

May 2024

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

The Friedens Messenger

FRIEDENS *United Church of Christ*

313 East Main St.

Warrenton MO 63383-2007

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Upcoming Dates for Events:

SUN MAY 5 - Communion
- Brunch after service

TUE MAY 19 - Recognition of
Graduates and
Scholarship Recipients
- Children's Ministry
Meeting

Kids Corner

Thank you to all our Frieden's Friends Pen Pals who were able to join us for our tea party! It was great to be able to see the faces of everyone the kids have been writing to. During the month of April we spent time learning more about Jesus' death and resurrection. He is risen! This May we will be starting our Heroic series. Every kid wishes they had superpowers, but with Jesus, we don't need x-ray vision or invisibility to be heroes! In this four-week series, kids will hear stories about the heroes of the Early Church — the apostles and disciples who used their unique abilities to spread the good news of Jesus. Through their stories, we'll see that anyone can do great things for God because God gives everyone a mission, the Holy Spirit gives us power, and we're heroic when we work as a team! Be sure to have your kids, ages 5-12, join us each Sunday at 9AM!

Our Church Staff

2024 Church Council Officers
 Adam LawlerPresident
 Bill PetersmeyerVice-President
 Kathy BadeSecretary
 June Holt Treasurer

Rick Mortimer Interim Minister
 Cathy Reash.....Office Administrator
 Pam Bryant.....Bookkeeper
 Peggy Williams Church Organist
 Kristin Brockfeld Children’s Ministry
 Guy Schreck Chancel Choir Director
 Susie Rowan Praise Band Director
 Bill PetersmeyerBell Choir Director
 Susie Rowan Accompanist
 Ned Quest Accompanist

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

Attendance

In person service only.

April 2024

4/7	101
4/14	100
4/21	105
4/28	Unknown

Monthly Financial Report

March	Month	Year-To-Date
Income	\$50,629.74	\$78,955.92
Expenses	<u>\$12,906.26</u>	<u>\$48,925.37</u>
Net Income	\$37,723.48	-\$30,030.55

Offerings by Month



Thank You

To Peggy Williams, Guy Schreck, and Ned Quest for serving as the committee that decided who the Isenmann, Gunther, and Sprick scholarships were awarded to. Since the winners aren't announced until the high school awards assembly on May 1, we're not listing them in this newsletter but will let you know as soon as we can.

Thank You

To Rosalie and Derrold Petersmeyer and Peggy and Dennis Williams for polishing the candelabras and offering plates. They hadn't been cleaned for years (or maybe ever, according to Guy) and they look brand new.

Thank You

To our congregation, who donated over \$6,600 to be used for the sidewalk project. What an amazing group of people we have at Friedens!

Thank You

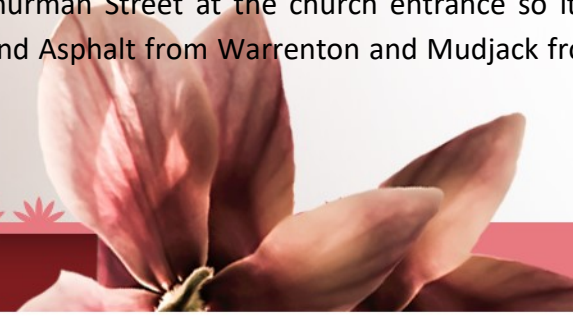
To David Avis and Frank Stuermann for heading up the sidewalk project and being very effective at recruiting help and donations. Their crew included Benny Avis, Jim Schmittel, Eddie Meyer, Gary Buxton, and Milton Wulff. Thank you all!


To our anonymous donor, who gifted the church \$40,000. Per their request, \$5,000 was used for the parking lot (this amount was not included in the \$6,600 reported above), \$5,000 went toward a second Isenmann scholarship and to the Isenmann scholarship fund, and the remainder is in a restricted fund to be used when needs have been determined.



Council Corner

April 9, 2024

- Council discussed different ideas on how to use the money that Friedens was gifted recently. Per the request of the donor, \$5,000 went toward the sidewalk repairs, and \$5,000 is going to be used to offer a second Isenmann scholarship if there is more than one qualified candidate. The remaining \$30,000 will be moved to a restricted fund to be used as needed in the future.
 - The sidewalk project is completed. Thanks to all the generous donations, the project was completely paid for with a surplus of \$3,389.
 - The profile for a new minister is with the conference and is being posted.
 - Council discussed committees that need to be reestablished. Worship, Christian Ed, and budget committees are currently active; evangelism is getting started; and personnel, pastoral relations, and social committees need to be started up again when a new minister is in place (or before). Also discussed were ways to increase attendance and giving, especially in summer when those often both go down.
 - Bill is working with Jessica Thomas, Jessica Lawler, Rebecca Klinginsmith, and Kristin Brockfeld to get a Safe Church Policy in place that applies specifically to our church. They plan to have that completed for the beginning of the school year.
 - The parsonage will continue to be leased by our current tenants from May 1 of this year to April 30, 2025. The lease stipulates that if a minister is called and wants to live in the parsonage, the tenants will be given a 60 day notice to vacate.
 - The building use policy was updated.
 - An extension will be offered to Pastor Rick to continue with Friedens from July through December, again unless a permanent minister is called before that period ends.
 - A new system for streaming services is being looked into and that process is moving forward.
 - The Fall Festival will be on September 21 and Council has agreed to have Friedens participate again with a food booth.
 - Council approved three projects: sealing the west and north parking lots and repainting the parking lines, asphaltting over the hole in the west parking lot where the drain had been, and raising the sidewalk section on Thurman Street at the church entrance so it is more level. Work will be done by Triple J Sealcoating and Asphalt from Warrenton and Mudjack from Foley. The excess money from the sidewalk
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Dorcas Women's Fellowship

April 10, 2024

No meeting was held. Instead, a group of nine including the Mortimers made their way to Boonville, MO, to Warm Springs Ranch, home of the Budweiser Clydesdales. Our guide, Sue Howdoyoudo, led us through the facility sharing with us just about everything you ever wanted to know about the horses and the facility. The highlight of the tour was seeing the newly born foals and their mothers up close. We had lunch in Columbia beforehand and strolled through the Shelter Insurance Gardens before heading to Booneville. Despite the cloudy skies and occasional rain, everyone enjoyed the trip.

