

Greetings All,

WOW!!! What a past couple of months this has been. Who would have thought that while we were celebrating Christmas, that a small virus brewing on the other side of the world would impact us like this.

I hope that everyone has been able to watch our church services on Facebook and YouTube. If you have not been able to watch them, try to get in-touch with a family member and see if they can help you find a way to watch. It is really important that people still feel connected to the church during these times.

I want to send out a Thank You to Pastor Tim and Danielle for recording the services and coming up with other ways to help connect with the members in our church. I'm sure that this is more than he was thinking when he agreed to be our interim pastor. I also want to thank those who submitted videos and recordings for our Holy Week services.

Pastor is planning a series of Zoom meetings where we can all get together either on the phone or on the computer and have live discussions. If you have never used Zoom before, it is basically a way to have many people communicate at the same time. If you don't have a computer, there will be a phone number where you can call-in from any phone to join the conversations. The directions on how to do this will be coming in a future email.

Since we are not able to have an April Congregational meeting, I uploaded a "virtual" meeting with updates from the various boards. I believe that the main topics from these updates are as follows:

- * We will not have Vacation Bible School this year. With the virus still looming over us, it will be difficult to have the volunteers and kids while maintaining a safe distance.
- * The summer lunch program is still in planning stages. We are looking into how we can still safely provide lunches to kids this summer
- * We are having a contracting company do the tuck-pointing and other work on the exterior brick of the church building. The estimated cost for this is around \$10,000
- * Our finances are holding their own. Even though the church is closed, we still have people working. Therefore, we are paying salaries, insurance, electric, etc. Thanks to a few generous donations, we are doing OK.
- * Unless, something changes, I anticipate that we will be able to go back to church the first Sunday in June (June 7th). However, if we do, there will most likely be some distancing and restrictions in place. I will send those out at a later date once we get closer.

I also mentioned that the architect that we retained to help us with the new building has submitted an initial set of drawings of what the building might look like. I highlighted these in the Meeting Video that I uploaded. I have instructed him to halt any further work until after we get past the Covid-19 crisis.

Again, I hope everyone is healthy and continuing to stay safe. We WILL meet again in person.. Blessings,

Eric



- 4 Gladys Huston Logan Matz
- 6 David Edgar9 Barb Toennies
- 10 Marla Brown Joe Smith
- 11 Christian Bosaw Arianna Miles
- 12 Mary Ellen Schwehr Justin Whittington
- 15 Mary Ann Gaultney Joy Mesle
- 16 Jason Barker
- 17 Eric Bosaw Dennis Westfall
- 18 Kay FriederichSean SmithDeb Spears
- 20 Kristen Ferguson
- 26 Emily Toennies
- 27 Ron Harbison Yvonne Kamm
- 28 Crystal Keilbach Sandra Morton Tanner Riden



Saturday, May 9th at 7:00pm for a Friedens Members Virtual Gathering!

Link will be sent to emails and through flock notes. No computer? No problem! Zoom has call in lines so you won't miss out this oppurtunity to hear from other members and say a few words yourself. We will be celebrating Mothers Day but this call is for everyone to join!

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





Newsletter articles, thank you's and information are due on May 25th for the June CR. You may e-mail them to: <u>friedens@friedensucc-</u>



May & June – Dubois Center

Join Us on Facebook or on YouTube on Sunday Mornings at:



https://www.facebook.com/Friedens-United-Church-of-Christ-354214570387/

https://www.youtube.com

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The Power of Sharing

As our families prepare for Mother's Day celebration, I can't help but think about the lessons I learned from my mother. One of the most elemental, was that of being willing to share with us as her children. I felt this lesson manifested in so many ways, through her actions, words, deeds, and thoughts. This sharing came at a cost to her and to my father.

There were many sacrifices they would take on because of their love for me and my brothers and sister. From the day of my conception, through pregnancy, and birth itself....my mother's body shared space with me, fed and nurtured me, keep me safe from illness and diseaseat a significant cost to her own physical body. She shared an umbilical cord with me to give me life. I, (in a sense), restricted her diet, her movements, her ability to have a restful night sleep, and affected her emotional state of being, all for the sake of her desire to share her love with her child.

As I grew older, I saw her willingness to forgo things for herself to support and care for me and my siblings. The family she was responsible for building was based on her unselfish love and willingness to put aside her desires to allow her children to flourish and grow. The ripple effect of her sharing was amazing. With sharing comes humility and being a servant to others....in other words sharing with others.

