



## The Infamous Church Bulletin By Charles C. Robey

"Give to the LORD the glory he deserves! Bring your offering and come into his presence. Worship the LORD in all his holy splendor" ( 1 Chronicles 16:29).

"Where are the church bulletins? We can't have church without a bulletin. How will I know when to stand up and when to kneel and pray?" exclaimed Deacon Doubtful. As Deacon Doubtful continued to express his concern, many others also chimed in by expressing their apprehension.

Why, Sister Skeptic, who is usually rather quiet and doesn't take part in the service, stood and rather vocally screamed, "I've heard enough! I want you to know I'm a Christian and have been a member of this church for 30 years! Why, my father even helped start this church. The bulletin has always been a part of my life!"

Before Sister Skeptic could finish, she was rudely interrupted by Deacon Backslider, who shouted rather loudly, "Sister, you may indeed be a Christian but you certainly didn't get it here!" This contagious eruption continued into the start of the would be service, which prompted the need for Pastor Logic to step in and explain. You see, Pastor Logic was a soft spoken man of God but he just couldn't take it anymore.

"You see," Pastor Logic said, "Our beloved Sister Faithful has been sick for many weeks, and she couldn't get the bulletins printed. We'll just have to depend on our faith to carry us through this service, even as hectic as the outcome may become."

After this short declaration from Pastor Logic, things seemed to settle down and the service went on as planned. But lo and behold, when Deacon Grateful started to pray, positive emotions suddenly overcame the entire congregation. Certain supernatural events began happening throughout our small chapel. First of all, Deacon Grateful started his prayer by asking the Lord, "Lord please let something happen today that would not be in the bulletin." And, oh how the spirit changed after Deacon Grateful prayed.

The music worship minister led the hymns like never before, accompanied by all the loyal attendees. It was just as if our little chapel had been taken over by a band of Angels. Even Sister "No Note", who had been banished from the choir, chimed in like never before. What a glorious time of singing we had. Next came the announcements and offering, led by Pastor Logic. I'll never forget how the Pastor stood so firmly as he outlined the coming week's church events. And this alone was rather unusual since he didn't even have to read the usual upcoming agenda from the bulletin. "Deacon Boring" became so excited; he shouted a big "Amen" to the Pastor's announcement remarks. You would just have to know Deacon Boring to appreciate this. You see, he was a good man but he had never gotten caught up in the spirit of the services before. And, yes, the offering plates seemed to be filled that day as well.

Suddenly, when it came time for Pastor Logic to give his usual sermon, the chain of events continued to reverse the customary style of our worship. Throughout our little chapel, members and visitors alike began to spontaneously stand and give their testimonies. One by one they stood until most had given their statement. And when the spontaneous worship was concluded, all Pastor Logic could add was a big "Amen" and a hearty "Hallelujah".

Well, we never had a sermon that day, as we didn't need one. You see, the sermon was real as the message of God's love was shown through expressions of the many who testified that day. Also, what was so real, no one bothered to check their watches as the meeting concluded as everyone gathered around the old fashion alter for prayer.

As the folks begin to shift out, we all broke out singing that old time song, " Give Me That Old Time Religion", to the tune of everyone clapping and hugging while exiting the chapel. Well, as you probably guessed, our little church never was the same again. The weekly bulletins did continue. However, the format underwent a " Holy Redrafting". Now, instead of listing the order of service, the bulletins have a listing of church opportunities for serve within the church, a listing of the church prayer needs and an outline of the pastor's sermon with ample room for write-in notes.

Read this and just had to share...Yours in Christ, Pastor Doug

# FROM OUR CHURCH RECORDS

Attendance for September:

9/4	101
9/11	73
9/18	123
9/25	131



August Income	\$14,687.32
August Expenses	<u>\$20,235.20</u>
Gain (Loss)	\$(5,547.88)

Year to Date Income	\$142,642.88
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$151,665.26</u>
Gain (Loss)	\$(9,022.38)

Your continued support of the Operating Fund is needed.



October 13  
12:30 p.m.



Congregation of Friedens UCC,

Thank you for welcoming us to your church as we began our journey to NYE 2016! Your gift of hospitality was very appreciated. We enjoyed the snack bags that were given to us as we began our long bus ride. Thank you!

Raven, McKenna, Mya, Zayna, Kaitlyn, Laura, Kate, and Pastor MaryBeth Hartenstein of Hope UCC, Hiawatha, IA



Newsletter articles are due on **October 16<sup>th</sup>**

You may:

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

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

- fax the article: 667-6006



# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



## Ushers

<b>Oct. 2</b>	Joe Smith Wayne Loehring Kenny Grotefendt Jim Galaske
<b>Oct. 9</b>	<b>9 a.m. service</b> Doug & Debbie Brendel Rick & Sherry Smith
<b>Oct. 16</b>	Swiss & Yvonne Kamm Kellen King Jarod Willis
<b>Oct. 23</b>	Julie Loehring Gladys Huston Jackie Estes Sue Hanks
<b>Oct. 30</b>	Gloria Mannz Deb Spears Gladys Skeens Amy Schroeter
<b>Nov. 6</b>	Bill & Marla Brown Dave & Pat Edgar

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

## Liturgists

<b>Oct. 2</b>	Ron Harbison
<b>Oct. 9</b>	<b>9 a.m. service</b>
<b>Oct. 16</b>	
<b>Oct. 23</b>	
<b>Oct. 30</b>	
<b>Nov. 6</b>	

## Bus Drivers

<b>Oct. 2</b>	Jim & Claudia Galaske
<b>Oct. 9</b>	NO BUS – Sausage Supper
<b>Oct. 16</b>	Tom Fischer, Laura Lally
<b>Oct 23</b>	Roy McMillin, Laura Lally
<b>Oct 30</b>	Mike & Debbie Byrd
<b>Nov. 6</b>	Dennis & Cindy Westfall



## Katie's Freezer Meals

October 11 and 25

If you haven't attended one of Katie's classes, be assured that you will walk out with at least 3 tasty meals to freeze; all ready to pull out when you need them. 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.





