



Grace and peace to all of God's people,
As most of you know I just recently lost my mother to cancer on Maundy Thursday of this year. And with that event comes the settling of the estate. My Mom and Dad had a will and everything has been laid out precisely about who gets what and what is to be done with the farm and the property. I have pondered this day coming for several years now. And as I think about everything that my dad and mom worked for, saved for, invested for, so that myself and my two older brothers might have a better life than they did. I have come to several conclusions. First, there will be no contesting their written wishes. The will stands on its own. Secondly, I have always felt that the things that my parents worked so hard for and sacrificed for are not mine. I didn't work 18 hours a day on a farm for 40 years. I didn't work 12 hour days in town at the mill. They did. Therefore anything that may come my way I look at as a pure unearned gift that came from my parents who had a plan not only for themselves, but for their children.

This really isn't anything new but it is very biblical. In fact the first instance of a biblical estate plan goes all the way back to Abraham in the book of Genesis. At God's urging, he left "everything he owned to Isaac" and subsequent heirs all provided a will to dictate how their post-death belongings would be distributed. Even over in Proverbs 13:22 the value of such a legacy is promoted: "A good person leaves an inheritance for his children's children."

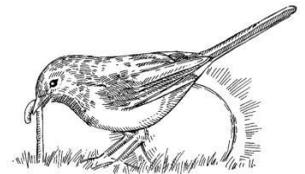
Yet there are all kinds of ways to look at inherited money. Money that wasn't ours, money that we did nothing to earn. Money that was given to us out of the kindness of someone's heart. And of course the big question is what does one do with it? Sure enough we here at Friedens have been given a wonderful gift from someone that cared about us. And of course the opinions of what we should do with this gift are many. But there is one thing that I urge us to keep in mind as we think and pray about this matter..... What is the best gift that we as a congregation could leave the children's children of Friedens United Church of Christ?The options are many,

but as your Pastor I encourage you to think about your future. Not in the sense of making sure that there are adequate savings or endowment funds that cannot be touched for whatever reason. But in the sense of building ministry in the name of Jesus Christ. Building ministries in our church and in the community that are going to last well into the future and help bring about the kingdom of God. Building ministry that glorifies and honors God. Because if we can do that, God will glorify and honor us and our future will be secure.

Friedens UCC has been given a wonderful opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of many people. I pray that we can do so together.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Doug.

Morning Matins with Holy Communion will be offered every Thursday at 9:00 AM beginning September 18. This service is a form of morning prayer and will last approximately 45 minutes. Anyone is welcome and I hope to see you there.



Morning Matins



If you need a ride to Sunday worship service, call the office at 667-6535 and the church bus will come get you!

**FROM OUR
CHURCH RECORDS**

Attendance for July

Sunday School	Worship
6/6	93
6/13	86
6/20	103
6/27	100



Dear Friends,

Hltz Memorial Home would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$22.00. Your generosity combined with thoughtful gifts of other friends, is a very important part of the Home's commitment to excellence in long term care. On behalf of the residents, Board o Directors and staff of Hltz Memorial Home, please accept our sincere appreciation for your generous gift.

Sincerely,
Susan Tudor
Administrator

Newsletter articles are due on **August 17th**

You may:

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

friedenscircuitrider@hotmail.com

- fax the article: 667-6006




Yoga Resumes

September 8th
7 p.m.

Thank you for the lovely cards, heartfelt, cheery wishes, and prayers at the time of my surgery. Pastor Doug, thank-you for the concerns, and a special thanks to Jackie Estes....you brightened my day.

