



Friedens



Spring 2023 Newsletter

Pastor's Note

April 15, 2023

Signs of spring are everywhere. I love this picture of tiny sprigs pushing up through the cracks seeking new life and a chance to feel the sun's (Son's) life giving rays. As I reflect on Easter and resurrection, I see daily signs of God's creation at work bring new life and relationships into being. New energy and hope continue to rise as we gather each week for worship and prayer together! Children's voices ring with laughter and song reminding us of the preciousness of new life and how much we can learn from those with less experience but more ability to be vulnerable and open!

This Sunday, over twenty people will be making some kind of commitment to Christ and to Friedens UCC faith community as baptized new members and their families take important vows. My heart is full, as I contemplate all that God seeks to do in their lives and in this faith community as all of us together grow, making intentional room for all their gifts and voices! We continue to give thanks to God for others answering the call to "Come Grow With Us"!

I would invite you to join me in taking time to build new relationships and spiritual bonds with our new members and helping them find their own spaces and places here at Friedens UCC!

Happy Easter Season! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

- Pastor Tim



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UPCOMING

April

- 4.16- Membership Sunday
- 4.20- Speaker Series @7:00pm "Master Gardeners"
- 4.23- Baptism during service
- 4.23- Council meeting after church
- 4.26- Classic Friedens Day
- 4.30- Mentor & Confirmand Luncheon
Staff Parish Meeting

May

- 5.7- Communion, Graduate Sunday and Baptism
- 5.13- Tea Party 2:00pm - 4:00pm
- 5.14- Mother's/ Special Women's Day Breakfast
- 5.15- Rummage Sale Drop Off
- 5.19-5.20- Rummage Sale
- 5.21- Confirmation Sunday @10:00am
- 5.23- Women's Guild Meeting @6:30pm
- 5.24- Classic Friedens Day
- 5.25- Speaker Series @7:00pm "The 60's Chicks"
- 5.28- Pentecost Sunday @10:00am
- 5.28- Council Meeting
- 5.29- Memorial Day (OFFICE CLOSED)

June Sunday worship services @10:00am will be held in the park for month of June!

June Book Study- God, Scripture, and Sexuality

Led by: Pastor Tim and Hannah Schlemmer
When: 4 Sundays in June at 4 pm – 5: 30 pm in Conference Room at Friedens UCC (**Zoom option available for those unable to physically attend).
Resource: Book by Matthew Vines (provided) "God and the Gay Christian"
Focus: To offer a safe space for honest conversation on the Bible and Issues of Sexuality and Marriage



EVENTS

FRIEDENS UCC COFFEE & DESSERT SPEAKER SERIES

Thursday, April 20, 2023
7:00pm

"BENEFICIAL INSECTS: GARDEN WARRIORS"

Speaker: Bob Smejkal ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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LEARN ABOUT THE MOST COMMON BENEFICIAL INSECTS AND NEVER ACCIDENTALLY KILL A GOOD BUG AGAIN.

Tea Party

Saturday, May 13th
2:00 - 4:00 PM

Bring your favorite tea cup!

Friedens UCC
207 E. Center St. Troy, IL
Please RSVP by May 11th
618-667-6535

Free Will Donation

Friedens Classic Adult Exercise Class!

Wed. April 26 2023 10:00AM

Friedens UCC Fellowship Hall

EUCHRE FRIDAYS

Where: Fellowship Hall
When: Friday mornings at 10:00am in April
Contact: Marla Brown 618-444-8599 marla.j.brown1@gmail.com



Easter morning Hallelujahs!

CHURCH UPDATES

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Come grow with us!!

Worship Every Sunday 10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule:

9:00 am Coffee & Fellowship Hour

9:50 am Gathering Music in Sanctuary

10:00 am Worship begins (children in Kidzone)

