

**April 2026**

*Join Us for Worship!  
Sunday 9:00 am*



# The Friedens Messenger

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## Upcoming Events

### Kid's Corner

This month we finished our "God the Creator King" series, which focused on learning about how God created the Earth and His ultimate gift to us as sinners - salvation. The kids are working on understanding sin and that we are all sinners, which is why we need Jesus. We also launched a new series, "Jesus: God Who Saves" which will give us lessons on how Jesus is the only way to the Father and take us up to Easter. Thank you to the Friedens family for the continued support of our kids ministry!

- Fri. April 3 Good Friday Service 7:00pm
- Sun. April 5 Easter Service 9:00am, Communion, Coffee & Donuts, Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Bunny Photo Op
- Tues. April 7 General Election Fellowship Hall
- Thurs. April 9 Coffee w/ the Pastor 10:00am
- Tues. April 14 Council Meeting 6:30pm
- Weds. April 15 Dorcas Meeting 1:30pm
- Thurs. April 16 Coffee w/ the Pastor 10:00am
- Tues. April 21 Coffee w/ the Pastor 10:00am
- Fri. April 24 Red Cross Blood Drive 11:00am—5:00pm
- Sun. April 26 Celebration Band 9:00am
- Tues. April 28 Coffee w/ the Pastor 10:00am

## 2026 Church Council Officers

Jane Wilbas .....President  
 Linda Schneider.....Vice-President  
 Peggy Williams.....Secretary  
 Gloria Berrey..... Treasurer

## Our Church Staff

Jeremy Carr .....Pastor  
 Kelly Garrett-Fowler .....Office Administrator  
 Pam Bryant.....Bookkeeper  
 Peggy Williams ..... Church Organist  
 Amy Herbel ..... Children’s Ministry  
 Guy Schreck ..... Chancel Choir Director  
 Susie Rowan..... Praise Band Director  
 Bill Petersmeyer .....Bell Choir Director  
 Susie Rowan..... Accompanist  
 Ned Quest..... Accompanist

## Attendance

In person service only.

### March 2026

03/01 106  
 03/08 117  
 03/15 135  
 03/22 137  
 03/29 138

## Monthly Financial Report

<u>February</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Income	\$21,411.22	\$34,387.99
Expenses	<u>\$16,616.10</u>	<u>\$37,981.91</u>
Net Income	-\$4,795.12	-\$3,593.92

## Offerings by Month





*Dear Friends,*

*April begins with good news: death does not have the last word, God does--and it is a word of life, abundant and eternal life. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

*The best news of all is that this gift is not something that we can earn; it is a free gift. Scripture tells us: For God so loved the world (that is everyone in it) that he gave his one and only son (John 3:16). This gift of new life is for all of God's children, every single one. This good news is the gospel truth which we believe.*

*Easter is the celebration of the triumph of life over death, love over hate. May this Easter inspire you to give thanks for the gift of this new life and promise of eternal life and also to work for a world in which God's gift may be realized and celebrated by all of God's children, of every color, class, culture, and creed, everywhere. May it be so.*

*Grace, Peace and Joy,*

*Pastor Jeremy*



## **March 10, 2026**

- Pastor Jeremy will be starting the Clinical Pastoral Education Program in June. It requires 300 hours of clinical practice which he will be able to do at Friedens. This will be the first of 4 units.
- Several young people are interested in attending church camps at different places.
- The membership records are continuing to be updated.
- The scholarship information went to the school in February. An article about the scholarships will be in the April newsletter and also explained in the announcements.
- We are getting bids for a new keypad on the west entry door.
- Repairs are being made on the walls in the choir room and in the downstairs hallway.
- Mother's Day and Father's Day are being looked into as well as welcome bags for new members.
- The light switch in the nursery is being replaced.
- We are continuing to look into the downstairs bathrooms by the steps.

