



Greeting and peace to all!

I was reading an article this month that I came across in the *Leadership Journal* entitled, "Spiritual Direction for Weird People." The author, John Ortberg shares this, "human beings come with very different sets of wiring, different interests, different learning styles, different gifts, and different temptations. These differences are tremendously important in the spiritual formation of human beings." (*Leadership Journal*, P. 71 Summer edition 2013)

As I thought about what the author wrote it triggered in me some thoughts about some things that I have been struggling with here at Friedens. To me, one of the most important aspects of the church is to bring about spiritual formation and transformation in the lives of the congregation. I wonder if we are truly being changed by our experiences together? Is worship meaningful and fulfilling? Are our relationships with each other where they need to be? Are we truly opening ourselves up to the Spirit and looking for God to lead us in new directions? Don't worry, this is nothing new for me and I think every Pastor wonders many of the same things.

However, as I listen to what people have to tell me on a daily basis I keep hearing that we want change, we want renewal and we want to grow in numbers. It has also become clear that some people, who want change, want it on their terms, which in the end is not change at all. Yet I also hear how good it has been to bring back elements of worship like the Apostle's Creed and the use of music with our communion liturgy. You see, with all the different gifts, talents, and interests that make up our congregation, change is a difficult thing.

Just so you know, I have never been a huge fan of change for the sake of change. I am, however, convinced and fully support renewal in the church. And if you haven't noticed, Friedens UCC is an excellent candidate for renewal. Therefore, my article for this month is a plea for some assistance. If you are interested in helping me to lead this church down a pathway to renewal I invite you to contact me. I would

prefer a small group of about five people who are not currently serving on a committee to function as a “seed group” so to speak. This group will begin the process of renewal by simply having conversation about what might be possible here at Friedens. Remember, renewal depends on people learning to be open, authentic, caring, and curious with each other and with God.

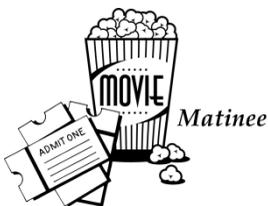
To begin with ask yourself these questions:

1. Do you believe this congregation’s current trajectory is acceptable?
2. Do you have a basic idea and some experience of how a renewed congregation would differ from the congregation’s current reality?
3. Are you committed to do whatever it takes to help lead the congregation into a renewed experience and expression of church?

God’s blessings to all and I hope to hear from you!! Pastor Doug.



March 7
11 a.m.
St. Jerome’s



Thursday, March 13th
12:30 p.m.
Last Vegas



The Chili Cook-off raised \$500 for scholarships to help Friedens’ kids go to camp at DuBois Center!

FROM OUR

CHURCH RECORDS

Attendance for February

	Sunday School	Worship
2/2	28	88
2/9	39	106
2/16	47	96
2/23	47	114

Hospitalized:

Jim Kranz
Thelma Huston
Marion Whittington
Gayle Nungesser
Carl Hoenig

Baptized:

Elijah Hahn was baptized on February 2, 2014.
Kristen Krampf was baptized on February 2, 2014.

Newsletter articles are due on **March 16th**.

You may:

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

friedenscircuitrider@hotmail.com

- fax the article: 667-6006



Items collected for Ministries Unlimited in February were:

5 cans pasta sauce
10 cans soup
1 large can soup
3 large cans chicken breast
6 cans Manwich sauce
2 cans corn beef hash
7 bottles salad dressing
6 boxes taco shells
6 packages taco seasoning mix
4 boxes popcorn
4 cases soda
1 case water
5 boxes cereal
4 can chili
1 can salmon
3 cans pasta

Thank you for your donation! The items for **March** are: **shampoo, toothpaste, pancake mix, pancake syrup, pork & beans.**

Cancellation:

March 4th Shrove Tuesday dinner will NOT take place. Mark your calendars for next year though!

