



A Word from Pastor Cindy,

"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ." I Corinthians 1: 4-7

Dear friends, the month of April is almost over, and my time here at Friedens UCC is quickly coming to a close. This is the last Circuit Rider article that I will write as your Interim Pastor.

When thinking about you, the above words from the apostle Paul spoke to me. Friedens UCC, you are a congregation blessed with many spiritual gifts. You have strong, capable lay leaders and staff. Your membership includes many hardworking, faithful folks who range from wise elders to creative youth and children. You have a beautiful building that works well for your ministry (it's been a delight to serve in a church where the building works for the congregation, rather than the other way around.) Most of all, you love God and seek to serve as Jesus' faithful disciples here in Troy.

I trust that you and Rev. Doug Seagle will have many years of fruitful ministry together. As one of my final tasks in preparing you for a new minister, I offer the following suggestions as you move into the future:

*Use "family" language carefully when describing Friedens the congregation. Families can be the source of great love and security, yet estrangement and violence also occur in families. Furthermore, families are marked by boundaries regarding who's in the family and who's not. You want diverse people to feel welcomed and valued at Friedens, and to experience God's love through this community, whether they have been here for a while, or are first-time visitors. Think about whether "family" language conveys this welcoming love, or maybe keeps people away.

*As the Interim Pastor, I've worked with you to stabilize the life of the congregation, in such areas as worship, pastoral care, and congregational activities, and things like worship attendance and finances indeed have stabilized. Now, with a new Pastor, it's time to change! Yes, change can be scary, but it also can be exhilarating, especially when entered into intentionally and boldly! Of course, give Pastor Doug a little time to look around and become familiar. But soon, start asking yourselves, "What is the future that God wants for Friedens UCC? How can God use this congregation?" Dream big, and allow yourselves to stretch to make these dreams come true!

*Consider entering into an intentional congregational renewal process, perhaps facilitated by an outside consultant. Such a process will involve intentional conversations and goal-setting as you dream about God's future for you. Staff from the Illinois South Conference can assist you in finding helpful resources for such a renewal process.

Interim ministry ethics prohibit me from undertaking pastoral responsibilities at Friedens after April 30, or from engaging in any relationships or communications that might interfere with the successful arrival of a new Pastor. So please know that even if you don't hear from me, I will still keep you in my heart and pray for your future.

I close with a word of deep thanksgiving. Dear Friedens friends, thank you for your love and kindness to me and to my family. I'm especially grateful for your celebration of my 20th ordination anniversary, and for your loving care when I had spinal surgery. It's been my privilege to serve as your Interim Pastor.

Peace be with you, Friedens UCC! And glory be to our God in Jesus Christ!

Agape,
Pastor Cindy



Goodbye & Good Luck to
Pastor Cindy and her Family

FROM OUR CHURCH RECORDS

Attendance for April:



	Sunday School	Worship
4/7	37	148
4/14	36	92
4/21	33	93

Adult Fellowship will meet on May, 9 at Noon. Please bring a bag lunch for yourself. After an hour of fellowship, we will be watching a movie in the Theater Room. The movie is "Safe Haven", which is based on the book by Nicholas Sparks. EVERYONE is invited to the movie, which will start at 1 pm and end around 3 pm. Bring a friend!

Hospitalized:

Baptized:

Melody Linn Barton	4/21/13
Mason Faye Pruett	4/21/13



Mother's Day Breakfast

The men of Friedens Church invite all of the women to the Mother's Day breakfast on May 12th. They will start serving at 8:30am. A good will offering will be taken during the breakfast.



Newsletter articles are due on **May 19th**



You may:

- bring your articles to the office
- e-mail them to:

friedenscircuitrider@hotmail.com

- fax the article: 667-6006



On Friday, May 17 from 9 am to 8 pm he will be in Fellowship Hall and on Saturday, May 18th from 9 am to 1 pm, loaded down with may treasures for you and yours. There will be a lunch both days of sloppy joes, hot dogs dessert and drinks. This is an all congregation "White Elephant Sale".

