

Friedens United Church of Christ

August 2018

Friedens Circuit Rider

OFFICE
HOURS

From the Pastors Desk

Jesus Chooses Some Helpers

(Matthew 4:18-22; Luke 5:27-32, 8:1-3, 19-21)

Monday through Thursday,
from 9:00a.m. to noon, Pastor
Doug will be at the Church
Office, unless he is needed
elsewhere. In the afternoons,

he will be visiting church
members at homes, hospitals
or nursing homes. Friday and
Saturdays are his days off;
however, he will be available
for emergencies. Please give
Pastor or Monica a call if you
would like to schedule a time
to meet with him. Church:

667-6535

Cell 570-713-7363

pastor@friedensucc-troy.org

or augustine104@charter.net

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Newsletter articles are
due on August 15th for
the September CR.

You may:

-bring your articles to
the office

- e-mail them to:

friedens@friedensucc-troy.org fax the
article: 667-6006

Everywhere Jesus went, people followed him. Why? Maybe it was his words. The stories he told. The way he talked about God using things they knew - seeds, earth, fields, sheep, yeast, bread, coins, houses, lamps, birds, wildflowers. Or maybe it was his actions. Healing the sick. Playing with children. Welcoming the lonely.

Some who followed were simply curious. Others had deep needs they hoped Jesus could fill. Most people listened for a while, they went back to everyday life, changed for the better. But there were a few who gave up everything - work, home, family - to follow Jesus.

Peter, Andrew, James, and John were the first. One day as he was teaching by the sea, Jesus saw some fishermen mending their nets. Night after night they went out on the dark waters, hoping to catch enough fish to feed their families and pay their taxes to Rome. It was an endless struggle.

"Come with me," called Jesus, "and you can spend your lives fishing for people instead."

Who knows why people make the choices they do? Sometimes a door opens, and it just feels right to go through it. Without a word, Peter and Andrew got up, dropped their nets on the ground, and began to walk with Jesus. James and John joined them. Their father, Zebedee, sat bewildered, the half-mended nets dangling from his hands.

"Wait!" he cried. "Where are you going? What about me? What about your families?" But they were already far down the beach, leaving behind a trail of footprints in the sand.

Another time, again by the sea, Jesus saw a man called Levi sitting at the booth where he collected taxes. Much of the money went to Rome, but any extra he kept for himself - or so people said.

"Follow me," called Jesus. Levi stood up so fast he knocked his chair over. Leaving his tax booth behind, he followed Jesus. Others complained that Jesus had no business spending time with a tax collector - a greedy traitor. But Jesus replied, "When people look at my followers, they must see that there is no one outside the circle of God's love."

Continued on page 2



FROM OUR CHURCH RECORDS

Attendance for June 2018:

Date	Sunday School	Worship
7/1		96
7/8		85
7/15		97
7/22		91
7/29	*will be in September CR	

Hospitalized – Arthur Rock, Virgil Whittington



BACK to SCHOOL
Get Ready With Scrip

Summer's almost over and school is back in session! Before you send those kids back onto the bus, get your scrip and make sure they're ready for the first day of class with new clothes, supplies, and everything else a student needs.

Summer worship hours start at 9:15 am



Coffee hour will come to a pause during the summer schedule and will restart on September 9. Thank you for support in this decision. Summer months' time **June 3rd** through **September 2nd**



Continued from page 1

Jesus also called Judas Iscariot, a passionate young man, full of restless energy. Some say he was one of the Sicarii, the dagger carriers, who thought the way to freedom from Rome was through violence and terror. Why did Jesus choose him? Why did he follow Jesus? What did Judas expect from Jesus?

There were women who followed Jesus too - Mary of Magdala, Joanna, Susanna, and many others. Jesus called them all his family. As in any family, they did not always get along. Sometimes it was hard for them to love each other, let alone everyone else who wanted to be close to Jesus. Sometimes their hearts felt so stretched they ached. But they kept following Jesus along the way, doing their best to keep up. (Excerpt from, "Read Wonder Listen. Stories from the bible for Young Readers.")