WORSHIP

ASSISTANTS

Ushers

March 2	Dennis Williams Jim Galaske Rick Smith Doug Brendel
March 5	Ash Wednesday Ron Harbison family
March 9	John and Carol Deloney Bill and Marla Brown
March 16	9:00 a.m. service Fred and Wanda Keil Dave and Sandy Morton
March 23	Vicki Fischer Sue Hanks Donna Bingham Marilyn Wesselman
March 30	Deb and Katlyn Spears Amy and Abigail Schroeter
April 6	Pat Ruger Kenny Grotefendt Ed Whittington Dave Edgar

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

Altar Flowers

Jane Maedge

Liturgists

March 2	Bill Brown
March 5	Donna Bingham
March 9	John Lally

March 16	9:00 a.m. service Pastor Doug
March 23	Carol Deloney
March 26	Claudia Galaske
March 30	Fred Keil
April 6	Jenny Ruger



March 9th, 4:00 p.m.
Troy Methodist church

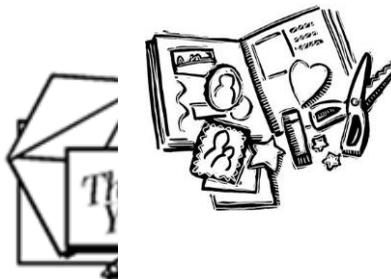
Friedens' Peace Bells will join the bell choirs of two other local churches for this handbell festival. Joining the handbells will be a jazz group, including Becky Fischer on clarinet. Each bell choir will play two pieces and all three choirs will join together in playing three additional pieces. We hope you can join us on this musical afternoon!



- 1 Dannielle Dankenbring
William Schaubert, Jr.
David Whittington
- 2 Pat Smith
- 5 Sue Hanks
- 6 Carolyn Klaustermeier
- 7 Adam Jaconis
- 10 Linda Ingersoll
- 11 David Edgar
Mary Emmons
Chuck Toennies
- 14 Krista Adelhardt
Otis Carver
- 15 Bud Adelhardt
Maureen Heuser
Brian Weder
- 16 Irene Hall
Andrew Kassing
Gloria Mannz
- 21 Dave Friederich
Irv Kassing
- 23 Mildred Kruckeberg
- 24 Carl Hoenig
Terry Meyer
- 25 Edwin Whittington
- 28 Kelsey Smith
- 29 Carol Maedge
- 30 Ron Klaustermeier
Laura Lally

HOBBY BEE

The Women's Guild of Friedens will have its first Hobby Bee on Saturday, March 22, 2014 in the Fellowship Hall, from 9 am to 12 noon. (Surely we won't get snowed out again!) The concept of the Hobby Bee is that you can work on your own project; or you can observe and discover something new you'd like to learn how to do; or you can work on a group project. It's just a fun get together for creative minds and friendly souls. Materials and instructions will be provided for the group projects, and each month we will create something different. Light refreshments will be provided, and you are welcome to brown bag it for lunch. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Betty Schiller at 288-1722 (home) or 616-6427 (cell) or bettys0405@yahoo.com.



Dear Friends,



Thank you so much for your generous contribution to Ministries Unlimited. You continue to be such a blessing to us. I am praying that as you give of yourselves, you will experience a whole new measure of the goodness of God.

God's blessings to you and yours,
Betty Cothran
Pantry Administrator

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your gift dated 1/21/14. Your donation will be used to support the WCM Emergency USA Fund for Illinois Tornadoes as per your request.

Peace,
Rev. Mary Schaller Blaufuss
Global Sharing of Resources Team
Leader, UCC One Great Hour of
Sharing

Greetings and Blessings,

Not only am I getting envelopes filled with treasures (Box Tops) but this generous gift of \$40.00, too. Thank you so much for caring and sharing. I

hope everyone is staying safe and warm.

Take care, blessings and thank you,
Brenda Crisp
UniPres Kindercottage

A heartfelt thank you to my Friedens family for all the kind gestures made to me after my surgery. I am extremely grateful for each of you.

God's blessings and peace,
Stephanie Williams



Mark your calendar for the Women's Guild Annual Salad Luncheon on March 19th at noon. If possible, please bring a salad to share.

This is a great opportunity to taste new salads and share recipes. Please join us!

It Happened Here – 35 Years Ago

Some time ago, I read something that touched me, and I would like to share it with you. "There was a well dressed man in a suit and overcoat walking down the street one cold winter day.

Walking towards him was an old gentleman in thin tattered clothes. He was shivering from the cold and as they were about to meet on the sidewalk, the well dressed man stopped, took off his overcoat, stopped the old gentleman and put his overcoat on him. That night he had a dream. He dreamt he died and went to heaven and as he walked down the streets of heaven, Jesus was walking to meet him, and Jesus was wearing his overcoat, the one he had given that day to the old man shivering in the cold.”

