

April 2022



Friedens United Church of Christ Circuit Rider

A note from Pastor Tim

“Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead...’”

(Matthew 28: 5b-7)

I was reading an article from Pastor David Hansen, LEAD writer for a Christian Leadership Organization in Texas, that emphasized the importance of “telling the story of Easter”: “As we approach Holy Week, we are reminded that the resurrection is known to us through stories from the Gospelsstories of the empty tomb and resurrection appearances.... These stories are the heart of Easter, and they continue through the Book of Acts and the letters of the New Testament Church, telling us what the resurrection looked like in the lives of those early believers.”

But of course, you and I have resurrection stories of our own to tell! Each time we experience the power of resurrection in our own lives we feel compelled to share them with all those around us who will listen. Sometimes, however, we don’t always take time to share them or give others the chance to share the new life that is taking place in their lives!

- *So how has your faith grown since last Easter?*
- *What does resurrection look like in your life?*
- *How has God changed or transformed your life or faith?*

This Easter, join me in sharing and listening to the continuing story of God’s powerful work in our ministry at Friedens UCC, and the lives of those in our community.

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Blessings,
Pastor Tim



UPCOMING DATES



Worship this Month Sundays 10:15am * 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

Monday & Wednesdays – Quilting 9am *4th, 6th, 11th, 13th, 18th, 20th, 25th, 27th
Wednesdays – Confirmation Class 3:30pm-5pm * 6th, 13th,
Thursday Staff Meeting 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

- 2 Jane Maedge
- 3 Marian Whittington
- 4 Chris Miller
- 5 Ruby Schultze
Betty Schiller
- 11 Wayne Ferguson
- 15 Sandy Harbison
Taylor Whittington
- 19 Kendall Ruger
- 24 Abby Raymond
- 26 Tracy Bishop
- 27 Cindy Westfall
- 29 Ryan Williams
- 30 Maddux Corey

Apr 2 – Leadership Retreat 8:30 am

Apr 4 - Girl Scouts #467

Apr 5 - Girl Scouts #461

Apr 6 – Lenten St. Service Paul UCC in Edwardsville 7:00 pm

Apr 10 – Palm Sunday

Apr 17 - Easter Sunday 7:00 am Cemetery Sunrise Service

10:15am Easter Service *Confirmation Graduation *Communion

Apr 19 - Girl Scouts #959

Apr 24 – Finance Board Meeting 9:00 am *Council Meeting ^{after service}



Please join us and the Hildenbrand family on **April 17th** for Confirmation Sunday. Our Confirmand for 2022 is :

- **Karly Hildenbrand**

ATTENDANCE

Date	#	Sunday School
3-2	50	Ash Wednesday
3-6	68	22
3-13		Sausage Dinner
3-20	68	22
3-27	72	31

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK

Maunday Thursday
April 14 at 7:00 pm

Good Friday
April 15 at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday April 17
*7:00 am Sunrise service
*at Friedens Cemetery

10:15 am Easter Worship

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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

We are happy to announce that we have established a Staff Parish Team to help serve the Human Resource component of our church. This team will have 5-6 members. They were selected through recommendations from the Pastor and current Church Council and will serve for a period of at least 1 year with a staggered rotation of elections.

The purpose of the Staff Parish Team is to seek to support and maintain a healthy relationship between the entire staff including the Pastor, Administrative Assistant, Music Director, Education/Small Groups Director, Nursery Attendant, and the congregation. Their duties will not, however, include the custodial support provided to the church. That support is managed through a sub-contracted company which is supervised by the Pastor and the current Property Board.

The Staff Parish Team may both advise and support the staff through any of the following areas. Share ideas, dreams, hopes, expectations and concerns of the congregation with the Pastor. Assist in establishing caring and constructive communication in an atmosphere of confidentiality and trust. Provide a safe space where conflict can be dealt with in a healthy and creative fashion. Encourage professional growth and development among the staff as well as mutual ministry between the staff and the congregation. Assist with all hire/fire procedures with staff to make sure the process is smooth and with both compassion and respect. Evaluate all staff twice a year to assure that expectations and covenants are being fulfilled.

The current members of the Staff Parish team are Cindy Westfall, Sandy Nissen, Gwen Bosaw, Deb Spears and Sean Smith. Feel free to reach out to any of the team with any questions you may have.

