

April 2021

happy  
EASTER

Friedens  
United Church of Christ  
Circuit Rider



## FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Happy Easter Everyone !!!

I believe that by the time that you receive this Circuit Rider, that Easter will have come and gone. But I hope that the spirit of Easter is still with you.

Easter is a time of rebirth, both in our own lives, and that of the Church. Part of re-birth is getting rid of the old dead things in our lives so that the new things can grow and bloom. Just as in a garden, we remove the old plants and prune the dead limbs so that new growth can emerge.

The same thing happens in the life of the church. Throughout this past year, we have been forced to suspend some of the things that we would have normally done. This has given us the opportunity to re-evaluate what things are "dead" in our church and needs to be pruned. As we begin to slowly get back to the resemblance of a "normal" church service, and we begin our journey with Pastor Tim, we are looking at what things need to change. Are we doing away with "all" of our traditions; of course not, but we might be swapping some out for some new ideas.

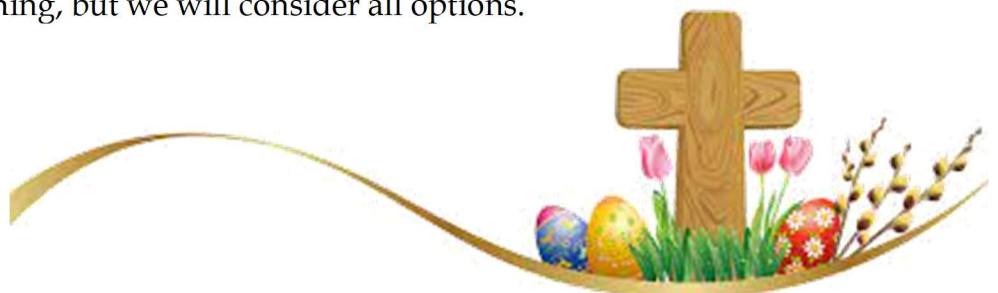
Some things we just haven't been able to start back up yet...choirs, luncheons, large gatherings, etc. They will come, in due time. Other things that we are looking at are things like, how often to have the Praise Band and having summer services in the park.

Our goal here is not to remove things that have been with us for years. Our church has a rich history and many of our members' families have been with us for generations. What we are trying to do is to figure out how to reach out to new members, new families, and replenish our membership.

If you have an idea of something that you would like to see implemented in our services, please reach out to Pastor Tim or myself. We would love to have your input and hear your thoughts. We can't guarantee that we can act on everything, but we will consider all options.

In Christ,

Eric





- 2 Jane Maedge
- 3 Marian Whittington
- 4 Chris Miller
- 5 Ruby Schultze
- 11 Karen Ferguson
- 12 Vicki Fischer
- 15 Sandra Harbison
- Taylor Whittington
- 19 Kendal Ruger
- 24 Abby Raymond
- 26 Tracey Berkemeier
- 29 Ryan Williams
- 30 Maddox Corey



**April 1 – Maundy Thursday 7pm**

**April 2 – Good Friday 7pm**

**April 4– Easter Sunday \*no communion**

**Baptisms**

9:05 am Service

\*Dailin Dickinson, daughter of  
Tara & Kyle (Toutloian) Dickinson

\*Jacob Toutloian

\*Tayla Harbison

10:15 am Service

\*Brendan M. Smith, son of Patrick & Amanda

**April 11 – Communion Sunday**

**April 18 – Baptism 9:05 am Service**

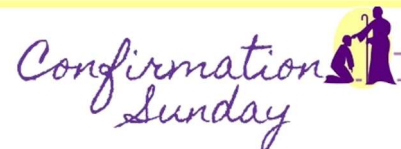
\*Madilyn O. Williams, daughter of Ryan & Trisha

**April 25 – 9:05am Service**

**Confirmation Sunday**

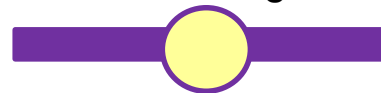
**Baptism 10:15 am Service**

\*Emmitt Douglas Bosaw, son of Evan & Allie Bosaw



Please join us on **April 25<sup>th</sup>**  
for Confirmation Sunday.  
Our Confirmands for 2021:

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



**Is your child, grandchild or family member entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade? It is time to get them signed up for Confirmation classes. Please contact Pastor Tim to make sure we have you set up to join us.**



We are in the process of scheduling baptisms. Most of our members with children born during 2020-2021 have been contacted. 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.

**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>

**COMMUNION 1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday of each month!!** The 1<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>TH</sup>

IT HAS BEEN MOVED TO APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> CONFIRMATION SUNDAY HAS BEEN MOVED TO APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>





FROM THE DESK OF  
PASTOR TIM

Do we feel like Jesus is still in the Tomb?

*Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Matthew 28:5-6*

Most experts believe that the final resting place of Jesus of Nazareth lies within the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. When I visited the Church last year, I was reminded how confining the actual burial space was. When someone recently described their feelings about the experience of COVID 19 using the word "confinement", it struck a chord. So often as people of faith, it would appear that we don't believe that Jesus has come out of the tomb. We act as though Jesus is still sealed tightly inside--dead, unable to act in our lives nor bring us release and freedom. We often allow fear to confine us just as it did the disciples who were hiding in fear behind locked doors (John 20: 19). But despite our sin and our fear, the resurrected Jesus comes bringing peace and freedom! That is what Easter is all about: breaking us out of the confinement of our sin and freeing us to be who God called us each to be!!

My prayer for you this Easter comes from a poem by Jan Richardson entitled, "Risen for Easter Day".

*If you are looking for a blessing do not linger here. Here is only emptiness, a hollow, a husk where a blessing used to be. This blessing was not content in its confinement. It could not abide its isolation, the unrelenting silence, the pressing stench of death. So, if it is a blessing you seek, open your own mouth. Fill your lungs with the air this new morning brings, and then release it with a cry: Hear how the blessing breaks forth in your own voice, how your own lips form every word you never dreamed to say. See how the blessing circles back again, wanting you to repeat it, but louder, how it draws you, pulls you, sends you to proclaim its only word: Risen! Risen! Risen!*

**Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!  
Happy Easter!**

**Pastor Tim**



<u>Operating Fund Activity</u>	
February 2021	YTD
Income \$ 9,623.86	\$30,704.62
Expense \$10,944.46	\$24,816.50
<b>-\$-1,320.60</b>	\$5,888.12



Thank you to everyone  
for your continuation  
of donations!

<u>Operating Fund Activity</u>	
February 2020	YTD
Income \$13,857.85	\$26,897.68
Expense \$15,330.93	\$30,154.47
<b>-\$-1,473.08</b>	<b>-\$-3,256.79</b>

# Baptism Prayer Cards

We have 4 Baptisms that will take place on Easter Sunday. In the past our members would write prayer cards for the child on the day of the baptism. We are wanting to bring this tradition back. There are post cards at the elevator entrance along with pencils and a drop bag for each child for Easter Sunday baptisms . We will do this for child baptisms only.

## EASTER SUNDAY BAPTISMS



9:05 am Service

Child - Dailin Dickinson, daughter of Tara & Kyle (Toutloian) Dickinson

Adult – Jacob Toutloian

Adult – Tayla Harbison

10:15 am Service

Child – Brendan Michael Smith, son of Patrick & Amanda Smith



Thank you to Pastor Tim for bringing our Sausage Dinners by. It was very thoughtful and appreciated more than you will know. Thank you, Jim & Virginia Bailey

Thank you to everyone for the calls, cards, prayers and friendship during Ron’s surgeries and recovery. Thanks to Pastor Tim for bringing us Sausage Dinners. We are so blessed to have a wonderful support system. The love we felt is appreciated!  
Thank you, Ron & Sandy Harbison



**Congratulations** to Randallyn Nungesser for becoming a Gold Award Girl Scout for **Code Red** , an emergency management service . What a great accomplishment! We are so proud of you Randallyn!

Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, donated and all the patrons for our March Sausage & Kraut Dinner. We are beyond grateful for everyone’s support. We have a few more expenses we are waiting for and we will have our final amount soon. We were very busy; we averaged around 1,220 – 1,250 dinners were sold. What an amazing amount!! This event was such a success because of all of you!!! Thank you all!!!



Below is a letter we received from a customer from our Sausage & Kraut Dinner :

*(names and affiliations have been removed to protect those who cannot defend themselves)*

I just had lunch an hour or so ago at the the drive-thru sausage dinner event at your church.

I want to tell you how good the food was, but more than that, how I appreciate seeing

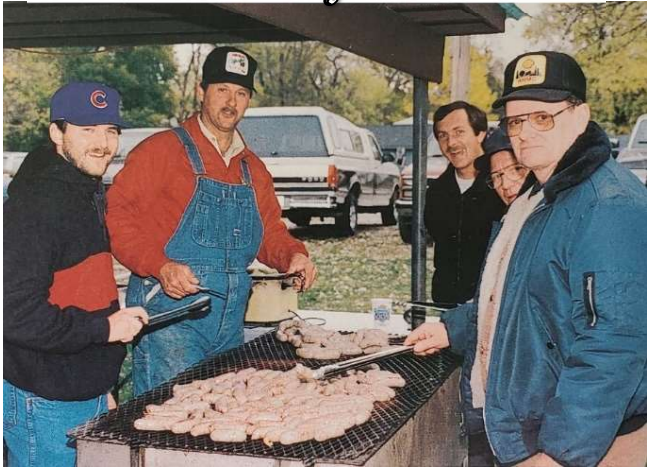
everyone involved wearing masks! As an asthma patient I have to be super-careful. Wearing a mask is not comfortable but I do it. Everyone should since we are still in the middle of a pandemic with several virulent strains out there. It’s easy and cheap... and it works! I went to a drive-thru dinner a week or two ago in the area and I was the only one in sight who was wearing a mask. I had to get out of line because I refused to eat there and support a place that doesn’t seem to care. Please make sure that everyone involved – even the children who were delivering the food – gets thanked. Could it be announced at service perhaps.

