

March 2021



Friedens United Church of Christ Circuit Rider

FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Happy March Everyone...

Wow... it's been a whole year since we were initially impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. I believe that the last time that we had a "normal" service was the week after the March 2020 Sausage Supper. I remember that when we initially closed our doors for the suggested 2 weeks, someone said to me that "this will kill our church". I am happy to say, that through the great efforts of many of our members, the church is still alive. We have learned a lot these past 12 months. We adapted to having church in the park, recorded services, and live streaming. Our church is far from DEAD...

A famous 17th century philosopher named Blaise Pascal, developed a theory called 'Pascal's Wager', to deduce if one should believe in the existence of God. In short, the theory went something like this:

If I act morally AGAINST God and God DOES exist, then I will have eternal misery.

If I act morally AGAINST God and God DOES NOT exist, then nothing happens eternally,

If I act morally FOR God and God DOES NOT exist, then nothing happens eternally,

If I act morally FOR God and God DOES exist, then I will have eternal happiness.

Therefore, the best bet is to believe that God DOES exist and act accordingly.

I know that many are wondering when we will be back in service. I also know that there are differing opinions as to if Covid is "real" or not and if businesses, churches, and the economy should be open. I know that there are many opinions on wearing masks and socially distancing, and I have watched as several restaurants are fully open and seating 100% capacity. I am not trying to take sides here, each of you can have your own opinions, but I also don't want to open the church, just to have to shut it down a week later. More and more members are getting the vaccine... some are not. So, I guess that what I am saying here is... just as in Pascal's Wager above, I believe that the best bet for our church is to believe that Covid DOES exist, and that safety precautions should be taken accordingly. Does that mean that we can't ever go back to church...No. It just means that we have to do so when the time is right, and we can take the proper precautions to ensure that everyone is as safe as possible.

By the time that you receive this Circuit Rider, I will have met with the Council to discuss this issue. At this time, I cannot forecast when we will be back in church. Trust me, I want to get back to a normal service more than anyone. However, because we have a diverse member population, with varying degrees of Covid beliefs, we must make sure that everyone is as safe and comfortable as possible when attending our service.

In Christ, Eric





- 1 David Whittington
- 2 Pat Smith
- 5 Sue Hanks
- 6 Carolyn Klaustermeier
- 7 Adam Jaconis
- 10 Linda Ingersoll
- 11 David Edgar
Mary Emmons
Chuck Toennies
Jennifer Estes
- 14 Krista Adelhardt
Otis Carver
- 15 Bud Adelhardt
Brian Weder
- 16 Gloria Mannz
Andrew Kassing
- 21 Dave Friederich
Irv Kassing
- 24 Carl Hoenig
Olivia Zipprich
Terry Meyer
- 25 Edwin Whittington
- 28 Kelsey Smith
- 30 Ron Klaustermeier
Laura Lally



Sunday March 14, 2021

@ 2am

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour at bed on Saturday night!



March 28 - Palm/Passion Sunday

April 1 – Maundy Thursday

April 2 – Good Friday

April 4– Easter Sunday **no communion*
Baptisms

April 11 – Confirmation Sunday
Communion Sunday



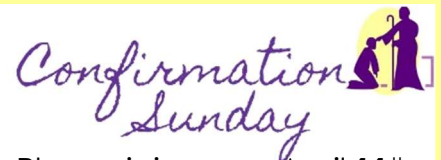
Mar 1 – Casimir Pulaski Day

Mar 7 – Communion

Mar 14 – Daylight Savings
Sausage Supper

Mar 17 – St Patrick's Day

Mar 28 – Palm Sunday



Please join us on April 11th for Confirmation Sunday. Our Confirmands for 2021:

- **Trinity Gelarden**
- **Peyton Cantu**
- **Kendal Ruger**
- **Austin Nungesser**



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.

NOTICE - NO COMMUNION ON APRIL 4TH IT HAS BEEN MOVED TO APRIL 11TH FOR CONFIRMATION GRADUATION

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

An article by John H. Thomas on Ecumenical Concerns included an excerpt that I really liked:

“We are not a church concerned with peace and justice but informed by the Prophets and Christ teachings we are drawn to participate in the world through our acts of justice and reconciliation. We are not a church that promotes inclusive language but a church that realizes God’s rule on all of creation and judges every limitation or exclusion if it hinders God’s reign. We are not a church that ordains gays and lesbians, but we are a church that seeks to honor the gifts and callings of each person regardless of sexual orientation. We are not a church that wants to be diverse but instead are a church that celebrates the promises of all of God’s creation. We are not a church that protects local autonomy but instead celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit’s activity and refuse to limit the Spirit. We are not an ecumenical church but are a church seeking to be a witness to the unity and work of the diverse persons of the Holy Trinity”.

