

February 2026

Join Us for Worship!
Sundays 9:00 am



The Friedens Messenger

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Upcoming Events

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.

- 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 WilbasPresident
 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

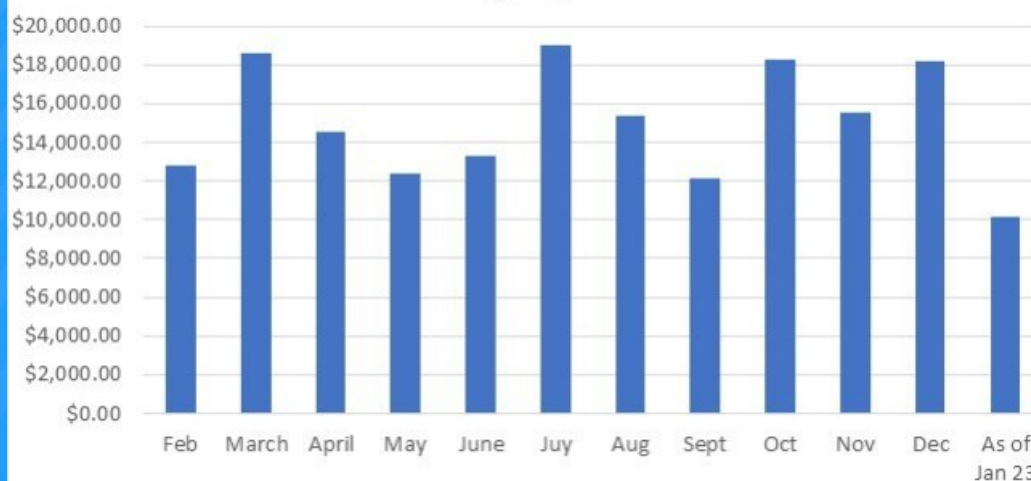
Our Church Staff

Jeremy CarrPastor
 Kelly Garrett-FowlerOffice Administrator
 Pam Bryant.....Bookkeeper
 Peggy Williams Church Organist
 Amy Herbel Children's Ministry
 Guy Schreck Chancel Choir Director
 Susie Rowan Praise Band Director
 Bill PetersmeyerBell Choir Director
 Susie Rowan Accompanist
 Ned Quest..... Accompanist

Monthly Financial Report

<u>December</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
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*

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 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 Voge

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 15 | 4PM - 6PM

VALENTINE'S VIBE

Sunday

♥ Wear red, pink, or hearts
🍕 Heart-shaped pizza, chips & strawberry lemonade
🍬 Candy-Gram Challenge + Valentine Photo Booth

👯 Bring a friend for a chance to win

**YOUTH GROUP
PARTNERSHIP**

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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 Women's NA Mtg 6:30pm	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  Youth Party 4-6pm	16	17 Coffee w/ The Pastor 10am	18 Ash Wednes- day Service 7pm	19 Women's NA Mtg 6:30PM	20	21
22  Game Night 4-6pm	23	24 Coffee w/ The Pastor 10am	25 Meal @ 6:30pm	26 Women's NA Mtg 6:30pm	27	28