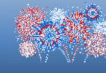




## FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT



Well, we made it. We had to dodge a few raindrops, but we were able to successfully pull-off our first Drive-In service. It was great to see everyone who came out, but we missed those that didn't. If you were not able to make it this past Sunday, we sure hope that you can attend this next week.

I would like to thank everyone who is helping to put these Drive-in services together...(Pastor Tim and Danielle, Praise Band, Ryan Williams, Stephanie and Dennis Williams, Doug and Debbie Brendel, Dennis and Cindy Westfall, Donna and the M/E board, and Gwen Bosaw). I am sure that I have forgotten someone, so I apologize in advance.

We are planning on having the Drive-in Services each week in July. Some may be on a Saturday or Sunday Eve, so watch flocknotes and email for updates.

When will we be back in church? That is the question on everyone's mind. We are being very cautious and watching what others are doing and looking at the outcomes. With many states that have "opened" we are seeing rising Covid cases. We want to be sure that we are keeping everyone safe.

The council will be meeting on July 5th after the service to catch-up on things and discuss our current state of affairs. So far, I believe that we are doing OK, in spite of the current situations. We will be talking about when we feel we can go back to regular service as well as start thinking about the budget for next year.

I hope that everyone is staying safe. If anyone is in need of anything, please contact the church office and leave a voicemail.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next Drive-in service.

Eric.



**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> \*Type in **Friedens UCC-Troy** & pick correct date

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**TRI TOWNSHIP PARK**



We are planning on having the Drive-in Services each week in July. Some may be on a Saturday or Sunday Eve, so watch flocknotes and email for updates. We will ask everyone to practice safe social distancing and not to venture into other members' designated areas. The main concern was that we secure a large enough parking lot area and with the help from the Tri-Township Park, we have. See the map to the left for our designated area.



| 2019                    |                                | 2020                    |                          |
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| Operating Fund Activity |                                | Operating Fund Activity |                          |
| May 2019                | YTD                            | May 2020                | YTD                      |
| Income                  | \$15,665.31 \$106,230.18       | Income                  | \$16,589.50 \$90,196.97  |
| Expense                 | \$19,774.02 \$104,193.17       | Expense                 | \$10,737.26 \$66,911.51  |
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Thank you to everyone for your generous donations!

We appreciate every amount!

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**Our Church Mission** **June Love offering for the Wells**

All donations will be matched for Dubois for the month of June

Newsletter articles, thank you and information are due on July 25<sup>th</sup> for the July CR. You may e-mail them to: [friedens@friedensucc-troy.org](mailto:friedens@friedensucc-troy.org)



The CHURCH Office will be closed for visitors until further notice.

Mail, voicemails & emails are checked daily. Please leave a message if you need anything at all! With the current epidemic we are asking everyone to limit the office to only members and staff who are working and need to use of the office area &/or the equipment. We wish we could converse and catch up like before, but we need to have a plan to protect each of us. Thank you all for understanding and we cannot wait until it is safe to socialize.



## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR TIM

What does true freedom in Christ look like?

### **Galatians 5: 13 NIV**

***"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." ... Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love."***

As we move into the month of July and prepare to celebrate our Independence and freedom as a country from England so many years ago, I think it is helpful to reflect as a Body of Christ on what "true freedom in Christ" means.

Often, we believe that liberty means that you and I can do as we please, that we have rights to be defended and no one can demand that we give up those rights. Freedom of speech, protests, acts of defiance are the key pillars of our society and our greatest fear is their removal.

Christian scripture teaches us however, that the liberty we have in Christ is for a specific purpose, and not just to satisfy our own desires and wants, but to free us from sin, oppression, and anything that might separate us from God.

The writer, Amy Noel Green, says that our "transformation (into the image of God) is impossible without (this) liberty, **but it is not a liberty to stay as we are; it is a liberty to become what we should.** (So) Christian liberty does not herald our individualism. It is not concerned with offering us the 'freedom to be ourselves.' Instead, as we focus on the gifts that Christ's death and resurrection have purchased for us, that liberty ....will gradually make us less ourselves.....and more like the God we love and serve."

Paul, in Galatians 5, speaks of the freedom saying that "the only thing that matters is faith expressing itself through love. Later he suggests that if we live out this faith we will live by the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Maybe this year, instead of focusing so much on what our national freedom typically focuses on and what it guarantees, we would do well to spend more time living out the freedom in Christ in our nation and our world! Imagine how this would change our outlook on the circumstances and change our hearts and minds.

Happy July!

