



Greetings and peace to you.

In every congregation that I have been a part of there has always been, and I know always will be, some type of conflict. In my opinion it is a natural occurrence because when two or more are gathered together someone is going to disagree or have problems with someone else. And unfortunately Friedens is not exempt from these types of problems. But one of the things I think we all fail to do, which naturally adds to any type of conflict, is we fail to stop and look at ourselves and we fail to bear one another's burdens. The truth is all of us have problems and defects in our personalities. Many times those personal issues spill over into the matters of the church. It is easy to look at others and find fault, it is easy to blame and criticize. What is difficult is to approach these situations in a Christ-like manner.

It was once written, "There will always be defects in ourselves or others which we cannot correct. These we must simply tolerate until God in His goodness sees fit to change things. After all, this may be the best possible way to prove our patience, without which our good qualities are not worth much." (The Imitation of Christ. On Bearing with the Defects of Others. P. 37) I find these words to be true in almost every situation in the church. They actually mirror Jesus' own words about criticizing others. "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. Why do you look at the speck of saw dust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?" (Matthew 7: 1-3).

I encourage us all to take to heart the serious nature of our relationships. They are important and I ask that as we approach any issue or problem or meeting that we stop and think about ourselves before we tear down and destroy others. I encourage us all to do our best to be patient with each other and err on the side of grace no matter what the situation may be.

"If everyone was perfect, what would we have to endure for the love of God? God wills us to learn to bear one another's burdens. No one is without faults, no one without a cross, no one self-sufficient and no one wise enough alone. Therefore we must support, comfort and assist one another, instructing and admonishing one another in all charity. Therefore if you want to get along with others, it is necessary to curb your own will in many things." (The Imitation of Christ. On Bearing with the Defects of Others. P. 39)

May God's blessings and peace be with you all,  
Pastor Doug

## Attendance for September

	Sunday School	Worship
9/7	--	111
9/14	--	106
9/21	28	150
9/28	30	114

### Hospitalized:

Vicki Fischer

### Deaths:

Warren Spencer, born 7/12/18, died 9/17/14. Funeral 9/17 /14

Newsletter articles are due on **October 19<sup>th</sup>**.

You may:

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

[friedenscircuitrider@hotmail.com](mailto:friedenscircuitrider@hotmail.com)

- fax the article: 667-6006



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



## October

- 1 Tami Adelhardt  
Christopher Hoppes  
Karen Mollet
- 5 Gladys Skeens  
Amy Schroeter  
Dennis Williams
- 6 Jeff Estes
- 7 Anita Hoenig  
Sue Kassing  
Michael Schroeter
- 8 Michael Gebhart  
Sheila Waggoner
- 13 Allison Meyer  
Jill Schmitt
- 14 Chris Gebhart
- 16 Elda Klenke
- 17 Jim Galaske  
Denise Willis
- 19 Annette Grady
- 21 Richard Talbert
- 23 Justin Stipes
- 24 Kenny Grotefendt
- 26 Alexander Hoppes  
Randy Waggoner
- 29 Gerald Schmitt



**Ushers**

- Oct. 5** Rick & Sherry Smith  
Bill & Marla Brown
- Oct. 12** Jim & Claudia Galaske  
Tom & Vicki Fischer
- Oct. 19** Sean Smith, Jamie Todd  
Joe Smith, Rayne Smith
- Oct. 26** Gladys Skeens  
Sandy Harbison  
Wendy Porter  
MaryEllen Schwehr
- Nov. 2** Dave & Pat Edgar  
Bill & Marla Brown

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

**Liturgists**

- Oct. 5** Ron Harbison
- Oct. 12** David Hoppes
- Oct. 19** Bill Brown
- Oct. 26** John Lally
- Nov. 2** Marla Brown



October 12,  
11:30 a.m. – 5  
p.m.



**Bus Drivers and  
Helpers**

- Oct. 5** Jack VanHoose  
Debbie Byrd
- Oct. 12** Jim Galaske  
Claudia Galaske
- Oct. 19** Doug Brendel  
Debbie Brendel
- Oct. 26** Tom Fischer  
Linda Grotefendt
- Nov. 2** Jim Cropper  
Laura Lally

**If you cannot help on your scheduled day, please call one of the others to switch.**

**Congregational  
Meeting**



October 26

A soup and dessert lunch will be followed by the quarterly congregational meeting.

