

## A note from Pastor Tim

### Answering our “Why?” Question!

I was reading an article about a preacher in Atlanta, several years ago, who noticed in the restaurant’s section of the Yellow Pages, an entry for a place called “The Church of God Grill”. The peculiar name aroused his curiosity, and he dialed the number. A man answered with a cheery, “Hello! Church of God Grill!”

The preacher asked how that restaurant had been given such an unusual name, and the man said: “Well, we had a little mission down here, and we started selling chicken dinners after church on Sunday to help pay the bills. Well, people liked the chicken, and we did such a good business, that eventually we cut back on the church service. After a while we just closed down the church altogether and kept on serving chicken dinners. We kept the name we started with, and that’s “The Church of God Grill.”

This is perhaps a humorous story but there is an uncomfortable truth underneath. Sometimes we can be so busy as a church, doing activities that we don’t have time “to do ministry”. Something seems to be wrong with this picture. It usually boils down to the fact that someone is failing to ask the “Why?” question. Why as a faith community are we choosing to do the activities we do? Are we ultimately building up the Kingdom of God or something else? As a faith community, what is our ultimate purpose and goal in honoring God and God’s will?

Our programs and ministries can become sacred cows. Maybe they were once the pet project of a particular member or a group of members, alive or deceased. The thought of eliminating the non-functional ministry started by a charter member of our congregation years ago is unthinkable.

Even a good ministry may not be the best use of time for a church. Thought may not be given to whether there might be other ministries that could be more effective and more appropriately fit the mission and vision of the church. When we respond with “Silo behavior” among the different ministries of the church, we can hurt other ministries in the church and spread our volunteers too thin.

In the coming days, Friedens church leadership and its ministry teams will be reflecting on the important “Why” questions of our church and building budgets to accompany these goals. Questions like: Are we a facility-centered ministry only? Or do we consider ways to do ministry outside the walls of our church? What ways can we create a welcoming and hospitable environment so people will feel Christ’s love and presence when they enter our building and encounter us? Are we willing to sacrifice our own “great ideas” for goals that will fit the overall mission and direction of our church? It takes courage for leaders to look at the busyness of a church and say “no” or “enough”. It takes courage to move out of our comfort zones and trust in God’s Spirit to lead us!

I know that we will be navigating these waters together in the coming days! I pray God continues to remain at the center of our “Why?” question in all we do and plan!

Blessings,



Pastor Tim



- 1 Nicole Magac
- 3 Cindy Borowy  
Tammie Molohan
- 4 Spencer Hoppes  
Devin Williams  
Danielle Overbey
- 6 Sandy Poletti
- 8 Christopher Ellis  
Mackenzie Hall  
Amira Joy Andreas
- 11 John Deloney
- 12 Jon Hoppes  
Sophie Gianaris
- 13 Laurie Manwaring
- 17 Katlyn Gebhart  
Grayson Ellis
- 18 Jennifer Gianaris  
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- 19 Diane Seymore
- 20 Tim Harrison
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- 22 Carrie Andreas  
Jamie Hickam
- 23 Jimmy Hunsdorf
- 24 Roy McMillin
- 28 Julie Loehring  
Patrick Ruger
- 29 Dale Mollet
- 30 Don Turner

## WORSHIP BACK IN SANCTUARY BEGINS

**\*\*SEPTEMBER 4, 2022\*\***

### *On the Calendar*

Quilting Circle – 9:00am Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday.  
(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

Aug. 28 – Council Meeting

Sheltered Reality 4:30 pm

Sept. 5 – Office Closed. Have a great LABOR DAY!!

Sept. 11 – Sunday School Kick Off!!

