

March 2026

Join Us for Worship!
Sundays 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!

- Sun. March 1 Communion, Donuts & Coffee after Service
- Tues. March 3 Coffee w/ the Pastor 10:00am
- Weds. March 4 Lenten Dinner 6:00pm
Devotion 6:30pm
- Tues. March 10 Council Meeting 6:30pm
- Weds. March 11 Dorcas Meeting 1:30pm
- Weds. March 11 Lenton Dinner 6:00pm
Devotion 6:30pm
- Thurs. March 12 Coffee w/ the Pastor 10:00am
- Tues. March 17 Coffee w/ the Pastor 10:00am
- Weds. March 18 Lenten Dinner 6:00pm
Devotion 6:30pm
- Tues. March 24 Coffee w/ the Pastor 10:00am
- Weds. March 25 Lenton Dinner 6:00pm
Devotion 6:30pm
- Sun. March 29 Palm Sunday Service 9:00am
Followed by Brunch

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

2026 Church Council Officers

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

Attendance

In person service only.

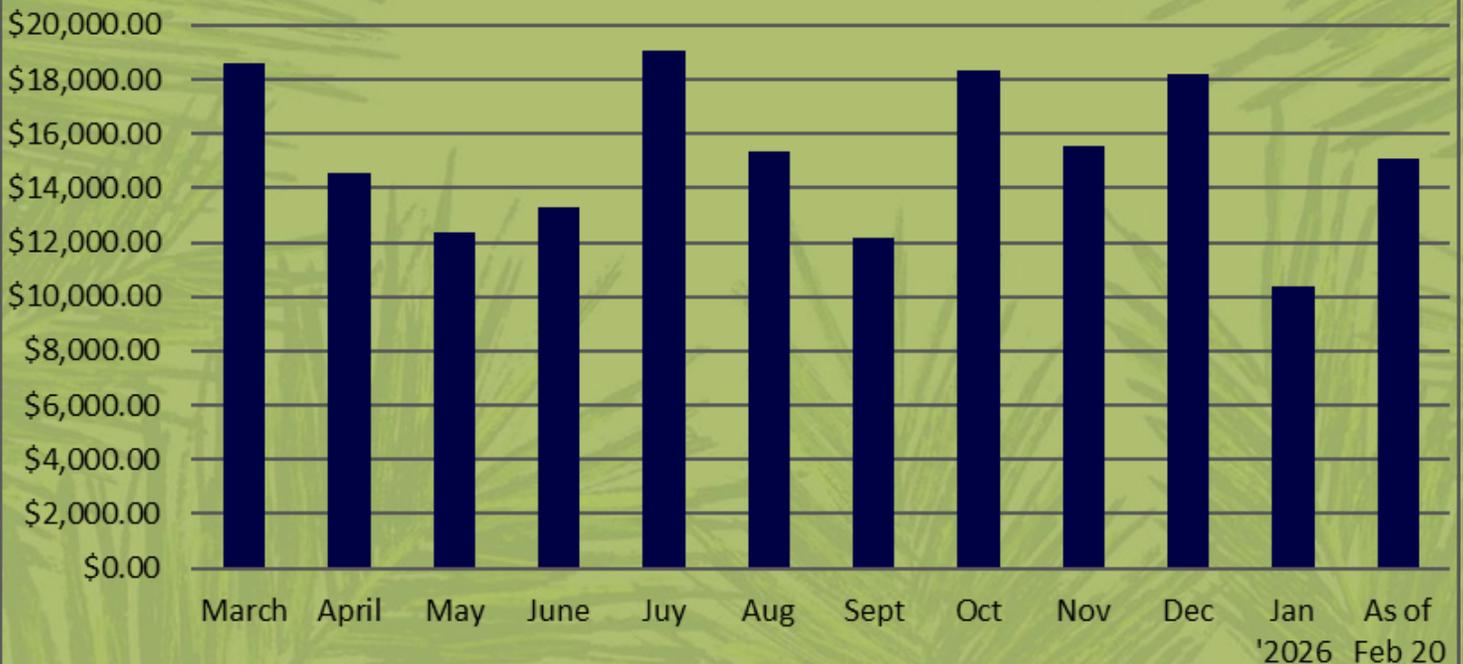
February 2026

02/01 121
 02/08 130
 02/15 134
 02/22 120

Monthly Financial Report

<u>January</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Income	\$12,659.18	\$12,659.18
Expenses	<u>\$21,365.81</u>	<u>\$21,365.81</u>
Net Income	-\$8,706.63	-\$8,706.63

Offerings by Month





Let us not skip the hard work of lent and go straight to the resurrection. We do that too much. We don't think about sin, we just assume the forgiveness. We need to go through the practice of lent to grow forward in our relationship with the Holy.