Adapted from John H. Thomas, Assistant to the President for Ecumenical Concerns for the UCC, Contemporary Commitment and Catholic Substance, Oct. 1997).

So often we in the church create labels and try to install our beliefs in “picture frames” that we can freeze frame to capture and defend dogmatically. John Thomas’ words are instructive as they remind us the Holy Scriptures and the beliefs that we hold as final are often “monochromatic, monolingual, or monocultural” pictures that deny all of God’s work outside of these picture frames. Just as Peter, James, and John were confused about how to think and respond in the midst of the shining glory upon Jesus and about Christ’s identity in the Transfiguration as opposed to Elijah and Moses; so too, we are frequently confused and miss seeing Jesus, Son of God, working in our own lives and those of others around us!

During this Lent Season, may we be open to the surprises of the Christ at work in our lives revealing the wonderful and diverse ways that Christ may come to us on a mountain, valley, or along the road to Jerusalem.

Blessings on your journey!

Pastor Tim



<u>Operating Fund Activity</u>	
January 2021	YTD
Income \$21,080.76	\$21,080.76
Expense \$13,872.34	\$13,872.34
\$7,208.42	\$7,208.42

Thank you to everyone
for your continuation
of donations!

<u>Operating Fund Activity</u>	
January 2020	YTD
Income \$13,039.83	\$13,039.83
Expense \$14,823.54	\$14,823.54
\$-1,783.71	\$-1,783.71



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 Deb Brendel, Marilyn Wesselmann & Stephanie Williams for helping our members set up their Covid shots. ~Monica

Thank you, Deb Brendel, for setting up Friedens Family Connection. Getting members connected to resources. Thank you for all you have done!

***If you know of any members that would benefit from this, please contact the office.*

Thank you to Claudia for Decorating our Sanctuary. We may not be in church, but it makes our Streamed Services look very beautiful. Thank you for helping Claudia!

Confirmation

Is your child, grandchild or family member entering 7th grade?

It is time to get them signed up for Confirmation classes.

Please contact Sandi Zipprich to make sure we have you set up to join us.

BAPTISMS

We are in the process of scheduling baptisms. Most of our members with children born during 2020 have been contacted. Current plan is to schedule them for EASTER Sunday. As we hope we did not miss anyone, we ask that you please contact the office if you did not receive a phone call. Thank you.



Ministries Unlimited Needs:

- * Saltine Crackers
- * Oyster Crackers
- * Canned Fruit
- * Paper Towels
- * Deodorant



Friedens Family Connection

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

As some of you know, I have been visiting with and checking in on a couple of our elderly members this winter. Both are housebound due to COVID precautions. Even though both have family that do check in on them, they are very lonely and missing church **enormously!** I also listened to an NPR report the other day on the nation's deteriorating mental health directly related to the COVID precautions we need to take and the isolation that occurs. I've been calling and taking over extra meals for them. While I don't sit down and visit with them for a long time, I have been able to talk to them face to face and on the phone. So.....I've been thinking... Would anyone like to form a group to reach out to our elderly or people that live alone and make contact with them once in a while? It does not need to be every day, maybe once or twice a week telephone them and check in and see how they're holding up. I have found that because they can't get to the grocery store that their food choices are limited to tv dinners or snacking and not really eating a full dinner. I have saved the extra food we prepare for ourselves and have packed the food up in throw away containers and have taken them over a couple times per week to them. Believe me, it has been very much appreciated! I have made a little list of some of the members who might be more at risk for loneliness. I don't want us to be overwhelmed (we have COVID isolation too), but if we could all take 2-3 people to check in on it would let them know we are keeping them in our thoughts and prayers. Many have very dedicated family members that look after them, however, I believe it doesn't hurt to let them know that Friedens Faith Family is concerned about them and are thinking about them. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 334-8077.

Thank you all,
Deb Brendel

~ Memory Lane ~



Julie Loehring

Ron Emmons, Karen Row, Gladys Huston, and Wendy Haller & kids wording on the word puzzles.

The CEB Board honored all the people who touch the lives of our church youths, with a delicious dinner. As the Wonderland Workers (Lin Man, Dorothy, the Wicked Witch, Scarecrow, and the other Wonderland workers) were finishing up dinner. preparations, everyone gathered around tables to work on word games. for dinner we had roast beef, baked potatoes, carrots and slaw with ice cream for dessert. After dinner we had the honor of being entertained by "Dorothy" (Amber French). She sang selections from the "Wizard of Oz" it was a beautiful night.



