

April 2024

Join Us for Worship!
Sundays 9:00 am

The Friedens Messenger

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Upcoming Dates for Events:

- SUN APR 7 - Communion
- Brunch after service
- TUE's in APR - The Chosen
- April 2, 16 & 30
- FRI APR 19 - Dorcas Blood Drive
- Noon—5pm

Kids Corner

In our March series from Jesus' ministry on earth, we introduced the kids to a different story each week that showed us how God's truths never change, but Jesus changes everything — including us! The kids had fun during the annual Easter egg hunt! Thank you to Kim Moreau for supplying all the eggs. On a farm, life has a daily rhythm (for plants, animals, and people, too). "Life" is what our April series is all about, because we're talking about Easter and Jesus' triumph over death! Together, we will discover we can stick with Jesus even when our days are dark, and that because Jesus is alive, we can spend our days meeting with him, trusting he's there for us, and sharing his love — not just today, but every day! Have your kids, ages 5-12, join us each Sunday at 9AM.

2024 Church Council Officers

Adam Lawler President
 Bill Petersmeyer Vice-President
 Kathy Bade Secretary
 June Holt Treasurer



Our Church Staff

Rick Mortimer Interim Minister
 Cathy Reash Office Administrator
 Pam Bryant Bookkeeper
 Peggy Williams Church Organist
 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.

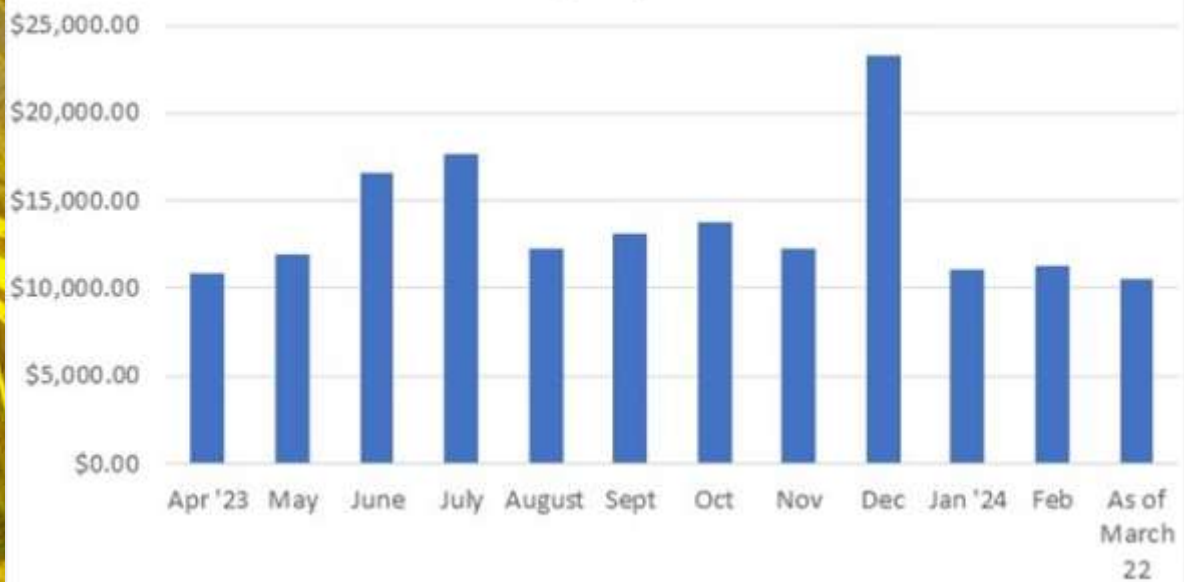
March 2024

3/3 117
3/10 104
3/17 97
3/24 134
3/31 Unknown

Monthly Financial Report

| <u>February</u> | <u>Month</u> | <u>Year-To-Date</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Income | \$14,305.65 | \$28,326.18 |
| Expenses | <u>\$14,033.27</u> | <u>\$36,019.11</u> |
| Net Income | \$272.38 | -\$7,692.93 |

Offerings by Month



Dorcas Women's Fellowship

March 13, 2024

Paula Dooley shared a detailed history of St. Patrick, then followed it with scripture readings and prayers.

The time for the October luncheon was changed to noon. Karl Kindt will present his program on the 1904 World's Fair.

April 19th Friedens Blood drive 12-5. Make your appointment now!

Warm Springs Ranch tour-the group will leave at 10 a.m., have lunch in Columbia and take the 1:30 tour.

Kathy Bade updated us on the previous evening's council meeting.

The afternoon concluded with Bingo and delicious refreshments provided by Paula Dooley and Kathy Bade.



Blood Drive is April 19 at Friedens.

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held Friday, April 19.

Appointments are available from 12:00-5:00 by calling Paula at 636-745-0888 or 636-359-1049. You can also schedule at www.redcrossblood.org by using sponsor code FriedensUCC.

Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are encouraged to avoid wait time.

ALL donors MUST present a photo ID or Red Cross Donor Card.

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

Moser's Receipts

Keep saving those Moser's receipts!
When we turn in \$10,000 in receipts, Moser's sends us a check for \$50.

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Orange Bag Project

Agape is grateful for our food and personal hygiene donations. You can leave your items in the grocery cart by the Thurman Street door or in the narthex and they will be delivered to Agape.

Council Corner

March 12, 2024

- Council approved moving some money from the unrestricted fund to the building fund and some to the money market account at Edward Jones where it will earn roughly 5% interest.
- Council discussed having Council members shadow current officers to ensure a smooth transition when three of the four officers go off Council at the end of the year. Further discussion next month.
- There will not be an Easter brunch. The next brunch will be April 7, 2024.
- Council received an update on the sidewalk project, which is almost complete. Donations have been received to help offset the overage in cost beyond the budgeted amount that was originally quoted.
- The subject of goals and visions for Council and the church was brought up. Council members were asked to think about goals, committees, attendance, and giving and there will be more discussion in April.
- Bill will talk to Kristin Brockfeld and get her feedback on how our safe church policy needs to be updated and made more relevant.
- Adam will get a truckload of mulch to spread around the church. Council had previously discussed having the kids whose camp fees were paid last year help out at church in some manner, so those kids will be asked to help with the mulching. Adam will announce a date in church Sunday.
- There was discussion on church camp attendance/payment of fees. Camp fees for kids who are regular participants at church will be paid in full, and others will be considered if that situation arises.
- Council discussed an updated building usage policy and will address it in April.
- The kids will have their Easter egg hunt on March 24 like last year.
- The live stream of services has been an issue with the service not streaming well lately. Some donors have requested that a bid be gotten for some better video/audio equipment. Depending on the cost, these donors may contribute the cost necessary to upgrade equipment. This will take a little time but is being addressed.
- The church has received a generous donation from an anonymous person who has asked that some of the money go to the sidewalk fund, some to one of the scholarship funds, and the rest is to be used however it is needed. Council will discuss in April how to use the remaining donation.
- Pastor Rick informed Council that there will be some baptisms and a membership addition in the next couple of weeks. He also talked about his thoughts on summer services and Bible study.

Thank You

Dear Friedens UCC,

Thank you so much for the Valentine's Day Gift Basket! With midterms starting, it was the perfect pick-me-up I needed to power me through studying. The "Perfect Man" chocolate bar really got a laugh out of me and my boyfriend. We cannot wait to find out what's coming in the next one!

Thanks again,
Nicole Swoboda

Come and Get It!!

Guy has been busy over the last few months cleaning and reorganizing closets, storage areas, and classrooms. As a result, we've found a number of items that are no longer needed.

On Sunday, April 7, we're having a "garage sale" in the fellowship hall. That's a brunch Sunday, so while you're downstairs anyway, stop and see if there's anything you just can't live without. Some of the items we have are two big wood Christmas stars (made by Louis Wilmsmeyer years ago), a couple of chairs on wheels, a clothes rack, pew covers, a wood shelf, acolyte robes, some table decorations, lots of miscellaneous items, and the containers that were not claimed from the kitchen. Everything is FREE and anything left over will go to Agape the next day.



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February 23, 2024

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To Our Friends at Friedens United Church of Christ,

Thank you for your continued donations. Your donation of \$50.00, which we received in January and the donation of \$100.00 for February is making a positive difference for survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence as they receive services through Turning Point.

Your donation supports our critical work to provide avenues to justice while providing safety, shelter, and stabilizing support and services to survivors of violence and abuse.

It is only because of supporters like you we are able to provide the compassionate response to those who have experienced violence. Knowing you are standing with us to provide these services is gratifying to us. It means these survivors do not have to face challenges alone.

Those who seek services at Turning Point report that they are safer, stronger, and more capable of living independently because of those services and because someone cared and valued their lives.

Again, thank you for being a partner in the difficult task of creating safe, healing space in the wake of violence and abuse.

Sincerely,


Lauren Frosch, MA
Executive Director

Thank you!