Women’s Guild News – Hitz Home Auxiliary dues are due. As in the past, these dues are paid from the guild treasury for 100% membership of our guild. It was voted to give Doris authority to purchase bird seed needed for the bird feeder at Hitz Home. The guild also gave approval to donate \$100 towards the purchase of several new wheelchairs for the home.

Worship Committee – It was decided by the worship committee to start morning services at 10:15 a.m. The committee touched briefly on the fact that Friedens will be 105 years old this fall. It might be wise if all of us think of how we can celebrate this occasion. Let’s begin thinking right now about our birthday!

Junior Youth Fellowship – Ink pens have been ordered. The profit from the sale of these pens is to go to the Hoyleton children’s’ home.



March 7, World Day of Prayer, St. Jerome’s 11:00 a.m.

March 16, Sausage Dinner, portion of proceeds go to DuBois

March 22 DuBois on Broadway, 5-8:30 p.m., Bellecourt Manor, be sure to get your reservation turned in!

April 6, Friedens Day at DuBois

April 20, Easter Sunday, services at 7 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

April 27, Tricky Tray



VBS June 23rd – 27th
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Ages 3 years – 6th grade

Registration forms will be available
April 1st NO KIDDING!

If you would like to be part of the leadership team please sign up on the poster outside the Sunday School Office. There is a place for everyone!

Youth 6th – 12th grades

If you have not signed up to work the sausage dinner please see Stephanie. All youth need to participate in events to be eligible for trip money.

If you are willing to work for Friedens members doing yard work, baby sitting or such see Stephanie to put your name on the list to be given out to persons seeking help.

Cemetery clean up day will be March 9th please see Stephanie for details! This could be a family affair come one come all! We will have lunch after church and then on for a work afternoon.



**Where Mom's
connect class:
March 9th come be**

part of a sisterhood of fun and fellowship! Everyone is welcome.
9:00 a.m. in the computer room.

"The fact that
I am a woman
Does not make me
A different kind
of Christian.
But the fact that
I am a Christian
Does make me a different kind
of woman."



*Spring Ahead
March 9*

Daylight Saving Time Begins



April 6th Friedens Day at DuBois
Everyone is welcome to join us as we travel to DuBois, Illinois for a day at Camp DuBois.

Please sign up on the poster located outside the office door. This is for all

families and everyone in between! Our day will start right after church. We will have sack lunches provided for all. Please be sure to indicate on the poster whether you will need a lunch. DuBois Center will be having a Sunday Dinner that day, the fee for this dinner will be \$10.00 per person. If your child wants to eat at the dinner, the fee for children is cheaper. Children will need to be accompanied by a parent for this meal. If you would like to take part in this dinner please mark it on the poster. A count will need to be turned in to DuBois Center. The dinner will be for any adult or small children with an adult.

There will be camp tours, pontoon boat rides, horse arena rides..all free of charge! Trail rides will be offered for a small fee. We will play camp games and have a fun afternoon. To end our day we will have a worship service, and a campfire, YES with hot dogs and s'mores! Pastor Doug will be bringing his guitar for singing around the campfire! Please join us for this day of Fun & Fellowship! REMEMBER to sign up for this event!

~ *Tricky Tray* ~
April 27th

Start getting your NEW or LIKE NEW items together for this Friedens favorite!

Sunday School children will start earning ticket for this event starting this month!

Ways to earn tickets:

1. Attend Sunday School each week you will earn 2 tickets!
2. Worship service helper you will earn 5 tickets
3. Bring a friend and you will earn 10 tickets!
4. Recite the Lord's Prayer and you will earn 20 tickets.
5. Recite the books of the Bible and you will earn 50 tickets!

There will be extra ways to earn ticket as well so, *come to Sunday School to find out how!*

Here is one way... be in class on time at 9:00 sharp! That will earn you an extra ticket!

**THANK YOU
VERY MUCH**

Thank you to Pat Ruger for being the lead teacher for our 1st – 6th grade this year. Pat will still be teaching and hanging out with this group just taking a step back for the spring time due to work. We are grateful for Doug Brendel for teaching this class for the month of March.

Thank you to Debbie Byrd for heading the Chili cook off where a great time was had by all.

The winner will be announced in next month issue of the CR.

Sunday School News

There will be NO Sunday School March 16th due to the sausage dinner. Please sign up to work a shift! It's a great family affair!



