

February 2023



Pastor Tim's Reflections

As we enter the Season of Lent.....

The season of Lent is all about the faithful reflecting on our need for self-examination and confession as a part of our preparation for the power of Easter's resurrection! It involves our examination of the experiences we encounter in the human deserts of our lives, thirsting for Christ, our living water. It is a season of prayer and fasting which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22 with a jolt as we confront our own mortality, and physically feel the mark of the cross in black ashes on our foreheads. These ashes reflect death and sin but also the dark, protective, nurturing womb, where hidden growth is happening and new life awaits Easter morning.

As we think about ways that we can prepare for the empty tomb, I invite you to consider ways to see your fasting, not just in terms of giving up some particular food, but consider it in terms of your thoughts and actions. I have appreciated the following ten suggestions for Lent that Pope Francis offers!

TEN SUGGESTIONS FOR LENT!!



1. Fast from **HURTING WORDS** and say **KIND WORDS**.
2. Fast from **SADNESS** and be filled with **GRATITUDE**.
3. Fast from **ANGER** and be filled with **PATIENCE**.
4. Fast from **PESSIMISM** and be filled with **HOPE**.
5. Fast from **WORRIES** and **TRUST IN GOD**.
6. Fast from **COMPLAINTS** and contemplate **SIMPLICITY**.
7. Fast from **BITTERNESS** and fill your heart with **JOY**.
8. Fast from **SELFISHNESS** and be **COMPASSIONATE** to others.
9. Fast from **GRUDGES** and be **RECONCILED**.
10. Fast from **WORDS** and be **SILENT** so that you can listen.

(*Pope Francis thoughts on Lent)

May this Season of Lent and Easter be filled with a sense of renewal and inward growth so that we may experience the true joy of resurrection!

On the Journey Together!

Pastor Tim



- 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
- 25 Finnley Rea
- 27 Debra Gebhart
Jennifer Barker
- 28 Linda Grotfendt
- 29 Karly Hildenbrand
Lyle Willimann

On the Calendar

Confirmation Classes – 2:30 – 4:00 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

Feb 1 – Classic Friedens Event 10:00 am

Feb 5 — Communion Sunday

Mission Speaker from SOS Collinsville Soup Kitchen

150th “Memory Lane” Meeting (See Amy S)

Feb 7 - Membership & Fellowship meeting 7:00 pm

Feb 8 – Faith Formation Meeting

Feb 11 – Team Appreciation Event

Feb 12 – Youth Bowling Event at SIUE 11:30 am – 2:30 pm

Feb 14 – Happy Valentine's Day

Feb 16 – Speaker Series “Speaker Series “Jarvis Township History and Folklore” Speaker: Kevin Kaegy a Jarvis Family Descendent

Feb 19 – Finance Meeting 11:00 am

Feb 20 – Happy Presidents Day!

Feb 22 – Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm

Feb 26 – Council Meeting

Feb 28 – Womens Guild Meeting 1:00 pm

March 1 – Pastor Tim's Lenten Study 6:00 pm -8:00 pm

March 3 – World Day of Prayer

March 4 - ISC-UCC Day of Discipleship Alhambra Salem UCC



Winter Sunday School & Worship Schedule:

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 Children go to Sunday School after Children's Sermon



February 5th
March 5th

ATTENDANCE

Date	#	SS	Live
1/1	52		
1/8	77		
1/15	100	10	
1/22	101	12	
1/29	90	8	



2/5 – Larry Bliss & Lloyd Bliss

2/12 – Dennis & Cindy Westfall

2/19 – Laura Lally & Deb Byrd

2/26 – Sandi Zipprich & Linda Persell

Please arrive 30 minutes prior to

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



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



A word from our Teams

Mission & Community –

Feb mission is St. John's Soup Kitchen. Remember our 150th project is Lift Up Friedens. Can you spare \$1.00 a week for the Lift Jar? Out next meeting is Feb. 9 @4:00.

DECEMBER MISSIONS FINAL:

\$ 20.00 Ministries Unlimited
 \$992.50 Collected for retired Ministers UCC fund
\$992.50 Matched
 \$ 1985.00 Final Total

NEXT MEETING: January TBD

Security Team -

We reviewed the revised Congregational Emergency Response Plan (ERP) and discussed issues that needed to be added. In addition to our meeting of 01-13-2023, we held a meeting with Kelsie Parrish on 01-20-2023 to discuss the ERP for child safety and what to do in the event of a missing or abducted child. A final meeting will be held on the changes to Emergency Response Plan documents at the next team meeting. Claudia and Jim are working on making a video of the inventory and will be working on the scripts of the three videos we will be making for the Emergency Response Plan. The team will assist in their efforts.

Also discussed were security cameras, Exit signs, AED status, IT ERP status, Cemetery ERP status, First Aid kit status, and changes to the Church Evacuation Maps.

