

February 2022



Friedens United Church of Christ Circuit Rider

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR TIM

I read a story the other day that made me think about Friedens UCC and its mission in the Troy community. It is the story of 98-year-old Lily Ebert, a Holocaust survivor.

For decades, it was difficult for Ebert to discuss the details of the horrifying nightmare she endured in Auschwitz concentration camp, but an 80 year difference between her and great-grandson, Dov Forman, helped bridge the trauma she'd held onto for generations.....(Dov helped her put her stories on TikTok)!.....And they realized that by sharing Ebert's stories, they are not only helping heal her pain, but also educating younger generations on the tragic genocide that occurred so history doesn't repeat itself. Together, they've become a TikTok sensation, with over 1 million followers. The duo answers users' questions, shares messages of hope and combats antisemitism.

(From ABC News, <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/auschwitz-survivor-and-great-grandson-teach-tiktok-about-realities-of-holocaust/ar-AATd26J>)

I love this story because it is a beautiful example of generations coming together to work for justice and offer hope to the world. It is a story of the importance of relationship building and of the healing that is a part of this work. As our church community seeks to discover and articulate our mission, this story can be instructive to us as well. Our strength is in our intergenerational relationships. If we believe that we do indeed have a vital message to share, then we should consider thinking outside the “normal” box in connecting to our community. We should look for a variety of ways to reach others and be open to new possibilities, given our current reality. Lily and Dov are wonderful witnesses to what we can do if we are willing to do something we haven't done before.

“Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it? There it is! I'm making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands.” (The Message Version, Isaiah 43: 18-19)

On this Journey together,

Pastor Tim

UPCOMING DATES



- 2 Karen Ferguson
Rebecca Emanuel
- 4 David Morton
- 6 John Lally
- 8 Marcella Lindsay
- 10 Paige Cantu
- 12 Mary Ann Ambuehl
Brian Willis
- 13 Stacy Matz
- 14 August Gianaris
- 15 Claudia Galaske
- 16 Virginia Bailey
- 17 Evan Bosaw
Karen Kronk
Kathy Patton
Tona Walker
- 23 Elliana Eichenseer
- 25 Finnley Rea
- 27 Debra Gebhart
Jennifer Barker
- 28 Linda Grotefendt
- 29 Karly Hildenbrand
Lyle Willimann



Worship this Month Sundays 10:15am * 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Monday & Wednesdays – Quilting 9am * 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th, 21st, 23rd, 28th

Wednesdays – Confirmation Class 3:30pm-5pm * 9th, 23rd

***No Womens Guild Meeting for February NEXT MARCH 15th 1pm**

Feb 8 – Girl Scouts #461

Feb 7 – Girl Scouts #467 7pm-9pm

Feb 13 – Christian Ed. Meeting – after worship in women’s classroom

Feb 15 – Girl Scouts #959

Feb 16 – No Confirmation Class
Monica out of office 16th – 18th

Feb 19 – Hall rented Private Party 9am-2pm

Feb 20 – Property Board Meeting
Finance Board Meeting After Worship
Sheltered Reality 5pm

Feb 21 – Presidents Day - OFFICE CLOSED

Feb 25 – Family Game Night - Youth Bowling Night & Church lock-in

Feb 27 – Council Meeting
Hall rented private party 2pm-5pm

Feb 28 – Girl Scouts Leaders 6:30pm

March 2 – Ash Wednesday 6pm Soup Dinner & 7pm worship service

2022 Offering Envelopes Have Arrived

They are located at the top of the steps by the offices. Please call if you would like them mailed.

February SPECIAL DATES

Black History Month
American Heart Month
3rd week – Random Acts of Kindness Week

Feb 2 – Groundhog Day
Feb 6 – Communion
Feb 12 – Lincoln’s Birthday
Feb 13 – Superbowl Sunday
Feb 14 – **HAPPY Valentine’s DAY**

Feb 21 – Presidents Day
March 1 – Fat Tuesday
March 2 - Ash Wednesday

Sunday March 13, 2022 @ 2am

set your clocks ahead one hour before bed on Saturday night!