**Cans please! - Ministries Unlimited** is collecting empty one pound coffee cans. If you are able to donate any, please leave them by the M/U baskets & Ruby will collect them.



Items collected for  
Ministries Unlimited in  
September were:

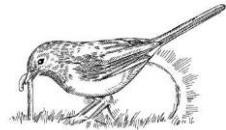
- 3 bars soap
- 1 deodorant
- 3 tubes toothpaste
- 7 toothbrushes
- 1 dental floss
- 1 tube dry skin treatment
- 2 bottles body wash
- 1 pair girl's socks
- 1 box pantiliner
- 14 boxes macaroni and cheese
- 6 large cans soup
- 5 pkgs. dry pasta
- 3 boxes cereal
- 16 cans vegetables
- 1 can soup
- 1 jar peanut butter
- 2 cans pasta
- 4 cans pork & beans
- 1 can broth
- 1 box broth
- 1 box quick barley
- 1 bag side rice
- 1 can coffee
- 1 box crackers
- 1 box fajita dinner kit
- 1 can 3-bean salad
- 2 cans cranberry sauce
- 2 cans milk

- 3 cans fruit
- 8 boxes stuffing
- 1 large can pork & beans
- 16 pkgs. Ramen soup
- 2 pie shells
- 6 boxes jell-o
- 1 can icing
- 2 rolls toilet paper
- 1 large can baked beans
- 6 cans tuna
- 1 large can chicken breast
- 1 box milk chocolate
- 2 bags gravy mix
- 2 bags chili mix
- 1 can great northern beans

#### School Supplies Drive

- 5 24ct. crayons
- 2 bottles school glue
- 10 folders with fasteners
- 1 folder without fasteners

Thank you for your donation! The items for **October** are: hot chocolate mix, pork-n-beans, coffee and mac-n-cheese.



Morning Matins

Morning Matins with Holy  
Communion are offered every  
Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

## ***It Happened Here – 35 Years Ago***

### Flowery Excuses

Because of “inadequate funds” our 26 year old son is still living at home while teaching at a nearby private school. Last Easter he came home a little later than usual from church, handed me one beautiful daffodil and said, “Happy Easter, Mom!” I realized his income was low, but with daffodils so inexpensive...I smiled half pleasantly and said, “Thank you. It’s very pretty.” (But I was thinking, “Where’s the other eleven?”) I changed my tune quickly when he began to explain, “I only gave you one, Mom, because I stopped and visited Grandma at the nursing home and gave her one, and she had ten friends, and I.....

### Women’s Guild News

We had a lunch stand at the Feldmeier Sale on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all those who donated pies and their help. Our semi-annual Rummage Sale will be Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Council Meeting

The following items of interest were noted: 1) World Wide Communion Sunday will be observed on October

7<sup>th</sup> with pew communion, 2) The parsonage and the church suffered some damage during a recent electrical storm, 3) Spaghetti Supper to raise funds for choir expenses will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **Do You Have Your Tickets Yet?**

**October 18, 2014**

### **Hoyleton's Annual Dinner Auction**

Details coming soon

at [www.hoyleton.org](http://www.hoyleton.org)



Come join us for a family fun Halloween Party on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 5 pm. There will be pumpkin decorating – BYOP (bring your own pumpkin), and Halloween-themed games and activities for all ages. Come dressed in your Halloween costumes (if you dare) and enjoy the fun. And what Halloween Party would be complete without great snacks and plenty of candy! See you there!



## **Come one, come all**

We have classes and wonderful teachers for everyone from Pre K-Adult. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. for an hour of learning of God's love for each of us.

**Please be on time!** There are plenty of things planned just for you and your children; we don't want you to miss anything!

## **PARENTS**

Please pick up your children at their classroom at **10:00 sharp!** Your children's teachers may have other commitments and we sure don't want to hold them up. We are looking forward to seeing you!