Linda Ingersoll



August

- 1 Lisa Healea
Jill Seagle
- 3 Stan Huston
Faye McMillin
- 5 Scott Estes
Jennifer Ruger
- 6 Terrie Warden Randall
Abigail Schroeter
Beverly Turner
- 7 Audrey Deeren
Lorna Schaubert
- 8 Darrell Dankenbring
Gabriel Gregson
Alex Toennies
- 9 Jean Dankenbring
- 11 Emily Patton
- 12 Mary Klotz
- 13 Laurie Meyer
Devin Wilkins
- 14 Olivia Bosaw
Doug Brendel
Katie Carver
Joyce Koenig
Wendy Smith

- 16 Doug A. Brendel
Gale Stipes
- 17 Melissa Greenwood
Allan Weder
- 18 Jackie Estes
Ed Maedge
- 19 Gwen Bosaw
- 22 Jim Bailey
- 23 Jared Willis
- 26 Jennifer Stephens
Jessica Wilkins
- 27 Edwin Dankenbring
- 28 Nancy Nemnich
- 29 Adeline Burgess
John E. Lally
- 30 Mark Friederich



A New Youth Group Has Started!
Come join in the fun at Friedens every
Wednesday night from 6:30 – 7:30
p.m. with leaders Sean, Jamie and
Aaron. Bring your friends and plan on
a good time!



Ushers

- August 3** Rick and Sherry Smith
Fred and Wanda Keil
- August 10** Dave and Pat Edgar
Ron and Mary Emmons
- August 17** Donna Bingham
Georgia Wilkins
Gloria Mannz
Kathy Raymond
- August 24** Tom Fischer
Ryan Williams
Dennis Williams
Kenny Grotefendt
- August 31** Wayne and Julie Loehring
Bill and Marla Brown
- Sept. 7** Bob and Janis Little
Ron & Carol Klaustermeier

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

Liturgists

- August 3** Joe Smith
- August 10** Wayne Loehring
- August 17** Virginia Bailey
- August 24** Rayne Smith, Sean Smith
- August 31** Pastor Doug
- Sept. 7** Georgia Wilkins



Bus Drivers and Helpers

- August 3** Mike & Debbie Byrd
- August 10** Roy & Faye McMillan
- August 17** Jack Van Hoose and
Diane Seymore
- August 24** Jim & Claudia Galaske
- August 31** Doug & Debbie Brendel
- If you cannot help on your scheduled day,
please call one of the others to switch.**



Beginning
Tuesday,
Sept. 9th,
Children's
bells will
meet at 6:30
p.m. Adult
bells will
meet at 7:30
p.m.



Women's Guild

The Women's Guild met on Wednesday, July 16 at 7 p.m. with 15 ladies present. President Schiller welcomed members and then recognized the July birthdays and had a prayer.

Sue Hoppes provided an interesting devotion about "God's Law" and how people interpreted and applied the scriptures in the Old Testament. She confessed that she did this same devotion 10 years ago. Audrey Deeren remembered it, how interesting.

Betty reported that the next Hobby Bee would be on Tuesday, July 22 at 6 o'clock. The Homecoming plans for both the cake walk stand and the quilt raffle stand were finalized. Mary Emmons reported that she still needed workers for Saturday night. It was also decided that the Guild would sell the remaining bags of pecans along with the quilt tickets and cookbooks.

Sue Hoppes was the attendance prize winner. JoAnn Longhi and Gladys

Huston were the hostesses for the evening and provided delicious brownie sundaes.

Our next meeting will be on August 20. Devotions will be given by Georgia Wilkins, the hostesses will be Diana Bauer and Yvonne Kamm. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer and the parting song.



Choir Practice Resumes

Adult and Children's Choir practices begin again on Tuesday, August 19th. These groups practice once a week and provide special music for Sunday morning worship. Please join us for fun, fellowship, and lots of great music!
Children's choir 6:00 – 6:25 p.m.
Adult choir 6:30 – 7:20 p.m.

It Happened Here – 35 Years Ago

Church Council Regular Meeting –
The necessity for locking the church doors was again discussed. It was reported that some items have disappeared.

Women's Guild News –
Members voted to have a lunch stand at the Parkinson Sale on August 18th. The sale begins at 10:00 a.m., so workers and food will need to be available early.

