

February 2021



*Friedens
United Church of Christ
Circuit Rider*

FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Great News!!!!

In-case you haven't heard, we are going to have a new FULL-TIME pastor!!! Starting on July 1st, Pastor Tim has agreed to be our Full-Time Pastor. He is currently finishing up at McKendree University and will be retiring from there at the end of this school year. It was through the grace of God that Tim and Danielle came into our church and we have had the pleasure of getting to know them for several months before we conducted our call and submitted our vote.

WOW... what a year!

What a year we have had.... Both good and bad. When I look back at this past year, the main thing that stands-out is COVID. Who would have thought that when we cancelled services for two weeks last March, that it would be a year later, and we would still be holding virtual services? When I take a closer look, we as a church have tried to make the best of it and have accomplished several things. We were able to have a few services in our church, and quickly adapted to holding services virtually. We had 2 sausage suppers, delivered communion cups, Advent Candles, and made a Congrats Video. We had several services in the park and I think that was great. We were able to see each other, yet, still maintain a safe distance. Once the weather started getting colder, we switched to having services through Facebook Live Streaming and YouTube. No, it's not ideal, but we are still here and still praising God.

What does the Future Hold?

The future depends on YOU. I think our future is bright. When talking with our members, I can feel a sense of renewed energy in them. We have many ideas on where our church needs to be in the future. We still have the option of looking at an additional building, which we started before the pandemic. We still have the option of helping those in-need on our community. We still are looking at an electronic sign in front of the church... and more. We will need to see where this new path takes us.

Keep Praying,
Eric.



FEBRUARY 2021

February
15th
Presidents Day

♥ **HAPPY**
Valentine's
DAY ♥

Don't forget to like us on FACEBOOK



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- 2 Wayne Ferguson
- Rebecca Emanuel
- 4 David Morton
- 6 John Lally
- 8 Marcella Lindsay
- 12 Mary Ann Ambuehl
- 13 Stacy Matz
- 14 August Gianaris
- 15 Claudia Galaske
- 16 Virginia Bailey
- 17 Evan Bosaw
- Karen Kronk
- Kathy Patton
- Tona Walker
- 27 Debra Gebhart
- 28 Linda Grotfendt
- 29 Lyle Willimann




ASH WEDNESDAY

With the uncertainty of when we will be able to hold in person worship, we are planning a pickup / drop off ashes for you and your family to participate in our Ash Wednesday Service. Pastor Tim is preparing a short service for that evening that will be posted on Facebook & YouTube. Please contact the office with any questions.



- Feb 2 – Groundhog Day
- Feb 7 – Communion Super Bowl
- Feb 12 – Lincoln’s Birthday
- Feb 14 – Valentines Day
- Feb 15 – Presidents Day
OFFICE CLOSED
- Feb 16 - Mardi Gras
- Feb 17 - Ash Wednesday



COMMUNION 1ST Sunday of each month!!

The 1st Sunday of each month is Communion Sunday. We will have sealed juice & wafers available for pick up for our online worship or you may use any items you have on hand.

Due to the rising numbers, our in-person worship was only for a short time. With that being said, I hope you are able to enjoy the streamed service on Facebook and our newly streamed YouTube. **When we are able to return to in-person Worship, we will need to comply with the regulations below. As before, we will have 2 services to help minimize the amount of people in the building at each time.**

- 1.) Please wear a mask while in the building and around other members.
- 2.) **PLEASE NO DIRECT CONTACT WITH OTHERS.**
Feel free to wave and say hello from a distance. You may be comfortable with hugging someone, but they may not.
- 3.) *Sunday School will be week by week if numbers are within restrictions to meet for in-person.*
1st Service starts at 9:15 AM 2nd Service starts at 10:15 AM
- 4.) **IF YOU DO NOT FEEL WELL, PLEASE STAY HOME!**

Join us on Facebook for live videos and recordings of Sunday Services at:



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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPSd5dwIb9TRs6c6NUc9fQg>

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 .

