

May 2021

Friedens United Church of Christ Circuit Rider



FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Miscommunication

There is an old Saturday Night Live skit that has always stuck out in my mind. In this skit, Ed Asner is portraying a retiring nuclear power plant employee. As he is leaving, he is giving his replacement important instructions...

“You can’t add too much water to the reactor.”

Later in the skit, you see the new employee trying to determine what Ed meant by these words... was it that you shouldn’t add too much water, or that you can never add enough water to the reactor. Of course, at the end of the skit, you see Ed sitting on a beach somewhere and in the distance, you see an explosion and the ensuing mushroom cloud.

Ok, so why am I reminiscing on 30+ year-old shows? It’s all about being clear in our communication.

Since we have been Live Streaming our services, I have seen some very positive comments from viewers that are enjoying our videos. However, every once-in-a-while, I see a negative emoji. If you don’t know what an emoji is, it is the little smiley face symbol 😊 or heart symbol, or frown 😞 plus many others. When we see a negative emoji, a frown, or something similar, we are not sure why the person put it out there. Was it supposed to be a smile, and they hit the wrong button? Or did they really dislike something in our service. Communication is key. We are working on getting our services back to some normalcy. If there is something that you don’t like, please let us know. I take all comments (good and bad) seriously, and we try to rectify any negative feedback. However, if we just see a frown 😞, we are not sure what was disliked.

With that in mind, here are some comments that I have received recently and what we are doing to fix them.

- When are the pew cushions coming back?
 - The Pew cushions are coming back in the next week or so. As are the hymnals and Bibles.
- When are we going to have traditional hymns?
 - We are putting together a schedule to have some Sundays each month contain more traditional hymns and organ music. This may not start until July when pastor becomes full-time
- What about the banners that hangs on each side of the church?
 - We took the banners down when we started video recording our services way back last year. We will be getting those back in place in the coming weeks.
- When will we go to 1 service instead of 2.
 - We will be going to 1 service starting in June. See more information around the summer schedule below.
- Does the church have a scholarship fund for High School Graduates?
 - See below.

Scholarship Fund - Several years ago, we created a scholarship fund for graduating high-school senior members. However, a few years later, it was removed from the budget. The council has decided to re-instate the scholarship fund. If you have a graduating high-school senior that is planning on going to a college, university, or trade-school, then applications will be available in the church office. The scholarship amounts are capped at \$500. The applicant must meet a few criteria which are outlined in the application packet.

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May 2021

COMMUNION MAY 23 – Pentecost 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.



Don't forget to like us on FACEBOOK

friedens@friedensucc-troy.org



- 4 Gladys Huston
- Logan Matz
- 9 Barb Toennies
- 10 Marla Brown
- Joe Smith
- 11 Christian Bosaw
- 12 Mary Ellen Schwehr
- Justin Whittington
- 15 Mary Ann Gaultney
- 16 Jason Barker
- 17 Eric Bosaw
- Dennis Westfall
- 18 Kay Friederich
- Sean Smith
- Deb Spears
- 20 Kristen Ferguson
- 26 Emily Toennies
- 27 Ron Harbison
- Yvonne Kamm
- 28 Crystal Rea
- Sandra Morton
- Tanner Riden



Summertime is almost here, and we would like to invite you to join us on : ***June 13, 20 & 27 *July 11 & 25 *August 8 & 22** for service in the park. We will have only 1 service at **10:15 am.** On August 22 we will have an end of Summer celebration with a food truck after service. We hope you will be there to worship with us.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 9** – Happy Mother’s Day
Rummage Sale drop off begins
- May 14** – Rummage Sale 3p-6p
- May 15** – Rummage Sale 8a-12p
Sheltered Reality 5p
- May 16** – Baptism *Finnley Jaxon Rea – son of Doug & Crystal Rea
- May 17** – Vacation Bible School Training 6:15p
- May 23** – Pentecost Sunday / Communion
- May 31** – Memorial Day – Office Closed
- June** - Pastor Tim time off. Return July 1st
- June 6** – Communion
- June 7 -10** – Vacation Bible School 6p-8:30p
- June 13** – Service in the Park @ 10:15 a
Leo Diamant Going Away Concert @ 5p
- June 20** – Happy Father’s Day Service in the Park @ 10:15a
- June 27** - Service in the Park @ 10:15a



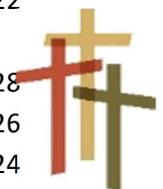
Join us for farewells to Leo from the Praise Band at the Gazebo in Troy Park. There will be Music and a food truck with items for purchase.



