



## Pastor Tim's Reflections

**Dear Friedens UCC faith family: As we move into November, we are reminded of how much we have to be grateful for and how God has blessed us over the last several years despite challenging times! I wanted to share with you the list of things I am thankful for within our church and beyond! Please add other items to this list and join me in giving thanks!**

***Grateful for the opportunity to serve, Pastor Tim***

- We celebrated 8 Baptisms and 8 New Members; 5 Confirmands (incl this year)!
- In-person Sunday Worship Attendance Average of approximately 85 people.
- Successfully served 3,572 people for last Summer's Lunch Program (an increase of 925 people from the previous year).
- Raised \$9,184 for Missions last year! (With New Mission Team structure the previous giving for missions at \$1,700 has increased to date this year to \$5,889 with 3 mo. left)
- Envelope giving for 2021 was \$169,547. For 2022 as of end of September our giving is at \$115,616 with 3 months to go.
- Hired a Full Time Pastor, a new Music Coordinator, a Part Time Faith Formation Director, a Cemetery Sexton, Mck Student Intern, and a Cleaning Service.
- Redesigned the Administrative Structure to reflect flexibility and relevancy with teams instead of boards focused on specific areas connected to our overall mission. New efforts to recruit and invite new people or shift people to new areas of need.
- Completed Phase 1 of our Sanctuary Renewal with new altar area and carpeting, trim work well under budget thanks to the work of our Building & Grounds Team and several other volunteers.
- Replaced lighting throughout building and parking lot to give better coverage and save substantially on energy bill (estimated savings of \$4,000 a year).
- Replaced external sign and banners with updated modern signage.
- Updated Website with new information and web design to make it user friendly!
- Reworked the Worship/Sunday School encouraging families to engage on Sundays.
- Provided several opportunities for the local community to participate in Friedens UCC activities including: Installation Service, All Saints Prayer Service, Santa Fest, Joint Lenten Services, Sausage Dinners, Summer Services in the Park/Summer Concerts, Confirmation 5K, Jewish Temple Visit, TUMC Temple Lecture Event.
- Special Worship Service: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week & Easter (including Sunrise Service & Breakfast), Pentecost, Pet Blessing, Backpack Blessing.
- Children and Youth Activities: Confirmation Retreat, Craft Night (w creche), Hanging of the Greens Service, Special Christmas Eve Confirmation Skit Video; Safe Sanctuary.
- Moved to a regular Worship participation by Praise Band (Young Adults).
- Created a more friendly welcoming space in the building: Downstairs Foyer with new furniture and coffee carts, welcome banners, fellowship time, refresh nursery with painting and updates.
- Created opportunity for regular support by Office Volunteers to cover phones and visits by members and community.
- \* Staff Office moves for Pastor (for Privacy and Confidentiality issues), and for A.A. (for storage/quieter space) as well as updated phone systems and computers/wifi.



- 2 Wayne Loehring
- 3 Carolyn Catalano
- 6 Joey McDowell
- 8 Sandy Nissen
- Molly Toennies
- 10 Riley Nelson
- 14 Charles Brown
- Charles Gaultney
- 15 Kimberly Griffis
- 21 Ronald Emmons
- 26 Amanda Corey
- 27 Megan Nungesser

## On the Calendar

- Confirmation Classes** – 3:00 – 4:30 pm every Wednesday
- Pastor’s Bible Study** – 6:00 pm every Wednesday (meal provided)
- Quilting Circle** – 9:00am Every Monday & Wednesday  
(Reach out to Gladys Huston with questions)
- Choir 6:00 pm & Bells 7:00 pm Practice Monday evenings**
- TOPS** – *Taking Off Pounds Sensibly* 9:00 am Every Monday