FROM THE DESK OF
 PASTOR TIM

For the church, February 17th (Ash Wednesday) marks the beginning of a 40-day season of reflection and preparation for Easter resurrection (April 4th). It is a quiet time of listening, of fasting and penance by asking God to forgive us for our sins. We, as a country, have had more than our share of confrontation with our own mortality and how fragile life is this year thanks to the pandemic. My hope is that this time will bring us renewal and new perspective on the purpose of our lives and Christ's calling. I invite you to pray this prayer with me during this season of Lent:

“God of Goodness and Mercy: Hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten Journey with you. Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from you. Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love. May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace. Transform me this Lent, Heavenly Father. Give me the strength to commit myself to grow closer to you each day.” AMEN

(<https://www.scross.co.za/author/hazelelponisc/>)

May this season give you time to rest in God's grace knowing that you are loved and forgiven!

Blessings On Your Journey, Pastor Tim



St. John's Community Care offers the use of GrandPads to clients or family members who need a way to connect to information virtually. These pads are extremely simple to use, which allows for less frustration in its use. The GrandPads offer games, internet access, email capabilities and more!!

If you know of someone who would benefit from access to a GrandPad to stay connected to their loved ones, take a virtual caregiver workshop, or participate in a Memory Café, encourage them to contact St. John's Community Care at 618-344-5008 or ask their permission for St. John's staff to contact them. St. John's Community Care provides the pad, internet services (WIFI), and in-person and written instructions for use. A deposit is required and kept until the pad is returned. There is no additional charge for the internet or the pad.

Operating Fund Activity

	December 2020	YTD
Income	\$39,132.23	\$251,935.30
Expense	\$28,732.14	\$187,433.60
	\$8,400.09	\$64,501.70



Thank you to everyone
for your continuation
of donations!

Operating Fund Activity

	December 2019	YTD
Income	\$21,877.43	\$246,361.56
Expense	\$19,791.91	\$247,506.52
	\$2,085.52	-\$1,144.96



**Comments taken from the welcome video on Facebook.*

Carlene Keilbach - So very happy to welcome you two to Friedens!!! You two have had great ideas already and have implemented them successfully!!! I can't wait to see what comes next!!

Stephanie Williams - We're blessed to have you! Wonderful things to come to Friedens and our community! Welcome Pastor Tim & Danielle!

Debbie Byrd - I am sooo happy to have Tim join us! He is so nice, and you feel so comfortable with him. He and Danielle are truly an asset to our church family. I'm so excited that what he has been doing for us will continue! Our family will surely multiply with all the assets this church has to offer with Tim and Danielle!!

Pastor Tim Harrison - Thanks Eric and all of Friedens UCC for your vote of confidence in us!! We are so excited for this challenge!! God bless you!

Trecia Winte - Congratulations to the congregation at Friedens church!

Monica Hunsdorf - Welcome Pastor Tim & Danielle! So excited to work with you both!

Sandy Harbison - So happy to have you both. I feel like Danielle said you have been sent to our church. God bless and welcome.

Crystal Keilbach Rea - Congratulations Pastor Tim and Danielle! 🙏❤️

Marilyn Wesselmann - What a grand gesture of thoughtfulness to put this tribute together. Thank you to EVERYONE who had a part of doing this! What FUN!

Regina Bost - Congratulations Friedens United Church of Christ! You are welcoming a warm, caring, Man of God in your new Pastor Tim Harrison and an anointed, gifted Woman of God in your new First Lady, Danielle Harrison. May your part of the Body of Christ be richly blessed for years to come! 🎵🎵 "We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord. And we pray that our unity will one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yeah, they'll know we are Christians by our love." 🎵🎵

Deb Spears - Awesome so blessed to be a part of this church.

Danielle Harrison - Oh my goodness!! What a welcome! Thank you so much ❤️❤️❤️❤️

Robin Harrison - They are the best ❤️

Denise Willis - Congrats! We are excited and thankful.

Diana Bauer - What a great welcome. Sorry I couldn't get a special video message. I was quarantined. Can't wait till we can have fellowship again. Thank you and Danielle for saying Yes!!! 😊😊😊❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Laurie Manwaring - Love this church! What a thoughtful, welcoming gesture! I'm just sorry I was out of town and was not able to participate the day of the taping. But welcome, Pastor Tim and Danielle!

Wendy Meadows - Congratulations!

Cindi Hoppes - Wonderful! Welcome...

Laurie Billings - Congratulations, Pastor Tim!

Sandy Miles - Welcome to Friedens!

Pam Kemp Hildenbrand - Congratulations Pastor Tim and Danielle! Welcome to Friedens family!

