



## Pastor Tim's Reflections

*"In Your Time, in Your time; You make all things beautiful in Your time. Lord, please show me every day, as you're teaching me your way, that you do just what you say in your time. In Your Time, in Your time; You make all things beautiful in Your time. Lord, my life to you I bring; may each song I have to sing, be to you a lovely thing, in your time.* (Song by Maranatha Music)

Advent Season is a time of waiting with expectancy for God to come to us! It is a time of listening in the silence and preparing ourselves for God! Have you noticed how dark it is getting each afternoon? This time of year, it is tough to see the hope and growth around us because of the darkness and the snow. And yet, in this season of dormancy, new tiny seeds are growing in the womb of the earth. We often can't see this growth but in good time, seeds will germinate and sprout. This is true for our spiritual souls as well. We don't need to rush to Christmas but rather patiently allow God to work in our hearts in this time of rest and reflection. In this Advent Season, allow God to remind you to be more aware of God's presence and use the silence to listen to God's whispers.

Happy Advent as we journey toward our dear Savior's birth!

*Rev. Tim Hanson*

Pastor Tim



### Advent Schedule

<b>Nov. 27</b>	Hanging of the Greens / 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent	HOPE
<b>Dec. 4</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent	PEACE
<b>Dec. 11</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent	LOVE
<b>Dec. 18</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent	JOY
<b>Dec. 24</b>	Christmas Eve Service	

**Thank you to everyone for participating  
in this year's Advent Services**





- 1 Jeff Seymore
- 2 Kody McGhee
- Sandi Zipprich
- 3 Connor Stephens
- Jacob Whittington
- 5 Andrea Deloney
- 7 Kristofer Ferguson
- Kyle Ferguson
- Frances Layfield
- 10 Joe Zipprich
- 12 Dax Wilkins
- 13 Dennis Kniser
- 14 Karen Whittington
- 15 Jax Andreas
- Cole Meyer
- Matt Zipprich
- 16 Alyssa Matz
- 19 Gene Klenke
- 21 Jaden Stephens
- 27 Ted Gianaris
- Stephanie Zipprich
- 28 Abraham Gianaris
- Millie Leffert
- 29 Debbie Brendel
- Wilma Edwards
- 30 Dylan Patton

## On the Calendar

**Confirmation Classes** – 3:00 – 4:30 pm Every Wednesday

**Quilting Circle** – 9:00am Every Monday & Wednesday

**Choir** 6:00 pm & **Bells** 7:00 pm Practice Monday evenings

**TOPS** – Taking Off Pounds Sensibly 9:00 am Every Monday

Dec 1 – Young Adult Christmas Lights at Botanical Gardens

Dec 2 – Security Meeting 9:30am

Dec 2-4 – Festival of Trees Event in Fellowship Hall

Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Noon until 8 pm

Santa available for Pics from 5 – 8 pm

Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> Noon until 8 pm

Special Music: Olivia Bosaw/Matt Billings from 5 – 8 pm

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 1 pm – 4 pm

Dec 3 – Confirmand Run—"TriadStrong 5K" in Marine, IL

Dec 6 - Membership & Fellowship Meeting 10am

Dec 8 – Faith Formation Meeting

Dec 11 – Church Caroling in Troy area

Dec 15 – Christmas Concert with Celtica

Dec 18 – Children's Program during Sunday Worship

Dec 20 – Womens Guild Christmas Luncheon & Gift Exchange 1:00pm

Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 7:00pm

Dec 25 – Pajama Christmas Service 10:00am

Jan 1—New Year Communion Service 10 am



ATTENDANCE		
Date	#	Live
11/6	133	37
11/13	83	35
11/20	107	37
11/27	107	50

USHERS THIS MONTH

- 12/4 – Lloyd Bliss & Larry Bliss
- 12/11 – Mike & Amy Schroeter
- 12/18 – Fred Keil & Kurt Sachtleben
- 12/ 24 – Schwehr Family
- 12/25 – Debbie & Mike Byrd

Please arrive 30 minutes prior to service

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

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

# A word from our Teams

**Faith Formation – Youth Group**

The Youth Group met on November 20th to prepare a holiday craft and sweet treats to deliver to church members, shut-ins and those who are home bound. The members were extremely grateful to receive a visit and homemade items. Following the deliveries, the youth had a Friendsgiving meal prepared at church.

