

April 2018



Friedens Circuit Rider

Friedens United Church of Christ



From the Pastors Desk

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 April 22nd

You may:

-bring your articles to the office

- e-mail them to:

friedens@friedensucc-troy.org fax the article:

667-6006

He is Risen! Alleluia!

SAVING GRACE

Lord, you are so wonderful
And deserve our love and praise
I cannot express just how I feel
When I think of your saving grace

To think of what you went through
That day upon the cross
And in the moments leading up to it
When soldiers spat and scoffed

And beat you with no mercy,
Making sport and having fun
You said not a word in your defense
Even though you were God's son

You bore it all out of your love
For the lost and dying souls,
To give us a hope we can hold on to
For a future yet to unfold

It's such a beautiful description, Lord,
Of what your grace can do,
For no one's exempt from your saving grace,
But it's a gift freely given from you

By M.S. Lowndes

Yours in Christ
Pastor Doug



FROM OUR CHURCH RECORDS

Attendance for March 2018:



Date	Sunday School	Worship
2/25	7	91
3/2	World Day of Prayer	
3/4	21	84
3/11	No totals	
3/18	23	101
3/25	30	94

Baptism : Oliver Moss March 18, 2018
 Wedding: Christopher Miller & Jessica Polson March 24, 2018



Did you know we can email you the Circuit Rider? If the whole congregation did this we would save almost **\$90** per month!!



- 2 Jane Maedge
- 3 Marian Whittington
- 4 Chris Miller
- 5 Ruby Schultze
- Betty Schiller
- 8 Judy Nowlin
- Clara French
- 11 Karen Ferguson
- 12 Vicky Fischer
- 15 Sandra Harbison
- Taylor Whittington
- 19 Kendall Ruger
- 24 Abby Raymond
- 26 Tracy Bishop
- 29 Ryan Williams
- Xavier Buol



7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service with Communion
10:15 a.m. Service with Communion



Calling all graduates

Please contact the church office by *April 14th* if you would like to have the Name of your graduate (high school, college, technical or trade school, etc.) recognized in the May Issue of the *Circuit Rider*

Movie Matinee

April 12, 2018 12:30pm

"Just Getting started"



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



We would love to have more people join us in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings from 8:45 – 10 a.m. for coffee, donuts and fellowship. It's a wonderful way to re-connect with your church family and start your week on a positive note. If you would be interested in joining us as a host, call Ron at 667-9004.



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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

THIS MONTH USHERS

April 1 SUNRISE SERVICE

The Schwehr Family

10:15 SERVICE

Butch Schmitt

Wayne Loehring

Jim Galaske

Rick Smith

April 8 Lloyd Bliss

Larry Bliss

Tom Fischer

Bill Brown

April 15 Sue Hanks

Marla Brown

Donna Bingham

Amy Schroeter

April 22 Ron & Sandy Haribson

Dennis & Cindy Westfall

April 29 Jenny Ruger

Deb Spears

Gloria Mannz

Claudia Galaske

May 6 Doug & Deb Brendel

Dave & Pat Edgar

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

Our Church Mission

April, May & June –
Dubois



May 30, 2018
5:30pm

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

Invitation cards are available by the signup sheet.



Operating Fund Activity

February 2018

Income \$19,503.18

Expense \$17,744.95

\$1,758.23



\$12 per one pound bag



April 1 Easter Sunday

April 8 Doug & Deb

April 15 Ron & Carol

April 22 Deb Spears

April 29 Rick & Sherry



April 1 Easter Sunday

7:00 am The Schwehr Family

10:15 am Andrea Deloney

April 8 Joe Smith

April 15 Marla Brown

April 22 TBT

April 29 TBT

If you cannot be present on your day, please call Donna

618.334.6110



Bus Drivers/Helpers

April 1 Tom & Laura

April 8 Jim & Claudia

April 15 Roy & Joe

April 22 Mike & Debbie

April 29 Dennis & Cindy

MUSIC
News



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



April

- *toilet tissue
- *instant oatmeal
- *bath soap
- *mac & cheese
- *cake mix
- *cake icing

May

- *jello
- *pudding
- *canned pasta
- *mac & cheese
- *toilet tissue
- *canned tuna
- *Small & Medium Coffee Cans

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



Beginning at end of May or the 1st week in June we will begin our Lunch Program. Exact details will be in May's newsletter. Due to the overwhelming request for lunches during the summer we are in need of donations for food items (monetary & non perishable food items) and in need of **volunteers** to help at one or both of the locations. Please contact Donna if you would like to join in on our fight to stop hunger.