ATTENDANCE		
<u>Date</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
1-2	34	
1-9	35	
1-16	40	
1- 23	57	
1-30	52	



Join us on Facebook for live videos & recordings of Sunday Services

<https://www.facebook.com/Friedens-United-Church-of-Christ-354214570387/>

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



From our Council President

Welcome to a new year, and a new role for me as the President of the Council. I am excited about the changes Eric and the past council started to make, and I will continue to try and implement them to the best of my ability. I realize that change in any organization can be difficult to accept, but I hope every one of us can try this new direction our church is moving in. The council feels that this change is necessary for us to continue to operate effectively in the future.

We have started to implement a team approach to leading the church. These teams will be replacing the “boards” that we have been operating under for many, many years. The concept of a team approach is people-centered, not organization-centered. The ideas of how things should be handled will come from these teams upwards, and not from the leadership on down. This grass roots effort at leading the church will hopefully produce a more efficient and cooperative church foundation.

Each team has been formed and given a list of things the council leadership felt may be under their purview. We have asked each team to consider this list and add or subtract things as appropriate. Our goal is to come together in early April for a retreat where we will hear from each team and see how all the teams integrate into the church structure.

The important thing to remember is that this must be a total team effort. Change isn't always comfortable, but it is often necessary for progress.

If you have any questions on the new team concept or suggestions for improvement, don't hesitate to talk to anyone on the council leadership.

Joe Smith
Council President

February

One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING



March - TBA
April - TBA
May & June - Dubois
July - Love offering for the Wells
August - Hoyleton
September - Hitz
October - Emmaus House
Nov. & Dec - Ministries Unlimited
December - Ministries Unlimited



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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.



COMMUNION

February 6th

March 6th

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


FRIEDENS KIDZ



Dear Friedens friends,

As I write my last Circuit rider article as your Christian Education Director, I do it with pride. I have served our church for 17 years with your help. We have come a long way! I have enjoyed holding this position and all the events and activities that went along with it. I've worked under several pastors, interims, and our called ones. I made lifelong friends within the conference because of representing Friedens. Being a member of Friedens, I believe, made me work just a little bit harder and a bit longer. I take great pride in our church and love our church family. The time has come for me to step back and let someone new take this position. I feel even with Covid our education department is in good shape. We offer something for everyone and our programs have been and are successful. I will still be a member of Friedens and plan on being an active member after a bit of a break. I am looking forward to spending time with my family and having more time to do the things we enjoy doing. I certainly don't feel God is through with me yet. I'm excited to see what lies ahead of me and which direction God has planned. I thank each of you for your support, confidence and love shown to me over the years. My passion for the children, youth and the whole department came through loud and strong along the way. I hope I made you proud and happy with my leadership, most of all I hope God is pleased.

Many blessings to you all,
Stephanie



JOIN OUR YOUTH GROUP!!
Feb 25 - Bowling & Church lock-in
 This group is open to all 6th-12th grade students. Please see Jenny R



We want to thank Stephanie for all of her hard work and dedication to the Christian Education Board since May of 2009. We were incredibly lucky to have such a devoted leader for our children and Christian Education team. Please enjoy some of the memories created during her time as the director. Stephanie will be missed but we are excited for her next adventure. It was with

her direction and members like you making these memories possible! We are forever grateful for everyone's many hours of volunteering, sharing your talents, generosity of donations or planning involved to make the Christian Ed board a success. Thank you to Stephanie and the many volunteers that made this all possible! Please enjoy these photos through the years. Please feel free to share any photo you may have with Stephanie and the youth by emailing Monica at friedens@friedensucc-troy.org.









We would like to congratulate Pastor Tim Harrison on receiving the Humanitarian Lifetime Achievement Award! You can watch the 2022 MLK Humanitarian Celebration at McKendree University at <https://youtu.be/b8QKn5-otMM> We are beyond blessed to have Pastor Tim and his many talents leading our flock.



