



Greetings and peace from your Pastor,

“I know all your desires, and I have heard your many petitions. You would like to be enjoying already the freedom and the glory of the children of God, basking in the sunshine of your eternal home and the supreme happiness of the heavenly country. But that time has not come yet, for you are still living in another time – a time of war, of toil and probation. You long to be filled with the supreme Good, but you cannot have it now. It is I, the Lord; wait for Me until the Kingdom of God comes. You must be tried here on earth and tested in many ways.” (The Imitation of Christ, P. 224)

I don't know about you but I for one would relish the opportunity to bask in eternal happiness. There are times when I think the world we live in is simply falling apart. War, sickness, death, political upheaval, civil unrest, anger, hatred and division all seem to be taking its toll on our lives and our way of life. One could most easily become discouraged and apathetic because of these things. That is until one remembers that it has always been this way and it always will be. Even in the days of Jesus political unrest and oppression were common for people as they strived to carve out a meager existence in a world that was dominated by the Roman Empire. In fact it was that same political and social oppression that sent Jesus to the cross.

With that being said it is important to note that we will be tried and tested in many ways by God until the reign of God is fulfilled. (For instance, “have you considered my servant Job?”) Notice the difference however; God will **never tempt** us the way the rulers of this world will, but will **test and try our faith** and to the faithful he promises supreme happiness. A promise I think in today's world is worth striving for.

In the end no matter what hardship you may be facing, no matter how bad our politicians and leaders may be acting, or what terrible things may be happening around us, we are called to be set apart and act as Christ did. “During this present life, therefore, act humbly toward all people, paying no attention to who says this or who orders that; so that whether it be your superior, your equal, or one in lower rank, you accept it all with good grace, and with sincere goodwill strive to perform

it.” (The Imitation of Christ, P. 227) Our greatest desire in the midst of chaos and hardship – whether in life or in death – is that God may be glorified in you.

Pastor Doug



## FROM OUR CHURCH RECORDS

Attendance for March:

Sunday School	Worship
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30/6	36	138
3/13	Sausage	40
3/20	35	131
3/27	18	208

### Death:

Carol Deloney was born September 12, 1946. She passed away on March 5, 2016, funeral was held on March 9, 2016.



April 14<sup>th</sup>  
12:30 pm

Bring your lunch! (noon)

Newsletter articles are due on **April 17th**

You may:

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

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

- fax the article: 667-6006



February Income	\$ 13,799.63
February Expenses	\$ <u>16,970.88</u>
Gain/(Loss)	\$ (3,271.25)

Year to Date Income	\$ 35,938.26
Year to Date Expenses	\$ <u>35,110.31</u>
Gain/(Loss)	\$ 827.95

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS




## Ushers

- April 3** Bill Brown family  
**April 10** Deb, Katelyn, & Crystal Gebhart, Gloria Mannz  
**April 17** Ron & Sandy Harbison  
 Swiss & Yvonne Kamm  
**April 24** Amy Schroeter  
 Gladys Skeens  
 Deb Spears  
 Sandy Harbison  
**May 1** Rick & Sherry Smith  
 Ron & Mary Emmons

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

## Liturgists

- April 3** Chuck Brown  
**April 10** Aiden Johnson  
**April 17** Jared Willis  
**April 24** Devin Williams  
**May 1** Georgia Wilkins



## Bus Drivers/Helpers

- April 3** Dennis & Cindy Westfall  
**April 10** Pat Ruger, Joe Smith  
**April 17** Jim & Claudia Galaske  
**April 24** Tom Fischer, Laura Lally  
**May 1** Roy & Fay McMillan

Items collected for Ministries Unlimited in March were:

- 4 boxes cake mix
- 40 1lb boxes margarine
- 360 pkg. Ramen noodles
- 5 bags Valentine pasta
- 2 bags marshmallows
- 1 fondue pot
- \$ 10 Walgreens gift card
- 1 can corn
- 10 boxes macaroni and cheese
- 10 large cans soup
- 3 boxes cereal
- 2 boxes cookie mix

Thank you for your donation! The items for **April** are: **instant oatmeal, bath soap, macaroni and cheese.**



## Community Meal

**April 27,  
5:30 p.m.**

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



## April

- 2 Jane Maedge
- 3 Marian Whittington
- 4 Chris Miller
- 5 Betty Schiller  
Ruby Schultze
- 8 Clara French  
Judy Nowlin
- 11 Karen Ferguson
- 12 Vicki Fischer
- 14 Morgan Seagle
- 15 Sandy Harbison  
Taylor Whittington
- 19 Kendall Ruger
- 24 Abby Raymond
- 26 Tracy Bishop  
Bill Schaubert
- 27 Amanda Stipes
- 29 Xavier Buol  
Ryan Williams



To The Friedens Faith Family,

Thank you so very much for all of your prayers, thoughtfulness and concern throughout Carol's illness and passing. The outpouring of love and support from you has truly been sustaining. We can't imagine having been through this journey without you, Pastor, and our faith. We will forever be grateful to all of you.

With Love and Gratitude,  
John Deloney and family

Thank you so much for your generous contributions 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. 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 givers and the receivers are blessed.

Betty Cothran  
Pantry Administrator

To The Women's Guild,

A million thanks for the wonderful and hearty luncheon after Carol's funeral service. We can't say thanks enough for your generosity and hard work. You made the luncheon of nice time of fellowship.

Many Thanks,  
John Deloney and Family

Thank you for Easter Sunday's beautiful choir music, "Easter Song", dedicated to the memory of LaVon Brueggeman.

