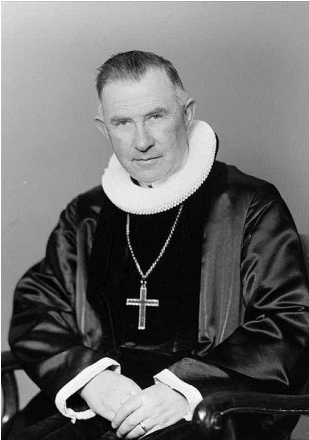


Greetings and peace to all.

One of the things that I believe many Christians struggle with is true obedience to God. It is not easy sometimes and I know that there are times that I struggle with it too. At times our disobedience is nothing more than a willful, playful action that really does no harm or upsets anyone. Other times our disobedience is born out of hatefulness and anger which causes the destruction of faith and relationships. So how should we understand obedience when it comes to everyday life before God and each other? One of the places that I turn to for those answers other than Scripture are many of the saints that have gone before us and have lived through much tougher times than I have. One of those is the following:

Evind Josef Berggrav was a Norwegian Lutheran Bishop, author and resistance leader against Hitler who lived from 1884 to 1959. He writes the following on obedience.

Eivind Berggrav in 1940



“Obedience is so difficult to achieve. In hard times, in times full of unreason and injustice caused by evil people, we are disposed to reply by rebellion, by rebellion against God. There is bitterness, an urge to take the law into one’s own hands, to hit back, even if only in imagination...God give us strength! We know what this is, for our individual selves, for our lives. It is said of Jesus that “He learned obedience by the things which he suffered.” With us it is rather the reverse: we learn rebelliousness when we suffer unreasonably. But the only effect of rebelliousness is that the ropes tighten more firmly around us. Every time we twist in obstinate impotence, the impotence becomes greater.

Obedience alone can free us. For obedience is not submission to a state of serfdom. Obedience is not resignation, not at all a passive condition. Obedience is the inner act of freedom, a decision I take...The whole life of Jesus is therefore an

encouragement to us to believe trustfully in God. Rely upon his presence even when we cannot see Him. God is God even when the forces of evil are preponderant, whether in physical pain, in spiritual distress, or in the darkness of despair and desertion. By this faith in God, the soul can be kept healthy despite all, and can retain its independence under all circumstances. In this faith liberating obedience is formed.” (With God in the Darkness, from a sermon, “A Little While,” preached in Kristiansand Cathedral, November 1941, about eighteen months after the Nazi occupation of Norway)

Yours in Christ, Pastor Doug.



Community Meal

November 30
5:30 – 6:30 pm

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



Nov. 11,
24, & 25

FROM OUR CHURCH RECORDS

Attendance for October:

	Sunday School	Worship
10/2	34	109
10/9 (sausage dinner)		34
10/16	32	124
10/23	30	102

New Member:

Laurie E. Manwaring joined Friedens UCC on Sunday, October 23, 2016.



Sept. Income	\$16,760.34
Sept. Expenses	\$20,774.41
Gain (Loss)	(\$4,014.47)

Year to Date Income	\$159,403.22
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$172,439.67</u>
Gain (Loss)	(\$13,036.45)

Your continued support of the Operating Fund is needed.



Hello everyone,

Wow, fall arrived and we all had to find jackets! I hope you're enjoying the weather. Thank you for sharing your gifts, sharing your garden, and sending labels. You've been busy. I am looking forward to the start of our garden next year, only smaller. Peace, love, and blessings to all! Remember Halloween will be here soon, so remember the children as they trick-or-treat.

Peace,
Brenda Crisp
Uni-Pres Kindercottage

Dear Friedens UCC,

Thank you for your donation to Emmaus Homes! Through your generosity, Emmaus provides a home where adults with developmental disabilities receive the care and support they so desperately need in order to live safe, healthy, and purposeful lives.

Sincerely,
Lisa A. Drier
Chief Development Officer

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS




Katie's Freezer Meals

November 8th will be our last class. If you are interested in attending make sure to let Katie Carver know and she will ensure that you have a list of all the meals and required ingredients.

Ushers

Nov. 6	Bill & Marla Brown Dave & Pat Edgar
Nov. 13	Deb Gebhart Katelyn Gebhart Crystal Gebhart Sue Hanks
Nov. 20	Doug & Debbie Brendel Bob & Janis Little
Nov. 27	Larry Bliss Lloyd Bliss Wayne Loehring Kenny Grotefendt
Dec. 4	Pat Ruger Tom Fischer Kenny Grotefendt Rick Smith

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

Liturgists

Nov. 6	Brown family
Nov. 13	Joe Smith
Nov. 20	Jenny Ruger
Nov. 27	Karen Kronk
Dec. 4	Marla Brown

Bus Drivers

Nov. 6	Dennis & Cindy Westfall
Nov. 13	Doug & Debbie Brendel
Nov. 20	Jim & Claudia Galaske
Nov. 27	Tom Fischer, Laura Lally
Dec. 4	Roy McMillin, TBD

Newsletter articles are due on **November 20th**

You may:

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

friedenscircuitrider@hotmail.com

- fax the article: 667-6006



Hanging of
the greens
Nov. 20





*Show Them
You!
Care!*

Items collected for
Ministries Unlimited in
October were:

