

August 2021

Friedens United Church of Christ  
Circuit Rider



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR TIM

**And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts, your minds through Christ Jesus. - Philippians 4:7**

One of my favorite hymns of all time is "It is Well". This Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup> we will be featuring a hymn sing of some of our most favorite songs. Sometimes the story behind the song can add great meaning to it. Here is the story behind the song, "It is Well".

*Horatio G. Spafford was a successful lawyer and businessman in Chicago with a lovely family - a wife, Anna, and five children. He experienced great tragedy in his life with the death of their son with pneumonia and loss of their business to the great Chicago fire in the same year. Two years later Anna and the four daughters were headed to Europe on a French ocean liner. Mr. Spafford had planned to meet them a few days later. About four days into the crossing of the Atlantic, the French ship collided with a powerful, iron-hulled Scottish ship, the Loch Earn. The ship went down with all 226 passengers.*

*Later, a sailor, rowing a small boat over the spot where the ship went down, spotted a woman floating on a piece of the wreckage. It was Anna, still alive. He pulled her into the boat and led her to safety. From there she wired her husband a message which began, "Saved alone, what shall I do?" She would tell others: "God gave me four daughters. Now they have been taken from me. Someday I will understand why." Mr. Spafford booked passage on the next available ship and left to join his grieving wife. With the ship about four days out, the captain called Spafford to his cabin and told him they were over the place where his children went down. It is here that Spafford wrote the powerful words to: "It is Well With My Soul".*

**When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.**

<https://www.staugustine.com/article/20141016/LIFESTYLE/310169936>

This song is a constant reminder to me of God's amazing peace, strength and comfort through difficult times. Hymns and other songs have a way of lifting our spirits and calling us to deeper purpose and meaning. Music is a true gift of God and I can't imagine life without it! Today, we offer our thanks and praise to God for all who have the gift of musical talent and share it with the world. I pray that you have a song in your heart that inspires and calls you to be the best witness of God's joy and peace! Keep Singing!!

In Ministry Together,

Pastor Tim



**COMMUNION Sunday, AUGUST 1**

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 Logan Willis
- 3 Stan Huston  
Faye McMillan
- 5 Jenny Ruger
- 6 Abigail Schroeter  
Eric Keil  
Craig Spears  
Beverly Turner
- 7 Audrey Deeren  
Lorna Schaubert
- 8 Gabriel Gregson
- 9 Jean Dankenbring
- 11 Emily Patton  
Austin Berkemeier
- 13 Laurie Meyer  
Devin Wilkins  
Benjamin Zipprich
- 14 Olivia Bosaw  
Doug Brendel  
Katie Carver  
Wendy Smith
- 15 Madilynn Williams
- 16 Doug Alan Brendel
- 17 Allan Weder  
Emily Zipprich
- 18 Jackie Estes  
Ed Maedge  
Mitchell Berkemeier
- 19 Gwen Bosaw
- 21 Richard Smith
- 22 Jim Bailey  
Kayden Crews
- 23 Jared Willis
- 25 Sherry Smith  
Phillip Smith
- 26 Jessica Wilkins  
Jennifer Leitschuh
- 28 Austin Hickam
- 29 Adeline Burgess  
John Lally

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 1** - Church Worship @ 10:15am
- August 5** - Friedens CARDINAL GAME 7:15PM
- August 8** - Service in the Park@ 10:15am/ Sunday School @9am - Pavilion #9  
Blessing of the Backpacks @10:15am service
- August 13** - COVID VACCINE CLINIC 3pm-7pm (Fellowship Hall)
- August 15** - Church Worship @ 10:15am
- August 17** - Womens Guild Meeting 7pm
- August 20** - Life Line Screening (See page 4)
- August 22** - Service in the Park@ 10:15am/Sunday School @9am-Pavilion #9  
End of Summer Celebration after service
- August 29** - Church Worship @ 10:15am
- September 3** - COVID VACCINE CLINIC 3pm-7pm (Fellowship Hall) 2<sup>nd</sup> Dose





SIGN-UP TODAY

Cards vs Braves

August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

7:15pm game

\* \* Save the Date \* \*

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

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Illinois South Conference in covenant with Friedens United Church of Christ invite you to the  
**INSTALLATION OF**  
**REV. DR. TIM HARRISON**  
Sunday, September 12, 2021

ALL CLERGY WHO ATTEND ARE WELCOMED TO ROBE. PLEASE WEAR A RED STOLE AND ARRIVE BY 3:30 PM. PLEASE RSVP TO 618-667-6535 OR FRIEDENS@FRIEDENSUCC-TROY.ORG

THE SERVICE WILL ALSO BE STREAMED LIVE ON YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK. FOR LINKS PLEASE VISIT [HTTPS://FRIEDENSUCC-TROY.ORG/](https://friedensucc-troy.org/)

REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW  
(FREE WILL OFFERING FOR HITZ HOME)

### Blessing of the Backpacks

2021  
Sunday August 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am service

| WEEKLY ATTENDANCE |    |               |
|-------------------|----|---------------|
| Date              | #  | Sunday School |
| 7-4               | 50 | NA            |
| 7-11              | 63 | NA            |
| 7-18              | 59 | NA            |
| 7-25              | 68 | NA            |



Ways you can **SERVE**

OPEN POSTIONS:

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

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/UCPSd5dwIb9TRs6c6NUc9fQ>



## A word from our Council President

### Rain, Rain, Go Away... little Johnny wants to PRAY...

I didn't keep an exact count, but I believe that last year, when we were having services in the park EVERY WEEK, we only cancelled two times because of rain. This year, we are only doing every-other week and we have cancelled 3 times. We have only had park service once or twice this year with the rest being rained out.

