

June 2021

Friedens United Church of Christ Circuit Rider



FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Turning the Corner

Have you ever tried to do something and you can almost get it done but just not quite. Like lifting a heavy box to the top shelf... you can almost get it up there, but you just aren't quite strong enough. Well that's how I kind of feel about the Covid situation. We are almost there but need to have just a little more oomph. In fact, that's probably why we have done so well as a church during this past 15 months. Whether it was because we held virtual services, wore our masks, or just phoned someone that we hadn't seen in quite a while, each of these acts has helped us all reach the top shelf. I feel that we are turning the "Covid-Corner". We aren't quite there yet. We still need a little more oomph, but we are getting there and we will get there together.

New Church Schedule

With the new CDC guidelines, we are moving to 1 service a week at 10:15. This doesn't mean that we can all come in and hug each other and throw caution to the wind... in fact, I think that we need to be even more vigilant. With a single service, there will be more people around. If you are feeling under-the-weather, it might be a good idea to still wear a mask or stay home until you feel better. Part of our efforts to still minimize the chance of spread is having "church in the park" for several weeks. You can find the summer schedule in this edition of the Circuit Rider.

June 13th Service / Concert

Just a reminder that our service on June 13 will be at 3:00 PM at the Gazebo in the park. After the service we will say farewell to our Praise Band guitarist, Leo, with a concert. The concert will start at 5:00 and Leo will be playing some of his own, original songs as well as some other songs that you will probably know. A food truck will be there as well, so be sure to bring some money to buy you supper and refreshments. This concert is NOT just for Friedens, but is for anyone who would like to attend, so invite your friends, family, neighbors, etc.

Pastor Tim Start Date

Pastor Tim is on vacation for the month of June. Starting July 1st, he will be our full-time pastor. I hope everyone is as excited as I am to "turn the corner" on this part of our church life as well.

I guess that is all that I have for this month. I hope to see everyone at church!!!

In Christ, Eric



COMMUNION Sunday, JUNE 6

We will have sealed juice & wafers available for pick up for our online Worship or you may use any items you have on hand.





- 1 Corey Grotefendt
- 2 Carli Crews
- Kim Talbert
- 6 Sara Mollet
- 8 Kaden Barker
- Kara Langford
- 10 Courtney Talbert
- 11 Larry Bliss
- Lloyd Bliss
- Braden Porter
- 14 Kat Spears
- 15 Randall Grady
- 19 Kacey Ruger
- 21 Tom Fischer
- 26 Cindi Hoppes
- 30 Marilyn Wesselmann



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

- June** - Pastor Tim's time off. Return July 1st
- June 6** - Communion *Church Worship*
- June 7 -10** - Vacation Bible School 6pm-8:30pm
- June 9 - 11** - Monica out of office
- June 13** - **Service in the Park @ 3pm - Gazebo**
Leo Diamant Going Away Concert @ 5pm - Gazebo
- June 15** - Womens Guild Meeting 7pm
- June 20** - Happy Father's Day
Service in the Park @ 10:15am - Pavilion #9
- June 22-25** - Monica out of office
- June 27** - Service in the Park @ 10:15am - Pavilion #9
- July 4** - Independence Day - 4th of July
Church Worship @ 10:15am
- July 5** - OFFICE CLOSED
- July 11** - Service in the Park@ 10:15am / Sunday School @9am - Pavilion #9
- July 18** - *Church Worship @ 10:15am*
- July 25** - Service in the Park@ 10:15am / Sunday School @9am - Pavilion #9

Leo Diamant
June 13, 2021 5pm-7pm *Going Away Concert*
 Gazebo @ Tri-Township Park

Join Friedens UCC for a FREE concert at the Gazebo in the Tri-Township Park featuring Leo Diamant, an indie/folk musician and songwriter.

There will be Music and the UKRAFT food truck with items for purchase from 3-7p.

BAPTISMS

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
5-2	26	50	22
5-9	24	39	20
5-16	30	36	20
5-23	22	36	19
5-30	14	30	NA



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

Mark 14:35–36

“Going a little farther, (Jesus) fell to the ground and prayed that, if possible, the hour might pass from him. ‘Abba, Father,’ he said, ‘everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will!’” (NIV, 1984).

June is the month Father’s Day is celebrated. It is hard to believe but “Father’s Day” legislation wasn’t successfully passed until 1972, when President Richard Nixon signed it into law as a major holiday in the United States. Through the years I have frequently thought about my relationship to my father who passed away in 1981. This means that for the first 11 years of my life, there was no official day set aside to celebrate with my father. But I know I didn’t need an official day to be thankful for his impact on my life!

