



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR TIM

Acts 2: 42, 44 “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer....All the believers were together and had everything in common.”

Simple words..... but foundational to the early church movement! Sometimes when we begin something new.....a new journey perhaps.... it is helpful to return to our foundation....to identify who and whose we belong to, why we gather, and what our mission, our purpose,.....our calling is as Christ disciples. This passage reminds us that we should begin with Holy Scripture and Christ’s teachings (not just in worship on Sundays or Sunday School) but anytime during the week that we as witnesses share the Gospel stories and their impact on our daily lives and beliefs with others.

Fellowship is also important! This means spending time together, hearing each other’s call and affirming the gifts and talents for ministry together. It also means spending time with others appreciating the joy, laughter and love every time we gather together! Sharing important acts of faith such as communion and baptism are also vital to strengthening this community and our witness of Christ to the world!

Something else the early church focused on was prayer. This is critical as the communication that binds us and helps us to discern God’s will and direction for our lives! Our prayers for others we know and those that may be strangers to our community reveals that God’s love knows no bounds. And finally, there is a sense that this body of Christ shares a common goal and mission so that we look after one another and no one is in need!

In this time of new transitions, I would like to invite us to reflect on the foundation of our faith and what continues to ground Friedens UCC church on these basic essential building blocks to a fruitful, faithful, and loving congregation! I look forward to our faith journey together! Won’t you join me!

In Ministry Together,
Pastor Tim



COMMUNION Sunday, JULY 4

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





- 2 Kelly Dougherty
- 3 Kathy Bathon
- 4 Kurt Sachtleben
- 8 Wendy Porter
- 12 Donna Bingham
Cami Talbert
- 16 Wanda Keil
- 17 Cindy Smith
- 18 Brandon Spears
Sherri Gregson
- 21 Kayla Molohan
- 24 Karly Barker
Stephanie Williams
- 26 Abbie Jarvis
- 28 Brady Waggoner



Ways you can
SERVE

OPEN POSTIONS:

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



***July 11 & 25 *August 8 & 22** Are the dates for Service in the park. service begins at **10:15 am** at **PAVILION #9**. On August 22 there is 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

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

August 1 - *Church Worship @ 10:15am*

August 8 - Service in the Park@ 10:15am/ Sunday School @9am - Pavilion #9
Blessing of the Backpacks @10:15am service

August 15 - *Church Worship @ 10:15am*

August 20 - Life Line Screening (See page 5)

August 22 - Service in the Park@ 10:15am/Sunday School @9am-Pavilion #9
Celebration after service

August 29 - *Church Worship @ 10:15am*



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.

Blessing of the Backpacks

2021
Sunday August 8th at 10:15 am service

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Date	1 st	Sunday School
6-6	56	NA
6-13	30	NA
6-20	40	NA
6-27	48	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>



A word from our Council President

Welcome Pastor Tim and Danielle

In case you have been living in isolation these past few months, Pastor Tim is officially our full-time pastor starting on July 1st. His installation service is currently scheduled for Sept 12th. If you haven't done so yet, I encourage everyone to offer him (and Danielle) a gesture of "Congratulations" and extend a warm welcome to our family.

New Chapter in an Old Book

Depending on which Google search you look at, it is estimated that it took between 1000 and 1300 years to write the Bible. As time went on, a new chapter/books were added by different authors. So, it is with our church. We are about to add a new chapter to our "book". As it is with many books, sometimes new chapters take on the same theme, tempo, style as previous chapters. Some chapters switch directions completely, leading the reader down a completely new path. We are creating a new chapter with the start of our new pastor. It is up to us, along with Pastor Tim's leadership to determine if we want to continue the same theme, tempo, style as previous chapters, or do we want to go in a different direction.

Covid-19... round 2

It seems that we have survived the first round of the Covid-19 pandemic. As people began to get vaccinated, the covid case numbers have dropped. However, we are still watching the numbers. It appears that with the Covid-19 variants gaining strength, the cases are somewhat on the rise. If the cases get high enough, we may have to consider going back to 2 services each Sunday, or even live-streaming services only. This decision will lie in the hands of the council and pastor. Your safety is important to us and we will make those decisions accordingly. Hopefully this increase in cases is just a short-term increase.

Closing

In closing of this month's article, I would like to thank everyone for your continued support of the church through these past several months. We have experienced times like no other. If you are reading this and have not been back to our services lately, I encourage you to do so. As I mentioned above, we are starting a new chapter...we would love for you to be a co-author.

See you in Church,
Eric



Operating Fund Activity

	May 2021	YTD
Income	\$19,764.35	\$91,418.88
Expense	\$17,317.37	\$66,914.38
	\$2,446.98	\$24,504.50

Thank you to everyone
for your continuation
of donations!



Operating Fund Activity

	May 2020	YTD
Income	\$16,589.50	\$90,196.97
Expense	\$10,737.26	\$66,911.51
	\$5,852.24	\$23,285.46



~Welcome Home Pastor Tim & Danielle Harrison~

About Tim

Tim grew up as a preacher kid in southwestern Kansas and graduated from Bethany College in May of 1984. After four years teaching special education in the public schools, he entered Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Tim then graduated in May of 1990 with a Masters of Divinity. Following seminary, Tim spent a year studying in Germany. He served various United Methodist Churches as pastor-in-charge and as an associate during the years 1991-1992 in Georgia and 1995-1998 at O'Fallon First United Methodist Church in Illinois. In between, Tim served at Reinhardt College, a United Methodist institution in Georgia, as an associate minister and campus minister from 1992-1995. In May of 2007, Tim graduated from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. with a Doctorate of Ministry degree in the Campus Ministry tract.