We have two more scheduled park services left, August 8<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Hopefully those won't get cancelled due to weather. For the August 22<sup>nd</sup> service, we are planning to have an end-of-year event and it is the Sunday School Kickoff. I think that it will be a good time.

### Covid

As I'm sure that everyone is aware, Coronavirus numbers are, again, on the rise. While we don't have any immediate plans to return to video only services, we do want to make sure that everyone is being safe.

It's very easy to let our guard down, and to relax our safety protocols. I'm guilty as well... the other day, I wanted to go to a restaurant to eat... it was crowded. My wife said to me, "You're done with Covid aren't you... well Covid is not done with us". That was her gentle reminder to make wise choices. Make sure to wear my mask, continue to be vigilant, and stay safe.

Please be sure to wear your masks and maintain a respectable distance from others. I would also encourage everyone who can, to get vaccinated.

### In Closing

As the end of the year approaches, we will try to return to some sort of normalcy. We will be starting the budget process, leadership nomination process, and hopefully begin planning for our Christmas season. I sincerely hope that we can have an end-of-year that we missed last year.

Oh, and in-case anyone is wondering... we picked a different restaurant that only had a few patrons inside.

See you in Church!!

Eric.



### Operating Fund Activity

|         | June 2021         | YTD         |
|---------|-------------------|-------------|
| Income  | \$19,764.35       | \$91,418.88 |
| Expense | \$17,317.37       | \$66,914.38 |
|         | <b>\$2,446.98</b> | \$24,504.50 |

August 2021

Don't forget to like us on FACEBOOK



### Operating Fund Activity

|         | June 2020   | YTD          |
|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Income  | \$27,934.06 | \$118,131.03 |
| Expense | \$18,543.00 | \$85,454.51  |
|         | \$9,391.06  | \$ 32,676.52 |

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# Blessing of the Backpacks



Sunday August 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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!



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We are pleased to host Life Line Screening, who will be on site on Friday, August 20, 2021, at Friedens UCC to conduct these valuable screenings. 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.**

## August - Hoyleton

September - Hitz

October - Emmaus House

November & December - Ministries Unlimited



## BAPTISMS

Please contact the office or Pastor Tim to schedule baptisms.



**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 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 hope you have and continue to have a lot of Summer Fun! Looking back to a year ago things are so much better. We are inside the church and in the park because we choose to be not because it is the only way we can be together. Our Next Hour of Fun is scheduled to be in the park on **August 8<sup>th</sup>**. We have a great Sunday School hour planned for you! During worship Pastor Tim will be blessing your backpack so mark your calendars and plan to attend. **(Bring your backpack)**

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>** is going to be a fun day for all. We will have a bounce house, a T-shirt craft and making homemade ice-cream! We hope you will stay for worship and sing a VBS song for the congregation. After worship I hear plans are being made for food and some other fun things. It will be a family affair so bring the whole family and friends!

We will be back at church on **September 12<sup>th</sup>** and will continue weekly. Pre -K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the craft room and 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> in the first room on the left in the lower level of the educational wing.

If you are entering 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and would like to be a part of our Confirmation classes, please contact the church office.

Georgia Wilkins will be holding an adult class each Sunday as well.

We are excited to have an older Youth group this year! Get ready for some fun and exciting adventures planned just for you! We will still have our younger youth group as well. Plenty of FUN for everyone.

If you haven't been around for awhile, now's the time to come join your Friedens family. Come meet Pastor Tim and see what's new and what's planned for Friedens.

Stay safe and enjoy the rest of the summer!  
Stephanie



**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



**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.

**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

**San Gabriel Memory Care (618) 288-1863**

Virgil Whittington 241 Magnolia Dr. #7 Glen Carbon, Illinois



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

~ Lyle and Brenda W



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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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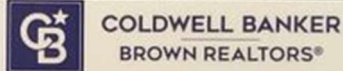


Our Fall Festival is only possible because of the efforts of countless volunteers. They bake, promote, stitch, recruit, decorate, set up, take down, drive, lead, greet, direct, park, deliver, clean, serve and dedicate hours and hours to make it all happen. If you're interested in volunteering for 2021, please contact the DuBois Center office at 618-787-2202 or [dcinfo@duboiscenter.org](mailto:dcinfo@duboiscenter.org) in August.



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**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                  |
| Sandy Harbison  | Treasurer                  |
| Sandi Zipprich  | Christian Education Board  |
| Donna Bingham   | Mission & Evangelism Board |
| Jeff Estes      | Finance Board              |
| Jim Galaske     | Property Board             |
| Claudia Galaske | Property Board             |
| Yvonne Kamm     | At-Large                   |
| Kurt Sachtleben | At-Large                   |



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