Joe Smith



**RUMMAGE
SALE**

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Friday
MAY 20 • 3PM - 6PM

Saturday
MAY 21 • 8AM-Noon



Autism Awareness Month
Stress Awareness Month
APRIL 1 – April Fool's Day
APRIL 2 – World Autism Day
APRIL 10 - Hug Your Dog Day
APRIL 15 – Tax Day
APRIL 17 – Easter Sunday
April 22 – Earth Day



Starting Sunday April 3rd and ending May 15th you can add your name to a drawing to win a Basketball, Football, a pair of girl roller Derby roller skates a \$20.00 Walmart gift card and 3 \$10.00 Dairy Queen Gift cards! You can put your name in the drawing each week you attend Sunday School! You can put your name in a second time when you bring a friend! Your friend can join in on the drawing by putting their name in the basket too! The prizes will be given out on Sunday May 15th our last Fall Sunday school. You must be present to win!



Location change For May 15th 2021:

We will have Sunday school at the large pavilion in the park 9 a.m. This is Stephanie's retirement Party as well, please join us in celebrating the next step in her life

Friedens VBS 2022 June 6th – 9th 6p.m. – 8p.m.

Adult leadership needed. Please see the sign-up board outside the office to volunteer! Plenty of choices! Join in on the fun for four fun evenings. See Stephanie or Georgia with any questions.



~~~Confirmation Retreat 2022!~~~

On Friday & Saturday, March 26 & 27 our Confirmation group joined other UCC churches for a Confirmation Retreat at Dubois. Below are a few photos of a few photos. Thank you to Jenny Ruger for capturing these memories. The group was: Pastor Tim, Jenny R., Kacey R., Karley H., Elaine S., & Jordan G!





WELCOME BABY



Please welcome,
Oliver August Smith
5lbs 11oz 18in long

Born on November 30, 2021 to
Sean & Jamie Smith.

Congratulations to the Smith
Family!

Oliver now at 4mo:
13lbs 23in long

Tea Party!
Sat. April 23rd
11am-1pm

SWEET AND SAVORY TREATS WILL BE PROVIDED

BRING YOUR OWN TEACUP

All ages welcome!
RSVP in the church office by April 18th

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MISSIONS **April** St. John's Community Care

- May – VBS Mission
- June – Dubois
- July – Marion Medical Mission
- August – Hoyleton
- September – Hitz
- October – Emmaus House
- November - Ministries Unlimited
- December – Ret. Ministers Fund



Calling all graduates

Please contact the church office by *April 20th* with the name of your graduate

(high school, college, technical or trade school, etc.) along with a photo to be recognized in the May Issue of the *Circuit Rider*



SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTES

Text: **FriedensUCC**
To: **84576**



Womens Guild Fundraiser

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



**April 17th
May 1st**

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

Thank You



Thank you soo very much for ALL the special concerns, your thoughtfulness, cards and many prayers. During the last four months. I received good results of no change from my recent tests.

*Blessings,
Marilyn Wesselmann*



Thank you to Ken Yearout & Bruce the dog. Got your Six Support Dogs was our Mission for March. The Sausage Dinner brought in \$727 in donations! We will have totals of offering in April's Newsletter. Thank you to all who donated! No amount is too small! Like to still donate:

gotyoursixsupportdogs.org

My dear Church family,
I just wanted to thank you for your prayers and support, cards and well wishes, for me, my mom, and family as we navigate the new normal of life without Dad. My father experienced a full life, with many accomplishments, but his death was still a sudden shock for us. The love that you have shown me is truly helping me get through each day. Please continue to pray for my mom-they have been together for 63+ years, and I know this will be an adjustment for her. We continue to lean on God.

Danielle Harrison

Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, donated and all the patrons for our March Sausage & Kraut Dinner. We are beyond grateful for everyone's support. We have a few more expenses we are waiting for, and we will have our final amount soon. We were very busy and sold around 1,180 dinners. What an amazing amount!! This event was such a success because of all of you!!! Thank you all!!!

*** Raw Sausage still available. Contact Office for pick up. **\$25/5lb bag**

PASTOR TIMS **PUN TIME** SPOTLIGHT

April

Every morning I announce to my family that I'm going jogging, but then I don't.

It is a running joke 😊

January 2022	YTD
Income \$29,388.47	\$29,388.47
Expense \$25,534.21	\$25,534.21
\$ 3,854.26	\$ 3,854.26

January 2021	YTD
Income \$21,080.76	\$21,080.76
Expense \$13,872.34	\$13,872.34
\$ 7,208.42	\$ 7,208.42



February 2022	YTD
Income \$15,065.68	\$44,454.15
Expense \$18,959.95	\$44,494.16
\$(3,894.27)	\$(40.01)

February 2021	YTD
Income \$ 9,623.86	\$30,704.62
Expense \$ 10,320.60	\$24,816.50
\$(1,320.60)	\$ 5,888.12



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

Meridian Village 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

- 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 624-2008

~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
APRIL
25
Deadline



Needs:

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

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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
Fred Keil	Treasurer
Georgia Wilkins	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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