



FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Hello All and Happy November,

I hope everyone is glad that we are back in church for our Worship services. Although it is good to be back, we are monitoring the COVID-19 numbers each week and if we feel that it is unsafe to be in church, we will let you know and cancel in-person worship if need be. Hopefully, it won't get to that point.

As we move into the coming weeks, we are getting a video recording system installed. This will replace the hassles of recording our services on cassette tape and also allow us to stream our services directly on social media. We will also be able to record special events such as weddings, etc. for people to see. As we get it installed and configured, I will give more details to the congregation.

I am pleased to see that everyone is wearing their mask when entering the church and during services. That is the best way to keep everyone safe. I know that there are some who are not attending our in-person worship services due to health concerns, and I respect their decision. We continue to pray for everyone, regardless of if they are with us in person or not.

As we enter the Advent season, we are looking at several different ways to worship and host community events. One change this year is that we are unable to have the Santa Breakfast as we have in the past. In its place, we will be having Santa Fest in the parking lot. We plan on having a food truck, petting zoo, hot chocolate, live nativity, pictures with Santa and more. Everything will be conducted with social distancing in mind and operated in as safe a manner as possible. This will be on Dec. 5th from 11:00 - 3:00. In case of bad weather, our alternate date is Dec 12th.

As always, the church appreciates your continued support through prayer, giving of your time, talents, and offerings. It is a blessing to have members who are dedicated to their church and the glory of God.

Until next time...Blessings!

Eric.



We have been using this for quite some time now and have had much success with informing members this way. We do not want you to miss out on important information we share with our congregation. Please sign up today.

Text the following: FriedensUCC To: 84576

Once you send that in, Flocknote will text you back a confirmation message AND another message with a link you'll need to click to complete the process.

If you have any issues, questions or concerns, please see Eric.

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6	Joey McDowell
8	Molly Toennies
14	Charles Brown
	Charles Gaultney
15	Kimberly Griffis
20	Swiss Kamm
21	Ronald Emmons
26	Amanda Corey
27	Megan Nungesser
28	Irma Clingenpeel



Welcome Back, Welcome Home!

We have been in the building for under a month now. It is very nice to have us in the same room and to worship together but for those who are not ready, I hope you are able to enjoy the streamed service on Facebook. If you are joining us for in person Worship or would like to join us soon, please see the regulations below.

Here are just a few things we ask for all to follow:

1.) Please wear a mask while in the building and around other members.

2.) **PLEASE NO DIRECT CONTACT WITH OTHERS.**

Feel free to wave and say hello from a distance. You may be comfortable with hugging someone, but they may not.

3.) **Sunday School starts at 9:00**

1st Service starts at 9:15 AM

2nd Service starts at 10:15 am

4.) **IF YOU DO NOT FEEL WELL, PLEASE STAY HOME!**



We have minimal inventory of Scrip Cards (restaurants only). Please contact Sandy H or Monica to purchase!!

DONATIONS NEEDED:



We have a box set up outside the office to assist with this urgent need of **SOCKS & UNDERWEAR** for Equipping the Called. Please feel free to drop off donations M-F 9a-2p or during service on Sundays. Any questions please contact the office.

Can you Help?



With the holidays right around the corner it is time to prepare for the season! We have purchased 96 advent candle kits so our members can experience the season with your own advent candles at home! We are asking for donations to go towards those expenses. *Thank you in advance!*



Attendance for September 2020:		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship 1st/2nd</u>
10/4	Online Service Only	
10/11	No Service – Sausage Supper	
10/18	19	30 / 50
10/25	14	23 / 40



Volunteers needed for Hanging *of the* Greens.

Please contact the office to sign up to make our church beautiful!

The CHURCH Office will be closed for visitors until further notice.



Mail, voicemails & emails are checked daily. Please leave a message if you need anything at all!

With the current epidemic, we are asking everyone to limit the office to only members and staff who are working and need to use the office area &/or the equipment. We wish we could converse and catch up like before, but we need to have a plan to protect each of us. Thank you all for understanding.