Womens Classes Sunday at 9:00 am

Children's Classes 10:00 am

Rummage Sale Drop off Begins **after 3:00 pm**

Sept. 12 – Team Budget Due

Sept. 16 – Rummage Sale 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Sept. 17 – Rummage Sale 8:00 am - Noon

Sept. 22 - First Day of Autumn

Sept. 23 – Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 pm

Sept. 24 – Literski/Leigh Wedding 2:00 pm

Sept. 25 – Council Meeting – Budget Review

Sept. 27 – Women's Guild Meeting 1:00 pm

Oct. 1 – Hall Rented – *Klaustermeier Family*

Oct. 2 – Sausage Dinner – No Worship



**USHERS THIS MONTH**

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> – Laura Lally & Deb Byrd


Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – Larry Bliss & Lloyd Bliss

Sept 18<sup>th</sup> – Laurie Meyer & Wendy Porter

Sept 25<sup>th</sup> – Gwen Bosaw & Sue Hanks

ATTENDANCE

Date	#	Live
8/7	80	8
8/14	71 <sup>(12 pets)</sup>	17
8/21	68	7
8/28	74	na

**Confirmation**  Is your child, grandchild or family member entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade? It is time to get them signed up for Confirmation classes. Please contact Pastor Tim to make sure we have you set up to join us. Confirmation Begins



**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>

# Friedens Sausage Dinner DESSERT REQUEST

**We are in need of 1200+ pies, cakes, brownies (desserts)**

*(Please call Cindy Westfall for desserts needed 618-973-9361)*

**PIES REQUESTED: APPLE, CHERRY, PECAN, PUMPKIN,**

**CAKES REQUESTED: ANGEL FOOD, TEXAS SHEET, WHITE, CHOCOLATE**

\*\*\*We are also in need of plastic containers to store food as we prepare dishes; cool whip & cottage cheese containers work well.

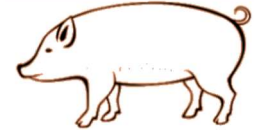
**Pies/desserts can be delivered on Saturday morning or Sunday morning, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, no later than 9:30 a.m.**



**September 4<sup>th</sup>**

**October 9<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.



**Friedens Sausage**

**Dinner**

**October 2, 2022**

**11:30 am – 5:30 pm**

**Drive Thru Only**

## MISSIONS

September

**Refuge with Riverbend  
Family Ministries**

October—St. John's Community Care

November—Ministries Unlimited

December—Retired Ministers

Try our online giving system

**VANCO**

**FAITH**

Please call the office if you have any questions!



**Raffle tickets are For Sale!!**

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

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



Please contact the office or Pastor Tim to schedule baptisms.



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.



### Women's Guild Fundraiser

See a Women's Guild member for Rada

Cutlery & PECANS \$12/BAG

*Many items in stock!!*



**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.

### **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

10:50 am (approx.) Children return upstairs for closing Worship time

\*Pastor's Bible Study (Study on Book of Psalms) on Wednesday Nights at 6:00 pm Beginning Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>





# A word from our Teams

## Missions –

Mission of the month for September is Refuge with River Bend Family Ministries. Refuge works to prevent childhood exposure to violence and abuse through direct therapeutic work with families, supportive services for child-serving organizations, and community-wide prevention education.

For further information or referral:

Phone: (618) 251-9790 ext 203

Email: [info@refuge4kids.org](mailto:info@refuge4kids.org) [www.refuge4kids.org](http://www.refuge4kids.org)



**Missions Next meeting is scheduled for August 31 at 4:00.**

## Faith Formation –

The Faith Formation team held a Family Craft night in July and had around 35 people attended. We have been prepping for Rally Day on September 11. The theme is S'more Time with God and will have a camping vibe. We are also planning for the upcoming Sunday School year. We are very excited about the new format and time and hope more children are able to attend Sunday School.

**Next Meeting is TBD**

## Building and Grounds –

The Building and Grounds team had a very busy and productive summer. In late June, they started the sanctuary renovation. They spent many hours tearing down and rebuilding the altar area, tearing out carpeting, removing pews and other structures, and restoring walls. Pastor Tim, Eric Bosaw, and Terry Persell created the vision for the project and the team and their helpers worked together to make it happen. Many thanks for those who gave their time (100 or more hours each); Pastor Tim, Eric Bosaw, Dennis Westfall, Rick Smith, Doug Brendel, Jim Galaske, and Ron Harbison. It was definitely a group effort and working together they made decisions in an open and cooperative way and built a camaraderie in the process. It was a truly great example of a loving church community working together.

**Next Meeting TBA**

## Food Team:

Help needed with Sausage Dinner and desserts needed. To help with dinner call Donna Bingham to help with desserts call Cindy Westfall.