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Doug.

- 1 Jill Seagle
- 3 Stan Huston
- Faye McMillan
- 5 Jennifer Ruger
- Scott Estes
- 6 Abigail Schroeter
- Terrie Warden Randall
- Beverly Turner
- 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
- Wendy Smith
- 16 Doug A. Brendel
- 17 Allan Weder
- Melissa Greenwood
- 18 Jackie Estes
- Ed Maedje
- 19 Gwen Bosaw
- 21 Richard Smith
- 22 Jim Bailey
- 23 Jared Willis
- 25 Sherry Smith
- 26 Jessica Wilkins
- Jennifer Stephens
- 29 Adeline Burgess
- John E. Lally

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS USHERS

THIS MONTH

- Aug 5** Amy Schroeter
Donna Bingham
Mary Ellen Schwehr
Julie Loehring
- Aug 12** Ron & Sandy Harbison
Dennis & Cindy Westfall
- Aug 19** Bill & Marla Brown
Dave & Pat Edgar
- Aug 26** Sandy Nissen
Jenny Ruger
Stephanie Zipprich
Sherry Smith
- Sept 2** Doug & Debbie Brendel
Bob & Janis Little
- Sept 9** Wayne & Julie Loehring
Ron & Sandy Harbison

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



\$10 per one pound bag

Our Church Mission August – Hoyleton

Hoyleton Youth & Family Services
Building Stronger Communities One Child at a Time

The Church Office

Will Be Closed:



August 29, 2018
5:30pm

Sign up for 2018 located by bulletin board on the top floor.

Invitation cards are available by the signup sheet.



From June 3rd to September 2nd during **Summer Worship Hours**, there will be **no Social hour**. Schedule will commence September 9th



- Aug 5**
- Aug 12** TBD
- Aug 19** TBD
- Aug 26** TBD
- Sept 2** TBD

If you would like to volunteer to read scriptures or if you cannot be present on your day, please call Donna **618.334.6110**



Bus Drivers/Helpers

- Aug 5** Tom & Laura
- Aug 12** Roy & Donna
- Aug 19** Jim & Claudia
- Aug 26** Mike & Debbie
- Sept 2** Dennis & Cindy



**53rd Annual Meeting
Illinois South Conference**

October 27, 2018
8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Knights of Columbus-Collins Club,
Collinsville, IL

This is the official notice to gather our delegates!

WE NEED 2 - 4 DELGATES TO JOIN US!

It is important to identify our churches lay delegates as soon as possible so that they will receive all the information prior to the meeting and can plan accordingly. Email addresses are needed for the team to communicate with them. Please sign up outside the office or email Monica to have the packet forwarded to you.



- July 30-Aug 8 Pastor Doug Vacation
- August 2 Craft Camp 10:30am-2:30pm
- August 9 Movie Matinee 12:30
- August 10 Movie night in the Park 6pm
- August 12 Blessing of the Backpacks
- August 21 Women's Guild 7:00 pm
- August 22 Friends Luncheon 11:30 am
- August 29 Community Meal 5:30 pm
- Sept 2 Labor Day **Office Closed**
- Sept 4 Rummage Sale 4p-7p
- Sept 5 Rummage Sale 7a-1p
- Sept 9 Rally Day – Sunday School Confirmation
- Sept 9-13 Rummage Sale Set-up/drop off
- Sept 13 Movie Matinee
- Sept 18 Women's Guild 7:00 pm
- Sept 26 11:30am Friends Luncheon
5:30pm Community Meal
- Sept 28-29 Women's Retreat - DuBois



August

- *chicken noodle soup *cranberry
- *canned fruit *peanut butter *crackers
- *jelly *applesauce *canned fruit
- *Small & Medium Coffee Cans

ANY ITEMS WILL HELP, WE USE THIS AS A GUIDE FOR THE CURRENT SEASON**

*Ministries Unlimited
June 2018
Friedens Giving*

- 24 – Bottles of jelly
 - 7 – boxes of Jell-O
 - 3 – bags of beans
 - 1 – can cranberry sauce
 - 1 – boxed cereal
 - 1 – bottle of kids shampoo/conditioner
 - 1 – empty coffee can
- Ruby Schultze
Please help Ministries Unlimited by donating items listed. Thank you!