Take time to read the yellow sheets sent home each week with your children. They have many interesting things that you can do together as a family.



Wednesday, March 5
Ash Wednesday Service, Friedens

Wednesday, March 12
St. Paul UCC, Edwardsville

Wednesday, March 19

Immanuel UCC, Hamel

Wednesday, March 26
Friedens UCC, Troy

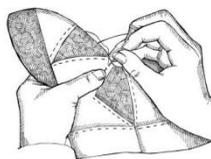
Wednesday, April 2
Grantfork UCC, Grantfork

Wednesday, April 9
Marine UCC, Marine

Each service begins at 7 p.m., with refreshments following service.



~Change in worship time ~
Due to the Sausage Dinner, worship will be at 9 a.m. on March 16th.



Fabric Needed

As you know, our quilters make teddy bears and lap pads for Hospice. Here are just a couple stories that have been passed on to the quilters: A lady with dementia received a lap cover that was a farm scene with horses,

cows, chickens, etc. Although she never lived on a farm, she frequently talked to her family about the animals. Another story was of someone who had received a cover with the pattern of all the cities and states of the United States and was excited to show the visitors what states they had traveled. They also like to cuddle and hold the little bears. Stories like these make it all worthwhile.

We received a large supply of fabric months ago but our supply is quite diminished. Now we are asking for your help for this special cause. **We need fabric.** If anyone has cotton or cotton polyester material 45" wide and at least 45" long, nothing stretchy or slick, please consider donating it to the quilters. Smaller pieces can be used to make the bears.

We quilt on Monday and Wednesday from 9 - noon. You can bring the material to the church on Sunday or any morning. Maybe we can interest you in quilting with us!? If you are a newcomer to quilting, we will even

teach you how. You'd be surprised how much fun we have!

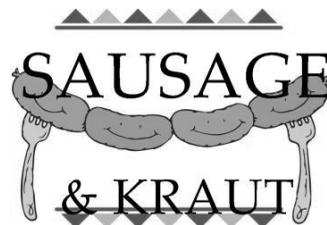


You may have noticed in the church's 2013 yearend report, over the past nine years the quilters have made and sent 968 lap pads and 4283 bears, yes, 4283, to Hospice.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Sunday,
March 16th
11:30 a.m.-
5:30 p.m.

Proceeds to
benefit both
Friedens and DuBois Center.



Women's Guild

The February meeting of the Women's Guild was on Wednesday 02/19/14 at 1:00 pm. There were 16 members present. After an opening prayer, we learned about St Valentine from Vicki Fischer, and we each got a valentine and a kiss (Hersheys). During the meeting, Gladys Skeens was welcomed back to active member status.

For Committee Reports, Joann Longhi confirmed the new teaspoons came in handy for the recent dinner and cup dispensers were purchased for the bathrooms. Gladys Huston reported that the quilt top for this year's raffle quilt will be put together by a group effort and the fabric will be purchased soon. Quilters are always welcome to join the work and laughter that occurs in our quilting room.

World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday, March 7, with a theme of Egypt - Streams in the Desert. Virginia Bailey will attend the planning session and bring back tasks for our group. Audrey Deeren, Debbie Byrd, and MaryAnn Gaultney plan to also attend the event.

Members voted to purchase name tags for the kitchen drawers and cabinets. Diana Bauer will coordinate the installation, and JoAnn Longhi will define what name goes where.

It was also decided that the Women's Guild will donate a basket to the silent auction for the Dubois on Broadway fund raising event. Vicki Fischer volunteered to get that together.

Although February's Hobby Bee was cancelled due to inclement weather, plans for future Hobby Bees were discussed. Diana Bauer shared several projects that could be worked

on during the Bee, for anyone who does not have a current project to bring in. A supply list was reviewed, and plans for storing the donated materials will be finalized later next month. The first Hobby Bee will be on Saturday March 22, from 9:00am-12:00pm.

Vicki Fischer was the attendance prize winner. After the meeting, the group enjoyed delicious Texas cake and mini cheesecake, baked by Laverne Buehrer and Gloria Mannz.

Our next get together will be on March 19th at Noon for the annual Spring Salad Luncheon. Devotions will be provided by Virginia Bailey, and hostesses will be Vicki Fischer and Virginia Bailey. All women at Friedens are members of the Women's Guild, and we hope to see you next month.