Items collected for  
Ministries Unlimited in  
September were:

- 21 dozen eggs
- 20 pkgs hot dogs
- 24 cans soda
- 37 small cans soup
- 1 large can soup
- 25 pkgs bologna
- 28 cans tuna
- 216 pkgs Ramen noodles
- 185 cans vegetables
- 24 cans pork & beans
- 48 boxes macaroni and cheese
- 12 cans potatoes
- 12 cans pasta sauce
- 5 pkgs pasta
- 1 can pie filling
- 1 can pulled pork
- 2 cans pink salmon
- 1 box shells & cheese
- 2 cans broth
- 4 jars peanut butter
- 4 boxes mini peanut butter
- sandwich crackers
- 1 can hair spray
- 1 box 100 ct re-sealable
- sandwich bags
- 144 tubes toothpaste
- 66 children toothbrushes
- 118 adult toothbrushes
- 36 "Love Your Teeth" coloring
- Books
- 4 play smackers

- 2 boxes 24 ct crayons
- 2 pkgs 8 ct pencils
- 4 plastic folders with fasteners
- 4 plastic totes
- 1 print/display calculator
- 6 calculator spool ribbons
- 9 ct paper rolls for calculator

Thank you for your donation! The  
items for **October** are: **hot chocolate  
mix, pork & beans, coffee, and  
macaroni and cheese.**



Due to the Sausage Dinner, worship  
will be held at 9 a.m. on October 9.



DuBois Center Fall Festival and  
Vintage Market

Oct. 2 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[duboiscenter.org](http://duboiscenter.org)



## October

- 1 Karen Mollet
- 5 Amy Schroeter  
Gladys Skeens  
Dennis Williams
- 6 Jeff Estes
- 7 Anita Hoenig  
Sue Kassing  
Michael Schroeter
- 8 Michael Gebhart  
Sheila Waggoner
- 13 Allison Meyer  
Jill Schmitt
- 14 Chris Gebhart
- 17 Jim Galaske  
Denise Willis
- 19 Annette Grady
- 21 Richard Talbert
- 23 Justin Stipes
- 24 Kenny Grotefendt
- 26 Alexander Hoppes  
Randy Waggoner
- 29 Gerald Schmitt

## FRIEDENS quarterly MISSIONS

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



## Community Meal

October 26

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.



## COLUMBUS DAY

October 10, office closed



October 9  
11:30 a.m. -  
5:30 p.m.



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### October Schedule:

2<sup>nd</sup> Super Hero Theme  
9<sup>th</sup> NO SUNDAY SCHOOL Sausage  
Dinner! Sign up to work a shift or two!  
16<sup>th</sup> NEW THEME: Glow in the Dark!

We Have Children's Choir and  
Children Bells at Friedens!  
Practices for each are on Wednesday  
evenings. Choir practice is at 6 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall, bell practice is  
at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Come  
have fun with us!



Saturday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Glow in the Dark  
Party!  
3 year olds – 6<sup>TH</sup> graders  
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall.  
Bring a friend! Games – Crafts –  
Snacks  
23<sup>rd</sup> Glow in the Dark!  
30<sup>th</sup> Glow in the Dark!

### Congregational Meeting



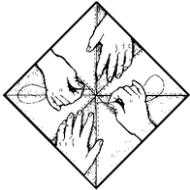
11:30 a.m., October 30

### 50/50 Drawing

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



October 4<sup>th</sup> at  
6:30 p.m.



Our Fifteenth Annual Quilt Show will be held on Saturday, November 12.

Now is the time to consider having an entry in the show. This is not just for Guild Members but is an all congregation event, and you are encouraged to share talents and treasured needle work and artistic talents with others. Please encourage your family members and friends to do the same. It does not have to have been made in the past year and participants do not have to be members of Friedens.

Quilt Show Categories:

New and heirloom quilts  
New and heirloom baby quilts  
Both machine and hand quilted  
Afghans, both crocheted and knitted  
Wall hangings  
Table runners  
Christmas  
Miscellaneous needlework (pictures, pillows, etc.)

Art Show Categories:

Oils  
Pastels  
Pen  
Pencil  
Acrylic  
Photography  
Watercolor  
Mixed Media

There will be also an opportunity for you to bring items for the Country Store, Craft Store, Bake Sale, Cookies, and the Lunch Stand. We will be raffling off the queen size quilt, a painting, a caned chair, a table runner, and a wreath.

*Tickets will be available at the Sausage Supper.*

We will be needing help from ALL members of the congregation. This is the one big fund raiser of the Women's Guild and as it grows larger each year there is more of a demand for workers (both male and female). (All ladies of the congregation are considered members of the Guild). We do NEED more active members to be able to continue our work. Flyers are available in the office if you have a relative or friend that would be interested in attending the show.

We will be taking entries on November 9 and 10. More information will be in your November *Circuit Rider*. If you have questions call Gloria at 667 - 2769 or Vicki at 667 - 3161 (needlework) or Diana Bauer at 667 - 7074 (art).

Just remember, a show is not possible without something to show!

