

February 2026

Join Us for Worship!  
Sundays 9:00 am

# The Friedens Messenger

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## Kid's Corner

This month, we started a new series, God the Creator King, teaching how God is both a creator and a king. We had lessons on why we trust the Bible, how God created the Earth, how sin entered the world, the story of Cain and Abel, and God's mercy through it all. This year, we're going to have a strong evangelistic focus, so the kids are consistently reminded that Jesus is the only way to salvation, through His grace and not our works. Our focus verse currently is Ephesians 2:8-9.

## Upcoming Events

- Sun. Feb. 1 Communion, Donuts & Coffee after Service
- Tues. Feb. 3 Coffee w/ the Pastor 10:00am
- Tues. Feb. 10 Council Meeting 6:00pm
- Weds. Feb. 11 Dorcas Meeting 1:30pm
- Thurs. Feb. 12 Coffee w/ the Pastor 10:00am
- Thurs. Feb. 12 Ladies Ceramics Night 5:30-8:00pm
- Sun. Feb. 15 Mardi Gras Meal after Service
- Sun. Feb. 15 Youth Party 4-6:00pm
- Tues. Feb. 17 Coffee w/ the Pastor 10:00am
- Wed. Feb. 18 Ash Weds Service 7:00pm
- Sun. Feb. 22 All Ages Game Night 4-6:00pm
- Tues. Feb. 24 Coffee w/ the Pastor 10:00am
- Weds. Feb. 25 Meal/Fellowship at 6:30pm

## 2026 Church Council Officers

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

## Attendance

In person service only.

### January 2026

01/04 128  
01/11 110  
01/18 109  
01/25 N/A

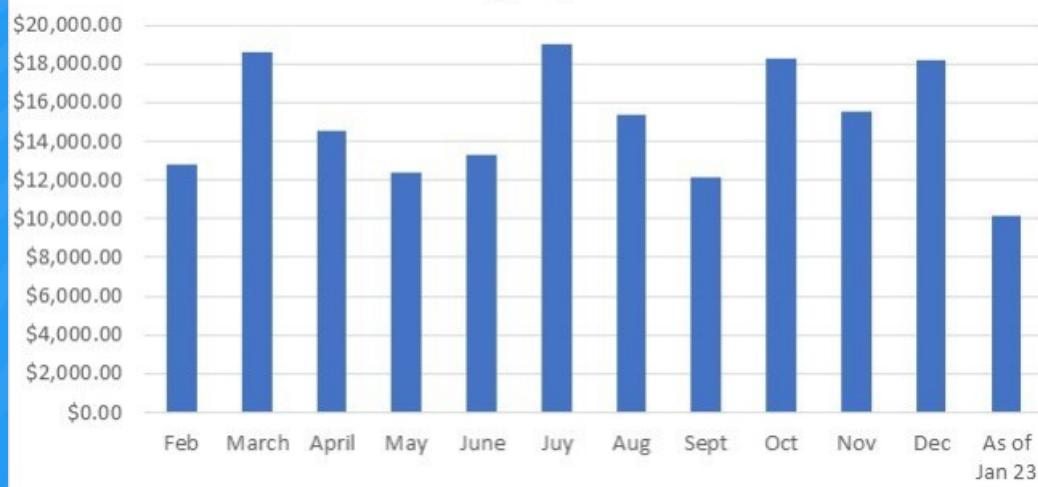
## Our Church Staff

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

## Monthly Financial Report

December	Month	Year-To-Date
Income	\$27,481.05	\$228,732.80
Expenses	<u>\$23,066.10</u>	<u>\$221,492.24</u>
Net Income	\$4,414.95	\$7,240.56

### Offerings by Month





*Ash Wednesday is on February 18, 2026*

*In the Christian calendar Ash Wednesday is the first day of the Lenten Season.*

*Lent is an Old English word for spring and is the forty days (not counting Sundays) before Easter. Originally this season was known as the Easter Fast.*

*Lent is the season where we retrace the steps of Jesus as he journeyed under the shadow of the cross toward his death, burial and resurrection. Lent is a time to seriously think on Jesus' journey to the cross, the Holy Week and the Passion. And it begins with Ash Wednesday.*

*Why Ash Wednesday?*

*Because we are mortal. We are made of dust and ashes. And to dust and ashes we will return.*

*Remember, O man, that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return. -God (Genesis 3:19)*

*I who am but dust and ashes. -Abraham (Genesis 18:27)*

*I repent in dust and ashes. -Job (Job 42:6)*

*As Jesus journeyed from Galilee to Jerusalem he was on a journey to the grave. We are all on the same journey.*

*Ash Wednesday is a day to begin a journey with Jesus through the central events of the gospel story. Ash Wednesday is a day to consider our own mortality.*

*In the light of my own mortality how shall I live?*

*This is what the Eternal One requires of me:*

*To do justly. To love mercy. To walk humbly. (Micah 6:8)*

*Grace, Peace and Joy,  
Pastor Jeremy*



## COUNCIL CORNER

**January 13, 2026**

- Amy Herbel will be attending a Women's Work Conference in Kentucky to further her education in teaching the kids. She will be fixing up the Sunday School room to better serve the needs of the kids as well. These expenses will come from the Oberhellman Funds.
- Ash Wednesday service will be February 18th at 7:00. The following 5 Wednesdays we will be having a meal at 6:00 and the message will start at 6:30. We will be asking for volunteers to work and provide food.
- We will be having a Mardi Gras meal on Sunday, February 15th.
- We will only be having 4 brunches this year, one for each season and donuts, coffee, milk and juice, will continue to be served on the other first Sundays.
- We are looking into tracking attendance so that we can better welcome new members and keep in touch with those who have missed several Sundays.
- Council received new devotional and announcement schedules for the year.
- We are looking into doing some new programs that would get the generations in our church together for some fun activities.