10:15 am Children go downstairs for Sunday School after Children's Moment

11:00am Parents/ Guardians pickup children from Sunday School room downstairs

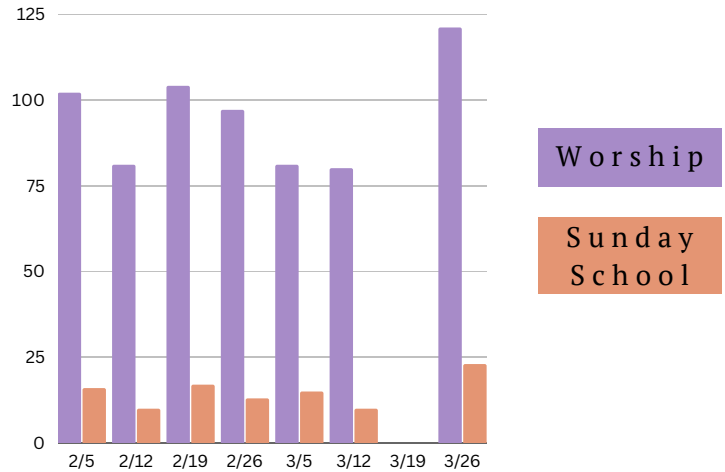
Sunday Morning Attendance

February Worship Total- 384

February Sunday School Total- 56

March Worship Total- 282

March Sunday School Total- 48



May Usher/Greeters

May 7 - Dennis & Cindy Westfall

May 14 - Fred Keil & Doug Brendel

May 21 - John Deloney & Kurt Sachtleben

May 28 - Laura Lally & Georgia Wilkens

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Visit our site to add your Prayer Request



FEB Operating Fund

Income	\$ 54,647.26
Expense	\$ 59,194.46
	\$ (4,547.20)

YTD Operating Fund

Income	\$ 73,791.68
Expense	\$ 83,165.98
	\$ (9,374.30)

MARCH Operating Fund

Income	\$ 18,826.74
Expense	\$ 22,891.50
	\$ (4,064.76)

YTD Operating Fund

Income	\$ 92,618.42
Expense	\$ 105,945.93
	\$ (13,327.51)

Worship

BY THE NUMBERS:

Lent Study- 15-20 adults weekly

Holy Week-All services averaged more participants than last year.

Membership Sunday- 6 families joined the church and 4 people were baptized!

Baptisms- We have at least 2 more infant baptisms scheduled in April and May

5/7
Graduate Sunday

5/14
Special Women

5/21
Confirmation Graduation

5/28
Pentecost Sunday



We are on the lookout for a regular piano accompanist and a Worship Team Chair!

NEXT MEETING- May 2023

TEAM UPDATES

KIDZONE

april & may



*We had such a fun time Easter egg hunting in April!
Last day of Sunday School is May 14th!*

Upcoming Events

We will have several children and family opportunities over the summer... stay tuned for more specific details!

june

Sunday morning worship in the park! Fun for the whole family (including pets!)



Children's Church 7/9 and Vacation Bible School Events

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Membership and Fellowship

MARCH-Trip To The Holy Lands

It went well with around 45 people in attendance! We were introduced to the geography, political nature, and biblical stories come to life by Pastor Tim, Danielle, Sandy N, and Emmanuel as well as some fellow travelers. Thank You to all the presenters and attendees!

APRIL- Beneficial Insects

At the next Speaker Series we will host Bob and Judy Smejkal, Master Gardeners from Troy. They will discuss the upcoming gardening season. It will be held on Thursday **April 20 at 7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.



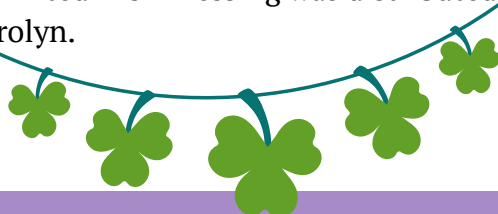
MAY- 60's Chicks

It has been moved to the last Thursday of the month, **May 25 at 7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We will be hosting The 60's Chicks! A local group of ladies who perform a medley of songs through out the ages! Come join us for an evening of entertainment and fun!

Thursday Speaker Series

Carolyn, Audrey, and Merrill Ottwein led a St. Patrick's Day sing-a-long at Eden on March 14. The residents as well as the performers had a great time singing a variety of old Irish tunes. A printed Irish Blessing was distributed by Carolyn.

The 150th Committee held a coffee klatch at Eden with several of the residents who are members of Friedens. It turned out to be a great time to share memories and reminisce about growing up in Friedens! The Sunday School Sandbox was a popular topic of discussion!



NEXT MEETING- Friday, April 7th at 3:00pm

-SHERRY SMITH

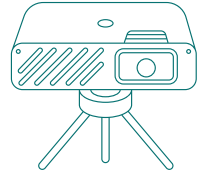
TEAM UPDATES

Building and Grounds

Down payment for **elevator** modernization made. Job will take at least a week sometime this summer.

Replaced the lamps in the sanctuary **projector**.