Tin Man - Scarecrow - Wicked Witch - Dorothy

Teacher Appreciation Night 1998

SAUSAGE DINNER

Monetary donations are being accepted for the Sausage Dinner to purchase items that are usually donated. You can send donations to the office marked "Sausage Dinner". We thank you all for your support in always making our Sausage Dinners a success. From volunteers to patrons, you are all appreciated!

DESSERTS: If you have not been contacted for desserts. Items needed are: Fruit Pies Cookies Cupcakes

DROP OFF BY 10:00AM ON MARCH 14

Equipping the Called Needs

- *baby soap
- *lotion
- *kids body wash
- *shampoo
- *detangler
- *hair products for ethnic haircare.

drop off M-F 9a-2p. Box at Elevator Entrance



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.

Friedens UCC SAUSAGE & KRAUT DINNER

Sunday, March 14, 2021
11:30 am – 5:30 pm

Friedens United Church of Christ
207 E. Center St. Troy IL 62294

DRIVE-THRU ONLY
ALL DINNERS - \$10

Menu Includes:
Grilled Pork Sausage, Sauerkraut, Green Beans,
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy & Dessert



March -

One Great Hour of Sharing

April - N/A

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: 845

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.



Keep in touch with us
VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE



Sunday School News

The Covid-19 numbers have been dropping so I am hoping we can get back to Sunday School soon!

I hope you enjoyed the Lego cross and the treats for Valentine's Day. I didn't receive any Lego building photos so I guess you have been busy.

I have been planning for Easter and have many things for you to do. If we are not back in church, I will be dropping items off at your home.

The confirmands met and prepared the ashes for Ash Wednesday. They had lunch together and a tour of the church to see places that most may not even know about! A great game of hide and go seek was played as well. It was a fun day! An outing with the confirmands is being planned for the end of month as well.

Stay in touch with our Facebook page for updates about returning to Sunday School

Friedens Kidz & Parent: When we do return to Sunday School, listed below are things to remember:

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. be on time. You don't want to miss anything!

Enter through the back ramp door and go directly to your classroom.

Masks are required.

If you are sick please stay home. We will follow all guidelines as our local schools.

Parents:

- ✚ We will practice social distancing. Each child will have their own supplies. No one has to share anything.
- ✚ Masks are required to be worn by all students.
- ✚ Please pick your child up from their classroom at 10:00 sharp!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stephanie Williams 618-667-7001.

- ✚ Pre K & Kindergarden upstairs last classroom on the left.
- ✚ 1st grade – 3rd grade lower level second classroom on the left
- ✚ 4th grade – 6th grade lower level first door on the left
- ✚ Confirmation class will meet in the Theater.

Bring a friend. Share the fun and God's love!

Hope to see all of you soon, *Stephanie*



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

WELCOME
BABY



Please welcome,

Evelyn Jo Emanuel

6 lb. 12 oz. 18 inches long

Born at 8:02 am on February 17, 2021
to Mark & Rebecca Emanuel.

Grandchild to Tom & Vicki Fischer.

Congratulations to the
Emanuel/Fischer family!

