



*Friedens United
Church of Christ
Circuit Rider*

April 2020

From the Council President

Greetings All,

WOW!!! What an interesting month it has been. I hope that everyone is staying safe during this time of uncertainty with the Coronavirus. We are living through, what I believe, are historic times. I don't recall any time in my 50+ years where we have had such a long-term closure of so many things. I know that some of you are older than me and may have other experiences....

First, and foremost, I hope and pray that everyone is safe, healthy, and doing well. The council has attempted to call most of you this past week to check-in and make sure that everyone is OK. However, if you do need anything, if someone is sick, in the hospital, having problems, ANYTHING...please call the church office and leave a message.

Second. The church building is effectively "closed" for the short-term. Monica is checking mail and phone messages daily, but there are no office hours and all activities have been cancelled. This includes ALL church services including Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. All gatherings in our church are cancelled (meetings, Weddings, Girl Scouts, TOPS, etc.). Additionally, as-of right now, I will assume that our April Congregational meeting will be postponed to a later date. We are hoping to resume somewhat normal schedules and operations the week of April 19th, but that will likely change depending on the current orders from the government.

Third, we are trying to produce videos for each week to be played through Facebook. The first one was a live-stream on March 22nd. Future videos will be pre-recorded and put on Facebook sometime on Saturday night or Sunday morning each week for you to watch. Even though we are not physically present with one another on Sunday mornings, be assured that Pastor Tim and each of us are thinking of you as we record these messages. As I mentioned in our live-stream, the following are some thoughts on "How to Attend Church Online".

- 1.) Get out of bed and get dressed, it will put you in the right mindset for worship.
- 2.) Go through your normal Sunday routine, minus the 'Hurry up, we're late' part.
- 3.) Gather together as a family. No multitasking; worship is a family activity.
- 4.) Watch on your largest screen if possible, it will feel more like you are really there.
- 5.) Sing along loud and proud. It may feel weird, but it also feels weird to the people making the video.
- 6.) Preach with the Preacher. Say "Amen", clap, shout and take notes. Have a time of prayer at the end.

Lastly, and this is the part that I hate, don't forget your church financially. During times like these, offerings will tend to drop off...but our expenses don't. We still have bills to pay, salaries, insurance, etc. You can mail a check or set-up an electronic payment through your bank...(please do not mail cash).

The weather is warming-up. Take a few minutes to go outside and get some fresh air (while maintaining social distancing). Go for a walk...be thankful for what you have...call your friends and family to check on them...talk to your neighbors from a safe distance. But rest-assured, when this is all over, we will once again gather to worship God and his Glory.

In Christ,
Eric



FROM OUR CHURCH RECORDS



Attendance for March 2020:

Date	Sunday School	Worship
3/1	37	89
3/8	Sausage Dinner	
3/15		89
3/22	No Service	

*IF ANY INFORMATION LISTED IS INCORRECT OR MISSED, WE APOLOGIZE. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO UPDATE OUR RECORDS.



Newsletter articles, thank you's and information are due on April 20th for the May CR. You may e-mail them to: friedens@friedensucc-troy.org



The CHURCH Office

will be closed until further notice.

Mail, voicemails & emails are checked daily. Please leave a message if you need anything at all!



Operating Fund Activity

February 2020 YTD

Income \$13,857.85 \$26,897.68

Expense \$15,330.93 \$30,154.47

\$ -1,473.08 \$ -3,256.79



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For our Sunday services, updates, live videos and recent news about Friedens UCC - Troy.



-  **April BIRTHDAYS**
- 2 Jane Maedge
 - 3 Marian Whittington
 - 4 Chris Miller
 - 5 Ruby Schultze
 - Betty Schiller
 - 8 Clara French
 - 11 Karen Ferguson
 - 12 Vicki Fischer
 - 15 Sandra Harbison
 - Taylor Whittington
 - 16 Faith Hickam
 - 19 Kendal Ruger
 - 24 Abby Raymond
 - 26 Tracy Bishop
 - Tracey Berkemeier
 - 29 Ryan Williams
 - 30 Maddox Corey

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Holy Week at Home for Friedens UCC



In these times of shelter in place, we continue to find ways to connect with each other and worship as a community through live-streaming and videos of our services. This week is an important week for the church beginning with Palm and Passion Sunday, Maundy Thursday Service, Good Friday Service and Stations of the Cross, and Easter Sunday. I have included some information that may help you enter into this week as fully as you can from home. If you have any questions or want to be sure that you are included in the home deliveries, be sure to call or email the church office.



Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday Service:

(This day we experience the joyous demonstration of loyalty to Jesus as he enters Jerusalem by the crowds and we also experience the passion and suffering of our Lord through betrayal, denial, abandonment by the very people who proclaimed him King).

1. Palms will be delivered to the front house door of as many of our church community as possible. There are instructions included in this newsletter for the folding of the palm for the children and will be a part of our Children's Moment on Palm Sunday morning. Be sure you have your palm/palms with you for the Sunday Service.
2. We invite you to gather grape juice or wine and bread from your kitchen and place it on a table in the dining room or living room for your family as we will be inviting you to take communion with us on Palm Sunday morning as well.



Maundy Thursday Service:

(This is the night when Jesus shares his Last Supper and the words of institution that have become sacrament with the disciples before his crucifixion. This is also when Jesus washes the disciples' feet. Foot washing is the symbol of the servanthood of Jesus, both on the night before his death and in his continued presence in our midst).

1. You can prepare yourself and your family for this service by gathering Bibles, towels and/or washcloths and a basin or bucket of warm water and some hand sanitizer. You should find a place that is quiet where you and your family can sit comfortably. When the time comes, you may take turns washing each other's feet or you may choose to take a washcloth and wash each other's hands. Please note that if anyone is sick, they should not participate. Following the washing, you should all use hand sanitizer on your hands as a precautionary measure.



Good Friday and Stations of the Cross Service:

(This service is a way for us to enter into the passion of our Lord. We will be following the steps of our Lord as he makes his way to the cross and eventually his body to the tomb. You are invited to hear the reflection, scripture, and prayer at each station with quiet contemplation of the Holy Week experience of our Lord).

1. You can prepare yourself and your family by gathering Bibles in a quiet place. Church members (by video) will offer reflections, scripture, and prayer at each of the stations. At one point you are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer with us as one community.



Easter Sunday Service:

(This begins at Sunset on Holy Saturday and continues to Pentecost Sunday. It is the most important day of the Christian Year celebrating Christ's resurrection, ascension, and giving of the Holy Spirit on Easter Sunday! Because he lives, we live! Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed!).

1. Several days before Easter another sack will be delivered to your front house door with sealed and prefilled elements of juice and wafer for our communion service at the Easter Sunday Service. If you don't receive enough, please gather your own communion supplies so that everyone can participate. There may be a few goodies in the bag for the children as well 😊!
2. At 8 am Easter morning, you are invited to an early morning optional ritual with your family. I am inviting you to go outside on your front or back porch or driveway and either say the words from the Easter hymn, "Christ the Lord is risen today, Allelujah!" or for those who love to sing, actually sing the hymn to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

#288 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!

All creation join to say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

3. When you do tune in for Easter morning service, have your communion elements with you.

Holy Communion

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

P Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ whom you sent in the fullness.... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

P Pour out your Holy Spirit.....all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. AMEN

Breaking of the Bread

Giving of the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving



Directions on how to fold a palm into a cross!

*(From Shannon Schmid in article in Every Day Best "How to fold palm fronds into a cross")



HOW TO FOLD THE PALMS FROM CHURCH, INTO A CROSS:

Every Palm Sunday when they would give out Palm branches (fronds) at church – I used to marvel at the people that could quickly fold their palm branch into a cross! Eventually I figured out how to do the palm folding – and I was astounded at how easy it was. Don't be intimidated by the steps, they go very quickly and once your hands get used to the motion it's a 3-minute process! The following post will take you step by step through the process, easy peasy! Folding a palm branch into a cross can be a beautiful decoration for Easter, or all year long. Here's how to do it...

Step 1: First, hold the palm branch in your hand, pointy side of the branch facing side up.

Step 2: Fold the blade at a 90-degree angle, to the right.

Step 3: Hold the fold down, you will see it creates a triangle. Now fold that triangle down.

Step 4: Fold again. You will now see a small square where the triangle was.

Step 5: Push the pointy end around the back of the square, and fold over so the pointy end is now facing left.

Step 6: Take the pointy end and loop it towards you, then push the pointy end through the square until it comes out the other side.