As a worldwide family and community, some of us really struggle with the idea of sharing because with it comes mutual responsibility and sacrifice. As persons of faith, we learn so many lessons of sharing, mutual love and support from Christ who was the greatest teacher and model of what true sharing means:

"Who, being in the very nature of God, did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped, and made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance of a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name...." (Philippians 2: 6-9)

My mother showed me that in her service to others, she loved God and her neighbor as well as her family. She helped me to see that things are better when we share with others and that there is special joy when we eat together "family style", that there is room at the table for everyone. With the idea of sharing comes the idea that "we are in this together" sharing one another's burdens and joys. When one succeeds, we all succeed; when one fails; we all fail.

As we contemplate the days and weeks ahead of us as people of faith, I pray that my mother's lesson of sharing and sacrifice will be helpful to keep us focused. Her lessons point us to the greater lesson of Jesus' willingness to call us into community and to share with us his love Continued on page

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As I plan my actions coming and going, I think about how important community is to us as a world and how I have a responsibility not just for myself but for those I love and to those whom Christ has commanded me to love. It is true that there is sacrifice but it is also true that I was formed and nurtured in the womb based on that sacrifice both as a human and a child of God!

May God continue to protect and keep you and may you continue to value this wonderful community called Friedens UCC and the broader world community that God has given us all to share!





Keep in touch with us

During this time of uncertainty, we want to do our best to make sure our members have all ways possible to receive updates from Friedens. This starts with you utilizing platforms we share with you. One being Flocknotes. We have been using this for quite some time now and have had much success with informing members this way. We do not want you to miss out on important information we share between our congregation. So please sign up today.

If you have any questions or need any assistance in signing up please contact Eric and he will help in any way he can.

This is all totally free for you to use, you don't even have to download an app or create a password in order to participate. You just take a couple minutes to sign up and it lets you receive email or text messages from the groups and ministries that you choose. It even allows you to reply directly back to those messages so we can get feedback and hear from you in an efficient manner.

Your info is kept totally private and, again, it lets you choose precisely which groups and ministries you want to get email and text messages from. In addition to regular group and ministry communication, we'll also use this to send you important updates about special events coming up, inclement weather announcements, or church closings.

And it's important for you to know that you can update your communication preferences or unsubscribe from any of these updates at any time!

Text the following: <u>FriedensUCC</u> To: <u>84576</u>

Once you send that in, Flocknote will text you back a confirmation message AND another message with a link you'll need to click to complete the process.

If you have any issues, questions or concerns, please see Eric.





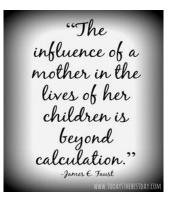
Hello everyone, we have experienced times unlike we've ever had. I hope you have found God sightings each and every day. Sometimes we have to stop and be still to find them. I hope you have taken time to do just that.

Mom and Dads have worn many different hats in the last month. It's not easy after the newness wears off. We haven't had Sunday School, school, baseball and the parks have limits on the playgrounds. I could go on and on but I don't need to tell you, you have been living it. I hope you have learned some neat things about your family and that this time has brought you closer to each other.

I know Dennis and I have shared many home meals and worked on projects together. He gave me a haircut that I'll never forget. We have laughed many times and cried over the death of his aunt. We also have praised God for good test results. We've taken car rides just to get out of the house and for something to do. I miss being with our kids and hugging our granddaughters. I also miss seeing our church family and watching our Friedens Kidz learning about and praising God. I am confident that we will all get back to normal one day. I don't know when, but it will come.

I'm sad to say we have cancelled VBS for this year. We will plan for next year with the Rocky Railroad theme. I'm not planning Sunday School for this summer either. I am setting a goal for our Rally day in September. I pray that by then we will have things worked out and we can all be together safely.

I hope you have watched the videoes on our Facebook page that are just for you and your families. Each week a 20-minute Sunday School lesson will be posted. Check it out. I think you will like them. They are from the publisher where we get our VBS curriculum.



Be super nice to Mom on Mother's Day!

I am keeping you all in my prayers.

Blessings, Stephanie





Monday – Friday Pick-up from 11:30 – 12:30 pm Locations are: The Meadow Drive Park & Tri Township Library Both locations will be serving all summer. Dates will be posted soon.

This program has become a great success and has helped so many families during the summer. We have joined forces with a few churches in Troy during the past years, which has been wonderful, but it is time to ask others in our community for help. Due to the overwhelming request for lunches during the summer we are in need of monetary donations along with volunteers to help at one or both of the locations. Please contact Monica or Donna at Friedens United Church of Christ if you would like to join in on our fight to stop hunger in our community.



We have added a coloring page for you and/or your child to color for Mothers Day.

Please share your finished projects on Facebook or

ART CLASS text me a photo because I would love to share!!