Weekly Activities

SUNDAYS

Social Hour/Fellowship Hour	8:45 am - 10:10 am
Adult Education Class	9:00 am - 10:10 am
Worship	10:10 am
Communion ^{1st & 3rd}	10:10 am
Sunday School	9:00 am
Confirmation Classes	Please see Pastor
*see Pastor Doug	

MONDAYS

Quilting	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
T.O.P.S.	9:00 am - 11:00 am
Peace Bells	6:30 pm

TUESDAYS

Women's Guild ^{3rd Tuesday}	7:00 pm
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WEDNESDAYS

Quilting	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Kids Choir C.O.P.S.	6:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Chancel Choir	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Community Meal ^{Last Wednesday*Jan-Nov}	5:30 pm

THURSDAYS

Movie Matinee ^{2nd Thursday}	12:30 pm
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*Ministries Unlimited
March 2018
Friedens Giving*

- 4 1/2 - Dozen Eggs
- 49 - Pampa Jelly - Fruit Spread
- 1 - can of cake icing
- 8 - boxes of Mac & Cheese
- 1 - Vanish brush free toilet cleaner
- 1 - box of pancake mix
- 1 - large pancake syrup
- 1 - small pancake syrup
- 6 - boxes of Hamburger Helper
- 2 - bottles of BBQ sauce
- 6 - containers of spices
- 4 - cans of tuna
- 2 - boxes of saltine crackers
- 2 - boxes of classic potato chips
- 3 - trail mix bars

2018 Christmas Drive

- 6 - football & basketball dart games

Thank you all for your help providing for the community.

Let's top April giving!!

Show us what your heart can do!



Last Day for Fall Sunday School is May 6th! Summer Sunday School will begin June 10th.

DuBois Center

SPRING LINE-UP

4/11	Wed	Nature's Classroom Season Begins
4/13-15	Fri-Sun	Father & Son Retreat
4/21	Saturday	Wrangle & Ride - Horse Day Service Saturday
5/6	Sunday	BLOCK Party for Middle Schoolers
5/14-18	Mon-Fri	St. Paul UCC, Belleville Work Week
5/21-23	Mon-Wed	Southern Illinois Art Workshop
5/30	Wed	Summer Camp Staff Training Begins
6/10	Sunday	1 st Day of Summer Camp 2018



The Great Lakes Regional Youth Event (GLRYE) is scheduled for July 5-8, 2018 at Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, Illinois. The theme this year is: A Just World for All: Your Voice Matters! Come ponder, pray, and play guided by the 3 Great Loves: neighbor, children, and creation in the UCC's mission statement: United in Christ's love, a just world for all. GLRYE is open to all youth grades 6 - 12 (youth who have finished 6th grade through those who have just finished 12th grade). Any Youth wanting to attend please place your name on the interested list on the bulletin board outside the church office by April 15th.



June 11th - 15th

Are you interested in being a part of the VBS team? There are plenty of opportunities big and small! Join us for a very rewarding experience!!

Contact Stephanie Williams.
saswilliams@charter.net



ARE YOU READY FOR SOME BASEBALL? Friedens will be going to the Cardinals Baseball game on Thursday May 17th! Cardinals vs Phillies game time 6:15. Tickets are free to all Friedens members. Signup sheet will be in the hall outside the office on April 22nd. Tickets will be handed out on Sunday May 6th or picked up in the office. Any tickets not picked up by May 13th will be given away to next on list. **Everyone will need to provide their own transportation to the game.

Thank You!

Hello Friedens,

I just want to take a few minutes to say how great this past year has been. I have made so many new friends and gained "a few" pounds because of all of the great cooks you have here! (LOL) I want you to know how blessed I feel to be a part of your church family. You really have a wonderful congregation here and so many gems that make you all shine. Thank you to Pastor Doug for making my 1st year a smooth transition and being so helpful in all my learning!

I definitely have to give a big **Thank You** to all my "helpers" that make some of my duties a piece of cake! From wedding planning, celebrations of life, conversations, proofreading, folding, to printing millions of copies and always being included for birthday luncheons. I feel very fortunate to have been able to join you all on our journey through life. And can't wait to what the coming years have in store!

Monica Hunsdorf

I would like to thank my daughter, son, grandchildren, great-grand children and anyone that made my special day a great one. Thank you for your gifts, script cards & cards. I really was surprised. My only birthday party ever was a great one.