We are in the process of scheduling baptisms. Please contact the office if you did not receive a phone call.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Date	1 st	2 nd	Sunday School
3-28	25	42	22
4-2	47 - Good Friday		
4-4	47	81	28
4-11	21	43	26
4-18	42	42	24
4-25	67	54	16



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>

FROM THE DESK OF
 PASTOR TIM

Encouraging Others to Bloom!

Every year, in late April and early May, a purple lilac which is one of my favorite flowers, starts to bloom and gives off this fantastic aroma along the perimeter of our parking lot at work. It is a reminder of the joy and hope that a new season of life brings. May is a month where many young people are beginning new life journeys following high school and college graduation. Recently, our church has confirmed four young people and has baptized several babies and adults. Each now begins a new journey of faith with God and with Friedens UCC Church!

I am reminded that the wonderful Spring colors and fresh blossoms can bring allergies and pollen and other obstacles making the enjoyment of the new season a challenge for some. Metaphorically, this can also be true in the church as the circle grows wider and the community makes sacred space for those who enter with beautiful gifts and talents to offer! The Friedens UCC community made promises to God along with each of those confirmed and baptized to welcome and include them as a meaningful part of our community! This brings with it some adjustments in the process of transition, as the church seeks to be the full authentic body of Christ inviting all to the Banquet Table!

This Spring, I encourage each of us to be great stewards of Hospitality and find ways to connect with each of our new members. This might include inviting them and/or their parents to join us in the choir, praise band, a Sunday School group, assist with ushering, or just grabbing a coke or coffee and sitting down to get to know each other. My prayer is that Friedens UCC will continue to be known in the Troy, Illinois area as a wonderful and welcoming Church, full of people who care deeply about each member and the stranger and work toward living out the love of Christ for all God's Children!

Danielle and I too, are looking forward to joining that circle of "newbies" in the church as my tenure as full-time pastor begins in July!

In Ministry Together! Pastor Tim

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



Thank you to everyone
for your continuation
of donations!

<u>Operating Fund Activity</u>	
March 2020	YTD
Income \$18,060.28	\$44,957.96
<u>Expense \$14,914.15</u>	<u>\$45,068.62</u>
\$3,146.13	\$ -110.66

Baptism Prayer Cards

We are in need of members to write prayer cards for the following children. Cards are outside of the Sanctuary. Please drop in giving tray or place on Monica's desk. Thank you all in advance for your help!

- Dailin Dickinson, daughter of Tara & Kyle (Toutloian) Dickinson
- Brendan Michael Smith, son of Patrick & Amanda Smith
- Madilynn O. Williams, daughter of Ryan & Trisha Williams
- Emmett Douglas Bosaw, son of Evan & Allie Bosaw
- Finley Jaxon Rea, son of Doug & Crystal Rea



Madilynn Williams

Congratulations on

our Baptisms



Brendan Smith



**Tayla Jacob Dailin
Harbison Toutloian Dickinson**



Emmett Bosaw

FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Praise Band- Many of you were in attendance when our guitarist, Leo, announced that he will be leaving the praise band in June to work on his master's degree. To give Leo a grand send-off, Leo will be having a concert in the park on Sunday, June 13th from 5:00PM - 7:00 PM. Most probably don't know that Leo is an accomplished singer/song writer and has several songs posted on different music sites on the internet. At his concert, Leo will be performing many of his own songs. We are also planning on having food trucks etc. as well. Keep looking for more information as the date draws near.

Help Wanted - We are in need of a **part-time custodian** as well as a **part-time cemetery sexton/administrator**. If you know of anyone who would like to work and make some extra money, please contact the church office.

Summer Schedule- Our current plans for the summer worship schedule is as follows:

Starting June 6th, we will be going to 1 service starting at 10:15

The first Sunday in June (June 6th) will be in the sanctuary.

The other Sundays in June (June 13, 20, & 27) will be in the park (weather permitting).

The 1st and 3rd Sundays in July and August will be in the sanctuary

The 2nd and 4th Sundays in July and August will be in the park (weather permitting).

I believe that is all for now. See you Sunday, Eric.

~ Memory Lane ~



1921 - Back Row - Raymond Blumberg, Clarence Blumberg, Leonard Blumberg, Rev. Dippel, John Kirsch, Irwin Dollinger, Everett Liston,
 Front Row - Irma Ottwein, Bernhardine Louise Esther Schurman, Bertha Weber, Mildred Gaertner, Minnie Pape, Sylvania Gebauer, Lucille Fehmel

Friedens Confirmands 100 years ago

VBS NEEDS YOU!

ALL ABOARD!!! We need your help at VBS!!

Adult and youth volunteers are a critical part of success of our VBS program. There are several ways to contribute your talents and time. Thank you for considering being a part of a faith-filled, fun event.

