



Greetings and Peace to Each and Every one!

Several weeks ago I was handed something from a parishioner that I found very interesting; and I think you will also. If I remember correctly, it was found on the internet and has made its rounds through cyber space although I had never seen it before. But the contents hit home to something that I believe we all struggle with, including Pastors. It was entitled, "Why Go To Church?" It seems there was a Church go-er who wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I need to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing....God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment! (Source is unknown).

Makes sense in my book....Pastor Doug.

**FROM OUR
CHURCH RECORDS**

Attendance for April

	Sunday School	Worship
4/6	40	127
4/13	39	143
4/20	37	193
4/27	40	100

Deaths:

Harold Schwehr, born January 6, 1935, died April 2, 2014.

Shirley Stahlhut, born April 19, 1928, died April 14, 2014.

Newsletter articles are due on **May 18th**

You may:

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

friedenscircuitrider@hotmail.com

- fax the article: 667-6006



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 MaryEllen 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
- 26 Emily Toennies
- 27 Ron Harbison
- Yvonne Kamm
- 28 Tanner Riden
- Crystal Keilbach
- Sandra Morton

Update: The Sausage Supper enabled us to give \$2500 to *DuBois on Broadway* for DuBois Center. In addition, approximately \$2300 was raised for Friedens church.



Ushers

- May 4** MaryEllen Schwehr
Wendy Porter
Dave and Pat Edgar
- May 11** Julie Loehring
Gladys Huston
JoAnn Longhi
Jackie Estes
- May 18** Larry Bliss
Lloyd Bliss
Doug and Debbie Brendel
- May 25** Bob and Janis Little
Ron and Mary Emmons
- June 1** Rick and Sherry Smith
Ron and Carol Klaustermeier

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

Liturgists

- May 4** Gabriel Gregson
- May 11** Claudia Galaske
- May 18** Yvonne Kamm
- May 25** Ron Harbison
- June 1** Jackie Estes



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



Items collected for
Ministries Unlimited in
April were:

- 33 boxes macaroni and cheese
- 2 large cans fruit
- 4 jars pickles
- 6 cans pork & beans
- 1 large can baked beans
- 2 cans vegetables
- 10 cans soup
- 4 cans cranberry sauce
- 5 boxes corn muffin mix
- 2 small boxes cake mix
- 3 bottles salad dressing
- 1 can pumpkin
- 1 box pancake & waffle mix
- 2 cans tuna
- 1 pasta entrée
- 1 box pudding
- 1 jar gravy
- 1 box stuffing mix
- 1 jar peanut butter
- 1 large can soup
- 1 can beef broth
- 2 jars Alfredo sauce
- 1 can Manwich sauce
- 1 canister bread crumbs
- 1 jar pasta sauce
- 1 jar cocktail sauce
- 1 jar tartar sauce

- 1 bag croutons
- 1 bag soup mix
- 1 bag marinade mix
- 2 bags enchilada sauce mix
- 4 bags taco seasoning mix
- 1 bag rice side
- 1 bag bacon bits
- 1 bag beef stew seasoning
- 5 bags gravy mix
- 3 bars soap
- 1 package underwear for men

Thank you for your donation! The items for **May** are: **macaroni and cheese, Jell-o, cereal, canned pasta, toilet tissue.**



Congratulations to Our Graduates

Abigail Schroeter is graduating from Triad High School and will be attending Northwestern University to study neuroscience.

Jenny Brown is graduating from Illinois State University with her Master of Psychology degree.

It Happened Here – 35 Years Ago

Overheard in an orchard

Said the robin to the sparrow, "I should really like to know why these anxious human beings rush about and worry so?"

Said the sparrow to the robin, "Friend, I think that it must be that they have no heavenly farther such as cares for you and me."

Council meetings

The church records have been micro-filed and will be stored in a safe-keeping box.

Women's Guild

It was discussed and voted upon to start all afternoon meetings at 1 p.m. starting with the June meeting. There was a brief discussion on the possibility of having a room within the church building remodeled for a conference room. This would provide a private quiet atmosphere for counseling and could also be used as a meeting room for a small class or group. This idea will be presented to the church council at their May meeting.

Quarterly Congregational Meeting

Rev. Wells commented on the attendance at the Lenten services and the good response to the Easter services. He stated a need to revamp the confirmation program.



Troy Jaycees BBQ

To benefit Friedens UCC cemetery

May 17th 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Time-Out Sports Bar & Grill

111 Market Street, Troy

Plates include baked beans and choice of chips:

Pork steak plate \$7

Hamburger/cheeseburger plate \$6

Bratwurst plate \$6

Hot Dog plate \$4

Individual items: pork steak \$5, hamburger/cheeseburger \$4, bratwurst \$4, hot dog \$2, chips \$1. Drinks available for purchase inside.