**No meeting planned.**

## Security Team-

We are looking for members to make up the safety/security team for our church. We will be establishing the safety/security system based on the framework from the Friedens General Synod website. The Friedens website framework was taken from FEMA so we will have a solid base to work from. It is important that we have plans in place for all emergencies.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Pastor Tim or Rick Smith (618-225-7122).

## Membership and Fellowship Team-

July 10 Concert (Paul Jarvis) 45 people present. August 14 Concert over 70 people in attendance...several from the community and lots of dogs.

May plan a repeat performance during the holidays!

Winter Speaker Series: Topics discussed for the series: Local history, financial planning, Parenting topics, Current scam protection, Interfaith connections, etc.

Coffee House/Welcome Area in elevator entrance beginning Sept. 11 (Rally Day).

**Next meeting...Sept. 6 at 10:00.**



**September 12<sup>th</sup> – Finished Budget due**

**September 25<sup>th</sup> – Council Budget Meeting**

**\*October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Congregational Meeting**

**\*After 10:00 am service**

## **\*\*CAN YOU HELP\*\***

Hiring Positions:

- Nursery Attendant

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Open Council Positions
- Church Newsletter

Boards not reported:

- Church Growth & Evangelism
- Stewardship & Finance
- Technology
- Staff Team Parish

**FRIEDENS KIDZ**

**Friedens Sunday School is BACK!!** We are beginning our new times for Sunday School (ages 6 yrs through 6 grade) and Worship for FALL RALLY DAY on Sunday, September 11 at 10 am! We hope you will make plans to join us! There will be a campfire theme for that day for Sunday School and we will all begin upstairs in the Sanctuary for a few minutes before the children head down for Sunday School. An adult Women's Sunday School class, led by Georgia Wilkins, will begin at 9 am every Sunday morning beginning September 11th in the first classroom off the fellowship hall. Pastor Tim will be holding an adult study on the Psalms on Wednesdays at 6 pm beginning September 21st.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
KICK-OFF**

WELCOME BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!  
**S'MORE TIME WITH GOD**



**SAVE THE DATE:**

**SEPT. 11, 2022**

GAMES ACTIVITIES  
MUSIC SNACKS

# Friedens Faith Family Cardinals Game



Don't forget to like us on FACEBOOK

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



Sending many thanks for cards and calls during my stint in the hospital. Couldn't figure if I wanted to leave or stay. Hopefully I'm out for a long time! It'll take some time to get back to the new norm. Thank you for prayers for George and myself.  
Diana and George Bauer.



Drop off begins:

Sunday Sept. 11 **after 3pm**

Sept. 16 - 3pm to 6pm

Sept. 17 – 8am-noon

## Congregational Meeting October 23

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



	July 2022	YTD
Income	\$17,264.73	\$157,281.34
Expense	\$20,004.71	\$162,842.32
	<b>-\$ 2,739.98</b>	<b>-\$5,560.98</b>
	<b>July 2021</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Income	\$27,858.49	\$154,797.11
Expense	\$17,343.41	\$ 99,924.88
	<b>\$10,515.08</b>	<b>\$ 54,872.23</b>



Thank you to all who helped with the Troy Summer Lunch Program.

From volunteers, monetary donations to product donations and spreading the word, we are grateful for your help in making this summer another successful one!!

**Member Donations** - \$ 500.00

**Outside Donations** - \$1,000

Ministries Unlimited (given to each participating church)

**Expenses** - \$1,709

**Lunches Served** - 3,572 (925 more than 2021)

**Avg Daily lunch distribution** – 72/day

**Totals Lunches Given**

2168 – Meadow Park      1404 – Library

**Restaurants who discount**

Kelly's Market    Troy Frozen Foods      Taco Bell

McDonalds      Casey's Rt. 40

**For their donations:**

Julie Mears DVM    Keller Farms    Energy Football Club

**Churches involved**

Friedens United Church of Christ      Pathway

Troy United Methodist      Bethel Baptist

St. Jerome Catholic      Pentecostals of Troy

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**Member Volunteers - Thank you all for your time & support of this program!!!**

Karen Ferguson, Kurt Sachtleben, Georgia Wilkins, Ron & Sandy Harbison, Denise & Damon Willis, Kat Spears

***Due to the need of this program, we are always accepting donations and we are already planning for 2023. Please contact Karen or Monica if you would like to join in on our fight to stop hunger.***

Thank you to McKendree University Volunteers and Building & Grounds for all their hard work on Church Cleanup Day on August 20<sup>th</sup>! Thank you to Pastor Tim for the connection to wonderful help!



