



Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Well if there is one thing that I know for sure in this world. It is the simple fact that I love my children. Andrew, Brittany, Wyatt and Morgan have and always will be the most special individuals in my life. It has been a pleasure watching them grow and change and become the people that they are. It has been challenging and heart wrenching at times. There have been tears and laughter. And there is a tendency to place them first above all other things in life. I am sure that many of you feel the same way about your children and grandchildren.

Although I have never been perfect as a Father (and I never will be), I have always strived to do the best that I can to lead and guide them in a direction that is best for them. The job is not unlike that of the shepherd that we find in John chapter 10. Here Jesus says that “the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” And that “He is the good shepherd and that He is the door.” This is wonderful imagery not only for the individual but for the church as well.

Thomas Aquinas once wrote that “Christ has shared His being a shepherd with others and made some members of His body fellow shepherds.” (For All the Saints Vol. I P. 419) To me that says a lot about leadership within the church. Some of us have been chosen to lead or shepherd the congregation. A congregation that is full of children of God. Children that need to be loved, cared for and protected. Yet Aquinas goes on to say that, “No one can be a good shepherd unless he is united with Christ through charity, thus becoming a member of the true shepherd and two things are required of him, to be responsible for them and to love them; one is not enough without the other.” (For All the Saints, Vol. I P. 420)

I sometimes feel that within the church we forget that our love for one another should always trump our differences and should certainly over ride the “business” of the church. As good shepherds we lead through love and we err on the side of grace. As good shepherds our charity towards one another should be greater than any issue or problem we may be facing. As good shepherds we sacrifice ourselves for the good of the flock. Whether we lead or choose to sit back and watch, being a shepherd is clearly a part of Christ’s work.

Peace to you, Pastor Doug

Attendance for August



Sunday School	Worship
8/3	86
8/10	86
8/17	101
8/24	114

Hospitalized:

Verna Ottwein

Deaths:

Gladys Bliss, born 7/2/21 died 8/1/14.
Funeral 8/16/14.

Florence Cropper, born 8/21/22; died
8/3/14. Funeral 8/12/14.

Newsletter articles are
due on **September 21st**.

You may:

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

friedenscircuitrider@hotmail.com

- fax the article: 667-6006



A super big “Thank you” to everyone who had any part in making the Cake Walk stand a huge success – the cake bakers, workers, sound system techs, set up and break down helpers, people who worked the microphone, cake deliverers, and especially to all who walked around the stand and, hopefully, won a cake! Thank you so much. If I have omitted anyone, I am so sorry, as I did not mean to do so. We also want to thank those who gave donations to the stand. The Cake Walk would not have been possible without your cooperation – and du to your support and dedication, a profit of \$829.35 was made. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you!

Mary and the Women’s Guild

Joe & I wish to thank everyone for the cards for our birthdays and our anniversary. We appreciate your kindness.

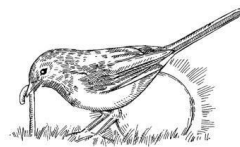
Sincerely, Joe & Jackie Estes



September

- 3 Cindy Borrowy
- 4 Jody Shipley
John Healea
Spencer Hoppes
Devin Williams
Danielle Oberby
Kathy Rice
- 6 Sandra Poletti
- 8 Christopher Ellis
Amira Andreas
Mackenzie Hall
- 9 Tim McCoy
- 10 Dennis Whittington
- 11 John Deloney
- 12 Carol Deloney
Jonathan Hoppes
- 15 Virgil Whittington
- 16 Betty Dankenbring
- 17 Katelyn Gebhardt
- 18 Clayton Whittington
- 19 Diane Seymore
- 21 Carlene Keilbach
- 22 Carrie Andreas
- 24 Roger King
Roy McMillin

- 28 Julie Loehring
Karen King
Melanie McCoy
Patrick Ruger
- 29 Crystal Gebhart
Dale Mollett
- 30 Don Turner



Morning Matins

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.