**Photos from the January 2026 new council installation.**

**Sunday,  
February  
22nd  
from  
4-6pm**



Please join us on Sunday in the Fellowship Hall for some fun and fellowship over classic board and card games. Feel free to bring a snack/treat to share and your favorite game to play, or just come as you are. Drop by for a short round or stay for a whole campaign.



## Red Cross Blood Drive

SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!

Friedens will be hosting the bi-annual  
**Red Cross Blood Drive on April 24, 2026**  
from noon to 5:00 pm.

It is not too soon to log into  
[RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and schedule your  
Favorite appointment time.

Thank you for your continued support!  
Paula Dooley

## Coffee with the Pastor

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



## Thank You

Thank you so much for the  
donation to Operation Backpack. Your  
continued support of this incredible  
program is amazing! We appreciate your  
kindness.

Lucy Soailes

## Thank You

Thank you so much for all  
of the prayers, cards and  
snacks. I'm doing good  
from my hip replacement.

Dillard Harrelston

## Thank You

Dear Friedens,

Thank you for sending me a beautiful,  
handmade Christmas card.

Blessings to you as you study God's word.

Your friend,  
Clarice Beckemeier

# MEMORIALS

## Janice Bolm

Alouise Marschel  
Larry & Karen Corder  
Carmen Schulze  
Diane Buxton  
Guy Schreck  
Lynn & Kathy Bade  
Nick & Carrie Allen  
Derrick & Kim Moreau  
Judy Sprick  
Mike & June Holt  
Jennifer Weimer  
Donna Noblitt  
Don & Christa Huff  
Gastorf Chevrolet

## Ursula Doris Vogele

Dennis & Peggy Williams

## Special Shout Out from Rev. Carr

Bill Petersmeyer, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on all that you did in your service as a church council president and let you know that we appreciated your dedication to this important role in the body of our church.

You have helped see to it that our church fulfills its mission, vision, and values. You've spent time in meetings evaluating our resources and ensuring that we are being responsible stewards of the gifts we've been given. You have taken steps to address and resolve issues in a way that keeps Christ at the center of it all.

Thanks, from a grateful Friedens



# February Birthdays

2—Robbye Dothage	14—Bernice Schroeder
3—Paisley Hamilton	18—Linda Colbert
Paris Hamilton	19—Jim Mossop
5—Karen Petersmeyer	21—Paula Dooley
6—Kason Williams	22—Ed Roach
7—Maya Halter	23—Sidney Schrader
8—Daniel Hamilton	24—Larry Corder
9—Hollyn Arnette	Adam Lawler
Roger Devenport	27—Emma Petersmeyer
10—Haylee Toerper	29—Hayden Arnette
13—Robert Singer	
Lena Stiegman	

If your birthday or anniversary is not appearing in the monthly newsletter, please let the office know those dates

# February Anniversaries

**Sean & Katie Schollmeyer**

February 16 ~ 7 years

**Adam & Kelly Fowler**

February 17 ~ 2 years

**Tim & Rita Mackenberg**

February 20 ~ 17 years

**Patrick & Sara Howard**

February 24 ~ 2 years



# February Servants

## Ushers

Derrick and Kim Moreau  
Bill Petersmeyer, Larry Neuhaus  
(Cheryl Stuermann 2/8 only for Bill Petersmeyer)

## Children's Church Volunteers

Karen Petersmeyer

## Call to Worship/Liturgists

Feb. 1 Miles Klingensmith and David Avis  
Feb. 8 Adele Lawler and Peggy Williams  
Feb. 15 Hunter Holt and Kim Moeller  
Feb. 22 Zoey Wray and Kevin Eusterbrock

## Acolytes

Feb 1 James Thomas and Milea Jaeger  
Feb. 8 Paris Hamilton and Paisley Hamilton  
Feb. 15 Autumn Stroer and Hayden Arnette  
Feb. 22 Celebration Band

# February 2026

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

1 Communion 	2	3 Coffee w/ The Pastor 10am	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Council Mtg 6pm	11 Dorcas Mtg 1:30pm	12 Coffee w/ The Pastor 10am Ladies Ceramics Night 5:30-8pm	13	14
15  After the 9am Service This Sunday Youth Party 4-6pm	16	17 Coffee w/ The Pastor 10am	18 Ash Wednesday Service 7pm	19	20	21
22  Game Night 4-6pm	23	24 Coffee w/ The Pastor 10am	25 Meal @ 6:30pm	26	27	28
				Women's NA Mtg 6:30pm		