Our next meeting is May 8th.

Thank You

Dear Friedens UCC,
Thank you for the Easter box. All the treats will help me get through finals.

Sincerely,
Thomas Swoboda

Orange Bag Project Update

While food is always needed and welcome, Agape really needs personal care items. Some ideas are toothpaste/toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, toilet paper, and laundry detergent. Let's help stock the shelves!

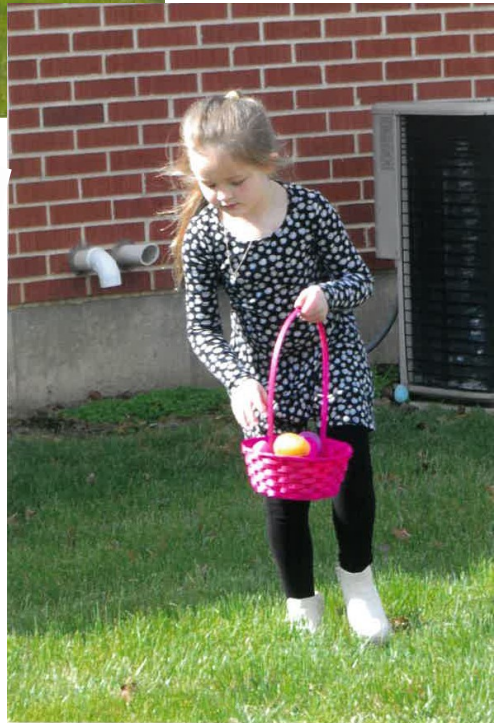
Thank You

Thank you Rev. Mortimer for your visit when I was hospitalized. Also, thank you to the members of Friedens for the gel well, birthday, and Easter cards. All of our thoughtfulness and kindness are gratefully appreciated.

Your friend,
Clarice Beckemeier

On May 19, at the 9:00 service, we will honor our high school and college graduates. Please let the office know if you have a child or grandchild who will be graduating so we can make sure they're included. We will also be recognizing our Gunther, Sprick, and Isenmann scholarship winners that morning.





MEMORIAL

For Alice Pruder

John & Marilee Barry



April 8, 2024

Safety
Shelter
Stability

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Dear Friends at Friedens Church,

Thank you for your donation of \$100.00, which we received on April 4, 2024. You are 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,

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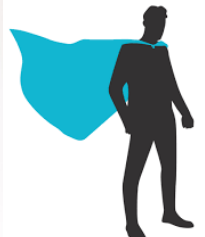
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VBS Volunteers Needed

Be a Hero and Volunteer to
help out with Vacation Bible School.



Areas in need are:

Week of July 21st: times/days TBD set-up and decorating
Sunday, July 28th: 9am-10am kick off

- Need 2 Volunteers

Monday-Thursday, July 29th-August 1st: 5pm-7:30pm

- Need 10 volunteers

3 Group leaders

3 activity leaders

2 snack leaders

1 audio/visual tech leader

1 photographer/behind the scenes.

Look for the weekly Bulletin in the Announcements for sign-up opportunities.

May Birthdays

03—Mary Hess
08—Derrick Moreau
09—Dylan Schneider
10—Mark Schutte
14—Cody Kieffer
Jessica Lawler
Kim Moeller
Danielle Smith
17—Ron Cosgrove

19—Brenda Bunge
20—Lauren Moeller
24—June Lawler
25—Jessica Thomas
28—Dorothy Berrey
29—Sara Gerdeman Price
30—Fred Jungermann
Chase Toerper



May Anniversaries

Frank & Cheryl Stuermann May 4 ~ 56 years
John & Linda Nordwald May 9 ~ 44 years
Jim & Barb Daly May 12 ~ 35 years
Steve & JoAnn Toerper May 15 ~ 42 years
Jon & Debbie Groeper May 16 ~ 43 years
Jacob & Stephanie Schneider May 24 ~ 16 years
Ted & Lynn Joyce May 25 ~ 39 years
Robert & Betty Singer May 26 ~ 24 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.

May Servants

Ushers

Mike and June Holt,
Don and Chris Huff

Liturgists


May 5 Nancy Wulff
May 12 Linda Schneider
May 19 Sharon McElfresh
May 26 Susie Rowan

Children's Church Volunteers



Karen Petersmeyer

Acolytes

May 5 Hunter Holt and Zoey Wray
May 12 Raelynn Thomas and James Thomas
May 19 Miles Klinginsmith and Emma Petersmeyer
May 26 -



May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Communion Rev. Rick Mortimer Brunch	6	7	8 Dorcas Meeting 1:30pm Bell Choir 5:30pm	9	10	11
12 Rev. Rick Mortimer 	13	14 Council Meeting 6:30pm	15	16	17	18
19 Rev. Rick Mortimer Graduate & Scholarship Sunday	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Rick Mortimer and the Celebration Band	27 	28	29	30	31	

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.