



September 2020

Friedens United Church of Christ Circuit Rider

FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

It's that time of year again....

Yes, it's that time of year when the church starts thinking about next year's budget and leadership nominations. With the uncertainty of what may happen in the coming months, and into next year, it is difficult to predict what our budget will need to be. Additionally, with the closure of so many activities this year, many boards did not get to accomplish some of the goals that they had hoped for this year.

Congregational Meeting.

We are planning on having our congregational meeting on September 27th following our 10:00 AM service at the park. This is weather permitting. If the weather prevents us from having this meeting outside, then we will postpone by 1 week. This meeting date is earlier than normal, but we feel that the weather may not be as good in October.

Board Nominations

The council met on August 23rd and we are suggesting that for all board positions, that we maintain the status-quo for next year. This also includes the council. This will be presented to the congregation at the Congregational meeting.

2021 Budget

We are starting to determine what our budget might look like for next year. The Council and Finance Board are planning on having their budget meeting on Sept 6th, and we hope to present this to the congregation at the congregation meeting on Sept 27th.

Choir, Sunday School, and other activities

Michael will be meeting with the choir members to determine if there is any way of safely having choir practice, or remote choir. More on this next month.

Stephanie is planning on having **Sunday School** outside at the park if possible. However, if Triad School District transitions to an "all remote" learning environment, then in-person Sunday School will most likely be halted. Stephanie is looking at alternative ways to engage our youth if that happens.

Rally Day for Sunday School is currently planned for Sept 13th. Regardless of what happens with our Sunday school program, Pastor Tim will conduct a "**Blessings of the Backpack**" service. I encourage all school goers, regardless of age, to bring your backpacks and attend this service.

Closing notes:

I want to thank everyone for your support of the church these past few months, not only financially, but also with your attendance, thoughts, and prayers. We have consistently had 50ish attendees at our park services, and it has been great to see everyone in person. We will continue these services as long as we can, until it becomes too cold to do so.

God's Blessings, Eric



- 1 Nicole Magac
- 3 Cindy Borowy
Tammie Molohan
- 4 Spencer Hoppes
Devin Williams
Danielle Overbey
- 6 Sandy Poletti
- 8 Christopher Ellis
Mackenzie Hall
Amira Joy Andreas
- 11 John Deloney
- 12 Jon Hoppes
Sophie Gianaris
- 13 Laurie Manwaring
- 15 Virgil Whittington
- 17 Katlyn Gebhart
Grayson Ellis
- 18 Jennifer Gianaris
Clay Whittington
- 19 Diane Seymore
- 21 Carlene Keilbach
- 22 Carrie Andreas
Jamie Hickam
- 24 Roy McMillin
- 28 Julie Loehring
Patrick Ruger
- 29 Dale Mollet
- 30 Don Turner



We are planning on having the Drive-in Services each week in September. 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. WE WILL MEET AT PAVALION #9

Dates to remember



Budget Meeting *September 6*



Congregational Meeting

September 27

Do not forget to mark your calendars and join us to catch up on Friedens and let your voice be heard!!

Sunday

Rally Day & Back to School Blessing



September 13th

Rally Day 9am 10 am service
Calling all Students & educators!!



Homeschooled, e-learning, elementary, jr/sr high school, daycare, college, trade!!

Let's kick off Rally Day and the beginning of this school year right!!

We invite all students & educators to bring your school bags to service with you to have them blessed. We all know 2020 needs as many prayers as we can give!! We will have some fun social distancing activities for members of all ages!!

Hope to see you there!!

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 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.

Join us on Facebook or on YouTube for Live videos and recordings of 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
Don't forget to like us on FACEBOOK www.friedens@friedensucc-troy.org



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR TIM

“Good Friends”

“What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear; and what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.... Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in Prayer”

(Songwriters C. Converse & J. Scriven)

Recently, I had a conversation with my best friend whom I met in school well over 30 years ago. It reminded me of how important good friendships are with God, first and foremost; and with others secondarily. A true friend is a friend whether it is convenient or not and will consistently stand by you both when you are present and when you are not. They're authentic and honest; not phony but show you who they really are.

Lynn Schroeder wrote an article on true friendship which offers traits of a good friend:

- 1. A true friend shows up. “A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out.”**
- 2. A true friend sees your blind spots and loves you anyway. They are honest but lovingly honest.**
- 3. A true friend is going to root for you no matter what.**
- 4. A true friend is not jealous but sincerely celebrates with you.**
- 5. A true friend laughs with you.**
- 6. A true friend is not superficial and is willing to get deep with you.**
- 7. A true friend keeps you humble and keeps you grounded.**
- 8. A true friend makes your friendship a priority and doesn't disappear when someone or something comes along.**
- 9. A true friend wants you to be better and acts as your confidant and role model.**

As I think of the start of the school year, I think it is important to reflect on the friendships in our children's lives, as well as our own. Children and young people need healthy environments to support their values and faith. Much of this relies on their friendships with those around them. We know that the friends we form in our school years often have a major role in shaping us as adults.