Step 7: Pull it all the way through.

Step 8: Gently tug on both sides until it is locked in position.

Step 9: Loop the pointy end towards yourself and push through the square.

Step 10: You just made the top of your cross.

Step 11: Turn your branch 45 degrees so that the pointy end is now facing downward, and the fat end is facing to the right.

Step 12: Now flip the branch so that the fat end is now on your left (pointy side is still down).

Step 13: Take the fat end of the branch and loop it towards you into the square.

Step 14: Pull it until it reaches about the same length as the head you previously made.

Step 15: Now, turn your branch over so that the straight fat end faces left once more.

Step 16: Last, take the fat end and loop it towards you back into the square, until it's about the same length as the other two parts. Tuck it into the square – and you're done!

** Don't forget to take a photo of your cross and share it with us on the Friedens Facebook page!!

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I miss seeing you at church, but for now we will be staying at home until we are told it's safe to be around each other. I hope your time at home is going well and being home schooled is awesome!

I am planning things for when we return to Sunday School, VBS and possibly a ball game. We have Cardinals ticket but were told by the Cardinals organization to sit on the tickets until further notice. Lots of things are on hold for now, but I can assure you God's love isn't. He loves you so very much and he will be with us through all of the issues our country is dealing with. So have faith and continue to pray and give God thanks for our many blessings.

I sent all Friedens Kidz a letter our first week away and will continue to keep in touch. I hope you have finished or started on the coloring page. I also hope you enjoy coloring it. When you have finished coloring have Mom or Dad take a screen shot of you and your colored page. Post it on our church Facebook page! They will be great to see! Then if you want you can send it to one of our shut-ins. I'm sure they would love to receive mail from you. Let them know your name and that you are a Friedens Sunday School kid. I included a list of our shut-ins with your letter. When I mailed this note to you and your guardians. I hope you wore your smile face sticker and it brought many smiles to you!

I am planning on dropping off an Easter craft to your homes the week of Easter so be looking for it. You will need some glue to complete your craft.

If I can help you or your family in any way please contact me.

I'll see you in a few weeks.

God bless you,

Stephanie



Don't forget to like us on FACEBOOK



CORNED BEEF
&
CABBAGE

Thank you to everyone who made the Corned Beef Lunch a success. A profit of \$1000.00 was made. Profits will help Friedens Kids go to Dubois Camp!

Upcoming EVENTS

All activities and events have been cancelled until further notice. Please follow us on Facebook for recent updates.



Get Counted
2020 Census

The Census starts in April
More info | www.2020census.gov | Job opportunities

How to take the 2020 Census



Online



Phone



Mail

Why it matters

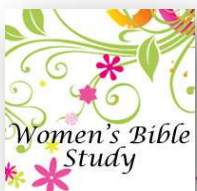
Federal funding
For local programs and organizations

Better planning
For roads, schools, healthcare and emergency services

Determines representation
In Congress and the state legislature

Helps businesses
Locate factories and stores, recruit employees and conduct market research

Shape your future
Your community, your voice



No meeting until further notice
Friedens Pew Sisters

Welcome to the 2nd year with the Pew Sisters!!

This is a Women's Bible Study group led by Georgia Wilkins. We meet in the lower level of the educational wing. This is open to all women of any age. Please come join the fun and be part of the group! Contact Georgia or Stephanie for any questions.



April needs:

- *shampoo *toothpaste
- *pancake mix *pancake syrup
- *pork & beans

Don't forget to drop off your donations in the baskets by the doors

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



Stay tuned for new practice dates.

Please consider joining us and ring in a new talent!!

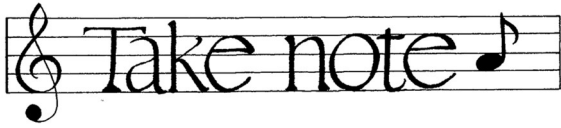


Movie Matinee

All Movies are cancelled until further notice

March 2020 Friedens Giving

- 1 box -75 quart storage bags
 - 1 box -50 storage quart bags
 - 1-100 sandwich bags
 - 2-boxes Hamburger Helper
 - 2-boxes cake mix
 - 4-small cans of V-8 juice
 - 1-jar peanuts
 - 1-jar jelly
 - 1-38 oz tomato ketchup
 - 1 -box pancake & waffle mix
 - 12-cans soda
 - 1- package Poise daily liners
 - 2-empty egg cartons
 - Ruby Schultze
- Many thanks to all you donated! Everything is appreciated!



