

Greetings and peace to all of God's children.

I was thinking this month about how hard it really is for us Christians in the church to truly forgive each other. I discovered that for many it is not an easy task; especially when we keep dealing with the same issues and problems over and over again. In my reading I came across this story of forgiveness by a fellow by the name of Richard. It spoke to me and I hope it speaks to all of you.

(Mat 18:33 NIV) Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?'

(Mat 18:34 NIV) In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

(Mat 18:35 NIV) "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

(Mat 18:21 NIV) Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?"

(Mat 18:22 NIV) Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Sitting at my computer, looking out the window I see a small part of God's plan. Thinking about forgiveness was something that I had a hard time with. I had been hurt very badly in the past and to be honest I didn't want to let go of the hurt. Revenge was a big part of my life for the longest time. I would sit for hours thinking of different ways to get back at those that hurt me. The one thing that always brought me back to forgiveness was my wife telling me to forget and let it go. Forgiveness isn't something that you just have, you must be taught it and then practice it. I got a lot of practice with my own children. LOL Sometimes with children forgiving becomes a daily act. What we're not told is that along with forgiving we have to forget. What good is forgiving someone if you keep bringing up why you

forgave them. It's like you really never forgave them in the first place. Today I practice both forgiving and forgetting. It has made my life so much simpler. Today I sit back and let God lead. As I once heard it said, "When I first came to believe God was in the passenger's seat. After I learned, I moved over and now God drives." God has way more to show me than I ever had to show Him. So if you are having trouble struggling with forgiveness, keep reading and rereading the verses above and maybe one day they'll make Perfect sense to you too.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Doug



Students: bring your backpacks to church on August 14th to receive a special blessing to help get your school year off to a great start.



Party in the Park!!
Watch for information about our gathering at Tri-Township Park planned for September 18th.



Our Fall rummage sale is just around the corner!
September 16 and 17
It's not too early to start setting things aside to bring to church the week before the event.

FROM OUR CHURCH RECORDS

Attendance for July:

7/3	67
7/10	93
7/17	96

Birth:

Avery Everly Jane Brown, daughter of Charles and Ashley Brown, was born on July 1, 2016. Grandparents are Bill and Marla Brown.

We would love to keep you in the loop. To learn more about the services provided by Hoyleton “like” our Facebook page or visit our website at www.hoyleton.org.

Newsletter articles are due on **August 21st**

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 July were:

- 1 jar jelly
- 10 packages cheese
- 11 dozen eggs
- 5 packages Ramen Noodles
- 62 cans soda
- 20 packages hot dog buns
- 4 cans pork & beans
- 12 rolls toilet paper
- 7 cans vegetables
- 2 cans cranberry sauce
- 1 can sweet potatoes
- 1 bag gravy
- 2 cans soup
- 1 jar peanut butter
- 1 can pie filling
- 1 box cereal
- 1 can spaghetti sauce
- 1 can fruit
- 1 can pumpkin
- 1 box stuffing mix
- 1 bag instant mashed potatoes
- 1 jug bleach
- 3 bars soap
- 2 paper boxes Christmas items

From our community garden: radishes, cucumbers, zucchini, peppers, green beans, and cherry tomatoes.

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



- Aug. 7** Wayne Loehring
Kenny Grotefendt
Tom Fischer
Ron Harbison
- Aug. 14** Rick & Sherry Smith
Dennis & Cindy Westfall
- Aug. 21** MaryEllen Schwehr
Laurie Meyer
Wendy Porter
Amy Schroeter
- Aug. 28** Lloyd Bliss
Larry Bliss
Otis & Katie Carver
- Sept. 4** Bob & Janis Little
Bill & Marla Brown

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

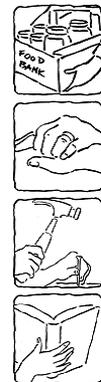
- Aug. 7** Jim & Claudia Galaske
Aug. 14 Joe Smith
Donna Bingham
- Aug. 21** Tom Fischer
Laura Lally
- Aug. 28** Roy & Faye McMillin
Sept. 4 Pat & Jenny Ruger

FRIEDENS quarterly → MISSIONS

During the months of July, August, and September, our missions will include Hitz Home, Emmaus Home, Hoyleton Ministries, and Kindercottage.



- Aug. 7** Marla Brown
Aug. 14 Joe Smith
Aug. 21 Jeff Estes
Aug. 28 Sherri Gregson
Sept. 4 Bill Brown



Always
give
yourselves
fully to
the work
of the
Lord ...

