

November 2023

Join Us for Worship!
Sundays 9:00 am

The Friedens Messenger

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Upcoming Dates for Events:

SUN NOV 5 - Holy Communion

Annual Meeting after 9am Service

SUN NOV 12 - Children's Ministry Meeting

SUN NOV 19 - Acolyte Recognition

SUN NOV 26 - Totenfest

Kids Corner

During the month of October we learned how to be as strong and bold as lions because of God's promises. The kids learned important truths from the life of Daniel, like how we don't have to give up and don't have to feel alone. Instead, we can keep learning and not be afraid, even when we don't know the future. Why? Because God is with us! We also spent a little spooky time at Big Joel's Safari. We have been using these outings to build the kid's relationships with each other and will count on all that bonding experience to work as a team during our community service event in November. Not signed up yet? Talk to Kristin! Our November series, Behind the Scenes, is a 4-week series from the Old Testament on ESTHER. The most important part of any play is what happens "behind the scenes." There's lighting, wardrobe, casting, playwriting — so much has to happen perfectly to bring the production together! In the story of Esther, there is a whole lot going on behind the scenes, too. In this four-week series, kids will discover the most important character in Esther's story isn't always center-stage, but can often be found behind the scenes working, helping, giving support and giving peace. (Spoiler alert: It's God!) Have your kids, ages 5-12, join us each Sunday at 9AM!

2023 Council Officers

Derrick MoreauPresident
 Rebecca Klingensmith Vice-President
 Kathy BadeSecretary
 June HoltTreasurer

Our Church Staff

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

Attendance

In person service only.

October 2023

10/1 89
10/8 80
10/15 99
10/22 80
10/29 Unknown

Moser's Receipts

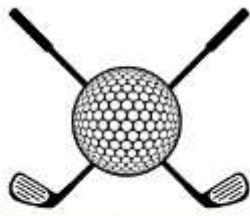
Keep saving those Moser's receipts!
 When we turn in \$10,000 in receipts,
 Moser's sends us a check for \$50. So far
 this year we've collected enough receipts
 to get \$150!

Monthly Financial Report

<u>September</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Income	\$16,656.24	\$147,049.85
Expenses	<u>\$13,914.60</u>	<u>\$128,402.35</u>
Net Income	\$2,741.64	\$18,647.35



Golf Scramble



News from the Pastoral Search Committee

We are finishing the profile and once completed it goes to the conference minister for approval. Once approved it goes on the U.C.C. Website for prospective candidates.

Thank you for your patience and as always, God Bless!

Memorial For Ruth Yocum Carol Perry

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.

Orange Bag Project

Agape is grateful for our food and personal hygiene donations. You can leave your items in the grocery cart by the Thurman Street door or in the narthex and they will be delivered to Agape.

Council Corner

October 10, 2023 Meeting

- Guy Schreck gave an update on the search committee's progress.
- Financial reports were approved. At this point, we are in the black by \$18,647.35. This is mainly because we are not paying a full time minister's salary.
- The fall festival netted \$1,308.33.
- The Budget Committee met on September 28 and set the budget for 2024, to be approved at the Annual Meeting. The total recommended budget is \$198,380.
- The terms of Derrick Moreau, Heather Schutte, and Rebecca Klingensmith will end and Council is working to find new members to serve three year terms. At this point, Gloria Berrey has agreed to serve, and others are being contacted.
- The Annual Meeting will be held on November 4. All committees/groups will turn in their reports to Cathy and she will put together the Annual Report which will be available on October 22 and 29, as well as on the day of the meeting.
- The Friedens golf outing on October 8 was successful and over \$700 has been raised for Christ for India through that event and sales of Rev. Mortimer's books.

Operation Christmas Child

Collection - Pick up boxes **Oct. 29th - Nov. 5th**, Return boxes **November 12th**

Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by our local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way.

Gift suggestions include a WOW item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal, then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. Don't forget to include a personal note and photo - sometimes these are the child's favorite things to receive!