MUSIC Practice cancelled until
News future notice

Wednesdays
6:00pm – 6:30 pm

Wednesday
6:30pm - 7:30pm

Thursday
6:30 pm

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

DuBois Center

June 7-12 Just You & Me* Camp Quest* (1-3) Settler (3-5) Horsin' Around (5-7) Trekkin' It (5-8)

June 14-19 Just You & Me* Boy Meets Camp* (1-3) Settler (3-5) Outback (6-9)

June 21-26 Middle School Week Splash! (5-8) Trail Mix (5-8) High School Week Wrangler (8-12) X-Plore (8-12)

July 5-10 Settler (3-5) Nature's Lab (5-7) Splash! (5-7) Outback (6-9) Saddle 'Em Up (7-9)

July 12-17 Camp Quest* (1-3) Discovery* (1-3) Imagine That! (4-7) Movin' & Groovin' (4-7) Horsin' Around (5-7) Trekkin' It (5-8) Saddle 'Em Up

July 19-22 Girl Power* (1-3) Pony Express* (4-6)

SUMMER JOBS - Make a Difference this summer and join Dubois!
 For more information contact DuBois Center at dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org or 618-787-2202.

Calling all graduates

Please contact the church office by *April 20th* 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*

Pecans for sale
\$10/bag

AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

How Do You Say It?
 A. pee-can
 B. pee-con
 C. pah-can
 D. pah-con

MONTHLY MISSIONS

MISSION
 EVANGELISM

April - Operating Fund
May & June - Dubois
July - Love Offering for the Wells
August - Hoyleton
September - Hitz
October - Emmaus House
November & December - Ministries Unlimited

Our Church Mission April - Operating Fund

JOIN US
 Annual Meeting OF THE Congregation
DATE :TBD

REMINDER

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

~Sheltered Reality~

All practices have been cancelled until further notice. Please call or email the office to get put on a Sheltered reality Email list.

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FRIEDENS 2020 EVENTS



February — *One Great Hour of Sharing*

- ~~26th Ash Wednesday Service 7pm~~
- ~~26th Church Meal 6pm~~

March — *The Summer Lunch Program*

- ~~8th Sausage & Kraut Dinner~~
- ~~15th Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner~~
- ~~17th Women's Guild Spring Luncheon~~
- ~~25th Church Meal~~

April —

ALL APRIL EVENTS ARE ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

- ~~5th Palm Sunday 10:15 am~~
- ~~5th Confirmation Graduation~~
- ~~9th Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm~~
- ~~10th Good Friday Service 7:00 pm~~
- ~~12th Easter Sunrise Service 7am (tent)~~
- ~~12th Easter Breakfast 8am~~
- ~~12th Easter Sunday Service 10:15 am~~
- ~~26th Congregational Meeting~~
- ~~26th Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser~~
- ~~29th Church Meal~~

May - *DuBois*

- 3rd Women's Guild Family Banquet Noon
- 10th Mother's Day Breakfast 9am
- 15th & 16th Rummage Sale
- 17th Last day of 2019-2020 Sunday School
- 19th Triad Last Day of School
- 20th Lunch Program Begins
- 27th Church Meal
- 31st Pentecost Sunday

June - *DuBois*

- 8th -12th Vacation Bible School
- 21st Father's Day Breakfast 8am
- 24th Church Meal

July — *Love Offering for the Wells*

- 29th Church Meal

August - *Hoyleton*

- 9th End of Lunch Program
- TBD Blessing of Backpacks
- 26th Church Meal

September - *Hitz*

- 6th Rally Day
- 9th -10th Fall Rummage Sale (tent)
- 29th Confirmation Classes Begin
- 30th Church Meal

October — *Emmaus House*

- 11th Sausage & Kraut Dinner
- 28th Church Meal

November - *Ministries Unlimited*

- 7th Vets Meal
- 9th 18th Annual Quilt & Art Show
- 15th Giving Tree begins

December - *Ministries Unlimited*

- 5th Santa Breakfast (tent)
- 6th Women's Guild Christmas Bqt (tent)

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