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- Nov. 1 – All Saints Day
  - Nov 2-3 Pastor at UCC Pastor Retreat
  - Nov. 5 - Womens Guild Quilt Raffle Drawing  
**\*\*\*GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY\*\*\***
  - Nov 5 – John Jaconis 9:30am Visitation Memorial Service 10:30am
  - Nov 6 – **\*\*\*DAYLIGHT-SAVINGS TIME ENDS\*\*\*** Fall Backward 😊  
- Family Christmas Craft Day
  - Nov 11 – Veterans Day
  - Nov 13 – Congregational Budget Meeting *(after worship)*
  - Nov 17 – *Mission & Outreach Meeting*
  - Nov 20 – Youth Friendsgiving
  - Nov 24 – Thanksgiving Day
  - Nov 25 – Office Closed
  - Nov 26 – Festival of Trees Begins **(DROP Off & Set up Nov 26-Nov 29)**
  - Nov 27 – 1st Sunday of Advent  
Hanging of the Greens  
Council Meeting (after Worship)
  - Dec 1 – Young Adult Garden Glow
  - Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Dates for Festival of the Trees
  - Dec 8 – Faith Formation Meeting



## ATTENDANCE

Date	#	Live
10/2	Sausage Dinner	
10/9	57	
10/16	80	
10/23	100	
10/30	101	

## Congregational Meeting NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>

Do not forget to mark your calendars and join us to catch up on Friedens and hear all the exciting things in the making!!



### November 6<sup>th</sup> December 4<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.



- 11/6 – Rick & Sherry Smith
  - 11/13 – Dennis & Cindy Westfall
  - 11/20 - Doug & Deb Brendel
  - 11/27 - Linda McKenna & Donna Bingham
- Please arrive 30 minutes prior to service**

**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>

# A word from our Teams

**Mission & Outreach** - The Missions and Outreach team has been meeting on a regular basis. We are very happy with the Congregation's response to the new missions. Friedens can be proud of their giving!

At our November meeting we will be discussing the missions for 2023 with some favorites repeating. Also, we will be discussing two new outreach chances for our congregation. So if you are handy in the kitchen or handy with tools, stay tuned for dates when we go to SOS Soup Kitchen to serve a meal and when we help at Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

November meeting topic will be missions for 2023.  
**Next missions meeting will be Nov. 17 at 4.**

We are giving ourselves a meeting break in Dec. but are always willing to hear your ideas.

**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.

**Stewardship & Finance** - The stewardship and finance team is currently wrapping up the budget for 2023. We have our **next meeting tentatively scheduled for 11/20** after church. On the agenda will be a stewardship program for 2023.

- Boards not reported:**
- Church Growth & Evangelism
  - Stewardship & Finance
  - Staff Team Parish
  - Food Team
  - Missions & Outreach
  - Membership and Fellowship Team
  - Security Team

**Faith Formation** – recent event was the very fun outing to Demange Farms on October 16

-upcoming event is the craft lunch on November 6

**-next team meeting is December 8**

**Building & Grounds** –

- The Building and Grounds members, Pastor Tim, and some dedicated helpers spent much of the Summer and Fall working on stage one of the sanctuary remodeling. The work involved many hours of demolition and construction. New carpet has been installed and the altar area walls as well as the baseboard and wall under the radiators in the sanctuary were painted.
- Another project was the energy reduction plan. The program, supported by Ameren, cost the church \$7,481 with Ameren paying the \$9,942 additional cost. All exterior lights were replaced along with all the fluorescent fixtures inside. Ameren estimates that the church will save \$4,639 annually on our power bill, which is a 19-month payback.
- A church clean-up day was done on Saturday August 20 with team members and their wives as well as 20 students from McKendree working on their freshman service projects.
- The church sign in the front of the building was replaced and the cabinet was newly painted.
- We have added a Safety and Security team headed by Rick Smith.
- Our next project is to replace the deck at the stone house.
- We welcome Michelle Siebert to our team. Anyone wishing to join please contact Jim Galaske at 618-623-2155 or the office.