Today, I am praying that our young people make “good friends” this year and are “good friends” to others! As an adult, each of us realize how important having a true friend that we can trust is to us as we navigate life. God has given us the greatest example of a truest friend in Jesus. **“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down their life for their friends.” (John 15:13).** Jesus was willing to sacrifice his life for us; the ultimate test of a true friend.

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This fall season, I invite you to take stock with your children and your family. Have a conversation about what it means to be a good friend and who their good friends are. Know that God desires friendship with all of us as his creation. Don't forget to reflect on your own lives as well. Are you a good friend to others? Do you have a good friend that you can count on? Please know that there are people around you that desire friendship and support just as you do. Don't hesitate to seek out our church community to find support as well!

Your friend in Christ, 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 with our congregation. 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 will 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



JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY
SCHOOL



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH 9:00 a.m. till 9:40/45 IN THE PARK AT PAVILION #9 we have an activity for members of all ages!! Come be part of an all church project! Kids bring your Grandparents. Pastor Tim will be blessing your backpacks on this day as well!

It's Grandparents Day!

Sunday **September 20th 9:00 a.m.** till 9:40/45 Troy Park Pavilion #9 all church activity all ages' adults and children

Sunday **September 27th 9:00 a.m.** till 9:40/45 Troy Park Pavilion #9

Sunday School will be in the Park all of September at 9:00 we will end by 9:40/9:45 Worship to follow.

If weather is an issue, we will not have Sunday School unless we are back in the church. If we are back in the church, children will go to their classrooms. Sunday School will be 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. It will work best if you arrive by 8:55 at the ramp entrance in the back of the church. This will be our drop off area. If you plan on staying at church while your child is in Sunday School, we ask that you still enter through the ramp entrance. We will be taking temperatures. If children are dropped off, they will be escorted to their classroom. Please be on time to pick your children up from Sunday School. Some of our teachers have other commitments for the worship service.

IMPORTANT Information

We will not be having an opening gathering for Sunday School. All children are to go directly to their classrooms. EVERYONE will need to wear a mask, adults and children. If any of the below is an issue, we will ask you to return another day. These guidelines are what our school district is using. We will follow these guidelines as well to keep everyone safe:

A temperature of 100 or higher will be considered a reason for the child or adult not to attend Sunday School or Worship. Congestion or runny nose, shortness of breath, fatigue, body ache, headache, new loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, sore throat any of these are reasons not to attend Sunday School or Worship.



Our Sunday School is looking for a second teacher for these two classes.

- Early elementary class 1st – 3rd grade
- Confirmation teacher 7th & 8th grade

You would be the second teacher for these classes or a substitute teacher. Please be a Christian leader for our children.

Would you be interested in leading a men's class?

Would you be interested in leading a young adult class?

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Stephanie.

We are open to all ideas! If you have one let us know!

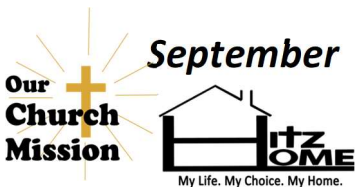
You matter. What you do matters, a lot!

Children are the future of our church and without them Friedens church has no future.

Your greatest experience is waiting outside your comfort zone.

Come join a fun GREAT team!

Stephanie



All donations will be matched
for the month of September

The Mission of the month for September is Hitz Memorial Home in Alhambra! What better way to support them by making the residents happy with a card or letter? Do you want a pen pal? I bet they would love to hear from you! Don't forget to have them say hi to our very own Mary Ann Ambuehl. Please check out their Facebook page to see the photos and a few interests of shut ins that are in need of a pen pal.



Newsletter articles, thank yous and information are due on September 25th for the October CR. You may e-mail them to: friedens@friedensucc-troy.org

~ Things to know ~

DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT

We are looking into hosting a drive-in movie night in our parking lot for the month of **October!!**
Please send any suggestions to the office!



We are looking for **song suggestions** for our Sunday services. Do you have a favorite? Do you have a few that means something special to you? Please contact the office or Eric on Sundays for your suggestions!

Custodial Position still available

Please send any candidates you may know to Doug or Dennis to help us fill this position. Once we open our doors this position will be an asset to our safety. Thank you!

COMMUNION 1ST Sunday of each month!!

With services beginning to become regular, we are going to attempt to keep the 1st Sunday of each month as our Communion Sunday. We will have sealed juice & wafers for distribution. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Forever in our hearts



Phyllis "Joy" Mesle, 91, of Highland, IL, died Sunday, August 16, 2020, at San Gabriel Memory Care, Highland, IL.

She was born May 15, 1929 to Roscoe and Augusta (Nee Godfrey) Harper, in Du Quoin, IL. On June 7, 1952 she married Rev. Dr. Kenneth Mesle at Salem United Church of Christ, St. Louis, MO.