**Next team meeting is December 8**

**Technology –** We still need members to help with our technology team. Please reach out to Claudia if you would like to share your talents with Friedens.

**Mission & Outreach –**

**December Mission –** *The UCC Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund*

The Advent season of waiting and watching is also a season of pre-paring. Our generosity prepares the way for hope, peace, justice, and community. United Church of Christ retired clergy, servants of the church, have spent lifetimes baptizing and blessing, teaching and preaching, marrying and burying, comforting and empowering God’s people. Now, through the Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross, our December Mission, we have the opportunity to sustain and empower them.

**OCTOBER MISSIONS FINAL:**

- \$50 – Riverbend
- \$364.25 - Triad Strong + matching of \$364.25
- \$250 – Emmanuel’s trip + Friedens donation \$100
- \$128 – TUMC Puppets + matching of \$128
- \$1,384.50

**Membership & Fellowship: NOTE TO TEAM CAPTAINS:**

***Get the word out about upcoming events and projects and help Monica in the process!***

- New Project Membership Forms are located in the office on the wall over the mailboxes.
- Blank ones in top bin, Filled-Out ones in second bin, In-Process ones in bottom bin.
- Fill out with event/project info and check boxes at bottom as to where you want the info to go.
- Staple additional information or announcements to the form and place in middle bin.
- Monica will monitor the bins and process them as they come in.
- Completed forms will be returned to your team mailbox.

**Our next meeting will be on Tuesday Dec. 6 at 10:00 am**

**Security Team** - We reviewed the sample Congregational Emergency Response Plan (ERP) and discussed issues that needed to be added. The changes to Emergency Response Plan documents will be reviewed at the next meeting. Also discussed was the need for a Safety/Security Manual which covers all aspects of Church Safety and Security. Various items were discussed which should be included in this manual.

We discussed the AED status, IT ERP status, Cemetery ERP status, First Aid kit status, and Church Evacuation Maps requested changes. **Next meeting will be at church - 9:30 - Friday, December 02, 2022**

**\*CAN YOU HELP\***

Hiring Positions:

- Nursery Attendant

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Janitorial Work
- Open Council Positions
- Church Newsletter

**Boards not reported:**

- Church Growth & Evangelism
- Staff Team Parish
- Food Team



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



Plans are being made for our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are inviting those interested in helping with the history and archives to please contact the church office.



**Stewardship & Finance:** These are ways that you can contribute to the church in the future without a lot of out-of-pocket expenses right now. This information is being shared with the congregation as part of our ongoing stewardship efforts:



**Three Ways to Give Outside a Will**

Though an updated will is a key to estate planning, don't forget about these three assets whose distributions are not controlled by a will.

**Life Insurance.** When you complete the paperwork for a life insurance policy, you choose the beneficiary of that policy. The proceeds from your policy will be paid to the beneficiary recorded on your forms, regardless of the conditions listed in your will. After you have provided for your heirs, this could be an option to consider adding Friedens UCC as a beneficiary to receive all or a percentage of these funds.

**Living trusts.** Another popular way to distribute assets is with a revocable living trust. By naming yourself as the initial trustee of your living trust and then naming a successor trustee to manage the trust if you become unable to do so, your assets are managed during your lifetime and then distributed to your beneficiaries, avoiding probate. It is "revocable" because you retain the right to change the terms of the trust.

**Retirement plans.** Here again, the beneficiaries you list in the original or modified documents will receive any assets from your retirement plans, such as a 401(k) or an IRA. If there are changes in your family or financial situation, it is essential that you review beneficiary designations as well as the other details in your estate plans. And since retirement plan assets can be heavily taxed if left to heirs, you may want to consider leaving all or a portion of these funds to Friedens UCC while leaving other assets to loved ones.

Adding Friedens UCC as a secondary or contingent beneficiary is a convenient method to continue your impact without going through the probate process. If you have any questions about any of these options as a way to support Friedens UCC, feel free to contact the church office at (618) 667-6535.