Senior High Youth Fellowship –
The car wash was also a part of the discussion. A profit of \$132.00 was made. With this money we bought a PA system for Hitz Home.

Couples Club –
On August 12th, the Couples Club will be sponsoring an afternoon on the Admiral.

UCC Night at Busch Stadium –
It is time to start thinking about our UCC 8th annual ballgame. The baseball game will be August 14th, against the Los Angeles Dodgers. Tickets will again be sent on a first come first served basis.

DuBois Center Events

Horse Retreat, Sept. 12-14
Age 12 years and older. Round up your friends and your sense of adventure and join the DuBois Equestrian Team for a weekend of fun.

Service Saturday, Sept. 20
Come help prepare DuBois Center for a very busy Fall! We'll gather at 8:30 a.m. and conclude by 4 p.m. Lunch is provided, but CALL to reserve a spot!

Fall Festival, Oct. 5
FREE parking ~ FREE admission
Crafts, food, music and fun!
Enter to win a beautiful quilt or a week at camp!

*Mother & Daughter Retreat,
Oct. 17-19*
Relax and re-energize your relationship with your daughter, mother, granddaughter, niece, aunt, or other special woman or girl in our life. Playful, faith-based and fun!

Visit www.DuBoisCenter.org
or call 618-787-2202



Items collected for
Ministries Unlimited in
July were:

78 cans soda
13 bottles shampoo
3 bars soap
8 boxes macaroni and cheese
1 large can soup
4 packages dry pasta
11 jars gravy
7 cans tuna
2 boxes cereal
12 cans tomato sauce
38 cans vegetables
1 bowl soup
1 box mashed potatoes
8 bottles low calories G-2
3 jars jelly
1 can soup
1 – 4lbs sugar
1 bottle salad dressing
1 bag chopped dates
4 boxes candy canes
3 sleeves white crackers
2 sleeves graham crackers
7 cans frosting
1 can sloppy Joe sauce
1 package bean soup
1 bottle Gatorade
1 can olives

1 box hot chocolate mix
6 jars peanut butter
10 boxes cake mix
6 jars pasta sauce
2 cans pasta
2 cans pork and beans
1 jar salsa

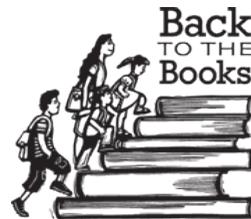
School supplies drive -

3 packages 50 ct brown paper bags
30 folders with fasteners
6 folders without fasteners

Christmas drive –

5 gift bags
1 Disney paddle bat
Napkins
Plastic forks, spoons, knives
Large paper plates
Small paper plates
16 oz cups
9 oz cups
Coffee cup

Thank you for your donation! The
items for **August** are: **chicken noodle
soup, cranberry sauce, crackers,
canned fruit, and peanut butter.**





I hope you are enjoying your summer, I can't believe school starts so soon!

Friedens has had a full summer with VBS, youth going to the Great Lakes Youth Event in Wisconsin, Troy's Homecoming and the weekly youth gatherings! There are plans in the making for our youth to take a trip to Six Flags and a Cardinal Baseball Game along with many other fun events.

I am planning our fall Sunday School year and am looking forward to getting back into the swing of weekly Sunday School. If you have an idea of any kind for Friedens Kidz please share it with me. If you would like to be involved in our Sunday School program I would love to have you join our team! Contact me at 667-7001

August Sunday School

- 3rd No Sunday School
- 10th Sandy Harbison, teacher
- 17th Debbie Byrd, teacher
- 24th & 31st No Sunday School

Birthday Bags

Friedens Kidz will be putting together Birthday bags again this year for Ministries



Unlimited. We would love for you to help us get the supplies needed to put in these bags.

Please look on the wall outside the Sanctuary with tags of the items needed. If you would like to help please **take** a tag purchase the item and bring to church and place in the Birthday box below the tags.

