

Greetings to God's people.



“Learn to laugh at yourself more freely. Don't take yourself or your circumstances so seriously. Relax and know that I am God with you. When you desire My will above all else, life becomes much less threatening. Stop trying to monitor My responsibilities - things that are beyond your control. Find freedom by accepting the boundaries of my domain.” (Jesus Calling, P.176)

If the truth be known I have met a lot of folks in my lifetime that take themselves far too seriously. You know them, people that are offended by the smallest of slights against their personality. People that consider their circumstances to be far more serious than everyone else's. People that never seem to be able to relax and are never satisfied or happy. People that have no problem pointing out other peoples faults but always fail to see their own. I know those type of people very well because I used to be one myself...there, your Pastor has confessed a part of his past. It took a while but after many years of driving myself crazy over the smallest of things and criticizing others for the problems in my own life. I discovered I was taking myself far too seriously. I also discovered I had a real control problem that was a result of my lack of faith.

Since that time I have come to find out a few things that changed my life. To relax and know who God is, and to know that He is with you, is to live your life in total faith and confidence that no matter what may transpire in your life, God is sufficient. God is the one in control. What a joy it was to release those burdens and problems on the very one that can handle them. What a joy it was to relax in the Spirit because it was then and only then that I learned to laugh at myself.

The truth is, “Laughter lightens your load and lifts your heart into heavenly places. Your laughter rises to heaven and blends with angelic melodies of praise. Just as parents delight in the laughter of their children, so I delight in hearing my children laugh. I rejoice when you trust Me enough to enjoy your life lightheartedly. Do not miss My presence by carrying the weight of the world on your shoulders. Rather, take My yoke upon you and learn from Me. My yoke is comfortable and pleasant; My burden is light and easily borne.” (Jesus Calling, P. 176)

I think we have a pretty awesome God!!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Doug

FROM OUR CHURCH RECORDS

Attendance for April:
Sunday School Worship

4/03	36	128
4/10	31	111
4/17	36	101
4/24	36	96

New Members:

Ted and Jennifer Gianaris, along with their children Sophie, August, and Abraham, joined our Friedens family on April 10, 2016. Welcome!

Funerals

Betty Gooch 5/6/25 – 4/12/16

Newsletter articles are due on **May 15th**

You may:

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

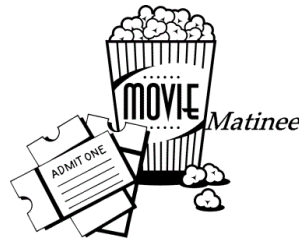
friedenscircuitrider@hotmail.com

- fax the article: 667-6006



March Income	\$24,340.94
March Expenses	<u>\$20,203.23</u>
Gain (Loss)	\$ 4,137.71

Year to Date Income	\$60,279.20
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$55,313.54</u>
Gain (Loss)	\$ 4,965.66



May 12th
Noon
Bring your lunch!

“The Choice”
will begin at
12:30 p.m.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



Ushers

- May 1** Rick & Sherry Smith
Ron & Mary Emmons
- May 8** Larry Bliss
Lloyd Bliss
Kellen King
Jarod Willis
- May 15** Julie Loehring
Gladys Huston
Jackie Estes
Sue Hanks
- May 22** Dennis & Cindy Westfall
Tom & Vickie Fischer
- May 29** Amy Schroeter
Deb Spears
Gladys Skeens
Gloria Mannz
- June 5** Doug & Deb Brendel
Bill & Marla Brown

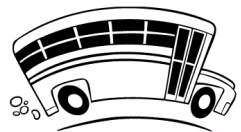
If you cannot be present on your day,
please call Yvonne, 667-8409.

Liturgists

- May 1** Georgia Wilkins
- May 8** Devin Wilkins
- May 15** Joe Smith
- May 22** Donna Bingham
- May 29** TBD
- June 5** TBD

Bus Drivers/Helpers

- May 1** Tom Fischer & Laura Lally
- May 8** Mike & Debbie Byrd
- May 15** Pat & Jenny Ruger
- May 22** Dennis & Cindy Westfall
- May 29** Dennis & Stephanie Williams
- June 5** Doug & Debbie Brendel



Happy
mother's
DAY
Sunday, May 8th



*Confirmation
Sunday
May 15th.*



Items collected for Ministries Unlimited in April were:

- 4 dozen eggs
- 1 box Hamburger Helper
- 15 assorted cans beans
- 1 can lentils
- 1 can Rotel
- 8 cans tomatoes
- 4 cans soup
- 12 cans beef and chicken broth
- 5 cans tuna
- 3 cans milk
- 4 cans fruits
- 1 can red salmon
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 1 pkg. 4 roll toilet paper
- 1 box pancake mix
- 1 bottle pancake syrup
- 8 bars soap
- 2 bottles cooking oil
- 3 cans disinfectant spray
- 2 jars cherries
- 2 pkgs bamboo skewers
- 109 Easter baskets for 2017
- 19 pkgs plastic eggs for 2017
- 5 basket wraps for 2017
- 6 standing bunnies for 2017

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



Community Meal

May 18
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.



On behalf of Triad High School, I sincerely thank you for allowing us to use your church for our fundraiser. It was an ideal dance night. So much fun for our Triad students!

Thank you again,
Ms. Remiger



May 24
6:30 p.m.