Friday, February 25th
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Youth 5 yrs. through 5th Grade
 (Parents are welcome to join)

Hosted in Fellowship Hall. Dinner provided

Please sign up outside the Sunday School classroom or call the church office at 667-6535 by Sunday Feb. 20th



Womens Guild Fundraiser

Speak to a Women's Guild Member for the best Cutlery around! *Many items in stock!!*



Notes of **THANKS**

Dear Friends,
 Thank you for your generous donation to Ministries Unlimited. May your holidays sparkle with moments of love, laughter, and goodwill, and may the year ahead be full of prosperity and joy. Wishing you comfort, love, strength, and peace, and praying that God shines His light and His love on you this day and every day!
 Betty Cothran, Pantry Director

PASTOR TIMS PUN TIME SPOTLIGHT FOR FEBRUARY

BOAZ'S FAVORITE PICK-UP LINE:



	December 2021	YTD
Income	\$32,027.68	\$264,126.96
Expense	\$22,519.47	\$203,109.41
	\$ 9,508.21	\$ 61,017.55



	December 2020	YTD
Income	\$39,132.23	\$251,935.30
Expense	\$28,732.14	\$187,433.60
	\$10,400.09	\$ 64,501.70

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING Carolyn McCall Catalano



Getting to know Carolyn:

1. I am unconventional, minimalist, and frugal.
2. People might be surprised to learn that I loved rollerblading until recently when my knees gave too much trouble.
3. I've been a career self-employed violin and viola teacher for 44+ years.
4. Because I needed benefits, I also worked full-time elsewhere. In some recent years: the Activities Department of a nursing home; then as an Office Support Specialist at SIUE; finally, as Director of Connections and Care at a large church.
5. I love classical, fiddle, and jazz music. I read a lot of relaxing novels and mysteries.

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING Terry Persell & Linda McKenna

Getting to know Terry: I would describe myself as caring to the point of annoying (so I am told), very energetic in my mind, and I care about more things than I talk about out loud. Someone might be surprised to know that I get interested in trying to find an answer for a problem, especially if it involves making a tool to complete or make a task easier. I have had a variety of jobs over the years involving factory work, truck driving and I retired from a St Louis school district where I was a sustainability technician, but I have always loved working on old cars and enjoyed metal working and some woodworking, especially while listening to music. Anymore I enjoy almost any kind of music with a catchy melody or if it moves me in some way. I still enjoy listening to old rock and roll from the 70's and earlier,



Terry and Linda on vacation at the Pirate show in Myrtle Beach, SC in July 2021 with her nieces twins, Brianna, (yellow blouse) and Amanda (14) and nephew, Ethan (9)

especially with one friend who knows all the bands. My ideal weekend would be doing something with Linda, finishing a project of my choosing (my to do's first then honey do's), with a good cigar. Occasionally, I like making a big breakfast and surprising Linda. I also enjoy off roading and know my limitations so now use a side by side. Lastly, this list is subject to change at any time.

Getting to know Linda: I would describe myself as happy and caring, but somewhat shy and easily embarrassed. I think people would be surprised at just how much I would travel if I had the means to do so. Also, that I would enjoy a cross country trip without any real destinations, just stopping for however long at whatever caught my interest. I am a retired physical therapist assistant, but I always wanted to be a nurse, but I do not like great amounts of blood, and felt I would never get over my fear of it. I didn't really want to go to college, but my older brother said I was too smart not to go to college, so the compromise was a two-year program. I chose physical therapy so I could still be in the medical field, but not have to deal with extensive

bleeding. My occupational choice was good to me. I always had jobs and did temp PT work when my daughter was little so I could have summers off and short days/weeks. I retired from Special School District in St. Louis County, 30 years and out, and then babysat my granddaughter for 3 years which was truly magical. I loved every minute of it. Also, since my daughter and son-in-law work for schools I still got my summers off and lots of holidays. lol. I love to read most anything but science fiction, and I can eat up a lot of time with a good book. My ideal weekend would definitely vary but I enjoy taking a day trip with Terry and finding a new place to eat. I love spending time doing most anything with my daughter and her family or Terry's daughter and her family or getting together with friends. I also enjoy walking through antique stores or thrift shops.