## **October Schedule**

5<sup>th</sup> 9-10 a.m.

12 No Sunday (School Sausage Dinner)

19 9-10 a.m.

26 9-10 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 9:00 and runs for 1 hour

**Pre K – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade** meet in the theater for an opening then travel to their age appropriate classroom

**Confirmation class** meets in the room across from the game room  
**Adult class** meets in the conference room on the upper level of the educational wing

**SIS (Sisters in Spirit) women's class** meets in the computer room last room on the left lower level of the educational wing  
(details to come about this class)

Children's Choir Pre K & older - meet on Tuesday evening at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall

Children's Bells 8 year olds & older - need to be tall enough & strong enough to handle the bells

Youth Group 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older - meet every other Wednesday at 6:30 in the confirmation room. Special outings and mission work are added into the schedule

If you would like more information about Sunday School or any of the opportunities please see Stephanie.

We always have room for teachers and helpers! Do you have a special gift that you would like to share with our children & youth? We would love to have you join us see Stephanie.



Thank you to all of our Friedens Family for all your cards, memorials, and to all who had a part in the funeral and luncheon. All was appreciated.

Lloyd and Larry Bliss

Dear Members of the Women's Guild,

Thanks so much for the lovely get-well card signed by all of you, and for your thoughts and prayers before, during, and after my open heart surgery. I am doing well – getting stronger and getting out more – but I tire easily. Guess everything takes time. Thanks again.

Sincerely,  
Beverly Turner

Greetings and Blessings,

Thank you for supporting our children with your love offering gift. I enjoyed being a part of worship. I saw many old friends and met new ones, too. Enjoy the blessings of God's world.

Brenda Crisp  
UniPresKindercottage

Friedens Family,

Thank you for the cards and other expressions of sympathy after my grandmother passed. Going to church was the highlight of her week.

Laura Lally

Cow Patty Bingo a Success!



“Cool Babe” successfully deposited a “patty” on Square 379 after 1.5

hours of walking around on the grid that had been carefully designed the day before by Friedens’ “best.” She took a short rest and was given some nourishment before she deposited the lucky patty. Pastor Doug later presented a \$1000 check to Geraldine Zobrist from Troy, IL. There were 4 “Good Neighbors” who won \$50 each. All 500 Squares were sold which required much effort on everyone’s part. A big thank you to all those who helped make this event a success! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Many pictures were taken and will be available at the sausage dinner for those who wish to have a copy.



## Women's Guild

The Women's Guild met on September 17, 2014. President Schiller welcomed the ladies and offered prayer for the shut-ins and offering. Mary Emmons had devotions and read from the book "Because He Lives" an inspirational story about Gloria and Bill Gaither. After the secretary and financial report was given the committee reports were given. Gladys Huston reported that they have put in the new quilt for next year's raffle. JoAnn ordered pecans and should arrive before the quilt show. The next Hobby Bee is Saturday, Sept 27 from 9-12:00. There was some discussion about next year's possibilities as for as crafts and hobbies.

The Quilt and Art Show was discussed. Gloria reported that the letters to the local and regional quilt shops will be sent out soon. Sue Hanks is filling in for Vicki Fischer who recently had surgery and will be chairing the event with Gloria. The members will be asked to sign up for the different areas to work.

Gladys Huston won the attendance prize. The hostesses for the evening were Sue Hoppes and Donna Bingham. A delicious warm apple

crisp was served with ice cream. The next meeting will be on October 15, 2014. Devotions by Audrey Deeren, hostesses will be Stephanie Williams and Georgia Wilkins.

Ministries Unlimited items are hot chocolate mix, pork-n-beans, coffee and mac-n-cheese.

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and sang the parting song.

### **Kindercottage...**

...is looking for volunteers who have specific skills and interests including electrical, venting dryers, installing windows, planting fall plants with children, weeding, grinding out a stump, mulching and more.

Contact Brenda at 618-874-6505.



Pastor Doug will be hosting a meeting right after church service on October 5 to talk about the Fern Niehaus estate

money. Please plan to attend and join the discussion. All ideas are welcome! Negativity is to be left at the door.