If you decide to include Friedens UCC in your future plans, please know that any gift large or small makes a difference in our ministry and we are grateful. You may want to share the following bequest language with an attorney:

*"I give, devise and bequeath to Friedens United Church of Christ, located at 207 E. Center Street, Troy, Illinois 62294, \_\_\_\_\_ % of my residuary estate (or the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_) to be used for its general purposes and ministry of the church."* {Our tax ID number is 37-6058118. If you would like to designate your gift for a particular ministry, please contact Monica or Pastor Tim for more information.}



	October 2022	YTD
Income	\$16,802.47	\$206,195.51
Expense	\$20,325.10	\$235,097.04
	<b>\$(3,522.63)</b>	<b>\$(28,901.53)</b>

	October 2021	YTD
Income	\$22,838.13	\$215,384.94
Expense	\$20,296.08	\$161,664.01
	<b>\$ 2,542.05</b>	<b>\$ 53,720.93</b>

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# Faith Forming Updates

# Kelsie's Korner

Season's Greetings to you all! What a great November we shared together. Thank you to everyone that participated in the Christmas Craft and Youth Friendsgiving events! We have so many new things going on in the life of the church this month especially when it comes to our ministry for the Friedens kids!

*-Kelsie Parrish, Faith Formation Director*

[faithformation@friedensucc-troy.org](mailto:faithformation@friedensucc-troy.org)

### **Children's Sunday School-** Each Sunday morning at 10:00 am

We are having such a great time on Sunday mornings! During the month of December, we will be continuing our series about King David and praising God. We will also be starting our next series called Billy Bob's Barnyard Theater which will get kids participating in the story of Jesus' birth.

### **Children's Christmas Program-** During the 10:00 am service on **December 18**

Don't miss a musical performance by the children at Friedens! They will be sharing some Christmas carols with us during our church service on December 18.

### ***How can you help?***

#### **Register your child for Sunday School!**



Fill out a registration form on Sunday morning when you drop your child off for Sunday School or email the church. We would love to have your child get involved!

#### **Apply to volunteer with the Children and Youth ministry programs!**

Fill out an application and a background check form to be considered for help with the Children and Youth programs. Volunteers can help in a variety of ways ranging from providing snacks to teaching lessons, and the volunteering frequency ranges from every week or simply as needed. Whatever your time commitment or skill set, we would love to talk to you about getting involved!



### **We're so thankful for our Friedens Youth**

 We had a great time on Nov 20<sup>th</sup>  delivering Christmas packages to some of our shut-in church members and sharing a Friendsgiving meal together! Here are a few pictures from our evening together. Contact Kelsie if you would like to join us for upcoming events.







**Welcome**



*Welcome  
Jamie  
Offerman*



Hello, my name is Jamie Offerman. I moved to Highland IL twenty years ago when I married my husband, Scott. I am from the St. Louis area. We have two kids. Lacie who is 17 and a senior in high school, our son Jaden is a freshman this year. I love spending time with my kiddos and lunch dates with my hubby when we can find time in our busy schedules. I also love my fur babies yadi, Rosco, and Payton. I was a stay-at-home mom for 12 years and decided to go back to work when the kids were old enough. I loved working at Faith Countryside in Highland. Working with the elderly is my passion. When I was there, I felt like I had 50 grandparents. I treated them all like my own family. Working through Covid in a nursing home was rough. The residents were so confused as to why their families quit coming to visit. It was sad seeing them so stressed. I did my best to distract them with their favorite thing to do. Play bingo and card games, and just being there for them to have someone to talk to. They always loved seeing pictures of my kids. Faith closed in 2021. I took that summer off to spend with the kids. In August 2021 I decided I just wanted a job where I just do my work and go home. I quickly found myself getting attached to some of the special customers who would come in. That's where I met Miss Ruby. Ruby tried for weeks to get me to join her at the park for church on Sunday's, but I was nervous. One Sunday I decided to get over being nervous and just go. Turns out church is exactly what I needed in my life. Thanks to Miss Ruby I'm now part of the best church family. Everyone has been so nice and welcoming to me. Thank you all for that. I look forward to church every Sunday now.