Lent is about letting go. Letting go of the past, our sin, our dependence on things that seek to destroy us. We have to let go of the things that hold us back from moving forward. The reality is we let go of our sin really quick. We easily forget about it, more readily we don't even recognize it. We don't know what our sins or sins in general are, except what we what we claim to be sin in someone else's life.

It is not always sin. There are many things we need to release. We need to release the influence of some people in our lives. There are traditions that have power over us. Those things that we will not change because we have not done it any other way before.

We are slaves to such things, and many more. We are bound to them. Those things are indifferent to the fact that we are being destroyed.

During lent, I invite you to take a step in your spiritual journey. Look at what enslaves you and let it go. You may find yourself at peace and more satisfied as those chains that bind you are removed.

Grace, Peace and Joy,

Pastor Jeremy

FRIEDENS FAMILY

Did you know there are actually 13 committees in our church so 13 ways for you to get connected into helping with different aspects of our church operations? Many of you are already serving on some of these committees and have for years. Some of you are new to our church and haven't found where to connect and help out yet. This is a perfect way to start. I have listed the committees below and who are on those now. If you would like to join any of these committee's please get in touch with me (Jane Wilbas, 636-488-5226) and I will be happy to get you connected to the right group. Also, if I have listed someone by mistake or have left someone off who is on a committee, please let me know that also. We would like a complete and current list for our records and for the church office.

Christian Education

Amy Herbel
Rodney Herbel
Larry Neuhaus
Pastor Jeremy

Cookie Walk

Peggy Williams
Delores Owenby
Judy Sprick
Kathy Bade
Karen Bade

Evangelism/Media

Derrick Moreau
Heather Schuette
Pastor Jeremy
Rodney Herbel
Amy Herbel

Finance/Budget

Gloria Berrey
Jane Wilbas
Linda Schneider
Pastor Jeremy
Pam Bryant

Memorial

Peggy Williams
Kathy Miltenberger
Kathy Bade
Judy Sprick
Rosalie Petersmeyer

Pastoral Relations

Jane Wilbas
Larry Corder
Jessica Thomas
Jason Koper

Personnel

Linda Schneider
Lynn Meyer
Andy Arnette

Property/Grounds

David Avis
Bill Petersmeyer
Guy Schreck

Scholarship

Guy Schreck
Peggy Williams
Ned Quest
Liz Koper

Social

Peggy Williams
Becky Boehle
Chris Huff
June Holt
Sherry Nordwald
Delores Owenby
Kim Moreau
Kathy Bade
Kathy Miltenberger

Worship

Pastor Jeremy
Guy Schreck
Kathy Bade
Bill Petersmeyer
Tony Rowan
Peggy Williams
Susie Rowan
Kim Moeller
Ned Quest

Women's Socials

Kim Moeller
Kathy Bade
Sherry Nordwald
Heidi Barton
Kim Moreau
Kelly Garrett-Fowler

Mission/Outreach

Kim Moreau
Liz Koper



FEBRUARY 10, 2026

- Our budget included giving \$750 to the Emmaus Home. Since there is no longer an Emmaus Home, we decided to give this amount to the Warrenton Senior Center because there is a big need there.
- Pastor Jeremy hopes to have the attendance tracking up and running in the near future, This will help us to keep up with members that have not been here for a while and making sure we are welcoming new members.
- Rich Barton will be filling in for Pastor Jeremy on March 15th.
- Pastor Jeremy will be doing our all calls for cancellation of church services. This system does need to be updated.
- We will be adding a Mission and Outreach Committee in addition to our other 12 committees. All members of council will be on at least one committee.
- There was discussion on scholarships for our youth going to church camps. There will be scholarship money of at least \$300 per child available. Dorcas also has a fund for the campers. There will be a parents meeting with more info soon.
- Our membership records are not reflecting our true membership, so we will be updating them.
- High School scholarships information will be coming out soon.
- The Evangelism Committee will be looking into updating our website and deciding what information will be put on it.
- We are looking into a keypad entrance to the west parking lot door, repairs and painting of the choir room, and new toilets in the downstairs women's restroom near the steps.

Special Shout Out

from Rev. Carr

Shoutout to all of our volunteers!
Volunteers are the heart and soul of our church, tirelessly offering their time and talents to serve others. Their contributions often go unnoticed, but their impact is deeply felt by everyone in our congregation. A heartfelt thank-you to all of you!