Blessings, Pastor Tim

# An Hour with Pastor Tim

Pastor Tim will be organizing “An Hour with Pastor Tim” every Wednesday. This will be posted on Friedens Facebook. We are looking for volunteers! 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’s featured member.



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.

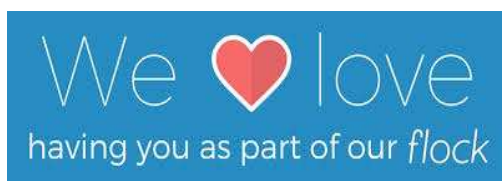
Your info is kept totally private and, again, it lets you choose precisely which groups and ministries you want to get email and text messages from. In addition to regular group and ministry communication, we’ll also use this to send you important updates about special events coming up, inclement weather 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: FriedensUCC To: 84576

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.





Sunday School News!

Hello Everyone,

I hope you enjoyed the balloon activity! Did you figure it out? Psalm 139.

You are a child of God. You are wonderfully made, dearly loved and precious in his sight. This is God's words just for you and they are true!

I am busy preparing our classrooms so they will be safe for you to return. Put September 13<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. This will be RALLY DAY and Grandparents day.

We will be planning a celebration for both.

I am wishing you a FUN, SAFE 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Again, it may be different than ones in the past. However, I hope you and your family make it special and a 4<sup>th</sup> to always remember.

I hope to see you in the park for our worship services in July. We had a great turn out of adults but you kidz were missing! So, grab Mom and Dad and come join us Sunday at 10:00 a.m. by the Football fields.

See you soon,

Stephanie



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

## Holidays This Month



Saturday,  
July 4th



**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. June 1, 2020 - August 7, 2020**

In 2014 Friedens began a summer lunch program for the City of Troy. Each year it has grown, and locations have been added and removed depending on needs. In 2017 the 7<sup>th</sup> Troy church joined in on our fight for hunger. Since the churches joined, we have watched this program impact so many families. Due to the overwhelming request for lunches during the summer & with many families out of work due to the virus, the churches of Troy are in need monetary donations to help assist in this program. 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. 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.

Most churches choose what they would like to distribute but a standard guideline Friedens uses is listed below. We also request gift cards for local restaurants to switch it up.

**(for bag lunches)** small brown bags, sandwich bags, bread, lunch meat, fruit snacks, fresh & packaged fruit. – Each lunch contains a sandwich, a fruit (fresh or packaged), a sweet treat, and small snack. The churches like to switch it up and order from a fast food restaurant in Troy so gift cards are also a great way to help.

**for backpacks)** peanut butter, jelly, bread, cans of pasta (family size), breakfast cereal, breakfast bars, fruit & fruit snacks.

~Friedens United Church of Christ ~Bethel Baptist ~St. Jerome Catholic ~Pathway Church  
~Troy United Methodist ~The Pentecostals of Troy ~St. Paul's Lutheran



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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. Retained 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.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Betty Cothran, a member of Troy United Methodist Church and director of our local food pantry for over 18 years, will be stepping back from some of her responsibilities over the next several months. **The Ministries Unlimited Board would love to connect with anyone who feels called to serve as a “co-director” or consider growing into a leadership role** overseeing the Christmas food & gift distribution which regularly ministers to over 500 people each year. Please join us in thanking God for Betty, for her transition this year, and for God to raise up the right leaders to see this ministry into the future.

**For more information please contact Betty at 618-505-5053**



### **DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED ASSISTANCE MORE THAN JUST FOOD:**

**Highland Area Christian Service Ministry** is primarily a food pantry with other resources such as SNAP, LIHEAP, counseling, rent & utility assistance. They are based in Highland. Case Managers are available by telephone. If you have questions concerning SNAP (food stamps) and/or LIHEAP (energy assistance-pays towards your electric/propane bill), they can provide you with answers. Please call 654-9295 from 9 am until 12 pm (Tuesday will be 9:30 am - 12 pm) or message the page. The building is NOT open to the public, telephone calls only. Please call (618) 654-9295 and follow them on Facebook for most recent information about pantry times and hours.



We have had a tremendous amount of verbal expressions of thanks:

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

Thank you to Julie Loehring for her donation of masks to Friedens.

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

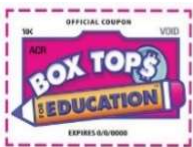
Many thanks to Pastor Tim & his wife for helping & supporting us during this uncertain time!

Julie and I would like to thank our Friedens Family for the many prayers and expressions of concern shown for our daughter-in-law, Tonya Loehring, over the past many months. Your kind words of comfort meant so much to us.