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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR TIM

The Toughest "Thank You" I have had to Utter

In this season of gratitude, I am reminded of an occasion when I had to offer the words, "Thank You" not because I didn't want to or because it wasn't deserved. Truth be told, I struggled to offer "Thank You" because of my pride and the realization that I needed help and couldn't do it on my own. It was a very difficult time in my life following divorce. I struggled financially to make ends meet and provide the basics for my three children. Christmas was coming but there was nothing in the bank to buy something special for them. I wasn't wanting to do much but I didn't even have enough to find something small. Out of the blue, an extended family member called to ask how the children and I were doing. He already knew a little about our struggle and he had called to offer a simple gift of money to help my children be able to experience Christmas in a small way that year. I was shocked and speechless. I didn't know what to say as tears came to my eyes. I finally managed to get out the words, "Thank You"! I have to honestly say, however, that they were difficult words to speak. The whole ordeal was a life lesson for me. We all have people in our lives to whom we owe a debt of gratitude for their compassionate actions and their examples of God's love.

This week we celebrated All Saints Sunday and we join in offering thanks for all those pioneers of our faith, past and present, who encourage and model for us a life of courage, hope, and faith. Later this month, we will celebrate in safe ways gathered around a table at Thanksgiving. These are important time markers of something we should be doing every day.....offering thanks! None of us can make it through this life journey on our own without help! Our lives even start with an assist in our mother's womb. Most importantly, it all begins with thanks to God for this life we are given and God's grace, mercy, and forgiveness that are daily and immeasurable!

Despite our struggles and circumstance, despite all our losses and failures, God continues to heal, reconcile, and love us! **Thank You God!** And "thank you" to all the many people in my life that have prayed for me, given me words of encouragement, and supported me in my darkest moments! I pray that neither my pride nor ego nor anything else will stand in the way of me always offering my gratitude to God and to them!

Have you offered thanks to God lately? Who else do you need to say "Thank You" too?

Pastor Tim



An Hour with Pastor Tim



Pastor Tim will be organizing "An Hour with Pastor Tim" every Wednesday. This will be posted on Friedens Facebook. We are looking for volunteers! If you are interested in having an interview with Pastor Tim or know someone who would be the perfect candidate, please contact the office.

Such a nice way to get to know your fellow members. Please tune in on Facebook every Wednesday to see each week's featured member.

~ Memory Lane ~



Board Members 2009



Teachers Training – March 24, 1924
Erna Engeling, Ida Bernhart, Leona Gebauer,
Flora Gebauer, Clara Pipe.
Front Row: Hulda Ottwein, Alma Geauber



Do you know a member that could use assistance with meals or groceries being delivered? We understand with the pandemic many of our members have been on 'lockdown' since the beginning in March. We want to help them, but we need you to do that. We are looking for a member/s to help head this mission and for names of members that would appreciate this service. List will be held in the office and emailed by request.

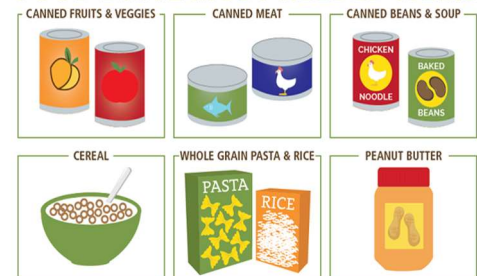


November



All donations given in November will be matched

FOOD DRIVE MOST NEEDED ITEMS



SAIT We have an abundance of canes, walkers & wheelchairs.



Do you know anyone who could benefit from one of these? Please contact the office to to setup a pick up time.



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Please see Yvonne



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SUNDAY School NEWS



We are so happy to be back in house with our kidz!

Parents, you can attend Worship while your children are in class. Sunday School begins at 9:00am and Worship Service at 9:15am or pick your children up from Sunday School and attend Worship as a family as you always have. I want to assure you that we are all following all safety requirements of the state. We take all children's temperatures as they enter the building. Hands are sanitized, everyone has their own container of supplies no one shares anything, and we are social distancing. The rooms are cleaned and sanitized each week as well. We want you to know you are important to us and we will do everything we can to keep everyone safe. If you have any concerns, please contact Stephanie.