We want to thank our Friedens Faith Family and all our friends for their prayers, the many flowers, abundance of food, cards, and telephone calls and also the many wonderful stories they shared with us following the death of Harold. We especially want to thank Pastor Doug, Butch Schmitt, Carrie Andreas, and Audrey Deeren for making the memorial service a beautiful and uplifting tribute in his honor and JoAnn Longhi and the Women's Guild for providing a delicious luncheon after the service. Many, many thanks go to everyone for whatever part they played in helping us to remember Harold in such a loving way.

The Harold J. Schwehr Family

Thank you to Debbie Byrd and all the Sunday School kids for the beautiful bracelet I received on Easter. I love it! It is very special and one of my favorite jewelry pieces.

Blessings to each of you,
Stephanie

Dear Friends at Friedens,
On behalf of the DuBois on Broadway Planning Team and the ISC Outdoor Ministries Team, I extend heartfelt thanks for your extraordinary generosity in supporting DuBois Center and Outdoor Ministries. Words cannot convey our appreciation. Your support and commitment is a blessing!

Peace,
Linda Reynolds

Thank you from the cemetery committee to all who helped on the cleanup day. We have heard from so many that the cemetery looked beautiful. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in following the cemetery rules.

On behalf of the entire family of Ethel Seagle, we would like to thank each and every one of you for your prayers, cards, and your generosity during the loss of our mother. We especially wish to thank Friedens Church for the beautiful flower arrangement that was present during our mothers viewing and funeral. It certainly is not an easy thing to lose those that are closest to you, but your support and love helped to sustain and edify our family during this time. Again, thank you and may God bless each of you.

Scott Seagle, Steve Seagle
and Doug Seagle



Schedule for May

- 4th Surprise day - come ready to have fun!
- 11th Mother's Day and appreciation day. All Friedens Kids come to serve breakfast! All Kids please be in the Fellowship Hall at 8:15 a.m.
- 18th NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 25th NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

50 people attended the DuBois Fun Day! Everyone had a wonderful time. We played games, rode horses, went on a wagon ride, had a bonfire and roasted hotdogs and made s'mores! It was a great family fun day!

Memorial Day



May 26, 2014

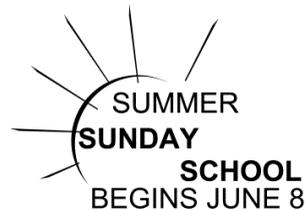
Thank you to all our Fall Sunday School teachers and helpers!

- Jenny Ruger
- Pam Hildenbrand
- Carol Deloney
- Sandy Harbison
- Katelyn Gebhart
- Pat Ruger
- Jane Maedge
- Debbie Byrd
- Doug Brendel
- Debbie Brendel
- Diane Seymore
- Jennifer King
- Pastor Doug
- Barb Toennies
- Blake Hildenbrand
- Jake Hildenbrand



Be SURE to....

...register early for VBS to get in on a drawing for two free tickets to Six Flags!





Women's Guild

The Women's Guild met on April 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. with 17 ladies present. President Betty Schiller opened the meeting with a prayer. She then acknowledged the April birthdays: Jane Maedge, Betty Schiller, and Vicki Fischer.

Devotions were provided by Thelma Huston who read the article entitled "Fishy Fridays" which helped explain why fish is not considered a meat. It was very informative. And of course Thelma always provides something humorous that had everyone chuckling. She ended her devotion with an Irish Blessing. Thank you, Thelma.

Current kitchen projects include new faucets in the sink which was taken care of by Tom Fischer, repairing the kitchen counter divider, and putting name tags on the kitchen drawers and cabinets. President Schiller discussed doing a "Kitchen Refresh" Because of doing upgrades with placing name tags on the drawers and cabinets; she encouraged other projects as well.

There was some discussion about replacing the heavy plates and cups for lighter weight ones. Virginia Bailey suggested that a committee of 4 go to Ford Restaurant Supplies in St. Louis and check out the different options. The annual Family Banquet will be held on May 19 at 6:30. This will be in place of the regular meeting Once again chicken and drinks will be provided. Everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. Please invite your family and friends. Entertainment will be provided. May 21st has been chosen as an evening Hobby Bee. All are welcome to attend. After the meeting was adjourned, we had the pleasure of eating some delicious cakes provided by our hostesses, Sue Hanks and Gloria Mannz. Deb Byrd also brought us a sweet treat.