Deborah Mesle Brendel - This is wonderful! Love our Friedens Faith Family! Thank you Eric and everyone who put this together!

Wow! Thank you all for your warm heartfelt welcomes!!!❤️ We are both deeply grateful and humbled to serve in ministry with you together! You made me cry and laugh at the same time 😊 I think we might have a new Praise



CHANCEL CHOIR 1998

**Friedens U.C.C.
Chancel Choir**

BACK Row: L to R Ron Harbinow, Glen Stipes, Joe Smith,
Chat Huston, JoAnn Longhi, Gladys Huston, Deb Brendal

Second Row: L to R Butch Schmitt, Eric Bosaw, Swiss Kamm,
Karen Row, Donna Bingham, Yvonne Kamm, Stephanie Williams

First Row: L to R Harold Gindler, Francis Helm, LaVon Brueggemann,
Jackie Estes, Thelma Huston, Director, Sue Hoppas, Lillian Bensa,
Vicki Fischer, Sue Hanks

SPRING FORWARD

Sunday March 14, 2021
@ 2am
set your clocks ahead one hour before bed on Saturday night!

2021 Offering Envelopes Are Available For Pick-Up

They are located at the elevator entrance for pick up. **2020 Giving statements have been mailed to members.**

THESE DAYS
Daily Devotions for Living by Faith

Due to the holiday season our booklets were "lost" in the mail and they have finally arrived!! These Days are available for pick up by the elevator entrance!!

We have a box set up inside the elevator entrance to assist with this most recent needs: **baby soap, lotion, kids body wash, shampoo, detangler, items for ethnic haircare** for **Equipping the Called**. Please feel free to drop off during M-F 9a-2p .

Meat DELIVERIES

Do you know a member that could use assistance with meals or groceries being delivered? We are looking for a member/s to help head this mission and for names of members that would appreciate this service.

Our Church Mission

December February
One Great Hour of Sharing

March - One Great Hour of Sharing
April - _____
May & June - Dubois
July - Love offering for the Wells
August - Hoyleton
September - Hitz
October - Emmaus House
November & December - Ministries Unlimited

We have been using **FLOCKNOTE** 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.

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 Friedens Kidz! You have been doing a great job with the crafts I dropped off! I am so proud of you! The kidz who have posted photos of their finished December craft received a coupon for a free ice cream sundae at our local Dairy Queen! Thank you, Troy Dairy Queen, for being so generous to us. A different coupon for Taco Bell was sent out to the first ten who posted their pillow craft.



February we will have another contest for you. **A Lego building contest!** We would like you to use a shoebox to build a scene you find in the Bible. We ask that no scene be larger than a shoebox, but it may be smaller. Then have Mom or Dad take a photo and send it to Stephanie at 618-406-2273 along with your name. The best will be determined by several different people from our church. Yes, you guessed it a prize will be given to the winner! If you do not have Legos, please contact Stephanie. We will supply you Legos so you can participate. The deadline for entries is **February 21st**. We will have three age groups, Pre-K & Kindergarten - 1st – 3rd Grade - 4th – 8th Grade. This means we will have three winners for this contest.

Here are a few suggestions:

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| God creates the World (Genesis 1) | Adam & Eve's sin (Genesis 3:1-7) |
| Noah and the Flood (Genesis 7:11-20) | Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9) |
| Joseph's Colorful Coat (Genesis 37:1-4) | Moses and the Burning Bush (Exodus 3:1-19) |
| God Parts the Red Sea (Exodus 14:21-29) | Ten Commandments (Exodus 20) |
| A Fish swallows Jonah (Jonah 2:1-10) | Daniel and the Lion's Den (Daniel 6) |
| Jesus rides a Donkey (Mark 11:1-11) | God's Rainbow Promise (Genesis 8-9) |

These are just some ideas the Bible scene is your choice! Please plan on taking part in this fun activity!

I am hoping we are back in church this month! If not, I will be dropping off your Valentines.

If you are curious about our Sunday School, we have a total of 31 families with young children within our congregation, 61 children. Seven of these children are infants. I deliver to 24 homes.