May

- 4 Gladys Huston
Logan Matz
- 9 Barb Toennies
- 10 Marla Brown
Joe Smith
- 11 Christian Bosaw
Arianna Miles
- 12 Mary Ellen 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
- 26 Emily Toennies
- 27 Ron Harbison
Yvonne Kamm
- 28 Crystal Keilbach
Sandra Morton
Tanner Riden

5K Walk-Run for DuBois, Troy
Park, May 14. See insert for
details.



VBS Mission



Do you have toiletries from a hotel stay lying around your home? VBS will be doing a mission project that requires travel/hotel size shampoo, conditioner, body soap and lotions. All donations of these items will be appreciated. Please bring your items to church and place them in the box outside the office. Thank you!



Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
May 5, Troy UMC, 7 a.m.



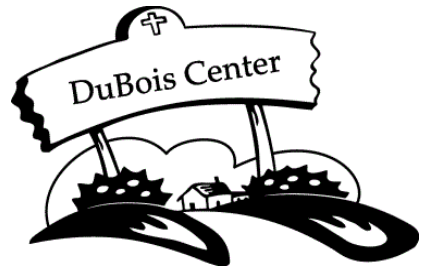
Blessing of the Community Garden
May 1st at 12:30 p.m.



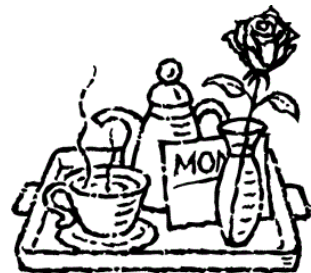
*Pentecost Flower
Memorials/Honorariums orders due
May 4*



DuBois Fun Day was just that, FUN!
We had over 60 Friedens members
travel to DuBois for a fun day of camp
activities! Thank you to all who
donated and helped make the food.



Our Quarterly Mission
Donations made to DuBois during this
quarter (April, May and June) will be
matched by our Mission Matching
Fund.



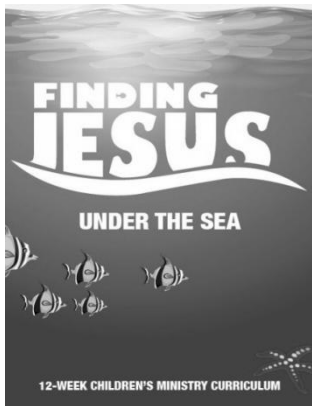
**Mother's Day
Breakfast**

May 8, 8:30 a.m.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for
breakfast on Mother's Day. This is an
event for the entire family, with the
women relaxing and being served.

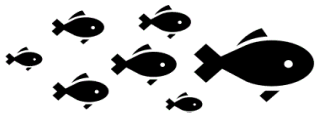
Friedens Kidz Summer Curriculum:

Going Deeper With Our Faith



The sea contains many wondrous sights created by God. When we go under the sea and take a closer look, we see that the sea has much to teach us about God.

Summer Schedule begins on Sunday, June 12th. Sunday School will be during Worship for the months of June, July, and August. Everyone will gather in the Sanctuary at 10:15 for worship. After the "Time with Children" all Friedens Kidz will travel to the craft room for a FUN lesson about finding Jesus under the sea! After worship, children can be picked up from the craft room.



May Sunday School Schedule:

1st Fun Day

8th Mother's Day - all Friedens Kidz will help serve breakfast please be at church by 8:30 to serve all of our Mothers & teachers!

15, 22, and 29 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

May 15th – June 5th Sunday School on hiatus.

June 12th First Day of Summer Sunday School!

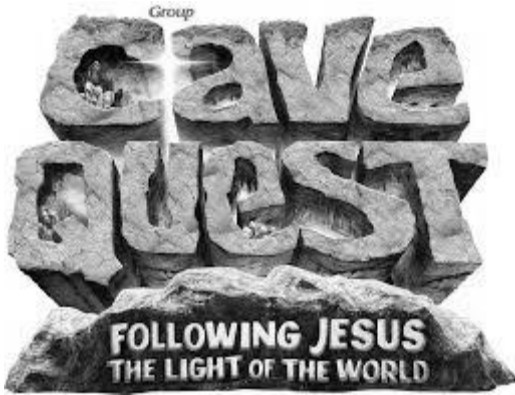
The Youth will be preparing a lunch following worship May 1st. A freewill offering will be

accepted to help with the NYE youth trip in July. Host families: Nungesser, Jewell, Hildenbrand.



THANK YOU

Thank you for supporting our Youth with the envelope giving! Each and every dollar is appreciated!



VBS June 20th – 24th Cave Quest

Children ages 3 years – 6th grade

6:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Register early to hold your place!

Space is limited.

Interested in being a part of the VBS staff? See Stephanie.

Staff meeting June 6th 6:30 p.m.



VBS Staff T-Shirt orders need to be

to Stephanie by

May 15th

Forms can be picked up outside Stephanie's office door.

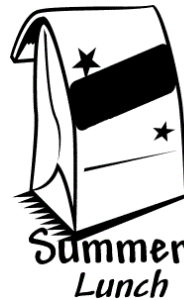
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\$10.00 payment due with order.



May 30, 2016

(Church office will be closed.)

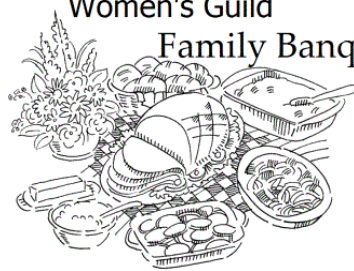


The Summer Lunch Program will be

resuming soon.

Keep an ear out for ways you can help!

Women's Guild Family Banquet



Noon, Fellowship Hall

May 15