

April 2025

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

The Friedens Messenger

FRIEDENS United Church of Christ
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Upcoming Events

- Tue. April 1** - Coffee w/Pastor Jeremy 10am
- Wed. April 2** - Dinner at 6:15pm
Service at 7pm
- Sun. April 6** - Communion
- Tue. April 8** - Coffee w/Pastor Jeremy 10am
- Wed. April 9** - Dorcas at 1:30 pm
Dinner at 6:15pm
Service at 7pm
- Sun. April 13** - Palm Sunday
Confirmation Sunday
Brunch & Cake
- Tue. April 15** - Coffee w/Pastor Jeremy 10am
- Fri. April 18** - Blood Drive from Noon - 5pm
Good Friday Service at 7pm
- Sun. April 20** - Easter Sunday
Easter Egg Hunt

Kid's Corner

Do you ever REALLY think about what Jesus's life was like as a human? How He was a baby and had to rely on His parents to take care of all of His needs? Things like what He wore, the food He ate, or how He traveled? That's what we talked about in March, along with these powerful lessons: Jesus obeyed God and His parents, amazing things happen when we have faith in Jesus and do what He tells us to do, our hearts must be good soil for God's word to grow, and Jesus doesn't just call us to believe in Him, but also to follow Him. Next, we will discuss Philippians 2:8 in preparation for Easter. The kids will be joining their families in church for Palm Sunday (April 13) and Easter Sunday (April 20). Our Easter Egg Hunt is following Easter Sunday service. All are Welcome!

Our Church Staff

Jeremy Carr Pastor
 Cathy Reash..... 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

2025 Church Council Officers

Bill Petersmeyer President
 Jessica Thomas Vice-President
 Peggy Williams Secretary
 Gloria Berrey Treasurer

Attendance

In person service only.

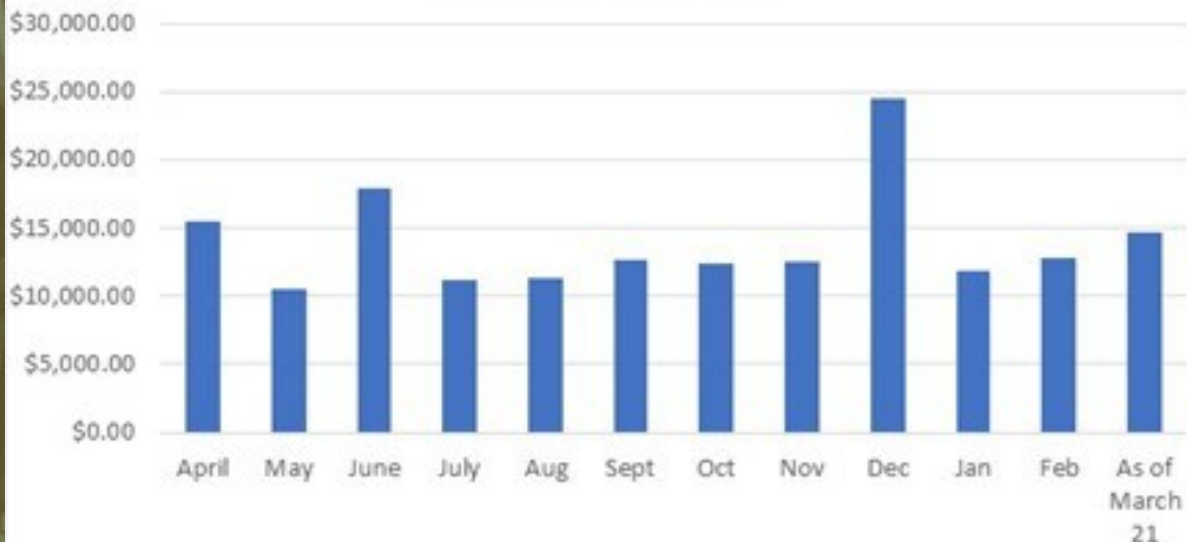
March 2025

3/2 131
 3/9 111
 3/16 122
 3/23 108
 3/30 Unknown

Monthly Financial Report

<u>February</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Income	\$16,177.56	\$30,741.79
Expenses	<u>\$15,183.51</u>	<u>\$39,192.30</u>
Net Income	\$994.05	-\$8,450.51

Offerings by Month





Blood Drive is April 18 at Friedens



An American Red Cross blood drive will be held

Friday, April 18

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.