1 Corinthians 15:58



Birthday Blessings

August

- 1 Jill Seagle
- 3 Stan Huston
Faye McMillin
- 5 Scott Estes
Jennifer Ruger
- 6 Terrie Warden Randall
Abigail Schroeter
- 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
Beverly Turner
- 17 Melissa Greenwood
Allan Weder
- 18 Jackie Estes
Ed Maedge
- 19 Gwen Bosaw
- 21 Richard Smith
- 22 Jim Bailey

- 23 Jared Willis
- 25 Sherry Smith
- 26 Jennifer Stephens
Jessica Wilkins
- 29 Adeline Burgess
John E. Lally
- 30 Mark Friederich



June Income	\$14,016.75
June Expenses	<u>\$20,879.41</u>
Gain (Loss)	(\$ 6,862.66)
Year to Date Income	\$108,397.88
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$108,894.27</u>
Gain (Loss)	(\$ 496.39)



August 23rd
6:30 – 9 pm



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous contribution to Ministries Unlimited. Anytime you invest your time, your talents, or your treasure, you will experience the peace, fulfillment and blessing of God on your life. At the same time, you make it possible for others to experience this goodness. Through this process, both the one who gives and the one who receives are blessed. No matter what God's plan for your life looks like, it's always going to involve a generous, giving heart. I am blessed and thankful for Friedens UCC. Sometimes I feel that I don't say it often enough, but I carry it in my heart and prayers.

Betty Cothran, Pantry Administrator



Back to school shopping? Make your purchases with SCRIP cards!

Seeing a student off to college? Send SCRIP cards with them!

5:30 – 6:30 pm
August 24th

Everyone is welcome! Come join us for a great meal and fellowship. Spread the word, the dinner is free and open to the community.



Please help Kindercottage by saving these and getting them to the church office.

They are as good as cash for Kindercottage!



Back to School

TWO Movie Matinees in August!

August 4 "Mother's Day"

August 18 "God's Not Dead 2"

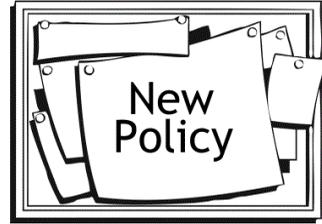
Bring your lunch, we'll eat at noon.

Each movie will begin at 12:30 p.m.



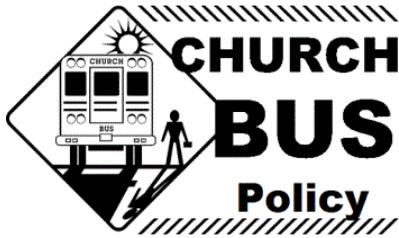
Nancy Brooks, our student pastor in 1997-1998, was married in Wichita, KS

at the Botanical Gardens on June 25, 2016 to Stephen Gamache. They were blessed to be surrounded by family and friends. They would love to hear from you, our address is P.O. Box 249, Bonner Springs, KS 66012

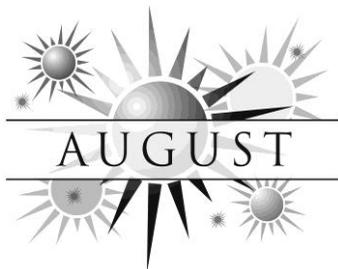


Fellowship Hall Table Setup

We will always have 8 rectangle tables with 8 chairs at each table set up in Fellowship Hall. This is the responsibility of our janitorial position. If at any time additional tables and chairs are needed for a church function or an outside group, it is their responsibility to set them up and break them back down. It is no longer the responsibility of our janitor. Our janitorial position is allowed 20 hours a week and it takes this time to ensure everything in the job description is completed weekly. You do have the option to hire the janitor for \$75, which is the current rate he is paid for funerals and weddings. The setup and breakdown of the tables and chairs needs to be done before or after his work day. All payments need to be paid to the church office on or before the date of the setup. (Note: the round tables can be left up, but no chairs can be around them. They also need to be placed against the wall.) This new policy was approved by the Council.



To drive the bus, a copy of your driver's license needs to be submitted to the office. Your license information will be sent to our insurance company for approval. All drivers must have a good driving record and be 18 years or older. The bus is to be used for church functions, driven by approved drivers. If the bus is needed for a non-church function, an application, available in the office, needs to be made and submitted to Council. The Council will then vote on the request. A deposit of \$50 needs to be submitted to the office prior of the departure date. A fee of \$1/mile will be charged. The mileage driven will be subtracted from the deposit and a refund will be made if applicable. Please contact the church office for an application for bus use.



Aesop told the story about the Wind and the Sun, who were disputing which of them was stronger. After a while they saw a traveler hiking down the road. "I see a way to decide who's strongest," said the Sun. "Whoever can make that traveler take off his coat the quickest will be the winner. You can even go first."



The Sun ducked behind a cloud, while the Wind began to blow mighty blasts of air at the traveler. But the harder the Wind blew, the closer the traveler pulled his cloak around himself. Finally, the Wind gave up in despair.

The Sun came out from behind the clouds and smiled down on the traveler. Feeling the gently rays, the man soon found it too hot to walk with his cloak on. He felt so warm that he took off one garment after another, and then bathed in a nearby stream.

The Sun knew that warmth, friendliness and a gently touch are always stronger than fury and force.