In order to investigate upgrading the door security system, a zoom meeting was held with the company representative of the door security system Openpath.

Faith Formation -

Next Meeting: February 8

Boards not reported:

Food Team
 Church Growth & Evangelism
 Staff Parish Relations
 Building & Grounds
 Technology
 Worship

Stewardship & Finance - Next Meeting Feb 19

Membership & Fellowship:

The Music Ministry is going well with Carolyn and Audrey making plans for regular visits and sing alongs at Eden. Dori and Georgia are also working with Carolyn to set up visits to shut ins and not so shut in folks!

The Dessert and Coffee Speaker Series was off to a good start in January, and we are looking forward to our next speaker Kevin Kaegy a Jarvis family decedent prepared to fill us in on the History and Folklore of Jarvis Township on Thursday February 16 at 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall.

We are happy to welcome Dennis and Debbie Kniser and Sandy Nissen onto our team! Looking forward to serving with them on upcoming events. Look for them as greeters at the Coffee Stations as well!



The 150th Anniversary Committee is busy with plans for our upcoming picture sorting day on Sunday Feb. 5th after church. Please contact Amy Schroeter for more information.

We also plan to set up various opportunities for you to share your histories, memories, and hopes for the future of Friedens by way of interviews and some old fashioned "Kaffeeklatsches" Coffee Klatches!

VISITING EDEN VILLAGE

Audrey Deeren (piano) and Carolyn Catalano (violin) visit Eden Village occasionally to lead sing-alongs with Friedens members, Audrey's relatives, and other interested independent living residents. Audrey's brother Merrill Ottwein helps set this up and lead songs. Last fall they led a group hymn sing and handed out small items to be used in personal prayer times such as palm-sized olive wood crosses from the Holy Land. Recently they led the group singing love songs of the 1930's and 1940's. Carolyn handed out papers with quotes about love:

Let us always greet one another with a smile, for a smile is the beginning of love. Mother Teresa

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7

Jesus replied, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'love your neighbor as yourself.' Matthew 22: 37-39

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 7th at 7:00 pm

Faith Forming Updates

Kelsie's Korner

Happy February! This new year has been off to a great start with Sunday School back up and running and our new programs being debuted. We are excited about all of the fun opportunities we have available for our children, youth, youngish adults, adults, and classic adults. Be sure to reach out for the most up to date information on events and classes! -Kelsie Parrish, Faith Formation Director, faithformation@friedensucc-troy.org

Children- Parent/ Guardian's Night Out- February 18

Drop off your kiddos at church on February 18th at 6pm for some Valentine's fun! We will have dinner, crafts, and games available as well as nursery care provided.

Youth- Bowling Event- February 12

Immediately following church service on February 12 we will share a meal together then travel to SIUE to play pool and go bowling. Don't let your child miss this brunch, bowling, and billiards fun!

Adults- Parent/ Guardian's Night Out- February 18

Join other parents, guardians, and adults at 6pm for some Valentine's fun while the kiddos hang out at church. More details about the adult portion of the evening will be announced soon!

Classic Adults- Classic Frieden's Wednesday- February 22

We will be having our second classic event on February 22 at 10:00am. Lenny will be back to lead a stretching class and we will enjoy more fellowship time together. Can't wait to see you there!



Wednesdays
6:00pm – 8:00pm



February 22 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm
& 5 Wednesdays in March 6:00pm

Join us for our "Family Lenten Study" for adults, youth and children from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Bible study will include a light supper.
(Baby Sitting Available on request)

Adult Topic: How the Bible Came to Be
Children & Youth Topic: The Bible is your Friend

DATES:

- Feb. 22**
- March 1**
- March 8**
- March 15**
- March 22**
- March 29**



December 2022 YTD

Income	\$40,932.70	\$266,561.50
Expense	\$20,976.54	\$276,158.27
	\$19,956.16	\$(9,596.77)

December 2021 YTD

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

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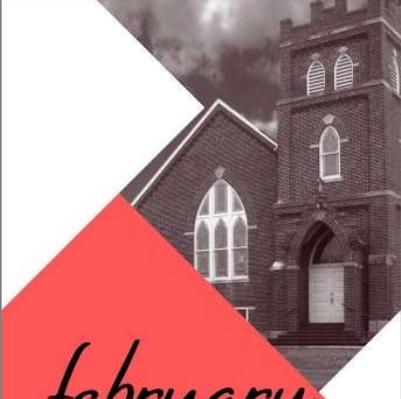