Operating Fund Activity

June 2018

Income \$22,250.31

Expense \$21,527.41

(\$722.90)

YTD

\$110,096.03

\$122,459.44

(\$12,363.41)



Jesus did not just talk about provided, he did it! By feeding more than 5,000 people, he showed his power and also his compassion. Why are Jesus' might and mercy both meaningful in light of your needs? Do you know? Please call the office or E-mail Subject: Be Still & Know – August and we will share them in the September Newsletter.

"And they all ate and were satisfied"

~Mark 6:42

~See God's Goodness~

After your next meal, pray for those who struggle having enough to eat. Ask Jesus to be merciful and mighty in their lives. (Maybe he will use you to help answer this prayer!)

I'm sorry

Some days you get up, both feet hit the floor and your brain engages, but some days one foot hits the floor and the brain doesn't work. Well, I had one of those days a few Sundays ago when I was passing out semi-annual financial statements. I was on a mission but I was obviously not dealing with a "full deck" that day. I was passing out statements during church service when we were singing. I really didn't think anything about it until someone brought it to my attention. It was rude and disruptive, and I apologize. I just clearly was not thinking. Please forgive.

Sincerely, Sandy Harbison - Finance



Free Summer Lunch Program

Monday – Friday 11:30 – 12:30 pm at Meadow Drive Park & Tri Township Library. Both locations will be serving all summer until August 10th. August 10th is end of summer celebration!

thank you

Greeting & Blessings,

This note is for Gladys and the ladies who collected the many bedding items for our family in need.

By Saturday, they were all settled in the home and on Sunday, we worshiped together. Giving thanks to God and the many people who helped.

I Thank all of you, I was very pleased to see you but no, I don't want to quilt 😊

Stay cool, enjoy the many blessings of God's world and again thank you.

Brenda Crisp -Uni-Pres Kindercottage



August 2nd Craft Camp 10:30 – 2:30



August- No Sunday School 5th, 26th



August 12th, 19th Sunday School during Worship



August 12th Blessing of the Backpacks



September- 2nd No Sunday School



September 9th 9:00 a.m. Rally Day

2018



DRAMA CAMP

Thank you to Jennifer King and Olivia Bosaw for organizing such a wonderful event! A special thank you to Gwen Bosaw, Tom King, Kellen King, Crystal Gebhart & Deborah Karlak for all your hard work and help making 2018 Drama Camp a success. We couldn't do it without you. Your time and talents are appreciated and never go unnoticed.



A Message from the President



Why do you come to church? Why do you come to Friedens UCC?

Do you come for the word of God, love the Pastor, Women's Guild, Sunday School, Choir? Do you come to develop relationships and become part of a "community"? I'm betting you come for almost ALL of those things. I know I do.

Our church offers a tremendous amount of all kinds of activities and programs: VBS, Trivia Night, Youth Fellowship, Music programs. Many of the members give a lot of time and talents and monetary resources to keep Friedens going. And we keep chugging along.

But, you know what? Research has shown that churches give only 1-2% of their budgets to benevolence, outreach, missions, and ministry partnerships. I wonder how Friedens compares? (I'm not a treasurer or math whiz so I'll have to leave that to the experts on our Financial Board).

The majority of our budget, here at Friedens, focuses on **US** (the members); on our Boards, on our Property, on our Programs. Frankly, it operates more like a Country Club that serves the people on the inside instead of the wider, world-wide church of Jesus Christ outside our walls.

Yes, we have had great success in some outreach missions that we initiated: Ministries Unlimited, the Summer Lunch Program, our vibrant VBS. All three have exceeded our initial expectations and several churches and other civic groups are now involved in keeping the first two missions going. VBS draws from all over our community and many of our members do a lot of physical work preparing and working at VBS.