**Chapel Dedication Service:**

On August 31<sup>st</sup> Friedens UCC-Troy, attended a service of dedication for items we donated to Eden Village in Glen Carbon. 4 members of Friedens are residents of Eden Village, so this was a very sentimental addition to their newly started Chapel. Thanks to Sonja P, Eden’s Social Programs Director, the Friedens Building and Grounds Team (and other volunteers) for their hard work, and to Ginny Bailey for connecting Sonja with Monica to make this all come together.



**Bell & Choir Rehearsals**

Greetings, the time for Bell Choir and our newly formed Vocal Choir to begin is here. I would like to encourage any individual 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. Our first rehearsal will be on August 22nd. In addition, 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



Pastor’s Study will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning on October 5<sup>th</sup> 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?” It is designed to be an 8-week study focusing on themes like:

- *How can we trust God with all our emotions: grief, anger, praise, fear, and hope?*
- *How did the people of Israel use the Psalms in worship?*
- *How can the Psalms strengthen your prayer practices?*

You are invited to sign up or just show up for these Wednesday evening gatherings. I am looking forward to our journey through the Psalms together this fall!

*Pastor Tim*

# 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

Jim Bailey 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

## Cedarhurst of Highland

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



October 2nd, 2022 from 11 am to 5 pm. Our Fall Festival is only possible because of the efforts of countless volunteers. They bake, promote, stitch, recruit, decorate, set up, take down, drive, lead, greet, direct, park, deliver, clean, serve and dedicate hours and hours to make it all happen. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact the DuBois Center office at 618-787-2202

[dcinfo@duboiscenter.org](mailto:dcinfo@duboiscenter.org) ASAP.



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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 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

September

**25**

Deadline



**SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTES**

Text: **FriedensUCC**

To: **84576**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28 10:00 am Worship Rally Day Meeting 4:30pm Sheltered Reality Practice</p>	<p>29 9:00am Quilters Circle 9:00am OPS - Taking Off Pounds Sensibly 5:30pm Girl Scout Parent Info Night</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Mission &amp; Community Meeting 9:00am Quilters Circle</p>	<p>1 Mery Kay Event Staff Team Parish Meeting</p>	<p>2 Rally Day set up begins 9:00am Quilters Circle</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 10:00 am Worship</p>	<p>5 <b>Labour Day</b> 9:00am Quilters Circle 9:00am OPS - Taking Off Pounds Sensibly</p>	<p>6 10:00am Membership &amp; Fellowship Meeting</p>	<p>7 9:00am Quilters Circle</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 9:00am Quilters Circle</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 10:00 am Worship 11:30am Rummage Sale Drop off Begins</p>	<p>12 Choir (8pm) Bells (7pm) Practice Budgets Due Girl Scouts #959 9:00am Quilters Circle 9:00am OPS - Taking Off Pounds Sensibly</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 9:00am Quilters Circle</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 9:00am Quilters Circle 3:00pm Rummage Sale</p>	<p>17 9:00am Rummage Sale</p>
<p>18 10:00 am Worship</p>	<p>19 9:00am Quilters Circle 9:00am OPS - Taking Off Pounds Sensibly</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 9:00am Quilters Circle</p>	<p>22 <b>First Day of Autumn</b></p>	<p>23 9:00am Quilters Circle 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>24 2:00pm Utersky/Leign Wedding</p>
<p>25 10:00 am Worship 11:30am Council &amp; Budget Meeting</p>	<p>26 9:00am Quilters Circle 9:00am OPS - Taking Off Pounds Sensibly</p>	<p>27 1:00pm Womens Guild Meeting 5:30pm SU 109 Leader</p>	<p>28 9:00am Quilters Circle</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 9:00am Quilters Circle</p>	<p>1 8:00am Klausmeier Family Event</p>



# FRIEDENS

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

207 East Center Street

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



## Meet Our Staff

Rev. Tim Harrison	Pastor
Monica Hunsdorf	Administrative Assistant
Peter Coppens	Cemetery Sexton
Kayla Mitchell	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

## 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
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