Phyllis was a member of Friedens United Church of Christ, Troy, IL. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a fun-loving, generous and attentive mother. She loved music and was a very good artist. She was a Faithful Partner in her husband's Ministry of 60 years in the United Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roscoe and Augusta Harper; her husband, Rev. Dr. Kenneth Mesle; 6 brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her children, Deborah (Doug) Brendel, Maryville, IL, Jeanne (Bill) Bair, Dallas, TX, Kenneth (Kim) Mesle, Highland, IL, Andrew (Merissa) Mesle, Fort Worth, TX; 9 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Friedens United Church of Christ, Troy, IL. There are no services scheduled at this time. Meridith Funeral Home, Highland, IL.



For more information contact DuBois Center at dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org or 618-787-2202.

MONTHLY MISSIONS	
	<p>September - Hitz</p> <p><i>October - Emmaus House</i> <i>November & December -</i> <i>Ministries Unlimited</i></p>



Thank you to all who helped with the Troy Summer Lunch Program.

From volunteers, monetary donations to product donations and spreading the word, we are grateful for your help in making this summer another successful one!!

Donations - \$ 8,179.00

Large Donations

Ministries Unlimited \$1,000/per church
Collinsville Building & Savings Loan \$5,000

Expenses - TDB

Lunches Served - 3,410 (1,568 less than 2019)

Avg Daily lunch distribution – 68/day

Friday Backpacks

110 – Meadow Park 38 – Library

Restaurants who discount

McDonald's – BOGO 2x's
Burger King – discount

Churches involved

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

Member Volunteers

Ron & Sandy Harbison, Cindy & Dennis Westfall, Kurt Sachtleben, Georgia Wilkins, Carla Hall, Reva Van Hoose, Dori Mutchek, Donna Bingham.

Outside helpers

Kristi Connelly with Girl Scout Troops #959 & #258

Due to the need of this program we are always accepting donations and we are already planning for 2021. Please contact Donna or the office if you would like to join in on our fight to stop hunger.

Lunch distribution yearly numbers

2018 – 5,614 **2019** – 4,978 **2020** – 3,410



Operating Fund Activity

	July 2020	YTD
2020 Income	\$21,591.75	\$139,722.78
Expense	\$17,537.55	\$102,992.06
	\$4,054.20	\$36,730.72

Operating Fund Activity

	July 2019	YTD
2019 Income	\$14,012.85	\$147,507.09
Expense	\$21,783.17	\$148,706.42
	-\$7770.32	-\$1199.33

Thank you to everyone for your continuation of donations! We appreciate every amount!



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.

Thank You

Thank you, Marilyn Wesselmann, for delivering the left-over bulletins to our members who missed the Celebration of Life Service!

Thank you to Doug Brendel for keeping up the custodial duties, purchasing 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

"An act of kindness brightens the day!!"

Thanks for the cards. It's real nice to know someone thinks of me.

Mary Ambuehl

Thanks for all you are doing!!

Rick & Sherry Smith

Thank you to Marilyn Wesselmann for her help each month with reviewing the newsletter. She catches errors I would never see.

Thank you for keeping the Times Tribune updated with information about our church.

You are always so kind and I appreciate all your help!

Monica

Everyone has done an excellent job keeping the church membership in touch through Covid!!

A special thank you to Eric, Pastor Tim and Danielle.

Also, love the Praise Band! Online services have been great!

Carlene Keilbach

I want to thank everyone in creating such a lovely Celebration of Life Service. It was extremely touching and much appreciated that my mom was included in the ceremony. It was a beautiful day in every way! Thank you all!

Laurie Manwaring

Thank you to Gladys Huston for continuing to produce bears & lap blankets. For the month of June, she finished 66 bears & 16 lap blankets.

Thank you to Wayne Loehring for delivering these to people who are in need! You are both a Godsend!



welcome

Emma Rose Pittman

9lbs 9oz 20 1/2 inches long.

Born 4:18 PM Thursday August 13th

Parents are Kristin & Kyle Pittman.

1st Grandchild to John & Laura Lally

Congratulations to the Pittman/Lally family!



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!

A & R Paints & Crafts

WE ARE RETIRING!!! 30% off Retirement Sale will begin Monday July 13th. This a great time to do your Christmas in July Shopping!!

Hours: Mon. Thurs. Fri. 10-5 Sat. 9-3
Closed Tues, Wed, Sun.



SALE

After 40 years of serving Troy and the surrounding community we have decided to retire.

We have had the pleasure of meeting many fine customers and making lots of friends.

Retirement sale will begin on

Monday July 13th

All sales are final. No returns.

Thank you for your patronage as well as friendship.

Ron & Carol Klaustermeier

A & R Paints & Crafts 201 S. Main St. Troy, IL 618-667-6211

Thank you, Ron & Carol Klaustermeier



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 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 26th Street
Highland, IL 62249

Liberty Square

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

Hitz Home

Mary Ann 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

Liberty Village of Maryville

Sue Hoppes
6955 IL-162 Room#402
Maryville, IL 62062
(618) 288-3800

"I was
sick and
you visited
me . . ."
—Matthew 25:36 NKJV



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Meet Our Staff

Rev. B. Tim Harrison	Pastor (fill-in)
Monica Hunsdorf	Secretary
Stephanie Williams	CE Director
Michael McVickar	Choir Director
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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