Peace be with you all!

I apologize for not writing sooner to thank you for continuing to save and mail the labels. These labels help save money and I must do that any way I can. Funding is so tight as we continue trying to survive while our legislators try making up their minds whether to pay or not pay, save lives or continue destroying them. I do apologize but always know, I appreciate and thank you.

God bless each of you,  
Brenda Crisp



Thank you to all for the many cards and prayers which I received during my recent surgery. A special thank-you goes to Pastor Doug for visiting me. I sincerely appreciate every member of my Friedens Faith family and friends.

JoAnn Longhi

*Quarterly Mission is DuBois Center*

*Walk/Run to benefit DuBois Center  
May 14, Troy Park*

*Our Community Garden will be  
starting up soon!*

*Family Banquet in May.*



~Looking for Graduates~

Please call the church office by *April 17th* if you would like to have the name of your graduate (high school, college, technical or trade school, etc.) published in the May issue of the *Circuit Rider*.



## **Living Below the Line: Attempting to Understand**

In an effort to help people understand what it means to live below the line of poverty, the Global Poverty Project organizes an annual campaign to raise funds and awareness for the 1.4 million people living in poverty around the globe. While the campaign strives to gain funding, it is also dedicated to helping people understand what a life of poverty means. Participants live for five days on the equivalent of about \$1.50 USD. From January through May 2013, 20,000 individuals took the challenge alongside the GPP and a dozen partnered nonprofit organizations across three continents. In 2013, the campaign took place from April 29 to May 3 in Canada, The United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, and The United States.

In the United Kingdom, living below the line means living on £1 for five days. One couple, Jenna and Stuart Wills, fine dining enthusiasts, share their experience on living below the line. In a country where one pound, approximately \$1.50, doesn't even

buy a bus ticket, a sandwich, or elderberry cordial, the couple knew it was going to be rough.

At the beginning of the week, the couple decided to buy the cheapest staple foods they could find, rice and noodles, but realized that they had spent more than half of their five day budget. Consequently, it was difficult to spread the remainder of the budget over the rest of the week. The organic, fair-trade and costly foods that the Wills' usually dined on was set aside and bargain buys that weren't quite as delectable were their only alternative. The couple learned to plan grocery shopping trips to stores and markets close to closing time in order to buy foods that were to expire soon and slashed in price. As the days wore on, lack of luxury food items as simple as coffee took a toll on the couple in high tempers and mood swings.

While the challenge was difficult at times, the couple admits that what they endured for five days is nothing compared to true poverty. They recognize that they have never once wondered when they would eat next, they bragged about their bargain finds on Facebook, and went about their daily lives. Whenever they felt a bit hungry, they had the option to put another piece of bread in the toaster. The couple raised £435 for their

chosen charity, Oxfam, and has taken the challenge as an opportunity to appreciate what they have and spread the word about extreme poverty around the world.

**Will you try this?  
Take the Challenge  
April 17-23, 2016.**



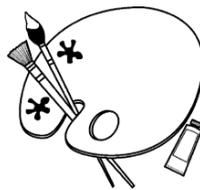
The Guild had a great salad luncheon on March 15, 2016. Thirty eight people attended. Audrey Deeren gave a devotion on thankfulness.

We did not have a meeting. Hobby Bees met right after the luncheon and worked on our children's Easter project.

Ladies, if you missed this salad luncheon, come next year. It's a great way to have fellowship.

Our next meeting will be on April 19, 2016 at 7 p.m. Diana Bauer will give devotions. Hostesses will be Diana Bauer and Kay Brendel.

Ministries Unlimited items are: instant oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, toilet tissue, and bath soap.



**WANTED!**

**Friedens Artists**

We are looking for artists that are members of Friedens. We are planning on using the artwork from our own members to decorate the walls in the Conference Room.

At this time, we plan on hanging them for one month, then switching them to another piece of your artwork. You may mark them to sell.

They must be framed, with suitable hanging wires, no saw tooth hangers.

Due to the unknown quantity we will be receiving, there will be some minor judging.

Call the office and leave your name, or call Virginia Bailey, 667-2796 for more information.



The Sausage dinner was a huge success thanks to the hard work of Friedens' many volunteers! There

were 350 dine-in dinners sold, along with 300 carry-outs and 155 curbside orders. 805 dinners – that's a lot of sausage!!

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Join Friedens Kids in Bible Science! Starting April, 3<sup>rd</sup>



### Experiments in Faith!

God created the heavens and the earth and everything in it. Pure science will always point us back to our loving Creator. These Bible lessons use actual science experiments to help teach each lesson.

### Come Join the FUN!

April 17<sup>th</sup> everyone is welcome to join us as we travel to DuBois for a day of camp fun!

We will have a sandwich lunch in Fellowship Hall immediately after the worship service. We then will fill the bus and other vehicles as needed and travel to DuBois for horseback riding, boat rides, wagon rides and camp games. We will finish our day with a

bon fire and roast hotdogs and make S'mores!

You will also get to see the newly decorated Hickory Lodge. Friedens had a big part in making this happen!

Please sign up on the sheet outside the office by April 10<sup>th</sup>.

This is a family event EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

If the weather is bad a May rain date will be set.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Keep a look out for a signup sheet for Cardinal baseball tickets!

Friedens VBS Cave Quest June 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Want to be involved? See Stephanie Williams or Diane Seymore

Thank you to all who have and are supporting the Youth! July will be here before we know it. We have 15 from Friedens attending The National Youth Event in Kissimmee, Florida!

