

# January 2022

## Friedens United Church of Christ Circuit Rider



### FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR TIM

Dear Friedens UCC: I wanted us to begin this year with prayer as an invitation to recommit ourselves to God; our creator, guide, and our inspiration for each step along life's journey! I came across this prayer written by Debbie Ford that seemed to hit all the right notes for me and I hope it will for you as well. May our journey together in 2022, be one of spiritual growth and unity as we seek to be a light to the world! God bless and protect you!

Blessings, Pastor Tim

Dear God,

On this day I ask You to grant this request? May I know who I am and what I am, every moment of every day. May I be a catalyst for light and love and bring inspiration to those whose eyes I meet. May I have the strength to stand tall in the face of conflict, and the courage to speak my voice, even when I'm scared. May I have the humility to follow my heart, and the passion to live my soul's desires. May I seek to know the highest truth and dismiss the gravitational pull of my lower self. May I embrace and love the totality of myself, my darkness as well as my light. May I be brave enough to hear my heart. To let it soften so that I may gracefully choose faith over fear....engulfed by Your love. May all else melt away. And so it is.

(Prayer by Debbie Ford)



Thank you, Pastor Tim, for taking the Confirmands to the Triad Strong 5K & Fun Run on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

They had a great time!

*Pastor Tim with Jordan T. & Elaine S.*





- 1 James Molohan
- 4 Miranda Williams
- 7 Aidan Johnson
- 8 Linda McKenna  
Makenna Berkemeier
- 9 Crystal Deichmann  
Fred Keil
- 11 Georgia Wilkins  
Avery Adams
- 12 Debbie Kniser  
Kristin Pittman  
Lukas Skalisius
- 13 Rebecca Morton
- 14 Jeffery Seymore II
- 16 Kathy Raymond
- 17 Jenny Brown  
Zoe Ann Willimann
- 21 Laronyea Artis
- 22 Eric Miller
- 24 Kayla Haller
- 25 Brett Grotfendt  
Damon Willis
- 26 Gavin Fetter
- 27 LaVerne Buehrer
- 28 Katie Barker
- 31 Dave Hoppes

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**\*\* NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR JANUARY \*\***

**\*\* NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR JANUARY \*\***

**Jan 10-14** – Church Building & Office Closed (due to rise in Covid cases)

**Jan 23** – Council Meeting rescheduled for February

**Jan 28** – Sheltered Reality Practice 5p-9p

**Feb 1** – Girl Scout Cookie Day. Fellowship Hall & lower level will be used

**Feb 19** – Fellowship Hall rented – Private Party



### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Date	#	Sunday School
12-5	76	24
12-12	100	42
12-19	112	na
12- 24	90	CHRISTMAS EVE
12-26	51	na



### COME JOIN YOUTH GROUP!!

**Jan 23** - Tubing at Hidden Valley - TENTATIVE

**Feb 12** - Super Bowl Sunday Sandwich Fundraiser

**Feb 25** - Bowling & Church lock-in

This group is open to all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students.  
Please see Jenny with any questions.

*New!*  
  
**Office Hours**  
*Open*  
**9am-noon**  


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*Appointment Only*  
**after 1pm**



### Please Welcome our 2022 Board Chairs

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPSd5dwIb9TRs6c6NUc9fQg>



## From our Council President



Light-years...

Many early-mornings I am outside with the dogs, and lately I have been looking at the constellation Orion. If you are not familiar with this constellation, it is in the southern sky and can be seen from late at night until early in the morning. Three of the most prominent stars in Orion make-up what is referred to as Orion's Belt. The 3 stars are 826, 919, and 1360 light-years away respectively. For those who aren't familiar with the term "Light-year", it is a measurement of distance...not time. A light-year is how far light travels in one year. Light travels at the rate of 186,282 miles per second. That equates to approximately 6 trillion miles in a year. Our own sun, is far enough (or close enough, depending on how you want to look at it) that it takes about 8.3 minutes for the light of the sun to reach the earth.

If we think about what this distance means... it takes 1360 years for the light from one of those stars to reach the earth. In fact, there are some stars that are over 2000 light-years away. The light from those stars that we are just now seeing was generated at the time of Jesus's birth.

What this also means is that if one of the stars in Orion's Belt "burns out", we will continue to see the light from that star for almost 1000 years, as the light that was generated will still be heading our way. Each one of the stars in the sky range in size, distance, and color. Many of them are many times larger, brighter, and hotter than our own sun. But they are so much further away that we only see them as tiny specks of light in the sky.

