth ministry programs!

Fill out an application and a background check form to be considered for help with the Children and Youth programs. Volunteers can help in a variety of ways ranging from providing snacks to teaching lessons, and the volunteering frequency ranges from every week or simply as needed. Whatever your time commitment or skill set, we would love to talk to you about getting involved!

-Kelsie Parrish, Faith Formation Director

faithformation@friedensucc-troy.org

ADULT Sunday School

We will be taking a short break from the Pastor's Bible Study in December and January. We will have an Ash Wednesday Service on Feb. 22nd and begin a 5 Week Lenten Bible Study in March and April on "How the Bible Came to Be!" This will be a study about how the books of the Bible were written and came together to form what we now call the Books of the Old Testament and New Testament. We are tentatively planning to meet on Wednesday nights at 6 pm again. For more information, contact Pastor Tim in the church office!



Rehearsal for **Bells & Choir** is on **Monday evenings**. **Choir at 6 PM** and **Bells at 7 PM**. If you or anyone you know would like to participate, please let me or Pastor Tim know! *Thank You, Evan Bosaw*



November 2022

YTD

Income \$19,433.29 \$226,953.80

Expense \$19,951.27 \$255,048.31

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\$(28,094.51)

November 2021

YTD

Income \$16,714.34 \$232,099.28

Expense \$18,975.93 \$180,589.94

-\$2,261.59

\$ 51,509.34

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FRIEDENS UCC COFFEE & DESSERT SPEAKER SERIES

Thursday, January 19th 7:00pm



"HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS IN OUR MODERN SOCIETY"

Speaker: Sarah Wetzel, BBB Representative

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



FRIEDENS UCC TRIVIA NIGHT
Saturday, JANUARY 28 2023

FRIEDENS UCC
207 E CENTER ST.
TROY IL

Doors open at: 6:30pm
Game starts at: 7:00pm

\$15 per person / tables of 8
No Team? No Problem!!
We will have open tables for you to join

Light snacks & drinks will be provided. Feel free to bring snacks and drinks for your table.

RSVP TODAY!!
For registration & further information:
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Website www.friedensucc-troy.org

WELCOME TO FRIEDENS' PROGRAMS

Children
Kindergarten- 5th Grade

- Sunday School 10am
- Fun events
- Special Programs

Contact: Kelsie Parrish
417.576.5455

Youth
6th Grade- 12th Grade

- Monthly service and fellowship event
- Seasonal studies

Contact: Kelsie Parrish
417.576.5455

Youngish Adults
Twenties

- Monthly dinner or fellowship event
- Seasonal studies

Contact: Kelsie Parrish
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Adults

- Monthly dinner or fellowship event
- Parents' Night Out Events
- Seasonal Studies

Contact: Jenny Ruger 618.977.3945

Senior Adults

- Classic Friedens Wednesdays (4th Wednesday of each month from 9AM-3PM)

Contact: Deb Spears 618.581.8830



Notes of THANKS

Dear Friends, Thank you to the youth group and sponsors for the welcome visit! The "Goody" Bag with cookies and popcorn was enjoyed-probably by the time you arrived back home! The jar lamp looks awesome on the shelf at the entrance to my apartment. Some of the residents have commented on it. Thanks, and a Happy and Blessed Christmas to you all. - Wilma Edwards

Thank you for your patience while I got this thank you note out. You were thoughtful to include a special gift for the "goody bag" for the Pastors' Retreat this Fall. I enjoyed the fellowship music and atmosphere at the event. - Mary Beth Yartimatsm

Let Heaven and Nature Sing! May the Lord bless you at Christmas and throughout the New Year. Many Blessings, Your friends at Hitz Memorial Home

To the Friedens Youth Group, I want to take time to thank you for thinking of me to give me the light up jar and flower, and ornament. It was a very lovely thing. Also, thanks for the bags of goodies and the card. It was very thoughtful of all of you to remember me. Thanks again. Love, Jane

Dear Friends at Friedens UCC Troy, Thank you so much for your thoughtful gift of \$300.00 for our Mission Funds. You are making a tremendous difference in the lives of the youth and families we serve on a daily basis. We provide shelter and safety for a child with nowhere else to go, counseling to a developmentally disabled teen struggling to understand the world around them, an education for a child with severe behavioral issues, and a number of community outreach programs for several other at risk groups and so much more. Since its inception in 1895, Hoyleton Youth and Family Services has continually expanded its commitment to all people, young and old alike, who are in need. So much more than a donation, this gift stands for hope, love and a new beginning for the youth and families we serve. Friends at Friedens UCC Troy, we appreciate the faith you have in Hoyleton Youth and Family Services and again, thank for your support! If at any time I can answer any questions, or be of assistance, please feel free to contact me at (618) 688-7094. Sincerely Alice Drobisch Director of Philanthropy, Hoyleton Youth and Family Services

Thank you for your generous support of The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital! We are grateful for your gift and look forward to sharing more about the impact of your support over the coming weeks.

Susan Ell- The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital

Donor Name: Friedens United Church of Christ

Gift Date: 11/28/2022

Gift Amount: \$260.00

Designation: BJC Hospice & Home Care Fund

In Memory of: Mr. Donald McDowell

Notified: Sharon McDowell

Friedens UCC, Thank you for your donation to Triad Strong. It is through the generosity of people like you that we are able to fulfill our mission of helping Triad District families. -Triad Strong

Dear Friedens family. I thank you all for the gift, the jar with the flowers and lights and all the other things. I appreciate it. LaVerne Buehrer

To: Christmas committee to give shut-ins a lift of spirits, I am sitting here looking at my very pretty little centerpiece on my coffee table. What a unique idea to use such simple decorations to make the room light up! My cat, Vilger (sp?) and I do not get out this time of year, so it has lifted our spirits.