PHOTO DIRECTORY

The Friedens photo directory is finished and has been handed out to many of you. If you haven't gotten one, we'll have them in the narthex again on March 31, or you can pick one up from Cathy in the office. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9-1.

We announced that we would put any updates in the following month's newsletter, but - to our surprise! - we haven't received any corrections or changes at this time. If we get any, we'll post them.

ORANGE BAG PROJECT UPDATE

There's always a need for food and personal care products. Please continue to fill orange bags for Agape with non-perishable items.

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.

Council Corner

March 11, 2025

- A Social Committee has been formed. They will be taking care of the Lenten meals and various other activities,
- On March 16, Pastor will be meeting with a group of people that are interested in becoming members of Friedens. He will also have transfer forms for any that want to transfer to Friedens.
- Confirmation robes and gifts have been ordered and should arrive very soon. There is continued work on a confirmation reunion on Pentecost.
- There will not be brunch on the first Sunday in April. It will be moved to the second Sunday (Palm Sunday) and then we will also have cake to honor the confirmands.
- Committees with new members are being established
- There was discussion on the cost of kids going to church camp and how the congregation can help with the expense.
- We have gotten a bid for the decorative lighting outside the church. Further discussion on the lighting will take place in the future.
- The directories are being printed and bound this week and hope to be passed out this coming Sunday.
- The parsonage lease is up at the end of April. Bill will be discussing the rent and duties with Michelle Brooks to see if changes need to be made.
- There was discussion on having a stewardship drive at the beginning of summer or in the fall.
- Pastor will be going to two licensure classes in Columbia on March 26 and 27. Rich Barton will cover the Lenten service that week.
- We were made aware that there is a Friedens United Church of Christ Sunday School Facebook page where you can go and find out what all the kids are learning
- We will be having at least two people get baptized on Palm Sunday.
- Pastor hopes to have a youth parents meeting on March 31.



COUNCIL CORNER



Hello Friends,

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! To all our Friedens family, I extend a very happy and blessed Easter!

My first Easter here at Friedens is going to be filled with many graces and blessings. In this season we will have a wonderful celebration of welcoming new members via confirmation, baptism, and profession of faith. It's one of the many joys of being a pastor witnessing the injection of new life into our faith community.

Why not make the most of this celebration of Easter? Just as the apostles and those first disciples boldly witnessed to others the Resurrection of Jesus, may we also in our own day and time witness our faith in Christ's Resurrection to all we meet.

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Grace and peace,

Pastor Jeremy

A note from Rev. Rick Mortimer:

Congratulations to the young men and women confirmands. Great Thanks to the adults who provided our lunches and were interviewed by the confirmands. It has been a privilege to lead our young people through this faith filled process.

2025 Lily
Order Form

Cost: \$15.00 Each

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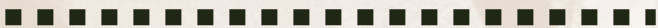
Orders due Sunday, April 13, 2025



We have a larger group of kids wanting to attend church camp this year than we have in previous years. This is great. Friedens has paid all costs for kids in the past, but with more kids wanting to go and an increase in camp fees, we are going to contribute \$300 from the church for kids to go.

To help families make this more affordable, we are seeking donations to help lower the cost. If you would like to donate, please place your donation in a white envelope in the pews and write "camp donation" on the front.

Thank you for your generosity!!!