**ADULT**  
*Sunday School*

We will be taking a short break from the Pastor's Bible Study in December and January. We will have an Ash Wednesday Service on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> and begin a 5 Week Lenten Bible Study in March and April on "How the Bible Came to Be!" This will be a study about how the books of the Bible were written and came together to form what we now call the Books of the Old Testament and New Testament. We are tentatively planning to meet on Wednesday nights at 6 pm again. For more information, contact Pastor Tim in the church office!

**Winter Sunday School & Worship Schedule:**

9:00 am Women's Sunday School  
 9:00 am Coffee & Fellowship Hour  
 9:50 am Gathering Music in Sanctuary  
 10:00 am Worship begins (with children in attendance)  
 10:15 am (approx.) Children go to Sunday School after Children's Sermon

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Wednesday evening Psalms Study this Fall!



**Needs:** \* Saltine Crackers \* Oyster Crackers \* Canned Fruit  
 \* Paper Towels \* Deodorant \* monetary donations  
**Evening Pick-Up:** Those seeking and needing assistance may pick up food and supplies Thursday evenings from 5 pm - 7 pm weekly.

# Thank You



*It's not for money, it's not for fame,  
It's not for any personal gain,  
It's just for love of fellow man,  
It's just to give a helping hand.*

*It's your reward in your heart,  
It's a feeling that you've been a part,  
of helping others far and near.  
That makes you want to*

**VOLUNTEER**

*Many thanks for all your help*

Thanks for lending a  
*'HAND'*  
to our Children's  
Ministry!

"...the Lord your God will  
bless you in all your work  
and in everything you put  
your hand to." Deut. 15:10

Merry  
Christmas!



Thank you to everyone for the wonderful basket of so many thoughtful items! I appreciate everyone for their support and understanding during this time. I am very blessed to have so many members as my dear friends! Thank you all! With love and appreciation, Monica



## Ministries Unlimited Christmas Basket 2022

Dear Friend, Once again it's that time to prepare for our annual Christmas drive. We have had many changes this year with inflation reaching record highs over 8%, soaring gas prices and supply shortages. It is difficult for families to keep food on the table and pay their bills. With the holiday season rapidly approaching, it is time to come together as a community to help those in need during this season of giving. No matter how small or how large your involvement is, you are important toward the success of Ministries Unlimited. Your generosity will help provide a bountiful outpouring of caring and love to families and our community during the holiday and the year to come. The can goods and monetary collections, which began in many churches, schools and businesses during October, help fill a Christmas basket for each family. The monetary contributions are used to purchase perishable items such as bread, fresh fruit, milk, and turkey or ham for the families and to maintain the pantry during the coming year. **No deliveries will be made again this year.** Distribution will be at **Bethel Baptist Church on December 17th** as a drive-through only. This year for Christmas baskets we will be purchasing gift cards for each family. We are not accepting toys or gifts to distribute. Checks may be made payable to Ministries Unlimited and mailed, you may also submit to any of the pastors or MU members in a sealed envelope. We hope to share joy and love with others, may the timeless message of Christmas fill your heart with special joy. Any assistance you can provide will be sincerely appreciated.

**Christmas with Celtica**  
**December 15, 2022**  
**7:00 p.m.**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR CELTICA, CAKE, COFFEE, & COCOA

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JOIN US FOR  
**Holiday Caroling**  
**DECEMBER 11TH 2022**  
**After Worship**



Rehearsal for **Bells & Choir** is on **Monday evenings**. **Choir at 6 PM** and **Bells at 7 PM**. If you or anyone you know would like to participate, please let me or Pastor Tim know! *Thank You, Evan Bosaw*



# Remember our Shut-Ins when sending Christmas cards

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

**Mary Ann Ambuehl** *Hitz Home* (618) 488-2355 201 Bell St. Alhambra, IL 62001

**Geraldine Rock** *Eden Village* (618) 288-5014 400\_South Station Road Glen Carbon, IL 62034

**Jim Bailey** *Eden Village* (618) 288-5014 400\_South Station Road Glen Carbon, IL 62034

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

**Francis Layfield** *Morningside of Troy* 39 Dorothy Drive #317 Troy, IL 62294

**Charlie Gaultney** *Cedarhurst of Highland* 220 Field Crossing Dr Highland IL 62249 (618) 406-6988



## FESTIVAL OF TREES

**Fri. Dec 2nd** 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Santa available for pictures from 5:00 – 8:00

**Sat. Dec 3rd** 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Olivia Bosaw and Matt Billings providing music from 5:00 – 8:00