## Thank You

*Thanks to everyone who helped make the Lenten dinners such a huge success! Thanks to the cooks for all the delicious food, the people who got things ready, the servers, and the clean up crew! It takes a village and Friedens always pulls through when I ask for help. You guys are the BEST!*  
*Peggy Williams*

## Help is on the Way!

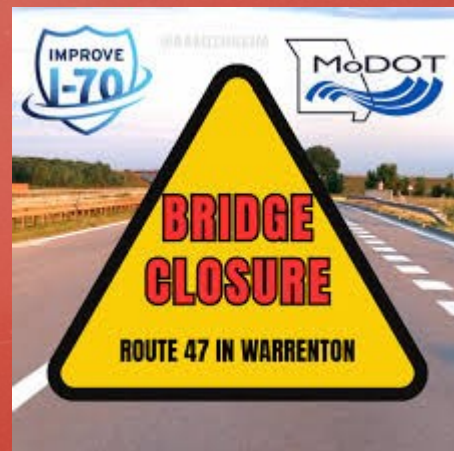
The Highway 47 overpass closure is an inconvenience to all of us. While it won't last forever, it could make things difficult for some of our Friedens family. Several members have agreed to be "runners" for anyone who needs help getting things from the "other side of the highway." We can do things like pick up prescriptions or groceries or run other errands. If this would be helpful to you, contact **Kim Moreau at 636-297-5902** and she'll arrange for someone to be your runner.

*1 Peter 4:10 says: Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

We hope you'll let those of us who have the time (and the patience to take the necessary detours) help out!

## Coffee with the Pastor

Remember to come and hang out with Pastor Jeremy for a casual visit on Tuesdays at 10:00



## **Scholarships**

Did you know that Friedens offers several scholarships to our graduating seniors?? The Raymond & Marie Sprick Scholarship is given to two students in the amount of \$5,000 each. The students needs to major in nursing, the healthcare field, teaching, agriculture, conservation area, or attending trade school.

There is also the Louis W. Gunther Scholarship which is given to two students in the amount of \$4,000 each. This is available to a student majoring in nursing, the healthcare field, teaching or attending trade school.

The third scholarship offered is the Isenmann Scholarship for \$4,000. This scholarship is for a graduate who plans to study nursing, health care, teaching, trade school or entering seminary or ministry.

These scholarships are made possible with the endowment funds left by these families. If you know someone who would be interested in filling out an application, please let the church office or Peggy Williams know.

### **DORCAS/WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

**March 11, 2026**

Dorcas/Women's Fellowship met on March 11. Our speaker was Pastor Jeremy, who talked about their fostering and adoption experiences.

The semi-annual blood drive will be on April 24, the group is planning a spring trip to Bellfontaine Cemetery and Arboretum on May 21, and the group discussed painting and sprucing up the fellowship halls. Quotes for painting will be sought. Linda Schneider and Kim Moreau were installed as members and Pat Mossop will be an honorary member of the group. Dorcas will host the mid-week meal on March 18.

As always, all women are invited to attend the monthly meetings! We have a short business meeting, a program presented by members, refreshments, and bingo. Our next meeting will be on April 8 at 1:30 p.m.

# April Birthdays

3—Holton Arnette

5—Eli Garrett

6—EllaGrace Carr

7—Autumn Koper

8—Angela Nordwald

10—Kamella Carr

13—Clinton Owenby

17—Claudia Kimbel

18—Kevin Ockerhausen

Bill Petersmeyer

21—Kathy Bade

24—Kristen Brockfeld

25—Jeff Butcher

Chris Jaeger

28—Helen Pherigo

If your birthday or anniversary is not appearing in the monthly newsletter, please let the office know those dates so we can add it.

# April Anniversaries

**Alan & Claudia Kimbel**

April 1 ~ 41 years

**Chris & Brooke Jeager**

April 1 ~ 11 years

**Melvin & Lena Mae Stiegman**

April 22 ~ 65 years

**Darrell & Joyce Dothage**

April 23 ~ 59 years

**Larry & Karen Corder**

April 25 ~ 45 years

**Tony & Jane Wilbas**

April 26 ~ 51 years

**Jeffrey & Janet Butcher**

April 30 ~ 49 years

# April Servants

## Ushers

Mark & Heather Schutte  
Steve & JoAnn Toerper

## Call to Worship/Liturgists

April 5 Hunter Holt, Nancy Wulff  
April 12 Zoey Wray, Karen Gentry  
April 19 AJ Koper, Jeremy Rowan  
April 26 Adele Lawler, Leslie Held