Parents' Night Out Event

18 FEB 6PM

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON

Children & Youth Adults & Parents



february
CLASSIC FRIEDENS WEDNESDAY

February 22,
@10:00am

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

February

2/5

Teachers: Kelsie & Tracey
Lesson: Loving everyone
Matthew 5:44

2/12

Teachers: Jenny & Sandi
Lesson: Generosity
Matthew 6:4

2/19

Teachers: Kelsie & Laurie
Lesson: Powerful prayer
Jeremiah 29:12

2/26

Teachers: Jenny & Kacey
Lesson: Giving worries to God
Philippians 4:6

WELCOME TO FRIEDENS' PROGRAMS

Children

Kindergarten - 5th Grade

- Sunday School 10am
- Fun events
- Special Programs

Contact: Kelsie Parrish
417.576.5455

Youth

6th Grade - 12th Grade

- Monthly service and fellowship event
- Seasonal studies

Contact: Kelsie Parrish
417.576.5455

Youngish Adults

Twenties

- Monthly dinner or fellowship event
- Seasonal studies

Contact: Kelsie Parrish
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Adults

- Monthly dinner or fellowship event
- Parents' Night Out Events
- Seasonal Studies

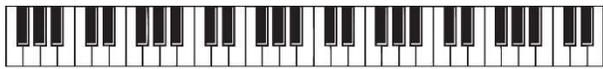
Contact: Jenny Ruger 618.977.3945

Senior Adults

- Classic Friedens Wednesdays (4th Wednesday of each month from 9AM-3PM)

Contact: Deb Spears 618.581.8830





Notes of THANKS

Thank you so much for remembering my 100th Birthday; I am very lucky woman to have known you all! My wish is that 2023 will be happy, healthy, & lucky year for you all.
Sincerely, Jean Webb

Dear Friedens,
Wow, what a year we have come through. The board of Riverbend Family Ministries thanks you for your commitment to support RFM so that we could continue to support families in crisis.
Your contributions of \$702 kept families in their homes. You helped keep power on in homes, so our kiddos had a chance to continue learning. You put families of addiction on a new path. You helped us make sure our most vulnerable littles were still able to have a place to feel safe. Many of these families had never had to ask for help before. However, because of you these lives changed. Again, we thank you and may your family continue to be blessed for your generosity and support throughout the year.
Sincerely, Tammy Iskarous

I would like to thank you, personally as well as on behalf of Ministries Unlimited, for the financial support you have given us the year.

Your generosity has enabled us to provide much needed food and basic needs for many families in the Troy, St. Jacob, and Marine area throughout the year. With your support, we provided weekly food baskets and Christmas baskets to the families we serve. Donations, such as yours, are a very welcome help in the on-going provision of items for those in our community who are in need.

Again, we thank you for your support and for assisting us in our mission of helping those less fortunate. Annual Contribution: \$590.00 Katherine Scheller, MU Director

Thank you to Tom Fischer for the use of his van in the transportation of the Israel team to the airport!

Thank you

Doug Brendel and our volunteers (Kat, Ron, Michele & Sandy N. for their help in keeping Friedens clean!
If you would like to help in any way, please reach out to Doug!



Please remember donations for the elevator fund must be noted on your check, envelope or Vanco transaction.
We hope you can help "LIFT" up our elevator upgrade needs.

MISSIONS

February

St. John's SOS soup kitchen

- March—Got Your Six
- April—One Great Hour
- May—DuBois Center
- June—Marion Medical Mission (Wells)
- July—Hitz and Hoyleton
- Aug—Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- Sept—Riverbend Family Ministries
- Oct—Triad Strong
- Nov—Ministries Unlimited
- Dec—UCC Retired Ministers



Sunday March 12, 2022
@ 2am

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



Stay Connected!!
SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTES
Text: **FriedensUCC**
To: **84576**



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*



FRIEDENS UCC COFFEE & DESSERT SPEAKER SERIES

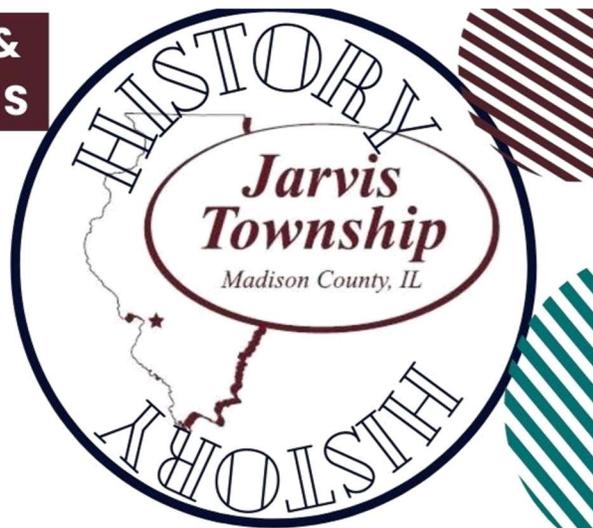
Thursday, February 16th 7:00pm

"JARVIS TOWNSHIP HISTORY"

Speaker:
Kevin Kaegy a Jarvis Family Descendent

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ENLIGHTENING EVENING WITH
STORIES OF HISTORY OF JARVIS
TOWNSHIP INCLUDING THE
UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

SAVE THE DATE

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
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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

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

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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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