**\*CAN YOU HELP\***

Hiring Positions:

- Nursery Attendant

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Open Council Positions
- Church Newsletter



**SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTES**

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.

## Faith Forming Updates

# Kelsie's Corner

Happy November to you all! I have had the privilege of working here for a little over a month now, and I am so thankful for all that I have learned and been a part of so far.

The goal of "faith formation" within the church is for us to grow closer to God through study, worship, and our connections with one another. I know that we all get busy (especially with the holidays approaching!) so I hope that Friedens can be a place for you to find renewed rest and joy this Fall.

*-Kelsie Parrish, Faith Formation Director*

faithformation@friedensucc-troy.org

### Children- Sunday School

We are having such a great time on Sunday mornings! During the month of November, we will be having fun with charades as we learn about King David and how to celebrate God. If you know of anyone looking to get their child involved with Sunday School, please reach out to me!

### Everyone- Christmas Craft Lunch, November 6th

You are invited to stay after church to eat some walking tacos and help us make Christmas crafts/ decorations. The decorations will be hung around the church during the Hanging of the Greens church service at the end of November! Please email me to RSVP for this event.



### Youth- Friendsgiving, November 20th

Exciting things are in store for the Friedens Youth Group! We would love to create more opportunities for the youth to have fun and be in fellowship. On November 20th we will be getting together to serve the community by raking leaves and then sharing a "friendsgiving" meal together. Stay tuned for more details!

### Young Adults- Garden Glow, December 1

People in their twenties and early thirties are invited to the Missouri Botanical Gardens annual Garden Glow to see Christmas lights and enjoy the chance to connect with one another.. Please email me to RSVP by November 22.



Pastor's Study will be held on Wednesday evenings. It began on October 5th and is from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm with a Soup/Sandwich offered. Childcare can be provided as needed. We will be studying the Book of Psalms with the question, "What does this book have to say to me today? ~ Pastor Tim

**\*\*RSVP strongly encouraged to assist with food count**



	Aug 2022	YTD
Income	\$18,956.50	\$176,237.84
Expense	\$24,788.15	\$187,630.47
	<b>-\$ 5,831.65</b>	<b>- \$11,392.63</b>

	September 2021	YTD
Income	\$25,978.68	\$192,546.81
Expense	\$25,340.73	\$141,367.93
	<b>\$ 637.95</b>	<b>\$ 51,178.88</b>



# Welcome



## Welcome Peter

Friedens Cemetery  
Sexton



My name is Peter Coppens. I am the cemetery sexton at Friedens Cemetery and look forward to being able to assist families and the staff at Friedens UCC. I have been involved with cemeteries and maintenance which include, mowing, digging graves, pouring foundations, and assisting with grieving families for 30 years.

Peter's mom and dad moved from the quad cities to Collinsville shortly after he was born. While in grade school and high school, he was active in sports, especially soccer. Peter and his wife Diane live in St. Jacob, IL. They have been married for 2 years and do not have any children. They do have 3 bird dogs and enjoy attending horseback field trials with them.

Peter is active in his community. He is a life member of the Collinsville Jaycees and a member of the Larry Jones Memorial board. If he has some free time, he enjoys a good cigar, bocce ball league, John Wayne movies and a good sports event on TV.



Greetings, the time for Bell Choir and our newly formed Vocal Choir to begin is here. I would like to encourage any individuals regardless of any musical ability or experience to participate in either or both groups! All are welcome to share your God given musical gifts with the congregation and community through participation in these groups!

Rehearsal for both groups will take place on Monday evenings. Choir will rehearse at 6 PM and Bells will rehearse at 7 PM. We will be providing free childcare during these rehearsals to make them more accessible for anyone with children who would like to participate! If you or anyone you know would like to participate, please let me or Pastor Tim know!

Thank You, Evan Bosaw

## Fall 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



\*Pastor's Bible Study (Study on Book of Psalms) on Wednesday Nights at 6:00 pm

## MINISTRIES UNLIMITED

If you know someone that could be blessed this Christmas season, **please submit all their information by November 19.** The information must be called in to 618-505-5053.