## Children's Church Volunteers

Karen Petersmeyer

## Acolytes

April 5 Kamella Carr and EllaGrace Carr  
April 12 Addie Koper and Zoey Wray  
April 19 James Thomas and Miles Jeager  
April 26 -

# Friedens Blood Drive

Join us and help save lives at Friedens UCC on **Friday, April 24, 2026**

**12:00pm – 5:00pm.**

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood, but only 3 percent of the U.S. population donates blood. That is why **Friedens is on a mission.**

You are invited to take part in this special event and donate blood for hospital patients in our neighborhoods and across the nation. The need for blood is constant. By rolling up a sleeve, donors can play a critical role in the treatment of accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease.

Donor eligibility guidelines change from year to year. If you have been ineligible to donate in the past, please check the updated requirements. Visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/how-to-donate/eligibility-requirements.html> or call the **Red Cross** donor eligibility number at **866-236-3276**, to find out if you meet the requirements.

If YOU are not eligible to donate, please pass this information on to a friend or family member and encourage them to make an appointment or drop by Friedens and give the gift of life.

To make an appointment or to learn more:

Call Paula 636-745-0888 or 636-359-1049

Visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**ALL donors MUST present a photo ID or Red Cross Donor Card at check-in.**

**Refreshments, including sloppy joe sandwiches and homemade cookies will be served to all donors.**

# Friedens Lily Fund Donations

## **A Lily was donated in Memory of:**

**Everett & Grace Mische, Albert & Edna Landwehr**  
by Melvin & Lena Mae Stiegman

**Gilbert Nordwald**  
by Sherry Nordwald and Family

**Loved Ones**  
by Guy Schreck

**Bob & Janice Toben, Steve & Pat Toben**  
by Derrick & Kim Moreau

**Our Parents and Sister**  
by Robert & Betty Singer

**Anna Mae Wulff, Alan & Kathy Wulff**  
by Milton Wulff Family

**Loved Ones**  
by Judy Sprick

**Phil Miltenberger, Clarence & Bea Sprick,  
Judge & Pat Miltenberger**  
by Brooke Jaeger

**Mom, Dad, Timmy, and Caitlin Desseree (my  
daughter)**  
by Larry Neuhaus

**Dr. Theo & Gertrude Brune, Homer & Marilyn Avis**  
by David & Phyllis Avis

**Steve Wilds** by  
Jeanenne Wilds & Family

**Loved Ones** by  
John Gerdeman Family

**Erwin Herbel** by  
Ellen Herbel and Family

**Linda Petersmeyer**  
by Karen Petersmeyer

**Willard Schroeder**  
by Bernice Schroeder and Family

**Russell & Lovell Buxton**  
by Janet, Jeanenne, Rita, Gail, Gary & Families

**Kim Wynn**  
by Jesse, Jeremy, Diane, Chad & Family

**Donald Berrey**  
by Dorothy Berrey & Family

**Ludwig & Geraldine Borgmann, Karl Garrett**  
by their Family

**The Perry, Hastings, and Howell Families**  
by Carol Perry

**Mom & John Dryburgh, Margie & Don McCorkle**  
by T & Deb Larson

## **A Lily was donated in Honor of:**

**Life (Learn to life, laugh and love! Take a giant  
step outside of your mind!)**  
by T & Deb Larson

**Our Sons Vincent and Warren Schutte**  
by Heather Schutte

**Friends and Relatives**  
by Carol Perry

**Derrold & Rosalie Petersmeyer**  
By Karen Petersmeyer

## **A Lily was donated in Celebration of:**

**Our Nation's 250th Birthday**  
by Heather Schutte

**Bill Petersmeyer**  
by Bell Choir

**Jerry & Helen Pherigo ~ You got this guys!!**  
by Karen Petersmeyer

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26 THE CELEBRATION BAND	27	28 COFFEE W/ THE PASTOR 10:00AM	29	30 WOMEN'S NA MTG 6:30PM		