Personal hygiene items

Have you traveled this summer? Did you stay in a hotel, motel? If so and have new unused personal hygiene items you collected from your stay, Friedens Kidz can use them in making up bags for the less fortunate. Please place your items in the box outside the office marked "Toiletries".



To You Who Bring Small Children to Church –

There you are sitting in worship or Bible study. Your child, or toddler, is restless. Perhaps they're even a little boisterous. You try to silence them, and nothing. You try to pacify them with food or toys, and nothing. Eventually, you resort to the last thing you wanted to do: you pick them up and before a watching audience you make the march out of the auditorium. All the while you're a little embarrassed. Maybe you're a little frustrated too. You might even think to yourself, "There's no point in coming to church. I get nothing out of it because I have to constantly care for my kid."

I want you – you mothers and/or fathers – to know just how encouraging you are to so many. The little elderly woman who often feels alone beams with a smile at the sight of you wrestling with your little one. She's been there before. She knows how hard it can be, but she smiles because to hear that brings back precious memories. To see young parents and their small children brighten her day, and she may have

just received bad news this week about her health, but seeing the vitality of young ones removes – if but for a moment – her fears.

The older man who always seems to be grouchy notices you too. He's always talking about how children in this day have no respect or sense of good. But, he sees you – a young family – in church, and you don't miss any gathering. Like clockwork, he can depend on the sight of you and your young family. You give him hope that maybe the church isn't doomed after all, because there are still young parents who love God enough to bring their restless children to worship.

Then there's everybody else. Some people will honestly become frustrated by noisy children in church. They have this warped idea that reverence includes absolute silence. It doesn't. When parents brought their children to Jesus, the disciples rebuked them (Matt. 19.13-15), but Jesus rebuked His disciples. He said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." The term translated "children" in Matthew

and Mark is *paidon*. The root of the word "pedagogue" is from this word. It defined children of either an infant state, or more particularly, it was with reference to those who were half-grown and could be either males or females.

When Luke wrote his account of this narrative, he used the word *brephos*; which means "infants." Luke wasn't contradicting Matthew and Mark's account, because Luke wrote that they brought the infants "also" (Luke 18.15-17). They would have squirmed, maybe even cried. This was likely why the disciples rebuked the parents; as well as that they might have thought that the children were too young to understand the blessing Christ pronounced over them.

Bring your children to church. ***If you don't hear crying, the church is dying.*** As hard as it might be for you as a parent who is half asleep, keep on doing what you're doing. You are an encouragement and you're starting off your children's lives as you should.

By Steven Hunter, September 25, 2013
<http://veritasvenator.com/2013/09/25/to-you-who-bring-small-children-to-church/>



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<http://friedensucc-troy.org/>

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Question: So how do we, as a church, keep our arms open to those people who consistently rub us the wrong way?

Answer: There is not an easy or pat answer for this. All the same, I do believe there are some general rules of thumb that apply.

1. Address the issue before it gets out of hand. If we sit around hoping things will improve, the likelihood is that we are just giving a bad situation time to fester into a social cancer.
2. Address the person in a manner equal to their personality. What I mean is this: If the person has a meek personality, we need to be meek in our approach. Don't push hard on a gentle soul. However, when we have a bold personality, we need to be bold in our approach. Jesus used this mixed methodology very well. Consider His manner with the woman at the well as compared to the religious authorities.

3. Address the issue, not the person. One thing we can all do as a church is learn to be honest with each other. This will take time and will involve some bumps and bruises along the way, but in the end, open and healthy communication is always an essential foundation to any group relationship-churches included.



Ladies at the recent Hobby Bee worked on projects that included watercolor painting, needle felting, counted cross stitch, yarn dolls, and scrap booking. And enjoyed some friendly conversation and laughter. The next Hobby Bee is scheduled for Monday August 25, 2014 from 6-9pm. Bring your project, or just observe and learn something new. If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact Betty Schiller at 616-6427.