You could compare the light of Jesus to a star. Jesus' light began when he was born on Christmas Day and, even though he is no longer physically with us, his light has continued to shine for the last 2000+ years.

I believe that each of us, in our own way wants to be a star. We want our family and friends to remember us and think fondly of the impact that we have had on their lives, not only while we are with them today, but many years after we are gone. And, just like the millions of stars that it takes to make the beautiful night sky...it takes many different stars among us to make a beautiful human race. Each of us brings our own talents, skills, and gifts to not only our own families, but also to our church, community, and beyond.

As this is my last Circuit Rider article, I would like to say that I have been honored to serve as your Council President these past 3 years. And even though, I am not really "gone", I hope that as the years pass, I will be remembered as having a positive impact. I would also like to say "Thank-You" to the many people who have given me their support and words of encouragement over these years. To say that it has been a challenging time, is an understatement. Your support and kindness has not gone un-noticed.

With Christ's Love,

Eric



# FRIEDENS KIDZ

From the CE Board, Youth Groups  
and all of Friedens Kids!



Don't forget to bring in your stocking note for a surprise on January 9<sup>th</sup>! We will have your Nativity set ready for you to take home this Sunday as well. Thanks for letting us display your Nativity Sets! In February there will be a Friedens Kids youth event for kids 5 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Details will be mailed out soon! **Sunday School every Sunday from 9 – 10 in February!**

**There are classes for everyone!**



## Our upcoming curriculum for January & February

### Live Out Loud & Hide and Seek

*Squish, boing, chomp, splat! The only thing better than hearing these sounds is making them yourself! Telling a great story is exciting, but when you get to add your own noises, things get...well...(insert Kaboom sound) explosively fun! That's exactly what kids will be doing during the "Live Out Loud" series. Using their mouths, bodies, and just about anything else they can find, kids will help make the early stories of Jesus' life come alive with sound effects. The sounds of the story won't be the only thing making noise, though. As kids hear about the wisdom, love, and compassion that Jesus showed, they'll learn that following his example will help them to "Live Out Loud" so that other people take notice and wonder who or what made them so extraordinary.*

6.1 Jesus in the Temple Key Verse: Luke 2:52 Jan 2 Big Idea: Jesus grew in wisdom and favor by spending time in His Father's House. Bible Basis: Luke 2:41-52 6.2 Jesus is Baptized Key Verse: Romans 6:4 Jan 9 Big Idea: Baptism gives us a picture of Jesus' amazing sacrifice. Bible Basis: Luke 3; Matthew 3; Mark 1:29-34 6.3 Jesus is Tempted in the Desert Key Verse: 1 Cor. 10:13 Jan 16 Big Idea: Jesus said "no" to sin, and so can we. Bible Basis: Luke 4:1-13; 6.4 Jesus is Rejected in Nazareth Key Verse: Galatians 1:10 Jan 23 Big Idea: Jesus was rejected for saying unpopular things. Bible Basis: Luke 4:16-30



Where oh where could it be? "Hide-n-Seek" is all about revealing that which is hidden and making truth easy to see! Jesus loved to help blind people see. Not just physically blind people, but spiritually blind people too! During the "Hide-n-Seek" series, elementary kids will look high and low for hidden pictures and objects while simultaneously uncovering the not-so-

hidden truth about the forever love of Jesus. Jesus often told parables to create a clear and memorable picture of what it looks like to follow God. It's as if Jesus was saying, "Picture this—a man had two sons..." During "Picture This," kids will get to interact with Jesus' parables by creating a series of their own fast-paced pictures! Best of all, while they're releasing their inner Picasso, they'll also be learning and experiencing what it means to follow our ever-living, ever-loving God. HIDE-N-SEEK PICTURE THIS 7.1 Jesus Calls His Disciples Key Verse: Mark 1:17 Jan 30 Big Idea: Jesus calls ordinary people like us to follow Him. Bible Basis: Luke 5:1-11, 27-31, 6:12-16; Matt 4:18-22 7.2 The Woman at the Well Key Verse: Romans 5:8 Feb 6 Big Idea: God's love is greater than our sin, so we can go to Him for forgiveness. Bible Basis: John 4:1-26 7.3 Do Not Judge Others Key Verse: Matthew 7:5 Feb 13 Big Idea: Jesus wants us to think about our own mistakes before pointing out others. Bible Basis: Matthew 7:1-5 7.4 Jesus and the Pharisees Key Verse: Psalm 51:10 Feb 20 Big Idea: Jesus wants us to be pure in heart, not just pretenders. Bible Basis: Matthew 23