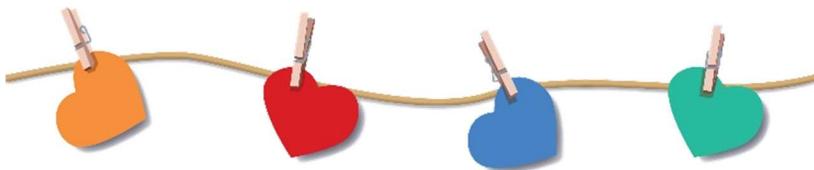
- Youth & adult crew leaders guide, sing and have fun with small groups of children through station activities.
- Adult station leaders teach a daily lesson to children at their station.
- Adult floaters support room or station directors with the supervision of children and dissemination of supplies.
- Crafting nights to create decorations.
- Decorate building and set-up room/stations before VBS.
- Clean-up crew after the last day of VBS.

Volunteer training for VBS:

- **Monday, May 17th @ 6:15**



Please contact Stephanie with any questions 618-667-7001.



I love my church family!

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.


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


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.



Keep in touch with us
VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE



Congratulations to our four confirmands! We are so proud of you and are looking forward to you being a BIG part of our church! Thank you to Sandi Zipprich for stepping in and helping them on their path toward confirmation.

Sunday School will continue through May 23rd at the church. We will then take a break in June and start back up in July. Our plan is to have Sunday School for the children prior to worship in the park. Starting at 9:00 a.m. and be completed by 9:45

Sunday School dates will be:

- July 11th & 25th
- August 8th & 22nd

Rally Day will be September 12th.

VBS it's time! Our plan is to have VBS on June 7th – 10th 6 – 8:30 each evening for ages 5-12 years. We are doing things a bit different this year. I promise there is plenty of fun being planned for all the children and God's love will shine through!

We do have limited space so please sign up now! I would hate for any of Friedens kids to be left out. We need volunteers to help decorate. We also have plenty of other places where you can help before, during and after VBS. Please see Stephanie.

We are planning on serving individual ice-cream bars, Popcicles and other cool treats for the children's snack. If you would like to donate to this, please mark an envelope VBS treats and place your donation in the offering plates or turn in to the office. Thank you so much for your help! Stephanie



~**Devin Wilkins**~

Devin will graduate from Triad High School in May. During his time at Triad, he played Baseball and Football. He plans to attend SWIC in the Fall. He is undecided as to what field he wishes to pursue.



~**Madilyn Maschhoff**~

Madilyn, oldest grandchild of Marilyn Wesselmann, graduates May 8th with honors and a bachelor's degree in Health Sciences from University of Central Florida, Orlando. She plans to pursue a Doctorate Degree in Occupational Therapy at University of Florida, Gainesville.

2021 Friedens Confirmands



Pictured from left to right:
 Front Row: Trinity Gelarden,
 Peyton Cantu, Kendal
 Ruger, Austin Nungesser
 Back Row: Sandi Zipprich -
 Confirmation Director,
 Pastor Tim Harrison

To our Confirmands, May God bless you with true happiness and hear you as you pray. And may He fill your heart with love on Confirmation day and every day forward. We wish you profound joy today."

~Friedens Faith Family

Peyton Luke 10: 38-42 (Story of Mary and Martha) *Each had their own approach to life and to serving Jesus. Which one do you feel you are most like, and why? I feel I am probably most like Mary. I think so because...sure....I would want the house to be pretty clean, but it's more important for me to be able to have fun being with people who I enjoy being around. I would rather be having fun with my family and friends than stressed about how everything looks and if everything is perfect or not.

Kendal 1 Corn. 9: 24-27 and Hebrews 12:1 (Cloud of Witnesses around us as we run the race) *What do these scriptures mean to you as a runner? As a runner, these scriptures are meaningful to me by describing to me what running really is and how it feels. In the reading of Hebrews 12: 1, this one is the most meaningful because it talks about your coach's halftime speech of not giving up. This reminds me of how my teammates and coaches say positive words to me like, "You are doing great", "C'mon you got this" and "Try your best to catch up to him". We would even cheer for some of the people on the other teams that weren't doing the best. We would say, "Be tough" or "Don't give up". I have also heard from some of my coaches that if there was a person on a different team by you and if they fell down or got injured, our teammate would help them finish the race. All of this good sportsmanship is what Jesus wants me and other runners to know and do the same thing to other teams.