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Friedens Lily Fund Donors

A Lily was donated in Memory of

Naomi Neuls
by Alan J. Neuls

Clarence & Bea Sprick
by Phil, Kathy Miltenberger and Family

Judge & Pat Miltenberger
by Phil, Kathy Miltenberger and Family

Theresa Riester
by Carol Perry

George, Margie, Terry, and Chris Schreck
by Guy Schreck

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by Milton Wulff and Family

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Willard Schroeder
by His Family

Loved Ones
by John Gerdeman Family

Lauren Reinhardt
by Donald & Kaila Reinhardt,
Eileen Boehm

Loved Ones
by Roger & Lisa Devenport & Family

Borden & Ruth Yocum
by Their Family

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“Thanks for Being Parents”
by T. & Deb Larson

Albert & Edna Landwehr
by Melvin & Lena Mae Stiegman,
Eileen Boehm & Families

Everette & Grace Mische
by Melvin & Lena Mae Stiegman

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by Dorothy Berrey & Family

Theophil & Gertrude Brune
by the David Avis Family

Bob Toben & Pat Toben
by the Toben & Moreau Family

Loved Ones
by Judy Sprick

Jeff & Chandler Nelson
Angie Seachris
by Bonnie, Juniper and Ryan Nelson

Gilbert Nordwald
by Sherry Nordwald & Family



A Lily was donated in Honor of:

Bill Petersmeyer, Bell Choir Director
by the Bell Choir

Vince & Warren Schutte
by Grandma Perry

April Birthdays

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| 01—Debbie Groeper | 18—Bill Petersmeyer |
| 04—Jenna Moeller | 21—Kathy Bade |
| 05—Eli Garrett | Jeffrey Nelson |
| 07—Gloria Luecke | 24—Kristin Brockfeld |
| 08—Angela Nordwald | Lynn Joyce |
| 09—Tony Lanzone | Lorelei Tappmeyer |
| 13—Clinton Owenby | 25—Nicole Nordwald |
| 17—Claudia Kimbel | Christy Bonstell |
| | 28—Helen Pherigo |

April Anniversaries

Alan & Claudia Kimbel

April 1 ~ 38 years

Jessica & Brandon Heitgerd

April 12 ~ 9 years

Mel & Lena Mae Stiegman

April 22 ~ 62 years

Darrell & Joyce Dothage

April 23 ~ 57 years

Larry & Karen Corder

April 25 ~ 42 years

Tony & Jane Wilbas

April 26 ~ 48 years

Jeffrey & Janet Butcher

April 30 ~ 46 years

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 Servants

Ushers

Mark and Heather Schutte,
Steve and JoAnn Toerper

Children's Church Volunteers

Karen Petersmeyer

Liturgists

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| April 7 | Leslie Held |
| April 14 | Peggy Williams |
| April 21 | Kim Moeller |
| April 28 | Susie Rowan |

Acolytes

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| April 7 | Raelynn Thomas and James Thomas |
| April 14 | Miles Klinginsmith and Emma Petersmeyer |
| April 21 | June Lawler and Adele Lawler |
| April 28 | - |

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP INFORMATION

If you have a child or grandchild who is interested in going to church camp, now is the time to start thinking about signing up. We've had kids go to two different UCC camps in past summers - Camp MoVal and Camp Aurora. There's a little information below, along with the websites for you to check out further if you're interested. Please note that only the camps for elementary age kids are listed below but both camps offer sessions for older kids.

Camp MoVal

MoVal is in Union, Missouri, and Friedens has had kids and developmentally disabled adults attending there for many years.

All Ages Camp - for kids ages 8-15. These camps run from Sunday to Friday. Cost is \$599/child and the camps dates are:

June 16-21

June 23-28

July 7-12

July 14-19

There's also a STEM camp July 14-19.

Mini Camp - for kids ages 7-9. Camp runs from Sunday to Wednesday. Cost is \$329/child and the dates are June 9-12.

Check out MoVal's website at campmoval.org for more information, or you can ask Jessica and Adam Lawler or Jessica Thomas any questions, since their kids went there last year.

Camp Aurora

Camp Aurora is in Windyville, Missouri, near Lebanon.

Junior Camp - for kids who have completed grades 4 and 5. Camp runs Sunday to Friday, and the cost is \$261/child. There is one week of Junior Camp: July 21-26.

Primary Camp - for kids who have completed grades 1 through 3. Camp runs Sunday to Wednesday, and the cost is \$146. The primary session date is July 28-31.

Camp Aurora's website is campaaurora.org. If you have questions about this camp, contact Rebecca Klinginsmith. Miles has gone the last two years and she can give helpful information.

The church will pay the camp fees for kids who regularly attend Friedens. Please contact a council member if you have questions. Happy Camping!!

April 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | | The Chosen 6:30pm | Bell Choir 5:30pm | | | |
| 7 Communion Rev. Rick Mortimer Brunch Garage Sale | 8 | 9 Council Meeting 6:30pm | 10 Dorcas Meeting 10:00am Warm Springs Ranch Bell Choir 5:30pm | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Rev. Rick Mortimer | 15 | 16 The Chosen 6:30pm | 17 Bell Choir 5:30pm | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 Rev. Rick Mortimer | 22 | 23 | 24 Bell Choir 5:30pm | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Rev. Rick Mortimer Celebration Band | 29 | 30 The Chosen 6:30pm | Giving Options Online giving is easy and secure and is a great way to make sure your offering is here even when you aren't. Please contact the office if you need help setting it up. | | | |