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



Ushers

- Sept. 7** Bob and Janis Little
Ron & Carol Klaustermeier
- Sept. 14** Amy & Mike Schroeter
Doug & Debbie Brendel
- Sept. 21** Cindy & Dennis Westfall
Ron & Sandy Harbison
- Sept. 28** MaryEllen Schwehr
Wendy Porter
Otis & Katie Carver
- Oct. 5** Rick & Sherry Smith
Bill & Marla Brown

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

Liturgists

- Sept. 7** Georgia Wilkins
- Sept. 14** Kellen King
- Sept. 21** Pastors Doug & Jill Seagle
- Sept. 28** Andrea Maneke
- Oct. 5** Ron Harbison



**Bus Drivers and
Helpers**

- Sept. 7** Tom Fischer
Stephanie Williams
- Sept. 14** Jim Cropper
Laura Lally
- Sept. 21** Mike Bryd
Debbie Byrd
- Sept. 28** Roy McMillan
Faye McMillan
- Oct. 5** Jack VanHoose
Diane Seymore

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



Yoga Resumes
September 8th
7 p.m.



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



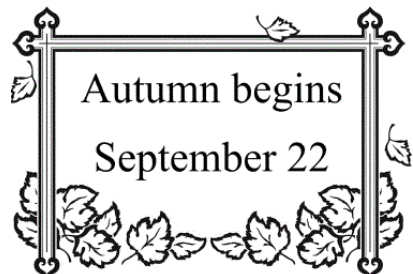
Items collected for
Ministries Unlimited in
August were:

10 bars soap
12 boxes macaroni and cheese
4 large cans soup
2 packages dry pasta
98 can vegetables
2 small cans soup
27 cans pasta
1 can sloppy joe sauce
2 jars peanut butter
50 cans pork & beans
2 cans beans and wieners
2 boxes instant oatmeal
1 can kidney beans
2 cans chili
2 can grill style beans
1 can gourmet nacho
13 pkgs. 4 ct. toilet paper
2 box 50 ct. vinyl gloves
24 cans potatoes
1 can cranberry sauce
2 cans baked beans
4 boxes popcorn
3 cans fruit
4 bottles pancake mix
54 large boxes Jell-o pudding mix
5 bags marshmallows
1 box feminine napkins

5 reusable bags

School supplies drive
4 folders with fasteners
3 pkgs 2 glue sticks
1 pkg 3 large glue sticks
5 pkgs 100 ct. index cards
3 wide ruled notebooks
1 5-subject theme book
1 theme book
1 legal pad
2 pkgs. filler paper
1 box 8 ct. washable markers
2 pair scissors
2 pkgs. dry erase markers, 2 ct.
1 pkg, erasers, 4 ct.
1 pkg. 10 ct. fine tip markers
1 pkg. crayons, 24 ct.
1 pkg. yellow highlighters, 4 ct.
1 pkg. pencils, 12 ct.
2 pkg. colored pencils, 12 ct. each

Thank you for your donation! The
items for **September** are:
stuffing mix, instant pototatos, oatmeal, cereal



It Happened Here – 35 Years Ago

The Gift of Friendship

Friendship is a priceless gift
that cannot be bought or sold,
But its value is far greater
than a mountain made of gold.

For gold is cold and lifeless,
it can neither see nor hear,
And in the time of trouble
it is powerless to cheer.

It has no ears to listen,
no heart to understand,
It cannot bring you comfort
or reach out a helping hand.

So when you ask God for a gift
be thankful if He sends
Not diamonds, pearls or riches,
But the love of real true friends.

-By Helen Steiner Rice



JOIN US
September 21st
Worship in the park,
picnic lunch, and
Sheltered Reality!!



Cow Patty Bingo
Sept. 20th 12 noon
Your \$10 ticket gives
you the opportunity of
winning up to \$1,000.

There will also be food and lots of
activities for the whole family to enjoy!



September 27
9 a.m. – 12
p.m.



Budget Meeting

September 28th 11:30 a.m.

**Confirmation
Class**
begins September 28





Join Us!