Wayne and Julie

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!

I would like to thank everyone who is helping to put these Drive-in services together...(Pastor Tim and Danielle, Praise Band, Ryan Williams, Stephanie and Dennis Williams, Doug and Debbie Brendel, Dennis and Cindy Westfall, Donna and the M/E board, and Gwen Bosaw). I am sure that I have forgotten someone, so I apologize in advance. -Eric



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**CLIP IT**



SEE THIS...  
**SCAN YOUR RECEIPT**

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

## DuBois Center Virtual Campfire

Join Pastor Skippy (Rev. John Holst), DuBois Center staff, volunteers and camp families for our virtual campfire this **Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. This week's campfire will be packed with songs, skits, stories and family fun. If all goes as planned, we hope to join together around the campfire on these Thursday nights – July 9 and 16. We hope you'll join us. Timing an issue? Videos are available to view after the initial release, however the chat feature won't be available. Please visit <https://duboiscenter.org/> for the YouTube link.

For more information contact DuBois Center at [dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org](mailto:dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org) or 618-787-2202.

**MISSION MONTHLY MISSIONS**

*July -*  
**Love Offering for the Wells**

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





### A & R Paints & Crafts

We are 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](tel:6186676211), email [info@arpaintsandcrafts.com](mailto: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      **Tuesday:** Closed  
**Wednesday:** Closed      **Thursday:** 4:00pm-7:00pm  
**Friday:** Closed      **Saturday:** 10:00am-2:00pm  
**Sunday:** Closed

Thank you,

Ron & Carol Klaustermeier

**Are you a small business owner?** We would love to share your business and 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!



Welcome to The Giving Tree, a gift, home decor and clothing boutique located on the downtown square in beautiful, historic Highland, Illinois.

Slowly expanding The Giving Tree's hours as conditions have guided...current business hours are inching back to original as follows:

Tuesday- Friday: 10:00-5:30; Saturday 10:00- 3:00. Or by appointment any other time.

Please know how much I depend and appreciate your business and I am willing to accommodate you outside of these current, temporary hours until I can operate full swing. As I said, I am slowly working back to my normal business day. I appreciate your understanding and patience. Your robust support has meant the world to me and I have been extremely bolstered by seeing so many of you already!

TGT is moving into 36 years servicing the Highland community and beyond. I grew up in this community and my heart is anchored here. I can't thank my loyal customers enough for supporting me throughout the years.

Hope to see you soon! Laurie Manwaring



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 [www.metroeastyarddice.com](http://www.metroeastyarddice.com) and also a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MetroEastYardDice/>.

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



# Remember our Shut-Ins

**Highland Health Care Center****(618) 654-2368**

Dorothy Suter  
Highland Health Care #120  
1450 26<sup>th</sup> Street  
Highland, IL 62249

**Liberty Square**

Adeline Burgess  
204 Liberty Square, Apt. #22  
Troy, IL 62294  
(618) 667-8964

**Hitz Home**

Mary Ambuehl  
201 Bell St.  
Alhambra, IL 62001  
(618) 488-2355

**Eden Village**

Geraldine Rock  
200 South Station Road Apt #9225  
Glen Carbon, IL 62034  
(618) 288-5014

**Alhambra Care Center**

Rosemary Rose  
417 E Main St.  
Alhambra, IL 62001  
(618) 488-3565

**Morningside of Troy**

Francis Layfield  
Morningside of Troy #317  
39 Dorothy Drive  
Troy, IL 62294

**Elmwood Nursing & Rehab**

Thelma Huston  
152 Wilma Dr Rm# 206  
Maryville, IL 62062

**Cedarhurst of Edwardsville**

Mary Chasteen  
7108 Marine Rd.  
Edwardsville, IL 62025  
(618) 659-9112

**Liberty Village of Maryville**

Sue Hoppes  
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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Rev. B. Tim Harrison | Pastor (fill-in)        |
| Monica Hunsdorf      | Secretary               |
| Stephanie Williams   | CE Director             |
| Michael McVickar     | Choir Director          |
| Bob Little           | Sound Operator          |
| Jim Galaske          | Sound Operator          |
| Eric Bosaw           | Sound Operator          |
| Fred Keil            | Screen Operator         |
| Claudia Galaske      | Screen Operator         |
| Diana Bauer          | Women's Guild President |

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| Donna Bingham   | Mission & Evangelism Board |
| Jeff Estes      | Finance Board              |
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