Once again, thank you for a well-run event with delicious food. I will definitely be in line the next time your church host an event like this one.

Thank you, Jerry M. / Highland



# ~ Memory Lane ~



## Grill Masters of Sausage Dinners past!

Kurt Miller, Randy Meier on left side. Right side Ron Emmons, Virgil Whittington and Dennis Williams

# SAVE THE DATE



## Friedens UCC RUMMAGE SALE

May 14, 2021  
8am to 1pm

May 15, 2021  
8am to noon

Donation Drop off Begins Sunday, May 9

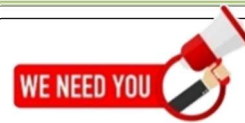
Friedens United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall  
207 East Center St. Troy, IL 62294  
618-667-6535  
friedens@friedensucc-troy.org

Donation Drop off Ends Thursday afternoon

All items for sale at the Rummage Sale are donated. Everyone is encouraged to participate by donating new or gently used items during our drop-off dates. Thank you all for your help in making this event a success!



Please contact the church office by April 20<sup>th</sup> if you would like to have the name of your graduate (high school, college, technical or trade school, etc.) recognized in the May Issue of the *Circuit Rider*



## Friedens Family Connection

Looking for members to assist with connecting to our homebound members. If you can help, please feel free to call Deb Brendel at 334-8077.

**Ministries Unlimited Needs:**

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

**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

**APRIL - Operating Fund**

- 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.





## We're back!

Yes, we started back to Sunday School and will continue through May 23<sup>rd</sup> with our regular schedule.

- ✚ Sunday School begins at 9:00 am and ends at 10:00 am. Classes for ages 3 yrs to adults.
- ✚ Summer Sunday School dates will be released soon.
- ✚ We have a mixed adult class that meets on the lower level of the educational wing.
- ✚ A party is being planned for all Friedens Kidz on Easter Sunday.



VBS will be June 7<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup> Ages 5 year olds through 12 year olds

We will not be having 3 and 4 year olds this year along with a few other changes for COVID safety reasons. We have some great plans and surprises for this year's VBS! Our plans are to return to our full fantastic VBS in 2022. Registration will begin on Sunday, April 18th. If you would like to be a part of our VBS team, contact Stephanie Williams.

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

- ✚ Pre K & Kindergarten upstairs last classroom on the left.
- ✚ 1<sup>st</sup> grade – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade lower level second classroom on the left
- ✚ 4<sup>th</sup> grade – 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org) or 618-787-2202.

**WELCOME**  
**BABY**



Please welcome,

**Finnley Jaxon Rea**

6 lb. 12 oz. 19 inches long  
Born at 3:21 pm on February 25, 2021  
to Doug & Crystal Rea.  
Grandchild to Carlene and Robin  
Keilbach.

Congratulations to the  
Rea/Keilbach family!



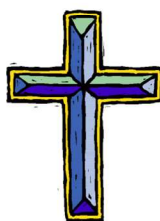
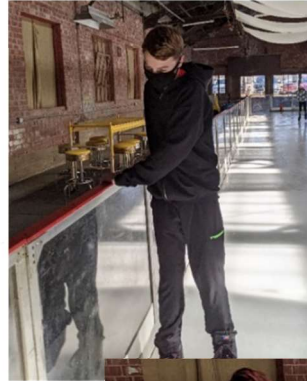
# 1st Sunday back in Sunday School!!

Thank you to all who joined us!! We have missed you all so much!! Hope to see more of our friends soon.

Join us at 9am every Sunday!



## ~~~~~Confirmation Fun!~~~~~







**1st Service starts at 9:05 AM**  
**2nd Service starts at 10:15 AM**

Please comply with the following guidelines. 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. We ask no socializing at entrances or doorways.
- 3.) **IF YOU DO NOT FEEL WELL, PLEASE STAY HOME!**
  - A sanitizing table will be set in the Elevator Entrance, in the education areas, and by entrances to the sanctuary.
  - Please sit only in permitted pews. Six feet should be maintained in the pews when unrelated families are in the same pew.
  - Masks should be worn into the church through church service.
  - Hymnals and Bible will remain removed.
  - Pre-prepared communion elements will be available for Communion Sundays. Receptacle for containers to be thrown away will be available upon exiting the sanctuary.
  - Ushers will be at entrances of sanctuary to welcome worshippers.
  - Pastor will greet from 6 feet away. Please respect social distancing.
  - Praise Band music continues.
  - Offering plates will be placed at entrance to Sanctuary.
  - Cleaning and disinfection of the worship space will immediately follow worship each week.



**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



# 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](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/>.

~ 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!!

Monday: CLOSED

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sunday: CLOSED

Curbside pickup available.

FREE delivery in Highland. 654-2008.



Newsletter submissions are due on April 25 for the May CR. You may e-mail them to:

[friedens@friedensucc-troy.org](mailto:friedens@friedensucc-troy.org)

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Troy, Illinois 62294

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**Meet Our Staff**



Rev. B. Tim Harrison	Pastor
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

**CHURCH COUNCIL**



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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