Please mark your calendars. There will be a church workday to cleanup the outside of the church at **10:00 am** on **April 12th**. Please bring rakes, if possible. We will primarily be getting the landscaping and lawn cleaned up to get the church looking great for Easter. If weather doesn't allow for this to happen, we will do it the next Saturday, the 19th, at the same time.

Dorcas Women's Fellowship

March 12, 2025

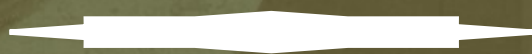
President Carol Perry called the meeting to order. There were 17 members in attendance and one guest. Paula Dooley and Betty Singer were our hosts.

A new altar cloth will be ordered. It will require alterations. Paula Dooley offered to make the necessary alterations. "In Remembrance of Me" will be embroidered on it in gold.

The next American Red Cross Blood Drive at Friedens is scheduled for Good Friday, April 18, 2025 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. When you give blood, platelets, or AB Elite plasma in April, you will automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$5,000 gift card. There will be 3 lucky winners. You will also get an exclusive American Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

This month's program, the 10 Key Bible Verses on God's Faithfulness, was presented by Paula Dooley. We started by reading the 10 verses beginning with 2 Thessalonians 3:3. With accompaniment by Peggy Williams on the piano and lyrics in hand, we sang the hymn, Great Is Thy Faithfulness, inspired by Lamentations 3:22-23.

The meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer. Our next meeting is April 9, 2025



MEMORIALS

Ruth Early

- Kim & Derrick Moreau
- Derrold & Rosalie Petersmeyer
- Carol Wilson
- Don & Charlotte Bradshaw
- Janis Brockfeld
- John & Marilee Barry

April Birthdays

01—Debbie Groeper
03—Holten Arnette
04—Jenna Moeller
05—Eli Garrett
06—Ella Grace Carr
08—Angela Nordwald
09—Tony Lanzone
10—Kamella Carr
13—Clinton Owenby
17—Claudia Kimbel
18—Bill Petersmeyer
21—Kathy Bade
Jeffrey Nelson
24—Kristin Brockfeld
Lynn Joyce
Lorelei Tappmeyer
25—Nicole Nordwald
Christy Bonstell
28—Jerry 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 ~ 40 years

Jessica & Brandon Heitgerd

April 12 ~ 11 years

Mel & Lena Mae Stiegman

April 22 ~ 64 years

Darrell & Joyce Dothage

April 23 ~ 59 years

Larry & Karen Corder

April 25 ~ 44 years

Tony & Jane Wilbas

April 26 ~ 50 years

Jeffrey & Janet Butcher

April 30 ~ 48 years



April Servants

Ushers

Mark and Heather Schutte,
Steve and JoAnn Toerper

Liturgists

April 6 AJ Koper, Linda Schneider
April 13 Ella Grace Carr, Peggy Williams
April 20 Miles Klinginsmith, Brackston Carr
April 27 June Lawler, Kyle Lauck

Children's Church Volunteers

Karen Petersmeyer

Acolytes

April 6 Paris and Paisley Hamilton
April 13 June Lawler and Adele Lawler
April 20 Hayden Arnette and Autumn Stroer
April 27 -

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Coffee w/Pastor 10 am	2 Lenten Service 6:15 Dinner 7pm Service	3	4	5
6 Rev. Jeremy Carr Communion	7	8 Coffee w/Pastor 10 am Council Meeting 6:30pm	9 Dorcas Meeting 1:30pm Lenten Service 6:15 Dinner 7pm Service	10	11	12
 13 Palm Sunday Rev. Jeremy Carr Confirmation Sunday 	14	15 Coffee w/Pastor 10 am	16	17	18 Blood Drive Noon - 5pm Good Friday 7pm Service 	19
20 Easter 9am Communion Easter Egg Hunt	21	22 Coffee w/Pastor 10 am	23	24	25	26
27 Rich Barton and the Celebration Band	28	29 Coffee w/Pastor 10 am	30			