The pantry is not closed. There are rumors that MU has closed. That is not accurate. Please "Like" and share our Facebook page so that you, as well as others, can stay updated and informed.

However, at this time, for the safety of our volunteers and those we serve here is what we have done:

1. Suspended incoming donations. However, monetary donations are always accepted.

2. Suspended our normal distributions physically at the pantry.

3. Retaining our inventory and proceeds for when we do resume normal operations. We anticipate serving those affected by COVID-19 over the long-term. Therefore, we made short-term decisions to ensure our effectiveness beyond the current crisis. We anticipate a robust need for MU into 2021.

4. Identified those we most recently assisted and resumed serving them in a creative manner.

5. MU is not in a position, at this time, to expand exponentially those we are serving.

These are challenging times and hard decisions are being made. We are aware that everyone may not understand the choices MU has made, but we are doing our best for all concerned. Please "Like" and share our Facebook page so that you as well as others can stay updated and informed.

As we pray for our community, please pray for our leadership team as well.

(taken from Ministries Unlimited Facebook page)

Ministries Unlimited Food Pantry is located at 310 Collinsville Road in Troy, IL. For more information about Ministries Unlimited, contact Betty Cothran (Director of Ministries Unlimited) at 618-505-5053 OR (618) 604-8433.



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Do you have a 2020 graduate? Please send a photo with a few words and we would love to feature each one of them. I know this time is not easy for any of our graduates no matter what grade or stage of education they are graduating from. Please help us share their accomplishments with our congregation. Email the office to be featured in next month's Newsletter.



~Olivia Bosaw~

Olivia Bosaw is graduating from Webster University with a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance. She is excited to announce that she has earned Departmental Honors as well as completing a Leadership Certification. She plans to pursue a career in performance.



~LTJG John E. Lally, III~

LTJG John E. Lally, III has completed Naval flight training. He is now designated Naval Aviator, having earned his Wings of Gold.





~Jarod Willis~

Jarod Willis - graduating with Honors and Project Lead the Way honors from Triad High School. He is attending Murray State University this fall to study Civil Engineering with a minor in Construction Management. He has ran Varsity Cross Country and Track, played basketball and baseball, and was in National Honor Society. He is also an Eagle Scout.

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Huge thank you to:

- Sandi and Diane for making all of the masks for our members and others.
- Pastor Tim and Danielle for being willing to take us on in our time of need and this chaos.
- To Monica for the extra efforts that she has put in to keep us all organized and together. Thank you all, Eric Bosaw

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Thank you to Doug Brendel for keeping up the custodial duties, supplies and grounds maintenance at Friedens during this time. Please know your hard work does not go unnoticed!



Holy Week Thank You

We want to thank everyone for all their help and assistance in preparation of a very unusual Holy Week. It took many people behind the scenes to set up, record, organize & deliver materials to each of you.

First a huge thank you to Eric & his family, Pastor Tim Harrison along with his wife Danielle & Donna B for setting up a lot of behind the scenes details. Without their initiative we wouldn't have been able to have such a personal experience delivered for our services.

We also would like to thank the following families and individuals for all their work for getting each of us the materials for the service: Eric B & family, Doug & Deb B, Marla B, Debbie B, Claudia & Jim G, Wayne & Julie L, Dori & Jim M, Sandy N, Jenny R & family, Dennis & Cindy W, Georgia W, Stephanie W.

Thank you to Deb Kuth, friend of Pastor Tim, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lebanon IL for her donation of our palms.

It was such a pleasant surprise to be able to partake in the service while in the comfort and safety of my own home. The treats for the kiddos from Stephanie & the CEB board made my little one very happy!

Monica

I would like to express my thanks to all church members who participated in the Sunday church services. It is very much appreciated all those who have given so much of their time and themselves.

Joann Heinemann

Good Friday Thank You

Thanks to all the families who participated in the readings of our Good Friday Service including the Harrison family, Loehring family, Brendel family, Estes family, Bosaw family, Smith family, McVickar family, and any other participants in front and behind the scenes to make the service so meaningful. We also thank the worship team for their music and singing!