Have you ever thought of Jesus’ relationship with his Heavenly Father? Their intimacy relationship is most apparent at Jesus’ birth and baptism and in the last days of Jesus life in the Garden of Gethsemane. Here in Mark 14, Jesus calls God, “Abba”, a title of honor meaning father. For Mark, this title wasn’t just about Father and Son and their incredible closeness but also about Jesus’ willing obedience to God as God’s son!

I hope you have had the experience of a wonderful earthly father or if not, perhaps a positive father figure in your life. I know that that is not the case for a number of people, however. I pray that even more than that, you come to experience a deep intimate relationship with God our Father and always seek to follow the Father’s will for your life!

So, don’t forget to express your gratitude and love to those fathers and father-figures in your life! But don’t forget to also express your thanks to God in Heaven for God’s love and forgiveness and for sending God’s son to heal and save the world!

Have a great Father’s Day!

Blessings, Pastor Tim



Operating Fund Activity

	April 2021	YTD
Income	\$21,217.17	\$71,654.53
Expense	\$13,856.93	\$49,597.01
	\$7,360.24	\$ 22,057.52

June 2021

Don’t forget to like us on FACEBOOK



Operating Fund Activity

	April 2020	YTD
Income	\$28,649.51	\$73,607.47
Expense	\$11,105.63	\$56,175.15
	\$17,543.88	\$17,432.32

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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!

*Congratulations on your
Baptism Finnley Rea!*

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*
Finnley Jaxon Rea, *son of Doug & Crystal Rea*



Finnley Rea



*Thank
You!*



We would like to thank everyone who helped and assisted us during Charlie's episode. We are very thankful for all the prayers and concerns for him. We are extremely grateful for our Friedens Family. We cannot thank you all enough!!! ~Charlie & Mary Ann

Our sincere and heartfelt thank you to Pastor Tim, Danielle and the Friedens Church family for the many prayers and phone calls of concern for our daughter, Kara, and grandson, Luca. We believe these prayers were an integral part of Kara and Luca's journey back to good health. Again, our heartfelt thank you!! ~Dennis & Debbie Kniser



Thank you so much for your generous contribution to Gunner Smash! We have a long road ahead of us, and we appreciate you joining in our fight! We can all agree that no child should ever have to endure this.... but we vow to alleviate some of the financial burden the parents must also endure!

Thank you again for your generosity!

Follow him on www.gunnersmash.com

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Please join us on TUES.
June 15th @7:00 pm
For our 1st meeting of 2021



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.



Ways you can SERVE

OPEN POSTIONS:

- Assistant Treasurer
- Cemetery Administrator
- Event Coordinator
- Sound/Video Volunteers

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



Thank you to the staff for VBS this year.

Jenny Ruger & Hannah G

Barb Toennies & Trinity G

Sound – Eric & Joe

Music – Jamie & Sean Smith

Science - Doug & Deb Brendel

Video - Debbie Byrd

Karen Ferguson – Georgia Wilkins – Monica Hunsdorf – Tracey Berkemeier

Sue Hanks – Sandy Harbison – Stephanie Williams

Laurie Meyer & Nicole Richardson

Carla Hall & Mackenzie H

Story – Pastor Tim

Snacks - Amy Schroeter & Carol Klaustermeier

Games - Matt Zipprich & Jackson M & Jordon G

Crafts - Sandi Zipprich & Wendy Meadows

Sunday School will be in the Park at 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.:

July 11th & July 25th

August 8th & August 22nd

We hope to see all of the children for these dates of summer Sunday School. We will have special events planned for them. Have a Safe and Fun summer!

Thank you to our Sunday School staff for being so flexible during our crazy times this past year. Our staff is awesome and spend so much time and energy sharing God's love to Friedens Kidz!

Pre Kindergarten: Jenny Ruger & Pam Hildenbrand

1st- 3rd Grade- Nicole Richardson

4th – 6th Grade – Pat Ruger & Matt Zipprich

Confirmation – Sandi Zipprich

Adult – Georgia Wilkins

Each and every one of you are **GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

If you would be interested in being a part of our Sunday School or the Christian Education Board, please see Stephanie Williams.



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

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.

June - Dubois

July - Love offering for the Wells

August - Hoyleton

September - Hitz

October - Emmaus House

November & December - Ministries Unlimited





~ **Mackenzie Hall** ~

Mackenzie has graduated from Triad with Honors. She is attending Butler University in Indianapolis, IN this Fall to double major in Finance and International Business with a minor in Marketing. While at Triad. She has been part of National Honor Society, Student Council, Link Crew, TNT, ALPHA Club and played volleyball for four years.



~ **Gabriel Gregson** ~

Gabriel graduated from Triad High School. He is going to be going to ISVI (Illinois School for the Visually Impaired) this Fall for their transition program. He will work on skills he needs to be able to live independently. He will work on cooking, managing his own apartment, traveling to places by himself, taking college classes and having a job, etc. Once finished with this program he is planning on going to college for music or meteorology or something in the sciences, but not sure which or if it will be a combination of these.