However, what else do we do with our monies we collect? Yes, we help support Hoyleton Home, Camp DuBois, Kinder Cottage, and the Marion Well Mission with extra dollars from "special" offerings. But, what do we do **PHYSICALLY** to help with these missions? (I know a few of our members helped by painting, cleaning, volunteering as camp counselors/cooks at DuBois.) Anything else? Not much. We pretty much do things here at the church for our church.

I'm going to challenge you all. What if we turn these traditions, attitudes, process, whatever you want to call it, on its head and change our focus. We need to make ourselves available to the outside world of service to others; to get out and give of ourselves, **PHYSICALLY**. To create a church without walls.

I have some ideas for more involvement in other, newer missions right here in our community and county that we could surely explore. I know Friedens does very well in giving money, but I'm talking about giving **TIME**, giving of **YOURSELF**, a few hours a week outside our church walls.

Deb Brendel

Save  **Please!**

Every clip counts



Please help Kindercottage by saving Box Tops. They are as good as cash for Kindercottage! Please give to Marla Brown or the office.



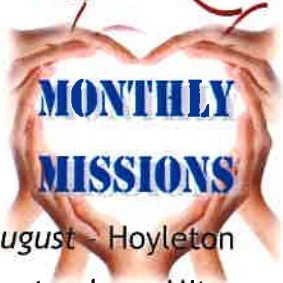
Sunday reminder:
The parking lot on east side of church is reserved for handicapped, elderly, ambulatory etc. Thank you!



Can you fill this seat?

Please contact our Music Director Jennifer King at 618-381-0087 or email at jking@easd13.org

Mission & Evangelism



August - Hoyleton
September - Hitz
October - Emmaus House
November & December - Ministries Unlimited

JOIN US Back to School Blessing

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018

Kick off the school year right!

We would like to invite all students and educators to bring your school bags to church with you to have them blessed!

Come and Join us!



MUSIC News

Practice begins:

COPS & CHOIR - SEPT 5th

BELLS - SEPT 10th



Wednesday

6:00pm - 6:30pm

Bell Choir



Mondays 6:30pm - 7:30pm



Chancel Choir

Wednesdays 6:30 pm - 7:30pm

Please contact the church for questions at 618-667-6535

Or

Jennifer King at 618-667-0745

jking@easd13.org

Movie Matinee

August 9, 2018 12:30pm

"Tully"



Marlo is a New York suburbanite who's about to give birth to her third child. Her husband, Ron, is loving and works hard, but remains clueless about the demands that motherhood puts on his wife. When the baby is born, Marlo's wealthy brother hires a nighttime nanny named Tully to help his sister handle the workload. Hesitant at first, Marlo soon learns to appreciate all that Tully does -- forming a special bond with her new, lifesaving friend.

Bring snacks, bring lunch, bring a blanket, bring a friend!!

DuBois Center

- Sept 14-15 ISC Confirmation Retreat
- Sept 24 1st Day of Nature's Classroom
- Sept 28-29 Friedens Women's Retreat
- October 6 Fall Festival Work Day
- October 7 FALL FESTIVAL**
- Oct 12-14 Mother-Daughter Retreat
- Oct 19-21 Southern Illinois Art Workshop
- Dec 1 Thank You Christmas Party

Women's Guild

July 17, 2018

Our meeting was called to order by our President, Julie Loehring. We had 14 present.

Hostesses for the evening was Donna Bingham & Jane Maedge.

Birthdays were acknowledged.

Devotions were given by Gladys Huston.

Secretary & Treasurers reports were given.

Old and New business was taken care of.

Quilt Show – Nov. 10, 2018 was discussed.

Next month our meeting will be August 21, 2018

Devotions will be given by Virginia Bailey

Hostesses will be Dori Mutchek and Marilyn Wesselman.