This means contributions will be welcomed from all of you and can be brought in Tuesday thru Thursday, May 14-15th and 16th, both days and evening 10 am until 8pm.

All congregation also means we are asking for help in getting ready for the sale and help on the sale days. The proceeds will go into the operating fund of the church to be designated to a special need at a later date.

The lunch committee is asking for pies and/or desserts for both days. If you have questions, call the Huston's, Thelma at 667-9693 or Gladys at 667-9157.

Come by and shop, you may find a "White Elephant" you just can't resist. There will be a \$1.00 a bag sale on Saturday.

Confirmation Picture Update

I recently found another book that has the years 1877 thru 1896. No pictures, only names and dates. This information had been transferred from German to English by a gentleman from Hillsboro, IL. Some of the family names are Eliese Ottwein, Carl's daughter, Wilhelm, Johann, Elisabeth, Fritz, Louise, Eduard and Lina Bohnenstiehl, the first three recorded as children of Andrea Bohnenstiehl. There are also Eduard and Friederick, twins, and Henrietta (sister), children of Friederich Gusewell. Also, Christina Dollinger, Anna Kirsch, and many more. I also heard from the daughter of one of our deceased church members who found her father's 1927 confirmation picture and she is getting it to me.

Having pictures out at the "Meet and Greet" gather and the following Sunday was very successful. Bob Little has all the pictures from Rev. Wells to the present and will print out the ones that I do not have. So, if I ad asked you for a picture I will probably not need it but may need some help from some of you to identify all the classmates. Thank you for all the information.

Thelma

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



Ushers

May 5	Glen & Gale Stipes Bob & Janis Little
May 12	Larry Bliss Lloyd Bliss Virgil Whittington Ed Whittington
May 19	Dennis & Stephanie Williams Rick & Sherry Smith
May 26	Harold & Mary Ellen Schwehr Jim & Claudia Galaske
June 2	Doug & Debbie Brendel Bill & Marla Brown

If you cannot be present on your day,
please call Yvonne, 667-8409

Bible Readers

May 5	Fred Keil
May 12	Thelma Huston
May 19	Jeff Estes
May 26	Karen Kronk
June 2	Ron Klaustermeier

Altar Flowers

Decorating Committee

Greeters

May 5	Tom & Vick Fischer
May 12	Thelma & Gladys Huston
May 19	Jeff & Jennifer Estes
May 26	Karen Kronk, Sheri & Gabriel Gregson
June 2	Ron & Carolyn Klaustermeier



*May 27, 2013
Church Office Closed*



May

- 4 Gladys Huston
Logan Matz
- 6 Betty Gooch
David Edgar
- 9 Barb Toennies
- 10 Marla Brown
Joe Smith
- 11 Christian Bosaw
Arianna Miles
- 12 Mary Ellen Schwehr
Justin Whittington
- 15 Mary Ann Gaultney
Joy Mesle
- 16 Jason Barker
- 17 Eric Bosaw
- 18 Kay Friederich
Sean Smith
Deb Spears
- 20 Kristen Ferguson
- 22 Verna Ottwein
Tayla Toutloian
- 26 Emily Toennies
- 27 Ron Harbison
Yvonne Kamm
- 28 Crystal Keilbach
Sandra Morton
Tanner Riden



Annual Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

The congregation is invited to join the Sunday school students who will make and serve a delicious pancake breakfast for the congregation, teachers, youth leaders, and staff to show their thanks for all their contributions, dedication and hard work this past year!