**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.

## Women's Guild Fundraiser

See a Women's Guild member for Rada Cutlery *Many items in stock!!*

PECANS \$12/BAG



# Thank You!



Thank you to all of our volunteers for keeping the wheels moving at Friedens. You are all appreciated!!

Dear Pastor & Monica, Pastor Tim, you did a great job on both the rehearsal and wedding ceremony. The sanctuary was very nice. We were all pleased. Thank you very much Pastor Tim & Monica. Love Adeline

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 mail to the address names of families Emma's a family's commas who may not otherwise have a nice Christmas, may also be submitted to any of the pastors or MUMU and sealed envelope and will be kept confidential names must be submitted no later than November 19th as we hope share Joy and love with others made the timeless message of Christmas fill your heart with special joy in love any assistance you can provide will be sincerely appreciate it!



## 2022 Illinois South Conference Annual Meeting



I attended the 2022 annual meeting of the IL South Conference (of the United Church of Christ), held in Collinsville Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. I represented our Troy Friedens congregation. The theme of the meeting was "Love is Greater Than Fear", and a terrific music group called "The Many" (from Chicago) led us in many things.

I served on a Conference team this past Spring. We wrote a covenant suggesting the conference become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaged) for people with mental health challenges and their families. Our resolution was approved, and coordinated resources will become available for our churches.

The Conference exists to make local churches stronger. I found some great connections between what we do here at Friedens and the annual meeting. Remember the book "Warm Fuzzies and Cold Pricklies"? We got pieces of cloth at the conference annual meeting that were similar to warm fuzzies. We each tied a cloth strip to another person's wrist to remind us that "You are not alone. I am not alone. We are not alone." Don't forget- "Love is Greater Than Fear". I hope more Friedens people will attend the Conference's March 4 "Day of Discipleship" in Alhambra with me.

-Carolyn Catalano



**Raffle tickets are For Sale!!**

**DRAWING NOVEMBER 5TH**

**So many great items up for grabs.**

**Make sure to get with a Women's Guild Member to get yours today!!**

**MISSIONS**  
**December**

**UCC Retired Ministers Fund**

*January—Troy Transient Fund*

*February—One Great Hour of Sharing*

*March—Got Your Six Support Dogs*

## Remember our Shut-Ins

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



**1st Annual Festival of Trees!**

**Showing Time**

**Friday, December 2nd**  
12:00pm-8:00pm  
**Special Guest: Santa Claus**  
5:00pm-8:00pm

**Saturday, December 3rd**  
12:00pm-8:00pm

**Sunday, December 4th**  
1:00pm-4:00pm

**Special Guest: Santa Claus!**  
Friday, December 2nd  
5:00pm-8:00pm  
FREE

**WHAT** Come Out & Celebrate Our First Annual Tree Festival

**WHERE** Friedens United Church of Christ

**WHEN** December 2nd-4th

**CONTACT** Phone: (618) 667-6535  
Email: [friedens@friedensucc-troy.org](mailto:friedens@friedensucc-troy.org)

We are hosting a **Festival of Trees** this Christmas Season in our Fellowship Hall. We would like for any Business, Company, Civic organization, or Social group to decorate and donate a tree or wreath to be displayed in our Fellowship hall the first weekend in December. During the first weekend in December, the public will be invited to tour the display and have the opportunity to enter a raffle for the tree(s) of their liking. All proceeds from the raffle will go to Triad Strong.

The dates allotted for drop-off and decoration are Nov 26<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup> and the dates for public viewing will be Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>. Santa Claus will be available on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Individuals and church groups/teams can also participate by decorating a tree.

You can email the office for more details.

**Newsletter**  
**December**  
**25**  
**Deadline**



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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

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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
Eric Bosaw	Church Growth & Evangelism
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