We do not have a nursery attendant during Worship at this time. We hope to get back to normal just like everyone else. However, safety is of the most importance to us.



Santa Breakfast has been canceled this year however we will be having an outdoor event on **December 5th**! The Sunday School kidz voted and it will be called Santa Fest! Lots of fun activities for all including Santa photos and many photo props. You will be taking your own photos so do not forget your camera or phone. Live Nativity, Petting Zoo, come meet Louie the Camel, lots of characters, cocoa and cookies, a food truck, letter to Santa and a goodie bag for all children 10 & under. This event is FREE. December 5th 11-3 rain date December 12th 11-3. Fun for all ages, come join us!

Please sign up for FLOCKNOTES. This is a text message for all members in case of bad weather or numbers are too high for us to gather. Find information on how to do this on page 1 of this newsletter.

WE will NOT be having Sunday School December 27th or January 3rd. Please mark your calendars.



- + Would you be interested in leading a men's class?
- + Would you be interested in leading a young adult class?

If you're interested in any of these positions, please contact Stephanie.

We are open to all ideas! If you have one, please let us know!

Come join a fun GREAT team!

Stephanie



For more information
contact DuBois Center at
dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org
or 618-787-2202.



Dear Friend, We have many changes this year during this economic and health crisis. For a person or community to be whole and healthy, it must be based on people's love and concern for each other. no matter how small or how large your involvement is, you are important toward that success.

Once again, it is time to prepare for our annual Christmas drive. As we look forward to Christmas 2020, we anticipate another outpouring of grateful hearts for past blessings. While we have continually seen growth expressed in the amount of giving over the past years, we have also seen greater needs in our community.

The canned goods and monetary collections, which begin in many churches, schools and businesses during October, help fill a Christmas basket for each family. The monetary contributions are used to add turkey or ham and to maintain the pantry during the coming year. No deliveries will be made this year. Distribution will be at Bethel Baptist Church on December 19th as a drive-thru only.

This year, we will be purchasing gift cards for each family. **WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING TOYS AND GIFTS TO DISTRIBUTE.**

Checks may be mailed and made payable to Ministries Unlimited.

Names of families, who may not otherwise have a nice Christmas, may be submitted to any pastors or to Ministries Unlimited. Names will be kept confidential. Names must be submitted no later than November 22nd due to preparation & planning needs.

As we share hope and love with others, may the timeless message of Christmas fill your heart with special joy and love.

Any assistance you can provide will sincerely be appreciated. Thank you, Betty Cothran, Pantry Director 618-505-5053



Remember our Shut-Ins

Liberty Square (618) 667-8964

Adeline Burgess 204 Liberty Square, Apt. #22 Troy, IL 62294

Hitz Home (618) 488-2355

Mary Ann Ambuehl 201 Bell St. Alhambra, IL 62001

Eden Village (618) 288-5014

Geraldine Rock 200 South Station Road Apt #9225 Glen Carbon, IL 62034

Alhambra Care Center (618) 488-3565

Rosemary Rose 417 E Main St. Alhambra, IL 62001

Morningside of Troy

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

Elmwood Nursing & Rehab

Thelma Huston 152 Wilma Dr Rm# 206 Maryville, IL 62062

Liberty Village of Maryville(618) 288-3800

Sue Hoppes 6955 IL-162 Room#402 Maryville, IL 62062

Cards are available in the office. Contact Monica to set up a pickup time.

Forever in our hearts



JoAnn L. Longhi, 85, of Collinsville, IL born Tuesday, July 9, 1935 in Black Jack, IL and passed away on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at her home surrounded by those she loved.

JoAnn was a long-time member of Friedens United Church of Christ, Troy, IL where she sang in the choir and was a member of the Ladies Guild. She and her husband were co-owners of Longhi Apple Orchard and Fishing Lake. She was a member of TOPS, loved bowling, fishing, cooking and baking. She enjoyed making Teddy Bears for Heartland Hospice which she made and donated over 2000. Most of all she was a loving mom and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Longhi; her parents, Oswald J. and Irene (nee Gindler) Druessel; and a brother, James Druessel.