Please join us in saying thanks on
Sunday, May 19, 2013
9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Please try to attend so you can show the Sunday school teachers and staff your appreciation.

everyone is
welcome



Items collected for Ministries Unlimited in April were:

- 7 SMALL Easter basket wrap
- 5 Large Easter basket wrap
- 10 Easter baskets
- 2 Coloring/Activity books
- 50 Re-useable bags for food dist.
- 3 boxes cereal
- 3 boxes cheese risotto
- 6 small cans pork & beans
- 1 large can pork & beans
- 2 boxes pancake mix
- 3 bottles pancake syrup
- 3 cans pasta
- 12 boxes mac & cheese
- 4 boxes jell-o
- 1 box instant oatmeal
- 3 bars soap
- 1 toothpaste
- 1 toothbrush
- 48 cans soda
- 24 bottles water

Thank you for your donation! The item for **May** is: **dish detergent.**



Congratulations to Our Graduates

John Lally, graduating from Collinsville High School. John will be attending Univ. of Missouri in Columbia, MO

Alex Toennies, graduating from Triad High School. Alex will be attending Heartland Community College in Normal, IL on a soccer scholarship

Katelyn Spears graduating from Triad High School. Katelyn will be attending Southern Illinois University in Carbondale

Christopher Gebhart, graduating from Ranken Technical College with a degree in Precision Machine.





Send Friedens Kidz to Camp!

Camp scholarships are needed to Send Kidz to Camp DuBois. You can donate a full or partial scholarship. Any donation will help and be greatly appreciated. Please see Stephanie Williams. Thank you!

It Happened Here – 35 Years Ago

“What Is A Grandmother?”

(Written by a third grader from the W. Alexander School in Oakland, California)

A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own. She likes other people’s little girls. A grandfather is a man grandmother. He goes for walks with boys and they talk about fishing and tractors and things like that. Grandmas don’t have to do anything except just be there. They are so old

they shouldn’t run. It is enough if they drive us to the market where the “pretend horse” is and they have lots of dimes, or if they take us for a walk they slow down past things like pretty leaves or caterpillars. They never say “hurry up”. Usually they are fat, but not too fat to tie your shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear. They can take their teeth and gums off. It is better if they don’t typewrite or play cards except with us. They don’t have to be smart, only answer questions like “Why do dogs hate cats?” or “How come God isn’t married?” They read to us and they don’t skip over anything or mid if it is the same story again. Everybody should try to have one, especially if you don’t have a television because grandmas are the only grownups who have got time.

COUNCIL –

Monte Krueger presented the following items from the Christian Board of Education:

1. Convert stage area into nursery facilities.
 2. Recommendation to grant request of Sunday school teachers to have their own treasury and handle their purchasing and records.
 3. Committee request to install movable cabinets on east and west walls of basement for Sunday school storage.
- Action taken: *Council Transferred Sunday school funds to be administered by a Sunday school

treasurer (per SS. Articles of Operation, adopted April 76 congregational meeting.) *Granted request to build and install cabinets. *Approved drafts and detailed quarterly reports of the treasurer and the report for the month. *Approved the Sr. High Youth Fellowship “lock-in.”

As a matter of information, President Emmons announced that the intercom system linking the church and parsonage has been donated to the church by two member families; he also reminded the members of the work day set for May 6 at 9 a.m.

WOMEN'S GUILD-

It was reported that about 80 pads were taken to Hitz Home. Vesta Faitz has 6 lap covers ready for Hitz.

Under new business, it was moved that we change the words “inactive Members” to “Sustaining Members.” Another matter voted upon and passed was raising the memorial gift from \$5 to \$10 when a member passes away.

Guild tour – on May 24 we will leave the church at 9:30 a.m. and go to the St. Louis Art Museum. We will eat lunch at the restaurant. Other trips will be on June 4 to Fort de Chartres, with a picnic lunch, Menard Home, and Fort Kaskaskia. In July we will go to Waterloo's historic Peterstown House. In August – Shaw Gardens. September –SIU Folklore display and more of the campus not seen last

year. In October we will visit Ste. Genevieve, MO. November – museum in Edwardsville. In December we will attend the poinsettia show at the Missouri Botanical Garden.

SUNDAY SCHOOL-

Individual storage cabinets have been made for each class and are a gift from the Brueggeman family for their memorial gift.

Starting the first Sunday in May, there will be a lot of children trying to achieve a star class. After six months, the three classes with the most star classes will receive a commemorative coin for each child, provided by the Church Council.

SENIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP-

All plans are going well for the Cystic Fibrosis Walk-a-Thon which will be held at the Troy Park. So far, we have close to 100 kids walking. Come out and give your support.

THE CHOIRS, SENIOR AND YOUTH-

The Senior Choir has been singing full time during the time the Youth Choir has been practicing the musical “Barbecue for Ben”, based on the Parable of the Prodigal Son. The musical will be presented on Sunday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

COUPLES CLUB-

The Chicken Supper was again a success. We served 750 people. A

big thank you goes to all those who helped us.

On April 9 we went to Montclair Bowl for a slightly revised version of the ten pin game. We threw the ball in the general direction of the pins, so technically we were bowling. Our chairpersons had some strange rules, but it was fun. After bowling, we went to the McDowell's for the promised banana splits and decided to sponsor a float in the Troy Homecoming Parade.

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION-

We are going to take over the library, weed out some material and turn it into a reference library. We will join in with the Methodist church for this year's Vacation Bible School since we both have limited space. Motion was made to ask the Council to help support VBS with a donation of \$100. It was recommended that the stage be converted into nursery space with portable partitions to be anchored in several places, carpeting, paneling and cribs. Carpet has already been donated.

Stewardship Message

May 2013

God is still speaking,

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



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**Dear Friedens faith family,
We want to thank you for
your kindness and support
during the illness and
passing of our Father,
Grandfather and Father in-
law Bob Williams. There are
no words that can truly
express our sincere
gratitude.
Dennis, Stephanie and Ryan
Williams**

TRICKY TRAY 2013

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

The Women's Guild met on April 17, 2013 at 7:00 pm, with 16 ladies present. Virginia Bailey opened the meeting with a prayer, and then read a funny Dear Abby story. The first order of business was to install Linda Grotefendt, Vicky Fischer, and Debbie Byrd as Active Members.

Devotions were provided by Gladys Huston, who played a tape of the song "Will You Hold Me While I Cry". Gladys pointed out that although this song could make you cry, it also makes you happy knowing that God is always there to take care of us.

Committees reported that the quilt for this year's raffle is almost finished and is in the binding stage; there were 20 lap pads, 40 bears, and 5 afghans donated to Hospice; and there are only 4 bags of pecans left.

The White Elephant Sale is scheduled for 05/17/13 and 05/18/13. Thelma Huston will chair the sale, Donna Bingham and Linda Grotefendt are in charge of the food.

It was clarified that the White Elephant Sale has a long history at Friedens, had it's own sign for the event, and was last held back in 2000. After a 13 year hiatus, let's have a successful sale!

In place of the May meeting, we will have the annual Family Banquet, to be held on Monday May 13, 2013 at 6:30 pm. Chicken and drinks will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert, and plan on an evening of good food and fun. Hope to see you there!

Tricky Tray was an amazing success, lots of attendance prizes and the auction items went fast with fierce bidding and even some standing guard so there's would be the last bid.

I would like to thank all of those who helped in any way. Gladys Huston, Sue Hanks and Diane Seymore for helping set up on Saturday. Jane Maedge, Donna Bingham and Sue Jarvis for making sure all of the food was prepared. Brady Waggoner for helping me call the winners of the trays and all the kids who helped carry the trays. The CEB for helping with clean up, I didn't know it could be done that quick. To Judy for making copies and forwarding emails. Thank you to those who donated items.

With all of your efforts we were able to make a profit of over \$2,100 to offset the cost of Vacation Bible School. I have probably left names off of this list, if so I apologize, but thank you!

Julie Loehring

September
1st No Sunday-School
8 Rally Day!

FRIEDENS UCC
SUMMER 2013
SCHEDULE



VBS JUNE
10TH -14TH

May
26th No Sunday-School

June.
2nd No Sunday-School

9

16

23

30th No Sunday-School

July
7th No Sunday-School

14

21

28 No Sunday-School

August
4th No Sunday-School

11

18

25 No S-School