Important Dates

LENTEN Schedule

March 2, 2022 (Ash Wednesday)
 Soup Supper at 6PM
 Ash Wednesday Night service at 7 pm

March 9 - Immanuel UCC in Hamel

March 16 - We will host

March 23 - Grantfork UCC in Grantfork

March 30 - Marine UCC in Marine

April 6 - St. Paul UCC in Edwardsville

Friedens is participating in a joint church Lenten worship service. Please join us Wednesdays at 7:00pm at the locations below each week.

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:15 am

- March 6
- **March 13** (*Sausage Supper Sunday*)
No worship but devotion in Fellowship Hall
- March 20
- March 27
- April 3

Sunday, March 13, 2022

11:30 am – 5:30 pm

Friedens United Church of Christ



SAUSAGE & KRAUT DINNER



207 E. Center St.
 Troy IL 62294
 618-667-6535

\$12 / DINNER

Menu Includes: Grilled Pork Sausage,
 Sauerkraut, Green Beans,
 Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, and Dessert
 ** Items available while they last



Remember our Shut-Ins



Friedens Family Connection

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

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

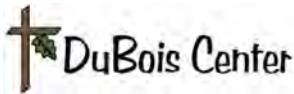
Francis Layfield 39 Dorothy Drive #317 Troy, IL 62294

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



Spring Happenings at DuBois Center

- March 4 - New in 2022 - Stargazing Party
- April 1-3 - Father & Son Retreat
- April 9 - DuBois Center Open House
- April 15 - Stations of the Cross
- April 22-24 - Wrangle & Ride
- April 23 - Volunteer Workday at DuBois Center
- April 29-May 1 - New in 2022 Women's Retreat
- May 13-14 - New in 2022 Photography Retreat
- May 15 - DuBois Center Open House
- May 21-22 - Volunteer Retreat

618.787.2202 2651 Quarry Road DuBois, IL 62831

Office Hours M-F 9a-2p dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org



923 Main St Highland, IL 654-2008

~Laurie Manwaring~

Tuesday: 9AM-5:30PM Wednesday: 10AM - 5:00 PM
 Thursday & Friday : 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM
 Saturday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sunday & Monday: CLOSED
 Curbside pickup available. FREE delivery in Highland.



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 on FB <https://www.facebook.com/MetroEastYardDice/>. We are also part of Maryville Farmer's Market. <https://www.facebook.com/MaryvilleILFarmersMarket/>.

~ Lyle and Brenda W

Newsletter
FEBRUARY
25
Deadline



Needs:

- * Saltine Crackers * Oyster Crackers
- * Canned Fruit * Paper Towels
- * Deodorant * monetary donations

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February 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 30	31	Feb 1	2	3	4	5
10:15am Worship 9:00am Sunday School (Adult - Child - Womens)	9:00am Quilting Circle 7:00pm Girl Scout #467	4:00pm Girl Scout #461	9:00am Quilting Circle 3:30pm Confirmation Classes	9:00am Quilting Circle 3:30pm Confirmation Classes	9:00am Quilting Circle 3:30pm Confirmation Classes	9:00am Quilting Circle 3:30pm Confirmation Classes
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Meet Our Staff

Rev. Tim Harrison	Pastor
Monica Hunsdorf	Administrative Assistant
Stephanie Williams	CE Director
Evan Bosaw	Worship Coordinator
Jim Galaske	Sound Operator
Eric Bosaw	Sound Operator
Fred Keil	Screen Operator
Claudia Galaske	Screen Operator
Diana Bauer	Women's Guild President

CHURCH COUNCIL

Joe Smith	President
	Vice-President
Eric Bosaw	Past- President
	Secretary
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Donna Bingham	Mission & Evangelism Board
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