Surviving are her children, Karen (Sherri Gregson) Kronk of Troy, IL and Kathy Patton of Collinsville, IL; grandchildren, David, Michael and Jennifer Kronk, Dylan (Jordan) Patton, Emily Patton and Gabriel Gregson. Memorials may be made to Friedens Church, Troy, IL. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.Richesonfh.com

Graveside services at Friedens Cemetery, Black Jack, IL with Rev. Tarrah Vauoel officiating.



Dorothy L. Suter, 99, of Troy, IL, born September 25, 1921 in Troy, IL and passed away peacefully on Monday, October 5, 2020 at Highland Health Care, Highland, IL.

Dorothy was a long-time member of Friedens United Church of Christ, Troy, IL, where she was a member of the Ladies Guild. She supported the Troy Fire Department for many years where her husband, son and grandson have been very active. She worked in Dr. Edward Engleman's office, Troy, IL, for many years. Dorothy was very involved in her son Lee's schooling at ISD, Illinois School for the Deaf, Jacksonville, IL and was a member and volunteer at the Troy Senior Citizens. She loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gustiv E. "Gus" Suter; son Lee Alan Suter; parents, Louis H. and Lourine J. (nee Silva) Keck; and her sister, Ethel Loehring.

Surviving are her grandchildren, Tobey A. (Julia) Suter and Corey Suter both of Troy, IL, great-grandchildren, Tobey Jr., Wyatt Gustiv, Lillian Rose, Lane Edward, Dylan Francis and Cole Alexander Suter; and her daughter-in-law, Terri Suter of Troy, IL.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at RICHESON FUNERAL HOME, Troy, IL with Rev. Tarrah Vauoel officiating. Interment in Friedens Cemetery, Troy, IL



Thank you, Tom & Vicki Fischer, for your donation to purchase a new Santa suit & accessories!

What a wonderful donation for our Santa Fest!

Thank you to everyone for the phone calls, prayers, memorials & cards for mom. We appreciate everyone's thoughtfulness during this time.

~ The family of JoAnn Longhi

We have much to be thankful for at Friedens UCC. We have sooo many that use their time and talents to help Friedens. A big thank you to ALL of you!

Let's remember to thank others. not only at this Thanksgiving time, but all year long.

Blessings, Marilyn Wesselmann

Dear Members of Friedens UCC,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful gift of \$90.00 You are making a tremendous difference in the lives of the youth and families we serve on a daily basis. We provide shelter and safety for a child with nowhere else to go, counseling to a developmentally disabled teen struggling to understand the world around them, an education for a child with severe behavioral issues, and a number of community outreach programs for several other at risk groups and so much more. Since its conception in 1895, Hoyleton Youth and Family Services has continually expanded its commitment to people, young and old alike, who are in need. So much more than a donation, this gift stands for hope, love and a new beginning for the youth and families we serve. Members of Friedens UCC, we appreciate the faith you have in Hoyleton Youth & Family Services and again thank you for your support.

Sincerely, Alica Drobisch – Director of Philanthropy

A big, big thank you to Monica Hunsdorf, our church secretary, for ALL she does for Friedens.

I have always admired the attractive newsletters, bulletins/insiders and flyers we have been provided in the past but took a new appreciation for them earlier this year. I was asked to help out in the office while Monica was on medical leave. I started working with her in February and oh my.... what a surprise! She is the backbone of Friedens and excels in more than just secretarial duties. Due to the pandemic, she was unable to have her procedure so continues to make Friedens active during this rough year.

She is resourceful in making our attractive newsletters, bulletins/insiders, flyers for special events, our special bulletins for our Celebration of Life held on August 16 and most recently our All Saints Day held on November 1 and also created the screen presentation of our departed loved ones with outstanding results.

You are a very special talented employee of Friedens, Monica, and loved by many.

Thank you soooo very much,

Marilyn Wesselmann

SHOP -LOCAL-



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 and also a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MetroEastYardDice/>.