Thank You

*Dear Church Council,
thank you for all of
the gifts and support
during the school year.
I really appreciate it!*

Benjy Carr

Coffee with the Pastor

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



LUNCH ON SUNDAYS

WITH THE CARR FAMILY

Don't forget to sign up for lunch with Pastor Jeremy and his family. Dates are still available for February, March and April. The sign up poster is by the door in the Narthex that goes down the ramp.

MEMORIALS

Frank Stuermann

Donald & Charlotte Bradshaw
Adam & Jessica Lawler
Barbara Owenby
Derrold & Rosalie Petersmeyer
Roger & Andrea Romaker
David & Donna Wiss
Shirley Sida
Scott & Elizabeth Swoboda
Alice Windmann

Gilbert Reese

Piatt County Illinois
Mary Ruth Jaspering
Karen Gentry
Tim & Kathleen Sherman
Diane & Elaine Meyer
Jana Davis
Bernice Schroeder
John & Karen Wolf
Janice Bolm
Mary Ruth Jaspering

DORCAS/WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

February 11, 2026

Dorcas/Women's Fellowship met on February 11 after a month off. Our speaker was Hope Fick, who shared lots of information about Anchor House. Most of us didn't know that Anchor House, which is the former Budget Inn just west of Flying J, was purchased by Hope's family in 2020 and was transformed into 42 efficiency apartments which house 56 people, including 20 who are veterans. Anchor House is transitional housing with the goal of providing a safe place to "keep you stable while you look for a bigger, better place to rent or own." Renters at Anchor House have lots of resources available to help them with jobs, shopping, money management, and mental health. Anchor House also has a community building where they provide cold weather shelter for about 40 homeless people during the winter months and a cooling shelter in the summer. They have a community kitchen where meals can be prepared and served, and a free clothing closet which accepts donations all the time. It was a really interesting presentation and we learned a lot about an important local resource.

The group is considering a spring trip to Bellfontaine Cemetery and Arboretum, the semi-annual blood drive will be on April 24, and the group is hoping to do some sprucing up of the fellowship halls.

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 March 11 at 1:30 p.m.

March Birthdays

3—Judy Sprick
5—Kadin Stroer
Elizabeth Swoboda
6—Lori Barton
8—Debbie Larson
9—Elizabeth Koper
10—Edna Surls
11—Tony Rowan
13—Jana Davis
Kristen Hamilton
Steve Toerper
14—Jeremy Carr
15—Camryn Petersmeyer
20—Owen Howard
Kaleb Johnson
Sharon McElfresh
23—Christopher Holt
27—Roger Held
28—Amelia Barton
29—Rosemary England
30—Karen Bade
Jerry Pherigo
31—Zoe Wray

March Anniversaries

Christopher & Becca Holt

March 3 ~ 14 years

Joe & Sharon McElfresh

March 4 ~ 31 years

Roger & Leslie Held

March 18 ~ 31 years

Gregg & Rebecca Klinginsmith

March 19 ~ 15 years



March Servants

Ushers

Gary & Glenda Buxton
Adam & Jessica Lawler

Call to Worship/Liturgists

March 1 AJ Koper, Linda Schneider
March 8 EllaGrace Carr, Bracksten Carr
March 15 June Lawler, Kim Moreau
March 22 Miles Klinginsmith, Susie Rowan
March 29 Emma Petersmeyer, Bill Petersmeyer

Children's Church Volunteers

Karen Petersmeyer

Acolytes

March 1 Emma Petersmeyer and Zoey Wray
March 8 Will Klinginsmith and AJ Koper
March 15 Austin Holt and Miles Jaeger
March 22 Celebration Band
March 29 Kamella Carr and EllaGrace Carr

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.

March 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Communion 		Coffee w/ The Pastor 10am	Lenton Meal @ 6pm Devotion @ 6:30pm	Women's NA Mtg 6:30pm		
8	9	Council Mtg 6:30pm	Dorcas Mtg 1:30pm Lenton Meal @ 6pm Devotion @ 6:30pm	Coffee w/ The Pastor 10am Women's NA Mtg 6:30pm	13	14
15	16	Coffee w/ The Pastor 10am	Lenton Meal @ 6pm Devotion @ 6:30pm	Women's NA Mtg 6:30pm	20	21
22	23	Coffee w/ The Pastor 10am	Lenton Meal @ 6pm Devotion @ 6:30pm	Women's NA Mtg 6:30pm	27	28
The Celebration Band						
29	30	31				
Palm Sunday Service Followed by Brunch & Fellowship		Coffee w/ The Pastor 10am				