**Sun. Dec 4th** 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Tour a collection of custom Trees and Wreaths donated and decorated by area businesses, civic organizations, and individuals. A few businesses to look for are Waterman's Florist, The Sanctuary on Main, Tri-Township Library, Girl Scouts Troop #959, What the Cup, Allstate-Troy, Edward Jones-Troy/Hayden Schmidt

A selection of trees/wreaths will be raffled off.

Tickets \$1 each or 25 for \$20

All Proceeds to benefit Triad Strong.

Cookies and Hot chocolate provided.

Visit [Friedensucc-troy.org](http://Friedensucc-troy.org) or call 618-667-6535

For more details on how to participate or any questions.

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**MISSIONS**  
December

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January—Troy Transient Fund  
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**25**  
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# December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10:00 am Worship <b>Advent</b> Hanging of Greens Tree Festival Decorating	28 Tree Festival Decorating 9:00am Quilting 9:00am TOPS 6:00pm SU 109 Leader	29 Tree Festival Decorating	30 Tree Festival Decorating 9:00am Quilting 2:30pm Confirmation	1 Tree Festival Decorating Young Adults at Botanical Gardens	2 9:30am Security Meeting 12:00pm Festival of Trees 5:00pm Santa Visit	3 TriadStrong 5K Run 12:00pm Festival of Trees
4 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent 10:00 am Worship Communion Sunday 1:00pm Festival of the Trees	5 9:00am Quilting 9:00am TOPS 6:30pm GS #467	6 10:00am Membership & Fellowship Meeting	7 9:00am Quilting 2:30pm Confirmation	8 Faith Formation Meeting 6:00pm Girl Scouts #471	9	10
11 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent 10:00 am Worship Caroling after Worship	12 9:00am Quilting 9:00am TOPS Christmas Party 6:00pm GS #959	13	14 9:00am Quilting 2:30pm Confirmation	15 7:00pm Celtica Cake & Coffee	16	17
18 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent 10:00 am Worship Children Christmas Caroling in Worship 11:30am Council Meeting 12:00pm Byrd Family Christmas Party	19 9:00am Quilting 9:00am TOPS	20 1:00pm Womens Guild Meeting Luncheon	21 First Day of Winter 9:00am Quilting 2:30pm Confirmation	22	23	24 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service
25 <b>Merry Christmas</b> 10:00 am Worship Christmas Day	26 9:00am Quilting 9:00am TOPS	27	28 9:00am Quilting 2:30pm Confirmation	29	30	31



# FRIEDENS

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### Meet Our Staff



Rev. Tim Harrison	Pastor
Monica Hunsdorf	Administrative Assistant
Peter Coppens	Cemetery Sexton
Kelsie Parrish	Faith Formation Director
Evan Bosaw	Worship Coordinator
Eric Bosaw	Sound/Video Operator
Jim Galaske	Sound Operator
Joe Smith	Video Operator
Kat Spears	Streaming Operator
Fred Keil	Screen Operator
Claudia Galaske	Screen Operator

### Standing Committees

Diana Bauer	Women's Guild President
Claudia Galaske	Technology
Donna Bingham	Food
Sean Smith	Staff Parish
TBA	History & Archives
Rick Smith	Security

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### CHURCH COUNCIL



Joe Smith	President
TBA	Vice-President
Eric Bosaw	Past- President
Kat Spears	Secretary
Fred Keil	Treasurer

### Teams Chairs

Danielle Harrison	(interim)	Worship
Marla Brown		Mission & Community
Deb Brendel		Mission & Community
Georgia Wilkins		Faith Formation
Jennie Ruger		Faith Formation
Jim Galaske		Building & Grounds
Sherry Smith		Membership Care & Fellowship
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