# Notes of THANKS


I want to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, and prayers during the holiday season! I cannot thank you all enough for all you have done for me. Between the cards, prayers, and support for my health I am beyond grateful for the Friedens family. Thank you for letting me feel the love you share with each other! - Monica

Thank you all for your thoughtful gifts for this holiday season. Between the cards & gifts we all feel very much appreciated!  
 Pastor Tim, Monica & Stephanie

Life-giving water flows for these villages ***THANKS TO YOU!!***




Below are the 3 villages in Malawi that we blessed with our offerings for the Well Program.

  
 Dear Friedens, this past year, Hoyleton Youth and Family Services has expanded our reach and impacted more children and families than ever! Because of your donation, we are continuing to invest in our mission by providing therapeutic and mental health informed CARE to our youth and families impacted by trauma, support the families' full potential in every way possible and empower all people, young and old alike, to realize the wholeness of life God intends. Your financial support is truly appreciated. We are grateful for gift of \$300 to our Year End Appeal. Please know that individuals like you make a difference in the lives of others. For 126 Years HY&FS has grown and continues to help others through generosity of others like you. Thank you so much! ~Alice Drobisch



Village of Mwaka2, Malawi  
 Well installed on 9/29/21 will serve 170 people

Hi Supporter of Emmaus,  
*"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all through the year"*  
  
 ~Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol  
 A BIG THANK YOU for your recent gift to the women and men of Emmaus and for showing us your love and support this holiday season. Emmaus is proud to be an essential employer that invests in the lives of the whole person: body, mind, and spirit. With your gift, we can continue to provide high-quality services for the people we serve and give them an environment they can thrive in, just like you and me. May your Christmas sparkle with moments of love, laughter, and goodwill. And may the year ahead be full of contentment and joy. Have a happy, healthy, and blessed Christmas and New Year from your friends at Emmaus!  
 Thank you, Lisa A. Key – Chief Development Officer



Village of Yapoma 2, Malawi  
 Well installed on 9/27/21 will serve 50 people



Village of Njoka, Malawi  
 Well installed on 10/01/21 will serve 180 people



Thank you to all who participated with caroling this year. We visited a few houses and was able to carol at Cedarhurst Senior Living in the foyer. Santa even joined us for the day!



**2022  
Offering  
Envelopes  
Have  
Arrived**

## MONTHLY MISSIONS

*January*

*Troy Transient Fund*

*February -*

*March - One Great Hour of Sharing*

*April -*

*May & June - Dubois*

*July - Love offering for the Wells*

*August - Hoyleton*

*September - Hitz*

*October - Emmaus House*

*November & December - Ministries Unlimited*



## COMMUNION Sunday,

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**February 6<sup>th</sup>**

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



### Sign up for FLOCKNOTES

Text: **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.



### Ministries Unlimited Needs:

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



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### Operating Fund Activity

	November 2021	YTD
Income	\$16,714.34	\$232,099.28
Expense	\$18,975.93	\$180,589.94
	<b>-\$2,261.59</b>	\$ 51,509.34



### Operating Fund Activity

	November 2020	YTD
Income	\$18,739.26	\$212,803.07
Expense	\$12,584.39	\$158,781.46
	\$6,154.87	\$54,021.61



# Remember our Shut-Ins



## Liberty Square

Adeline Burgess 204 Liberty Square, Apt. #22 Troy, IL 62294 (618) 667-8964

## Hitz Home (618) 488-2355

Mary Ann Ambuehl 201 Bell St. Alhambra, IL 62001

## Eden Village (618) 288-5014

Geraldine Rock 400 South Station Road 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

## Cedarhurst of Highland

Charlie and Maryann Gaultney 220 Field Crossing Dr Highland IL 62249 (618) 406-6988

## **Friedens Family Connection**

Looking for members to assist with connecting to our homebound members. If you can help, please call Deb Brendel.



Welcome to The Giving Tree, a gift, home decor and clothing store. 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.



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.

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~ Lyle and Brenda W



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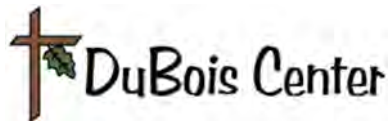
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## Newsletter

January

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Deadline



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Stephanie Williams	CE Director
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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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