Minutes given by Sue Hanks

FRIEDENS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

207 East Center Street
Troy, Illinois 62294

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Contact Us

207 East Center Street
Troy, Illinois 62294

618.667.6535

618.667.6006 fax

friedens@friedensucc-troy.org

www.friedensucc-troy.org

Dated Material: DO NOT DELAY

Mailed July 27, 2018

Meet Our Staff

CHURCH COUNCIL

Rev. Douglas Seagle	Pastor
Monica Hunsdorf	Secretary
Antonio Pereira	Custodian
Stephanie Williams	CE Director
Monica Hunsdorf	Newsletter Editor
Jennifer King	Music Director
Bob Little	Sound Operator
Mike Schroeter	Sound Operator
Eric Bosaw	Sound Operator
Fred Keil	Screen Operator
Claudia Galaske	Screen Operator
Julie Loehring	Women's Guild President

Council	
Deb Brendel	President
Eric Bosaw	Vice-President
Julie Loehring	Past- President
VACANT	Secretary
Jeff Estes	Treasurer
Sandy Zipprich	Christian Education Board
Donna Bingham	Mission & Evangelism Board
Sandy Harbison	Finance Board
Dennis Westfall	Property Board
Claudia Galaske	Property Board
Yvonne Kamm	At-Large
Gladys Keens	At-Large

E-mail: friedens@friedensucc-troy.org

Council mail: Council@friedensucc-troy.org

Church Phone: 667-6535 Website: www.friedensucc-troy.org

August 2018 Friedens UCC Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																											
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid white; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Jul 2018</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; font-size: 0.8em;"> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid white; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Sep 2018</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; font-size: 0.8em;"> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td></tr> <tr><td>30</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> </div> </div>			S	M	T	W	T	F	S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31					S	M	T	W	T	F	S							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30							1 9:00 AM Quilting	2 10:30 AM -2:30 PM Craft Camp 7:00 PM Narcotics Annonymus Mtg.	3	4
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7																																																																																											
8	9	10	11	12	13	14																																																																																											
15	16	17	18	19	20	21																																																																																											
22	23	24	25	26	27	28																																																																																											
29	30	31																																																																																															
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																											
						1																																																																																											
2	3	4	5	6	7	8																																																																																											
9	10	11	12	13	14	15																																																																																											
16	17	18	19	20	21	22																																																																																											
23	24	25	26	27	28	29																																																																																											
30																																																																																																	
			Pastor Doug Vacation																																																																																														
5 9:15 AM Worship & Communion Pastor Nancy	6 9:00 AM Quilting 9:00 AM TOPS 6:00 PM Girl Scout #717	7	8 9:00 AM Quilting	9 12:30 PM Movie Matinee "TULLY" 7:00 PM Narcotics Annonymus Mtg.	10 11:30 AM Lunch Program Last Day 6:00 PM M & E Movie in the Park	11																																																																																											
Pastor Doug Vacation																																																																																																	
12 9:15 AM Worship <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin: 5px 0;">Blessing of Back Packs</div> Finance Board Property Board	13 9:00 AM Quilting 9:00 AM TOPS	14	15 9:00 AM Quilting	16 7:00 PM Narcotics Annonymus Mtg.	17	18																																																																																											
19 9:15 AM Worship & Communion CR Articles Due	20 9:00 AM Quilting 9:00 AM TOPS	21 6:00 PM Girl Scouts #461 7:00 PM Women's Guild	22 9:00 AM Quilting 11:30 AM Friends Lunch	23 7:00 PM Narcotics Annonymus Mtg.	24	25																																																																																											
26 9:15 AM Worship	27 9:00 AM Quilting 9:00 AM TOPS 6:00 PM Girl Scout #109 Ldr Mtg	28	29 9:00 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Community Meal	30 7:00 PM Narcotics Annonymus Mtg.	31																																																																																												

Friedens UCC
Beautiful Feet
Women's Retreat



When: September 28-29, 2018

Time: Friday 6:00 pm to Saturday 5:00 pm

Where: DuBois

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Please contact Stephanie Williams for any questions, concerns or if you need help with the fee. This will be a wonderful & relaxing event so please sign up now to reserve your spot!