Thank you, so much; and I sincerely hope you all have a happy Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Sincerely, Jean Webb

Pastor Tim and Friedens, Thank you so much for having the ShoutCo! Puppet Team at your church, in worship and in the children's ministry! Our group loved being a part of the ministry and we appreciate the great opportunity to serve with you. Hope to do it again! In Him, Tim Price Harvest Ministry Teams



Sending you a heartfelt thank you for your wonderful Christmas cards gifts during the holiday season. It was really thoughtful, and we appreciate them, and you so much.

One of the brightest parts of the holidays is friends like you and your gifts make it more special. Thank you all very much!

Monica, Pastor Tim & Kelsie

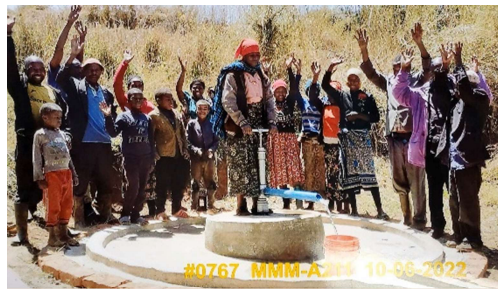


Marion Medical Mission was our June Mission. Between your donations and mission matching funds, we were able to fund 3 wells!! Donations \$895.00 Matched \$895.00 = \$1,790.00

"I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward" Mark 9:41



Well # 0766 was installed on 10/6/2022 in the village of Makogo, Tanzania and will serve 60 people.



Well # 0767 was installed on 10/6/2022 in the village of Makogo, Tanzania and it will serve 100 people.



Well # 0768 was installed on 10/6/2022 in the village of Makogo, Tanzania and it will serve 125 people.

Remember our Shut-Ins



- Adeline Burgess** *Liberty Square* 204 Liberty Square, Apt. #22 Troy, IL 62294 (618) 667-8964
- Mary Ann Ambuehl** *Hitz Home* (618) 488-2355 201 Bell St. Alhambra, IL 62001
- Geraldine Rock** *Eden Village* (618) 288-5014 400_South Station Road Glen Carbon, IL 62034
- Jim Bailey** *Eden Village* (618) 288-5014 400_South Station Road Glen Carbon, IL 62034
- Jacquelyn Estes** *Morningside of Troy* 39 Dorothy Drive #309 Troy, IL 62294 618-505-0262
- Francis Layfield** *Morningside of Troy* 39 Dorothy Drive #317 Troy, IL 62294
- Charlie Gaultney** *Cedarhurst of Highland* 220 Field Crossing Dr Highland IL 62249 (618) 406-6988



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January
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January 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 am Worship Communion Sunday New Year's Day	2 Office Closed 9:00am Quilting 9:00am TOPS 6:30pm GS #467 Choir 6pm Bells 7pm	3	4 9:00am Quilting	5	6 Epiphany 4:00pm Sheltered Reality	7 Birthday Party - Berkemeier
8 10:00 am Worship with Eric Bosaw	9 Choir 6pm Bells 7pm 9:00am Quilting 9:00am TOPS 5:30pm GS #258	10	11 9:00am Quilting 2:30pm Confirmation	12 6:00pm GS #471	13	14
15 10:00 am Worship with Kelsie Parrish	16 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00am Quilting 9:00am TOPS 6:30pm GS #959 Choir 6pm Bells 7pm Martin L. King, Jr. Day	17 10:00am GS Cookie Drop Off	18 9:00am Quilting 2:30pm Confirmation	19 7:00pm Speaker Series - BBB/Don't get Scammed	20 Powder Puff Set Up	21 ? <i>Team</i> <i>Appreciation Event</i> 8:00am Powder Puff Derby
22 10:00 am Worship 11:00am Finance Board Meeting	23 Choir 6pm Bells 7pm 9:00am Quilting 9:00am TOPS 6:00pm SU 109 Leader	24 1:00pm Womens Guild Meeting	25 9:00am Classic Friedens Event (Senior Adults) 9:00am Quilting 2:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Vision Committee	26 9:30am Ministries Unlimited Meeting 6:00pm GS #471	27	28 6:30pm Trivia Night
29 10:00 am Worship 11:30am Council Meeting	30 Choir 6pm Bells 7pm 9:00am Quilting 9:00am TOPS	31	1 9:00am Quilting 2:30pm Confirmation	2	3	4



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Meet Our Staff

Rev. Tim Harrison	Pastor
Monica Hunsdorf	Administrative Assistant
Peter Coppens	Cemetery Sexton
Kelsie Parrish	Faith Formation Director
Evan Bosaw	Worship Coordinator
Eric Bosaw	Sound/Video Operator
Jim Galaske	Sound Operator
Joe Smith	Video Operator
Kat Spears	Streaming Operator
Fred Keil	Screen Operator
Claudia Galaske	Screen Operator

Standing Committees

Linda Persell	Women's Guild President
Claudia Galaske	Technology
Donna Bingham	Food
Sean Smith	Staff Parish
TBA	History & Archives
Rick Smith	Security

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CHURCH COUNCIL

Joe Smith	President
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