I would like to thank Sandi Z and Diane S for making all the face masks for anyone! They saw a need, stepped up and used their talents to provide much needed PPE! Thank you. Also, thank you to Pastor Tim and Eric Bosaw for putting together our online services. They have been inspiring and helpful in this very peculiar time! **Deborah Brendel**



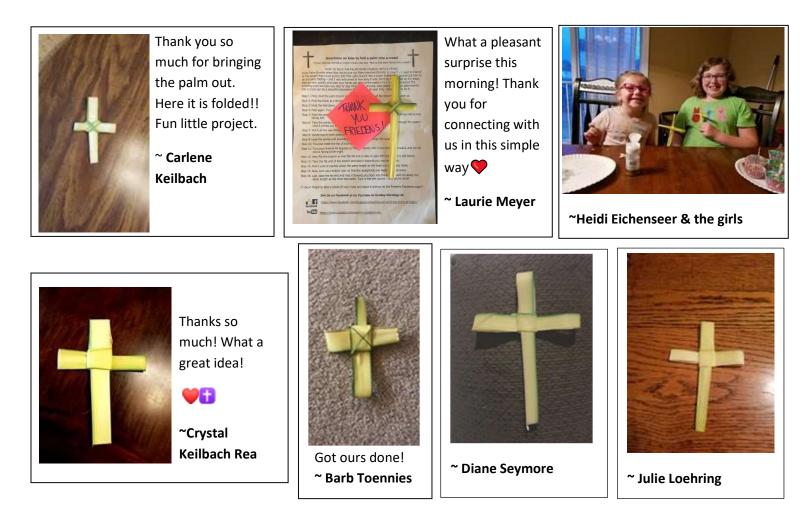
We have a tremendous amount of verbal expressions of thanks:

Many Thanks Sandi & Diane for all the mask you ladies provided so many with during this time. You have a talent that was needed and utilized it!

Many thanks to Eric for scheduling, recording, and uploading our services so our members can feel connected.

Many thanks to Pastor Tim & his wife for helping & supporting us during this uncertain time!

THANK YOU ALL FOR SHARING YOUR PALM CROSSES!! THEY TURNED OUT WONDERFUL!





Pastor Tim will be organizing "An Hour with Pastor Tim" every Wednesday. This will be posted on Friedens Facebook. We are looking for volunteers so if you are interested in having an interview with Pastor Tim or know someone who would be the perfect candidate, please contact the office.

Such a nice way to get to know your fellow members. Please tune in on Facebook every Wednesday to see each week feature member.



Are you a small business owner? Do you work for a company that you feel members may have a need for? We would love to share your business/information with your fellow members! No business is too small, and we want to support our faith family. Please email the office with details to be featured in next month's newsletter!

A & R Paints & Crafts

Starting next week we will be offering curbside service and our hours are listed below. We will be placing a variety of items in the front window with numbers and prices on them. Please feel free to stop by and take a look. If you see anything you are interested in, just let us know which item you would like to order by the number. We will also be posting pictures of our most popular items on Facebook, including a variety of Puzzles, Melissa & Doug Toys, Plastic Models, Bruder Toys, RC Cars & Planes. Please call us (618) 667-6211, email info@arpaintsandcrafts.com or message us on Facebook to place an order - include your name and phone number plus a detailed message, and we will call you back with your total and pick up time!

201 S. Main St. Troy, IL 62294

Hours Beginning May 2nd for Curbside Service Monday: 9:00am-12:00pm Wednesday: Closed Friday: Closed Sunday: Closed Thank you, Ron & Carol Klaustermeier

Tuesday: Closed Thursday: 4:00pm-7:00pm Saturday: 10:00am-2:00pm



Lyle and Brenda W. have Metro East Yard Dice for yard games like Yardzee/Farkle and Yowzer Yard Tower (big Jenga). We have a basic webpage at <u>www.metroeastyarddice.com</u> and also a Facebook page <u>https://www.facebook.com/MetroEastYardDice/.</u>

We are also part of Maryville Farmer's Market. I'm not sure if many of the members know about the market but it's a great resource, especially during this time. They've been having the markets a little different because of everything going on but it's been working out well. Until everything is more "back to normal" the market will be a drive thru and it's being held at Maryville Village Hall building on Thursday evenings from 5-6. The easiest way to find out information about what vendors will be at the market during a given week and what products that will be available is to follow the market Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/MaryvilleILFarmersMarket/.

They have then been posting an event each week that lists each vendor and what they have available. Orders are taken beforehand and paid for online. If you order something, you just drive up anytime between 5-6 pm on Thursday and pick up your order(s) from the vendor(s) without having to have contact with anyone or go into any stores for various meat or produce as well as other specialties. We've worked very hard the past couple of weeks to get a fairly smooth system going.

~ Lyle and Brenda W

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Do you have a go-to recipe?? Do you have a favorite you would love to share? Send it over so we can share it. Trust me. With all this time at home, I've been on a cooking frenzy and love to try new ideas! From getting acquainted with many of you, I know we have a lot of members who are great cooks!

Recip	e: I saw this on FB from a friend and next day
made	it because during pandemic I have been craving
ice cr	eam or related treats.