Austin I Corn. 12: 12-27 (A body has many parts) *What does it mean to be a part of the church family (Body of Christ)? The best part of church is being part of a church family. Most everyone knows you and are always there for you when you need them. I enjoy working the fundraisers and helping out at VBS. I will work at any job when I am asked to. I enjoy the Sunday sermons and the music. I especially like the children's sermons with the little ones. Any project that is age appropriate that I can do, just like my brother. Recently, I spent several hours cleaning the pews and floors, and wiping down the walls and windows for Covid cleaning. Several of us also vacuumed all the church pew cushions that were taken down to the basement and stage area.

Trinity Judges 4-5 (Deborah) *What makes a good leader in the church? It means to be trusted by the community. You also need to be aware of everything in the church. Another thing you need to do is keep your faith strong. You will also encourage others to do the right thing. Another thing you need is to be understanding about what the church needs and what others need. Lastly, you need to understand people are counting on you to do the right thing. Deborah was a good leader because she was trusted by the community and was an amazing person. She did everything that God asked her to do. She had faith in everything she did and earned the community's respect. She would also never let anything stop her from what she needed to do. Lastly, she was just an amazing teacher and that is the kind of leader we need in our community.



Friedens UCC RUMMAGE SALE



May 14, 2021
3pm to 6pm

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!

Friedens UCC VBS 2021

June 7th-10th

Monday - Thursday
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Join us for VBS 2021!! June 7-10 from 6:00pm-8:30pm.

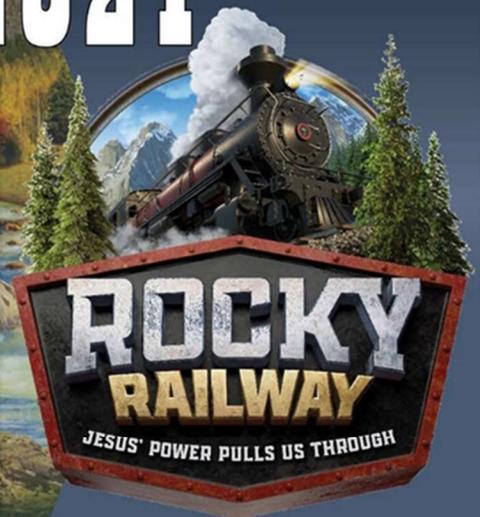
Please call the office 618.667.6535 for questions.

Sign up @ <http://friedensucc-troy.org> or join us on Sundays!

Open for ages 5yr -12yr **FREE EVENT FOR ALL!**

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!! SPACE IS LIMITED!!

Sign up today for your chance to take home an awesome gift!!



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



Monday – Friday
Pick-up from
11:30 – 12:30 pm

Locations are: The Meadow Drive Park & Tri Township Library Pavilion

Both locations will be serving all summer. Dates will be posted soon.

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. Due to the overwhelming request for lunches during the summer, we need monetary donations along with volunteers to help at one or both locations. 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.



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 and through the church service.
- Hymnals and Bibles 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 entrances to sanctuary.
- Cleaning and disinfection of the Worship space will immediately follow Worship each week.



**Is your child, grandchild or family member entering 7th 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.**



Friedens UCC^{Troy IL.} VBS Registration Form



Student's Name _____

Parent/Family/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Additional Information

Date of birth _____ Age _____ Gender _____

Last school grade completed _____

Special Needs/Allergies/Medical Information/Other:

Emergency Contacts

Name/Relationship _____ Phone _____

Name/Relationship _____ Phone _____

Dismissal Information:

Name(s) & relationship of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS

I hereby grant Friedens United Church of Christ to take and publish photos of my child.

X _____

Other Information

(church use only)

Rail Group: _____

Notes: _____



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. <https://www.facebook.com/MaryvilleILFarmersMarket/>.

~ Lyle and Brenda W



Welcome to The Giving Tree, a gift, home decor and clothing. We've got you covered from head to toe with cozy comforts! Great gift ideas, as well!! 923 Main St Highland, Illinois
 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.



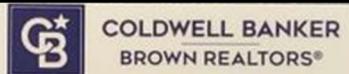
- June 6-11** Just You & Me* Camp Quest* (1-3) Settler (3-5) Horsin' Around (5-7) Trekkin' It (5-8)
- June 13-18** Just You & Me*, Boy Meets Camp* (1-3), Settler (3-5), Outback (6-9)
- June 20-25** Girl Power* (1-3) Splash! (5-8) Trail Mix (5-8) High School Week Wrangler (8-12) X-Plore (8-12)

SUMMER JOBS - Make a Difference this summer and join Dubois! For more information contact DuBois Center at dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org or 618-787-2202.





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FRIEDENS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

207 East Center Street

Troy, Illinois 62294

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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
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Sandi Zipprich	Christian Education Board
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Dennis Westfall	Property Board
Claudia Galaske	Property Board
Yvonne Kamm	At-Large
Kurt Sachtleben	At-Large



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