Received bids for replacing **boiler** but put on hold.



Received bids to upgrade the door entry system. The current **door entry system** is outdated. Will review and recommend one for council along with recommendations for additional security cameras, and EXIT signs.

Almost completed the **Emergency Response Plan**. Waiting for discussion with Troy Police on active shooting section. We videotaped training for members to be shown at service.

Purchased a new **AED** as the old one was expired.



SAFETY AND SECURITY Emergency Response Plan (ERP)

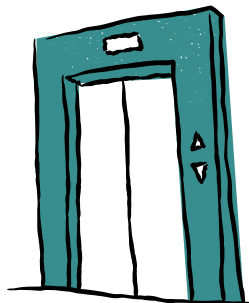
Part I Video Resources- Claudia Galaske developed the script for the first of two videos we are making to be shown to the congregation. Filming of the first ERP video is being done by Emmanuel Segbedzi. Doug Brendel is the video's narrator.

Part II Safety Manual- Michele Siebert is leading the effort for Part II of the Emergency Response Plan. The purpose of the manual is to ensure the safety and security of the people, property and grounds. It includes information on the Emergency Response Equipment, Supplies, Maps(location), Security Systems, property, communications, critical documents /systems / equipment / inventory, routine inspections, Cemetery, parking lot, sidewalks, etc.

Mission and Outreach

Our **SOS Soup Kitchen day** was a huge success and we have another scheduled in September!

On Sept. 9 we will be building beds at **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** in Fairview. Volunteers will be needed. More info to come.



Progress is being made on the Lift. We are approaching \$4000!

NEXT MEETING- Tuesday, June 6th at 10:00am

LET'S CELEBRATE!

Music for worship has been wonderful, involving the bells, adult and children's choir, and several special singers. Thanks to the Worship Decoration Team who did an outstanding job with making sure the Sanctuary was prepared for all these services!



Congratulations to all of the newly baptized and welcome to the new members of the Friedens family!



Spring Birthdays!

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| <p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1- David Whittington 2- Pat Smith 5- Sue Hanks 6- Carolyn Klaustermeier 7- Adam Jaonis 10- Linda Ingersoll 11- David Edgar
Mary Emmons
Chuck Toennies
Jennifer Estes 14- Krista Adelhardt
Otis Carver 15- Bud Adelhardt
Brian Weder 16- Gloria Mannz
Andrew Kassing 21- Irv Kassing 24- Carl Hoenig
Olivia Zipprich
Terry Meyer 25- Edwin Whittington 28- Kelsey Smith 30- Ron Klaustermeier
Laura Lally | <p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2- Jane Maedge 3- Marian Whittington 4- Chris Miller 5- Ruby Schultze
Betty Schiller 11- Wayne Ferguson 14- Kennedi Smith 15- Sandy Harbison
Taylor Whittington 16 - Ashley Brown 17 - Maleah Pohlman 19- Kendall Ruger 24- Abby Raymond 26- Tracey Berkemeier 27- Cindy Westfall 28- Cruz Wilson 29- Ryan Williams 30- Maddux Corey | <p>May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 - Zaire Williams 4- Gladys Huston
Logan Matz 9- Barb Toennies 10- Marla Brown
Joe Smith 11- Christian Bosaw 12- Mary Ellen Schwehr
Justin Whittington 15- Mary Ann Gaultney 16- Jason Barker 17- Eric Bosaw
Dennis Westfall 18- Kay Friederich
Sean Smith
Deb Spears
Josh Pohlman 20- Olivia Corey 26- Emily Toennies 27- Ron Harbison
Yvonne Kamm
Alexis Barton
McKenna Barton 28- Crystal Rea
Sandra Morton
Tanner Riden 29- Larry Wilson 30- Spencer Haller |
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Church Staff

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

Church Council

Council President -**Joe Smith**
Worship -**Danielle Harrison**
Mission & Outreach -**Marla Brown, Deb Brendel**
Faith Formation -**Kelsie Parrish, Jenny Ruger**
Building & Grounds -**Jim Glaske**
Security -**Rick Smith**
Janitorial -**Doug Brendel**
Membership Care & Fellowship -**Sherry Smith**
Church Growth & Evangelism -**Eric Bosaw**
Stewardship & Finance -**Jeff Estes**
Technology -**Claudia Glaske**
Food -**Donna Bingham**
Staff Parish Relations -**Sean Smith**
Women's Guild President -**Linda Persell**