It's time for us to start our fall Sunday School program. We have lots of fun and exciting things planned for all of our Friedens friends. We have Classes for ages 3 years old through adult. All classes begin at 9:00 with all children starting in our Theater located in the last room on the left in our educational wing. All classes end at 10:00 a.m.

September 14th - Rally day come get acquainted and have fun with our staff.

September 14th - Backpack blessing. This will happen during our 10:15 worship service. This is a family event come and bring your backpack. We have a surprise for everyone!

September 21st - Sunday School and Worship in the Tri-Township Park in Troy. We will begin with Sunday School at 9:00 in the large pavilion. Our lesson will be: 'What's in your backpack?' We have lots of give-aways ready to be handed out! At 10:15 we will have Worship with a concert from the drumming group Sheltered Reality. Following the worship service we will have a potluck meal with time for fellowship.

We would love for you to join us, bring your family and friends too.

September 28th - we will be back at Friedens with Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. all children meet in the theater before going to their age appropriate classes.

Friedens is a church that is large enough to have FUN, yet small enough for a personal touch. Come be BFF's with us "Being Faithful Friends at Friedens".

If you have any questions please call the church office between 9-12 Monday – Friday 667-6535. Or you may call me at home 667-7001. I hope to see you soon!

Blessings,
Stephanie

YOUTH GROUP!

If you are entering 6th grade or higher please join us!

Friedens Youth Group will meet September 3rd at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will meet every other Week during fall and winter

September Schedule meeting:
3 – 17th

Upcoming events: we will be having a bake sale during the

rummage sale, all donations are greatly appreciated.

We will be putting together the Birthday Bags for Ministries Unlimited and personal hygiene bags to be handed out.

In October we will be traveling to DuBois Center in DuBois Il to help with the Fall Festival.

Come Join us!

2014 – 2015 Friedens Christian Education Team

Pastor: Doug Seagle

CE Director: Stephanie Williams

Children's Choir Director: Jennifer King

Children's Bell Choir Director: Audrey Deeren

Nursery: Pam Hildenbrand

Pre K – Kindergarten: Jenny Ruger – sub. Carol Deloney

1st Grade: Pam Hildenbrand – sub. Carol Deloney

2nd – 6th Grade: Pat Ruger – Jane Maedge - Doug Brendel – sub. Sandy Harbison

Confirmation: Pastor Doug – Barb Toennies

Adult Class: Julie Loehring – Kay Brendel – Georgia Wilkins

SIS Women Class: (Sisters in Spirit) Claudia Galaske - Kathy Raymond – Debbie Brendel - Debbie Spears

Youth Leaders: Sean Smith – Jamie Todd - Aaron Jaconis

CE Board

Claudia Galaske 2014 Chair

Georgia Wilkins 2015 chair

Carol Deloney

Kathy Raymond

Debbie Gebhart

Debbie Byrd



Faith Walk

September 14th, 1 p.m.

The purpose of this walk is to offer prayers and blessings to the many homes, businesses and organizations in our area. All Troy churches are being invited to share in this event with us.

Friedens United Church of Christ Cemetery Committee and Property Board have been discussing the future burial needs of the community. To keep up with trends and what other local cemeteries are offering we felt there was a need to look at other options. With that said, we would like to get feedback from the community to see how much interest there is in having a mausoleum placed at the cemetery. Between the two mausoleums will sit an area that would become a chapel. Each unit would contain 64 full crypts and 72 cremation niches. The chapel area will remain has a usable open air area until the additional funds are raised to complete it.

We would appreciate your feedback. Please mark one of the statements below and return it to the Church. There are three ways to do this. You can mail it back to the office located at 207 E. Center, Troy, IL 62294, e-mail it to friedens@friedensucc-troy.org or place it in the drop box that will be available during the Cow Patty

Bingo event on Saturday, September 20th, noon to 5pm.

We appreciate your help.

 Yes, I would like to have additional information, please contact me.

Yes, I might be interested in making a purchase, please contact me.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

No, I don't have any interest.