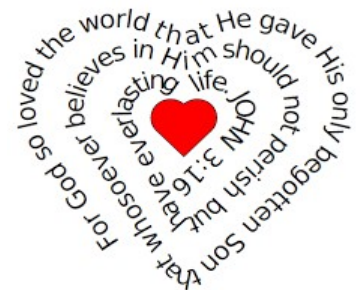
If you know of someone who you would like us to include in our Sunday School activities, please let us know. We love meeting new friends and including them in our fun!

Debbie Byrd is sending out birthday cards to all Sunday School Kidz.

As we looked back on the past year, even though we were not together in person, we kept busy planning for you and sharing God's love with each of you.

We will be ready for you when we are allowed to attend church. We miss you and hope to see you real soon.

Stephanie



 DuBois Center

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




Friedens UCC Sausage & Kraut Dinner

SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday
March 14, 2021
11:30am - 5:30pm**

**Drive-Thru
Only**

**207 East Center Street
Troy, IL 62294**

**All dinners will cost \$10.00. If you have any questions,
please call, or email the church office**

618-667-6535 friedens@friedensucc-troy.org



REMEMBER OUR Shut-INS



Liberty Square (618) 667-8964

Adeline Burgess 204 Liberty Square, Apt. #22 Troy, IL 62294

Hitz Home (618) 488-2355

Mary Ann Ambuehl 201 Bell St. Alhambra, IL 62001

Eden Village (618) 288-5014

Geraldine Rock 200 South Station Road Apt #9225 Glen Carbon, Il 62034

Alhambra Care Center (618) 488-3565

Rosemary Rose 417 E Main St. Alhambra, IL 62001

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



Your kindness is greatly appreciated.
~The Family of Dennis Bucklew

As always, we would like to thank Eric, Pastor Tim, Danielle, and the praise band for the wonderful services each Sunday. We thank you for your hard work and appreciate all you do!

Thank you to everyone for the continued prayers. I am hanging in there and doing ok. I am on the mend, moving slow and taking it 1 day at a time. Please feel free to call but I am asking for no visitors and no food, as I am on a strict diet for my recovery. Thank you all again for your prayers & support!
~Gayle Nungesser

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your generous donation to Ministries Unlimited. May your holidays sparkle with moments of love, laughter, and goodwill, and may the year ahead be full of prosperity and joy. Wishing you comfort, love, strength, and peace, and praying that God shines His light and His love on you this day and every day!
Betty Cothran, Pantry Director

Equipping The Called Thank You
A big shout out to just a few of the organizations providing support to our families. Zion Lutheran Church and School in Mt. Pulaski, **Friedens United Church of Christ**, ETA Chapter of the Phi Tau Omega Sorority, House of Victory in Cottage Hills, Harvest Community Church in Pontoon Beach, St. Mary's Church in Edwardsville, Maryville Christian School and our many individual donors who have been extremely generous this holiday season. We couldn't do this without you and we are so thankful!!



Thank you to the families that posted photos of your pillows. What a wonderful craft! A coupon for Taco Bell was sent to those who participated in this Sunday School Activity! Do not forget to share your photos of your activities from the CEB!



SHOP -LOCAL-



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



STEPHANIE WILLIAMS

618-667-7001

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

We've got you covered from head to toe with cozy comforts! Great gift ideas, as well!!

Open Tuesday-Friday 10-5:30; Saturday 9-2:00.

Curbside pickup available.

FREE delivery in Highland. 654-2008.

Merry Christmas and THANK YOU to all of our devoted customers who supported TGT so generously not only this Christmas season, but this entire challenging year! I am deeply touched by your sincere desire to support the store, knowing TGT had to be closed for two months due to COVID restrictions. You came out in full force since then, and I am so grateful for the business that each of you brought the store. I am honored to have your business and loyalty. Thank you and Merry Christmas to you and yours! From my home to yours...Hope to see you soon!

~Laurie Manwaring



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Newsletter submissions are due on February 25 for the March CR. You may e-mail them to: friedens@friedensucc-troy.org

FRIEDENS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

207 East Center Street

Troy, Illinois 62294

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Meet Our Staff

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

CHURCH COUNCIL

Eric Bosaw	President
Joe Smith	Vice-President
Deb Brendel	Past- President
Laura Lally	Secretary
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Dennis Westfall	Property Board
Claudia Galaske	Property Board
Yvonne Kamm	At-Large
Kurt Sachtleben	At-Large



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