From 1998 to 2021, Tim served as Chaplain and Director of Church Relations at McKendree University where he was responsible for religious life programming on campus and continued development of relations with churches and religious bodies in the region. In July 2021, Rev. Harrison decided to return to the local church, and answered the call to serve Friedens United Church of Christ in Troy, Illinois as its settled pastor.

Tim met his wife Danielle in 2006 and they have been married for 12 years this July 2021, and reside in Lebanon, Illinois. Their blended family includes grown children: David, Elana, Lukas, and Alexander.

About Danielle

Danielle grew up in St. Louis and after graduating High School at Visitation Academy and moved on to graduate from Dartmouth College where she finished her undergrad degree. Later she completed her J.D. Degree at St. Louis University Law School. She soon felt called to ministry and mission and began work with the Jesuits at a retreat center in California and subsequently, in a hospital healthcare system in Texas before returning to St. Louis to complete her M.A. in Theology at Aquinas Institute of Theology. Afterwards, Danielle taught theology at three different Catholic High Schools in St. Louis. In 2019, she began to work with the Jesuits in a Slavery, History, Memory, and Reconciliation Project which brought Jesuits and the descendants of the enslaved together, bringing healing and restoration to the wounds of racial injustice. Danielle currently works at Cor Jesus Academy, a Catholic High School in St. Louis as Equity and Inclusion Director as well as serving as a nation-wide speaker, trainer, preacher and independent contractor to businesses, schools, universities, and religious bodies on issues bringing faith to bear on the sin of racism and its consequences.

Tim and Danielle both enjoy travel and time with family. Tim loves to golf, and Danielle is an avid reader. They are always excited to share their ministry together in whatever setting to which they are called!

Tim's Prior Work Experience

Associate Minister (1992-95) in O'Fallon, Illinois

Associate Pastor and Associate Campus Minister (1991-1992) in Georgia

Middle School Special Education Resource Teacher (85-88) in Georgia

Special Education Teacher (1984-85) in Alaska

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Blessing of the Backpacks



Sunday August 8th at 10:15 am service

We would like to invite students and educators to bring your backpacks & school bags to Service in the Park (Pavilion #9) with you on Sunday August 8th to have them blessed by Pastor Tim Harrison.

Come join us and send all our students & school staff back to school with prayers and blessings for a great new school year!



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



Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Friedens UCC on **Friday, August 20, 2021.**


A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

- Carotid artery ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the largest blood vessel in the body
- An EKG to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increases the risk for stroke
- Ultrasound of the lower legs to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral artery disease
- Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for osteoporosis

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

**Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441
or text the word "circle" to 797979.**

July - Love offering for the Wells

August - Hoyleton 
September - Hitz
October - Emmaus House
November & December - Ministries Unlimited



Please contact the office or pastor Tim to schedule baptisms.

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.





DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 11 –Sunday School @9am - Pavilion #9

* Plant Happiness with Rainbow seeds!

July 25 –Sunday School @9am - Pavilion #9

August 8 - Sunday School @9am - Pavilion #9

* Blessing of the Backpacks @10:15am service



Thank you to all who joined us for Leo's going away concert. Here a few photos from that evening.



June 13, 2021 5pm-7pm *Going Away Concert*

Gazebos @ Tri-Township Park



A heartfelt thank you to my friends and family who came to celebrate my 90th birthday. Thank you for the flowers, gifts, cards, and well wishes. Such a lovely afternoon of visiting, reminiscing from the past and making new memories. Your friendship shown is beyond words for which I will forever treasure. Special thanks to Wayne & Julie for helping me celebrate my birthday for 3 weeks! Forever Grateful, *Gladys Huston*



Congratulations to Byron & Carolyn (Schmidt) Golfin on celebrating 49 years of marriage on July 1st!

~Joann Heinemann

Troy Summer Lunch Program

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 if you would like to join in on our fight to stop hunger in our community.



 **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 S. Station Road Apt #9225 Glen Carbon, IL 62034

Morningside of Troy

**Jacquelyn Estes 39 Dorothy Drive #309 Troy, IL 62294 618-505-0262

Francis Layfield 39 Dorothy Drive #317 Troy, IL 62294

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.

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.

<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.

 **DuBois Center**

July 11-16 - Discovery*(1-3) Camp Quest*(1-3) Imagine That!(4-7) Movin' & Groovin' (4-7) Horsin' Around (5-7) Trekkin' 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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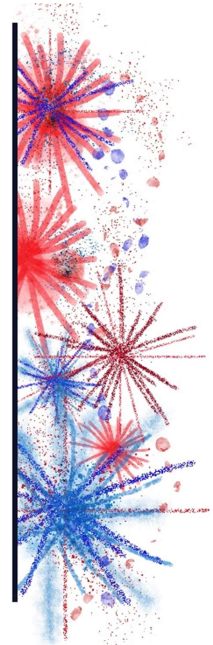


Meet Our Staff


Rev. B. Tim Harrison	Pastor
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
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