We are also part of Maryville Farmer's Market. I'm not sure if many of the members know about the market but it's a great resource, especially during this time. They've been having the markets a little different because of everything going on but it's been working out well. Until everything is more "back to normal" the market will be a drive thru and it's being held at Maryville Village Hall building on Thursday evenings from 5-6. The easiest way to find out information about what vendors will be at the market during a given week and what products that will be available is to follow the market Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MaryvilleILFarmersMarket/>.

They have then been posting an event each week that lists each vendor and what they have available. Orders are taken beforehand and paid for online. If you order something, you just drive up anytime between 5-6 pm on Thursday and pick up your order(s) from the vendor(s) without having to have contact with anyone or go into any stores for various meat or produce as well as other specialties. We've worked very hard the past couple of weeks to get a fairly smooth system going. ~ Lyle and Brenda W



STEPHANIE WILLIAMS
618-667-7001

~ YOUR LOCAL TRAVELING HAIRDRESSER ~
I COME TO YOU!
HAIRCARE FOR HOMEBOUND AND SHUT-INS



Newsletter submissions are due on November 25th for the December CR. You may e-mail them to: friedens@friedensucc-troy.org



Welcome to The Giving Tree, a gift, home decor and clothing boutique located on the downtown square in beautiful, historic Highland, Illinois.

We've got you covered from head to toe with cozy comforts! Great gift ideas, as well!!

Open Tuesday-Friday 10-5:30; Saturday 9-2:00.

Curbside pickup available.

FREE delivery in Highland. 654-2008.

Let The Giving Tree be your source for Christmas and every occasion!!

TGT is moving into 36 years servicing the Highland community and beyond. I grew up in this community and my heart is anchored here. I can't thank my loyal customers enough for supporting me throughout the years.

Hope to see you soon! Laurie Manwaring



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- Troy, O'Fallon, Granite City

618-667-8494 jharrison3@allstate.com

Operating Fund Activity**September 2020 YTD**

Income	\$13,905.28	\$172,235.65
Expense	\$18,377.41	\$132,611.59
	-\$4,472.13	\$37,624.06

Operating Fund Activity**September 2019 YTD**

Income	\$23,224.97	\$187,393.04
Expense	\$31,135.93	\$199,926.31
	-\$7,910.94	-\$12,533.27

Thank you to everyone for your continuation of donations!

COMMUNION 1ST Sunday of each month!!

The 1st Sunday of each month is our Communion Sunday. NOVEMBER COMMUNION WILL BE THE 2ND SUNDAY DUE TO ALL SAINTS DAY. We will have sealed juice & wafers for distribution.

**MONTHLY MISSIONS**

November & December

-Ministries Unlimited

All donations be matched

SAVE THE DATE

Friedens UCC SANTA FEST

FREE!
Donations Accepted

Saturday, December 5th

December 12, 2020 - reschedule date if needed

11am - 3pm

MANY FUN ACTIVITIES

- ~ Letters to Santa
- ~ Petting zoo. Come meet Louie
- ~ Meet & greet Frosty, Rudolph & their friends



Goodie bags for
children 10 and under!



Food Truck will have food
available for purchase



Complimentary
cocoa & cookies



Live Nativity Scene



Don't forget your camera!
Photos with Santa & his
sleigh and many other photo
opportunities



Beautiful Holiday
Music for all to enjoy

Due to COVID regulations
Masks are required for all participants.
Please practice safe social distancing.

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Join us on Facebook for live videos and recordings of Sunday Services at:



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



Rev. B. Tim Harrison	Pastor (fill-in)
Monica Hunsdorf	Secretary
Stephanie Williams	CE Director
Michael McVickar	Choir Director
Jim Galaske	Sound Operator
Eric Bosaw	Sound Operator
Fred Keil	Screen Operator
Claudia Galaske	Screen Operator
Diana Bauer	Women's Guild President



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Dennis Westfall	Property Board
Claudia Galaske	Property Board
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Kurt Sachtleben	At-Large



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Sundays
@9 am**

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