~Sue Hanks

Dear Friedens Friends,

As most of you have probably heard, by now, I fell and received a burst fractured lumbar vertebrae on February 4th and spent a few days at SLU hospital. I came home with, what I call a "Turtle Shell" brace. Plastic shell, front and back, neck to lower belly! I have, hopefully, one more month to wear this thing. As you can imagine, it has impeded my life, as I am unable to do too many things around the house, like cook. I wish to thank those wonderful ladies that have provided Jim and I with some awesome food. Also the thoughts and prayers, cards and calls, are a highlight in my day. You are "My Friedens Family", it has humbled me, and I love you all.

Sincerely, Virginia Bailey

BE STILL AND KNOW



challenge

Run, Run, Run. Whether you spend your day in the car shuttling kids, going to the doctor, or tackling errands, it's easy to fill your time with "stuff to do". Jesus wants you to spend time with him, including him even in life's busiest moment. The creator of the universe loves you so much that he wants to spend time with you. Help us brainstorm some ways that could help this happen and share them with your church family!! Please call the office or E-mail friedens@friedensucc-troy.org Subject: Be Still & Know - APRIL and we will share them in the March Newsletter.

-But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary."

~Luke 10:41-42

~Stop & Consider~

The next time you are at a stoplight, think about being still. Take a deep breath and thank God for sending Jesus – the one thing necessary for life that is real and forever.

Monica

Be Still
AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD
Psalm 46:10



Happy Easter

Happy Easter everyone! I truly love Easter, a time of new beginnings, new joy, and new hope. It is the most important celebration of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Jesus is alive and has risen from the darkness and sadness of his crucifixion! I recently read the following message and am taking it to heart. I hope you will too.

“This Easter, open your heart and you will see God's gift for you. Clear your mind and you will understand the message of this special time of year. Choose your deed so that you will see Christ in each and every person you meet. This Easter, fill your life with new hope, new goals, new aspirations.”

Beautiful, isn't it? Because God gave his precious son to save us from our sins, we need to make sure we show our love to God by sharing all our blessings with others.

Here at Friedens United Church of Christ we have many opportunities to show our love of God. Please let our leadership know how YOU intend to give your time, talents, and resources to these opportunities. Also, please know, leadership is very open to new opportunities to show love. It doesn't have to be the same old, same old... If you hear of, or know of, or want to create a new mission let us know! What speaks to your heart? We are here to be a living, breathing place of action. Happy Easter everyone!

~Deb Brendel

Don't forget to like us on FACEBOOK

Save **BOX TOPS** Please! **EDUCATION**
Every clip counts



Reminder: Last day to redeem points for merchandise is **May 31, 2018**



Please help Kindercottage by saving Box Tops & Campbell's (until 5-31-18). They are as good as cash for Kindercottage! Please give to Marla Brown or aive to office.



Hoyleton Youth & Family Services

Building Stronger Communities One Child at a Time



March 2018 Sausage & Kraut Dinner is over & what a success it was !!! We served 1,020 people all together which is a new record and the first time served over 1,000!!! So, that is why there was never really any significant “lull”. The people just kept coming & we all just kept seating people, cleaning tables, serving, grilling, washing dishes & cooking sides. It takes a lot of people to make the dinner such a success.

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We all went home exhausted with aching feet, legs & backs, but there was a lot of good fellowship shared as well. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with donations, desserts, setting up before dinner, working the day of dinner and clean up after it was all over. Friedens' folks make a great team! We sincerely appreciate the work that each and every one of you did!

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HARD WORK!!



6:30 pm Service - Maundy Thursday, March 29, will feature an upper room communion, along with a reenactment of the Last Supper & Healing Service

7:00 pm Service - Good Friday service of darkness.

7:00 am & 10:15 am- Easter Sunrise Service**, will have a procession with the light being brought into the service. Both the sunrise service and the 10:15 am service will be graced with a variety of wonderful music & a remarkable sermon. ** *Following the sunrise service everyone is invited to an Easter breakfast downstairs in Fellowship Hall!*

Come worship with us!



- April 1 7:00 am Sunrise Service & Communion
8:00 am Easter breakfast
10:15 am Service & Communion
- April 14 9:00am Church Clean Up Day - **Still need volunteers!**
- April 17 Women's Guild Meeting 7:00pm
- April 25 11:30 am Friends Luncheon
5:30 pm Community Meal
- April 29-May 3 Garage Sale Set up
- May 4-5 Friedens Garage Sale
- May 6 Noon - Women's Guild Family Banquet
Last day for Fall Sunday School
- May 13 Mothers Day Breakfast - *Happy Mothers Day*
- May 20 Confirmation Sunday
- May 23 11:30 am Friends Luncheon
- May 28 Memorial Day **Office Closed**
- May 30 Community Meal - *Thank you Mission & Evangelism*