- 48 boxes saltine crackers
- 2 pkgs gluten free crackers
- 13 packages dry pasta
- 72 cans vegetables
- 17 boxes macaroni and cheese
- 48 cans soda
- 1 box cereal
- 2 boxes Hamburger Helper
- 2 boxes Stovetop stuffing
- 2 pkg instant mashed potatoes
- 1 box rice
- 1 jar jelly



Birthday Blessings November

- 2 Kay Brendel
- Carolyn Gore
- 8 Molly Toennies
- 9 Dorothy Holtmann
- 14 Charles Brown
- Charles Gaultney
- Wyatt Seagle
- 15 Kimberly Griffis
- 20 Swiss Kamm
- 21 Ron Emmons
- 26 Amanda Corey
- 27 Megan Nungesser

Thank you for your donation! The items for **November** are: **pumpkin pie mix, pie crust mix, soup, evaporated milk, and bath soap.**

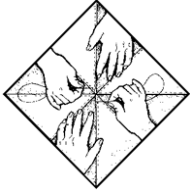


Veterans Day
Nov. 11

FRIEDENS quarterly **MISSIONS**

During the months of October, November, and December our mission will be Ministries Unlimited.





15th Annual Quilt and Art Show

Saturday, November 12, from 10 a.m. - 3

p.m. By now we hope you have decided to have an entry (or 2 or 3 or more) in the show to make it the best show ever. We definitely need your entries - you just can't have a quilt or art show without entries. We will gladly accept any quilt entries, no matter the age, so ask your friends and family if they have any to be displayed. Heirloom quilts (over 50 years old) bring as much attention as the newer ones. You can also enter afghans, wall hangings, table runners, Christmas and miscellaneous needle work, such as pictures, pillows, etc. In the art category there will be oils, pastels, pen, pencils, acrylic, photography, watercolor, and mixed media.

Inform your relatives, friends and neighbors about the show and encourage them to attend and to submit an article for the show. All entries are locked up and security is provided at the church all night on Friday.

QUILTS

Hours for accepting entries in the upstairs conference room (use elevator entrance for quilts) will be:

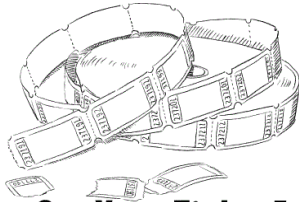
Wednesday, November 9 from 1 - 3 p.m., and 6 - 8 p.m.; Thursday, November 10 from 2- 4 p.m. and 6 - 8 p.m. All items MUST be in by Thursday, 8 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS, NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED - NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. If these times don't fit into your schedule, call Vicki 667-3161 or Gloria 667 - 2769 and we will arrange for someone to be at the church to accept your entry.

ART WORK

Due to limited space, pre-registration is required. Drop off hours and dates are Thursday, November 10 from 2 - 4 p.m. and 6 - 8 p.m. and Friday, November 11 from 6 - 8 p.m. For more information contact Diana 667 - 7074.

There will also be a holiday market, bake sale, crafts, cutlery, pecans, quilt books, patterns, etc. Donations to these stands will be gladly accepted. These items can be brought to Fellowship Hall any time during the week of November 6. All items for the Bake Sale, Cookies and Lunch Stand need to be in on Saturday morning by 9:00 a.m.

A donation of \$2 gives you free coffee and cookies. Lunch will also be served.



Get Your Ticket! **50/50 Drawing**

Tickets are \$100 each; proceeds will benefit the Operating Fund. Please see Vicki Fischer or Gloria Mannz to get your ticket. Be creative, get a group together and come up with a creative name! The drawing will be held at 11:30 a.m. on **November 13.**



Community Benefit Concert

Sunday, November 6th at 2 p.m.
Entertainment will be provided by many local talents. Admission is a non-perishable food item and/or monetary donation.

Refreshments will be provided during the concert.



Thank you to all who made our Glow In The Dark Party so much fun!

Thank you to all who came and enjoyed all the fun with us!

I am thankful for the love that I have for God and His love for me. I am truly thankful for my church family. I am truly thankful for my family and friends. As we get closer to the holidays, I pray that each of you have many people and things to be thankful for. The last few months for our family have been challenging. We moved Dennis's mother into Aspen Creek. Even in these trying days that we have under our belts, I have found many blessings to be thankful for. We thank each of you who have listened, prayed and even shed tears with us. We know God has a plan and we will let him lead the way. Happy Thanksgiving and God bless Stephanie



Come join the fun of making homemade cookies, Christmas cards and Christmas ornaments to be sent to our soldiers serving overseas!

Sunday, November 20th from 1-4 p.m., at Friedens. Come for part of the time or all of the time! The event is *free!!* Donations of baking supplies greatly appreciated!

Register on Signup.com at <http://signup.com/go/wCxYwh> or contact RobertaBurg@aol.com for more information.

Any Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts registered before 11-11-16 will receive a We Support Our Troops patch!

Also collecting donations of:
New music CDs
Hand held games with batteries
Board games
New DVD movies

Footballs, baseballs, bats, soccer balls, basketballs

Twin sheet sets with pillows

Coffee makers, filters, coffee

Hand and feet warmers

DVD players

Microwaves and microwave foods

Watches

Remote control cars and trucks (to find IEDs)

Electric razors

Comic books

Warm blankets

Socks (men's and women's)

Warm bedroom slippers (men's and women's)



For Veterans and their families: free meal on November 5. Doors open at 5 p.m., meal served at 5:30 p.m. This meal is being provided and sponsored by Friedens UCC to honor those who served our country. Entertainment will follow dinner.