~ Forever on our Hearts ~



Thelma K. Bangert Huston 89 years old, born July 18, 1931 in Pin Oak Township, died peacefully on February 13, 2021 at 11:42 pm. She was the daughter of Charles and Edna Herren Bangert. They preceded her in death as did a sister in 1928. Thelma was raised on a farm and graduated from McCray-Dewey High School, Troy in 1949 and was a member of Friedens United Church of Christ in Troy being baptized in 1931 and confirmed into the faith in 1945. On June 10, 1950 she was married to Chester Huston, son of Charles and Maude Smith Huston. Chester preceded her in death on May 18, 2012. Four children were born to this union: Marcy (John) Hardwick of Murfreesboro, TN, Dean (Teresa) Huston of Freeburg, IL, Stan (Vivian)Huston of Troy, IL and Tona (Rick) Walker of Troy, IL. There are 6 Grandchildren: Shelly (Thomas) Farmer of Lascassas, TN, Cory (Joslyn) Brandt of Christiana, TN, Crystal (Rachel) Huston of Indiana, Addie Huston of Freeburg, IL Tanner (Brittany) Riden of Glen Carbon, IL and Lukas (Maya) Skalisius of Troy, IL. 6 Step-Grandchildren: Aaron Hardwick of Murfreesboro, TN, Trent Thompson of Freeburg, IL, Julia (Kyle) Schmidt of Edwardsville, IL, Jacob (Michelle) Cook of O’Fallon, IL, Andrew Echeverria of Collinsville, IL, Christina (Drew) Canini of St. Jacob, IL, Elisa (Matt) Bauer of Collinsville, IL and James George of Troy, IL. 3 Great- Grandchildren: Katelynn and Jessica Farmer of Lascassas, TN and Garrick Brandt of Christiana, TN. 12 Step Great-Grandchildren: Aubrey and Morgan Whitehead, Chris and Kaylee Schmitt of Edwardsville, IL, Liam and Waylon Canini of St. Jacob, IL, Ethan Helmhoit, Aiden Bower and Eli Bower of Collinsville, IL, Keyleigh ,David and Kayla George of Troy, IL. Sister-in-law Audrey Huston of Jackson, MO and Special Cousin, Gladys Huston of Troy, IL. Thelma served as Pin Oak Township Assessor for 12 years, was on the Madison County Board of Review for six years and served as an election judge for 16 years. She also worked at the PMA Office, Edwardsville Care Center, Morgan Linen and Retired from Busy Bee Copy Service. She was an organist at Friedens UCC for 48 years and in addition played for 634 funerals and 136 weddings. She was a faithful member for the church as a Sunday School Teacher, Chancel and Youth Choir Director and served on several boards and committees. She loved her church work, especially quilting and being co-chair of the Quilt-Art Show every November. She held several offices in the Women’s Guild and was a member of the Jarvis Township Senior Citizens. She especially liked her yard and garden, took pride in her home, canning and preserving, cooking and baking, helping others with their quilts, needlework and dancing in her earlier years. Her special monthly treat was quilter’s birthday luncheons and being a part of the “What’s Trump?” pinochle group. She was happiest when her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were at her home. Memorials may be made to Friedens United Church of Christ. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.Richesonfh.com Private family services will be held with Rev. Tim Harrison officiating. A service of celebration of Thelma's life will be schedule at Friedens United Church of Christ, Troy, IL



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



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/>.

~ Lyle and Brenda W



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.

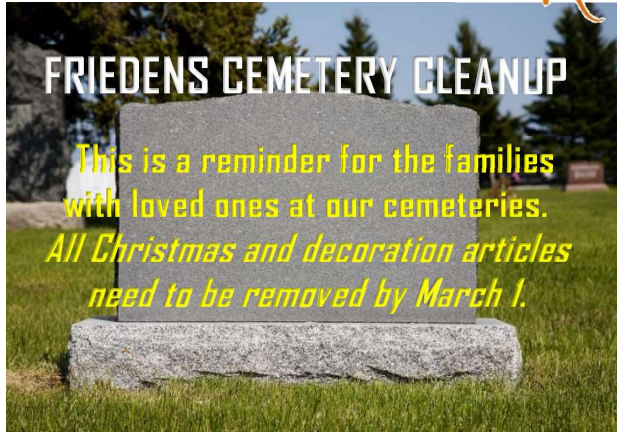
FREE delivery in Highland. 654-2008.

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



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

JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*



FRIEDENS CEMETERY CLEANUP

This is a reminder for the families with loved ones at our cemeteries. ***All Christmas and decoration articles must be removed by March 1.*** Any item on the stones or footings thereafter will be removed by the director. This also includes non-Christmas items that are worn or faded.

Clean up is for both cemetery locations:

- ~ SR 162 (E. Center Street), SE of Troy, Illinois
- ~ Lebanon Rd (Blackjack), Troy, Illinois

We want to remind you of our decorating rules. These are posted at each cemetery.

Friedens Cemetery Grave Decoration Policy:

- Remembrance lights are not allowed in cemetery
 - Two flower vases per grave
- Artificial flowers in plastic or metal vases will be allowed if placed in line with or directly in front of marker or monument
 - No glass containers
- Statues which are not integral part of a monument or headstone are not allowed
 - No trees, shrubs or plants
 - No wall, fence or coping shall be placed around grave or lot
 - No shepherd hook or banner/flag holders
 - All Christmas decoration must be removed by March 1st
- The Director has the right to remove any and all flowers when they become worn, faded or outdated



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!**

FRIEDENS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

207 East Center Street
Troy, Illinois 62294



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

March 2021



Summer
Lunch
Program
2021

Contact Donna
to volunteer

CHURCH COUNCIL

Meet Our Staff



Rev. B. Tim Harrison	Pastor (interim)
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

Eric Bosaw	President
Joe Smith	Vice-President
Deb Brendel	Past- President
Laura Lally	Secretary
Sandy Harbison	Treasurer
Sandi Zipprich	Christian Education Board
Donna Bingham	Mission & Evangelism Board
Jeff Estes	Finance Board
Dennis Westfall	Property Board
Claudia Galaske	Property Board
Yvonne Kamm	At-Large
Kurt Sachtleben	At-Large

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