FUDGESICLES

- 1 2.02 oz. instant chocolate pudding
- 1.5 cups milk
- 2 cups Cool Whip, thawed
- 3 oz. Dixie cups
 - wooden sticks

Add mix to milk & beat for 2 minutes. Blend in Cool Whip. Spoon mixture into Dixie cups that I placed in a Tupperware rectangular container and place stick in each cup of mixture. Freeze and ENJOY! I didn't have wooden sticks on hand so froze mixture without sticks and just tore paper away to enjoy once frozen. YUMMY!

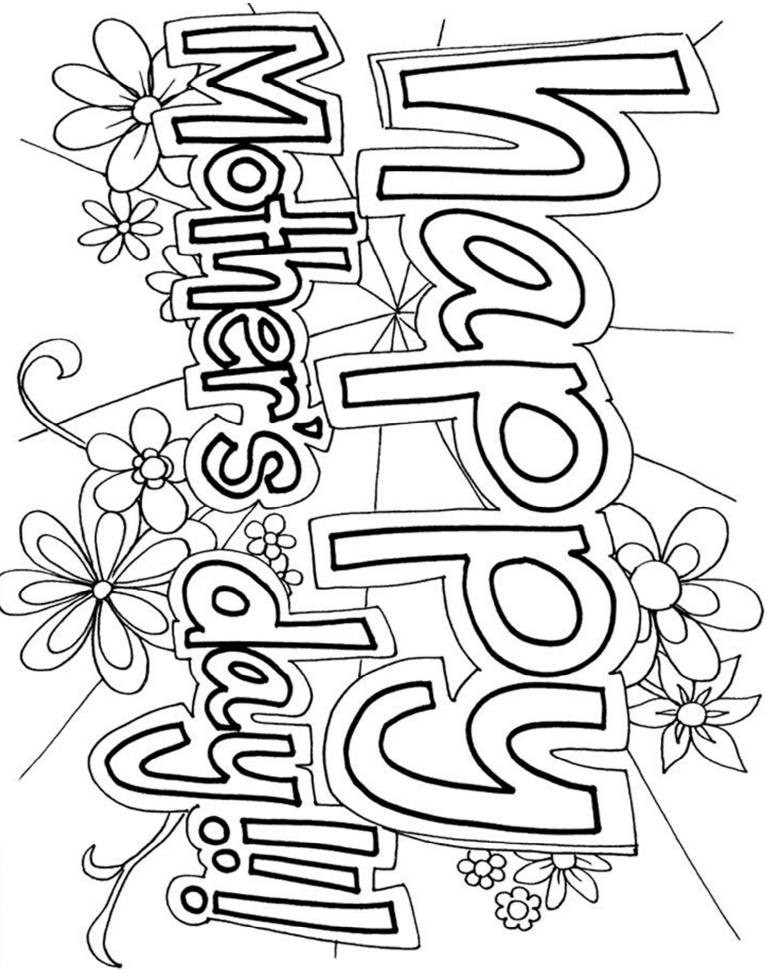
~Marilyn Wesselmann

Try th	is for Cinco De Mayo!!
	MEXICAN DIP
	1 - 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
	1 -1 oz. taco seasoning mix
	1 - 11 oz. Mexicorn, drained
	1 cup of salsa
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Add t	aco seasoning to softened cream cheese and
blend	together. Add Mexicorn and salsa and stir
togeth	er. Refrigerate and ENJOY later.
	~ Marilyn Wesselmann

We make a lot of chicken and love cheesesteaks around my house and this is always a go to. I change up the chicken for burger meat or thin strip steaks to swith it up.

CHICKEN PHILLY CHEESESTEAK

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1 tb	sp. extra-virgin olive oil
1 la	rge onion, chopped
3 be	ell peppers (red and green), chopped
Kos	her salt
Fres	hly ground black pepper
1 lb	boneless skinless chicken breasts, thinly sliced
1 tb	sp. Italian seasoning
6 sli	ces provolone cheese
4 ho	bagie rolls
DIREC	CTIONS
In a la	arge skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Add
onion	and peppers and season with salt and pepper.
Cook,	stirring occasionally, until very soft, 8 to 10
minut	es.
Add c	hicken (or meat of your choice) and Italian
seaso	ning and stir to combine. Cook, stirring
occas	onally, until chicken is golden and no longer
pink i	nside, about 10 minutes.
Cover	chicken and peppers with provolone cheese
and c	over to let melt, 1 minute.
Serve	on hoagie rolls. (even left-over hotdog buns
work	great!) ~Monica Hunsdorf







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 –

- 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 ALL MAY EVENTS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

- 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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