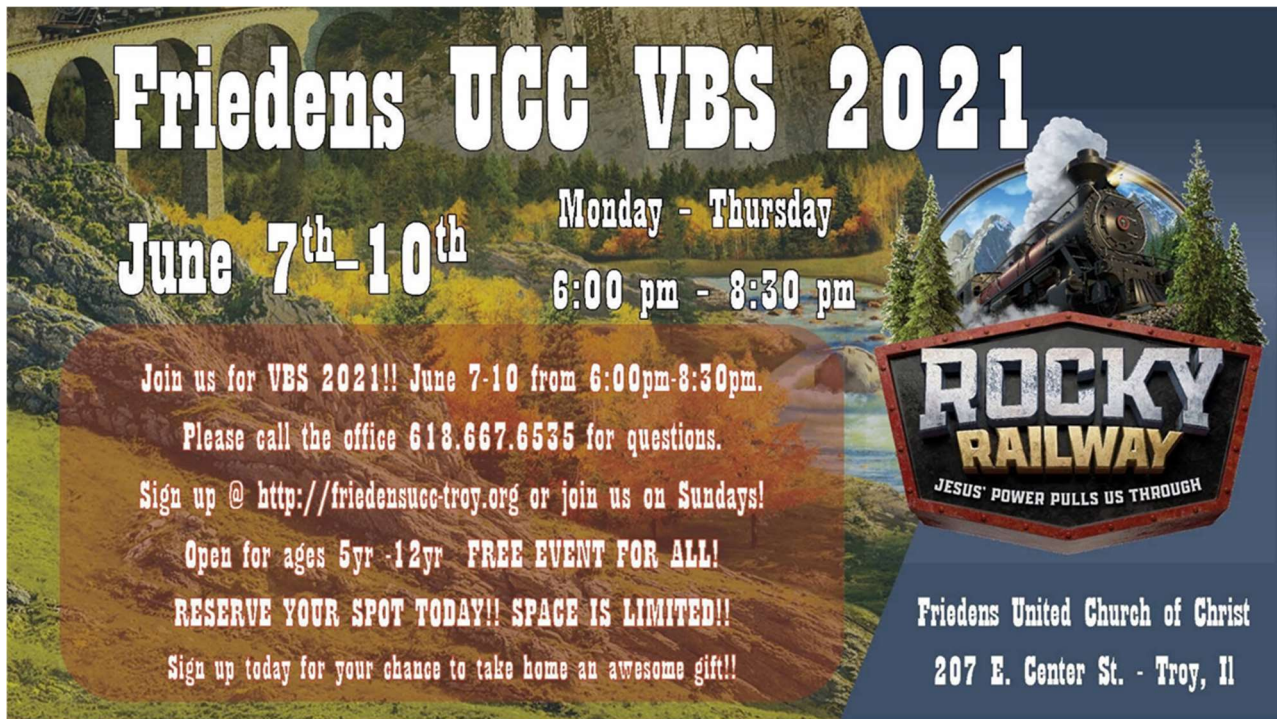
~ **Devin Wilkins** ~

Devin has graduated from Triad High School. During his time at Triad, he played Baseball and Football. He plans to attend Mizzou in the Fall to study business.



~ **Rayne Smith** ~

Rayne Smith has graduated as an Illinois Scholar from Edwardsville High School. She is attending Bradley University to major in mathematics with a minor in music. She was an active member of Drama, Choir, National Honor Society, and German Honor Society.



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!!

ROCKY RAILWAY
JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH

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



Monday – Friday
Pick-up from 11:30 – 12:30 pm
The Meadow Drive Park & Tri Township Library
June 1, 2021 – August 11, 2021

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 are in need of monetary donations along with volunteers to help at one or both of the locations. Please contact Donna or Monica at Friedens United Church of Christ if you would like to join in on our fight to stop hunger in our community.

Lunches are served Monday through Friday from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Three people per location has worked in the past. Bagged lunches will need to be premade and ready for distribution at the location at 11:30am. If your organization needs a location to make the lunches, you are more than welcome to use our kitchen or the library for set up. The library was added in 2017 and was a huge success so we will be using the “green space” behind the building for distribution of the lunches once again. Once we have a good number of helpers there will be a list of contacts and a schedule of days to follow.



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

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



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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.

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July 11-16- Discovery*(1-3) Camp Quest*(1-3) Imagine That!(4-7) Movin' & Groovin' (4-7) Horsin' Around (5-7) Trekin' It (5-8) Saddle 'Em Up (7-9)

July 18-21 - Family Camp* (Adults & Children)
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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Meet Our Staff



Rev. B. Tim Harrison	Pastor
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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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Eric Bosaw	President
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