Donations are welcome if you don't want to go to the store, Kim loves to shop!!!



TURKEY DRIVE 2023

It may seem like Thanksgiving is far off, but Agape is already starting preparations for providing Thanksgiving meal boxes to over 400 families in our county who are in need. Our church family has been supporting Agape at Thanksgiving with our Turkey Drive for the last few years. Again this year, we are asking for monetary donations to help Agape provide those meals.

If you would like to take part in this mission, please provide your help in the form of a check or cash. Agape will do the turkey shopping with the money we collect.

Checks can be mailed to the church at 313 E. Main, a check or cash can be dropped off at the church office, or your donation can be put in the offering plate on Sunday morning. All checks should be made out to Friedens UCC and marked **TURKEY DRIVE** in the memo line. Checks or cash need to be in the office no later than Thursday, November 2. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Contact Kathy Bade (636-297-5862) if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!

Dorcas Women's Fellowship

We met on October 11, 2023, with 14 members and two guests, Reverend Rick and Marilyn Mortimer, present.

Marilyn talked about her son's illness and showed us a scene from The Chosen when Little James asked Jesus "Why haven't you healed me?" She capped off her program by showing us how to make a DIY birthday card.

On Friday, October 27, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. the Red Cross Blood Drive is coming to Friedens. Kathy Bade reported that Friedens made \$1,308.33 from the fall festival.

Our afternoon concluded with Bingo and refreshments by Betty Singer and Carol Perry. Our next meeting will be held November 8 at 1:30.



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COOKIE WALK

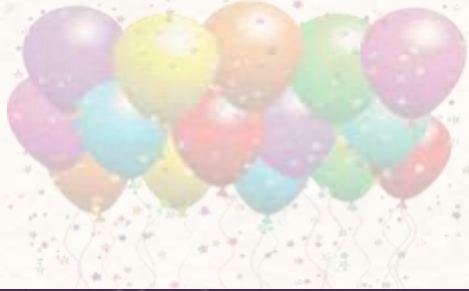
Bring cookies in on Friday, December 1st until 4:00 p.m.

On Saturday, December 2nd between 8:00 a.m. and 11 a.m., you can pick out your favorite **home-made** cookies and pay by the pound.



November Birthdays

02—Yvonne Albright	17—Mark Jaspering
Wade Petersmeyer	18—Kevin Sprick
07—Eric Holt	22—Owen Heitgerd
09—Lori Ann Dothage	Emma Owenby
10—Colleen Dooley	24—Janet Butcher
Milton Wulff	25—Phyllis Avis
12—Emery Heitgerd	26—Nathan Quest
15—Tim Nash	28—Jeff Hoelscher
16—Katie Schollmeyer	29—Stan Miller



If your birthday or anniversary is not appearing in the monthly newsletter, please let the office know those dates so we can add it.

November Anniversaries

Gary & Glenda Buxton
November 19 ~ 39 years

Tony & Vivian Lanzone
November 23 ~ 31 years

Jason & Karen Petersmeyer
November 29 ~ 14 years



November Servants

Ushers

Henry Prior, Charlie Nordwald
and Helen Pherigo

Children's Church Volunteers

Karen Petersmeyer

Liturgists

November 5 David Avis
November 12 Sharon McElfresh
November 19 Peggy Williams
November 26 Susie Rowan

Acolytes

November 5 Miles Klinginsmith and Emma Petersmeyer
November 12 June Lawler and Zoey Wray
November 19 Hunter Holt and Kason Williams
November 26 -

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bell Choir 5:30pm	2	3	4 Disciple Day
5 Communion Annual Meeting	6	7	8 <i>Dorcas Meeting 1:30</i> Bell Choir 5:30pm	9	10	11
12 Children's Ministry Meeting	13	14 Council Meeting 6:30pm	15 Bell Choir 5:30pm	16	17	18
19 Acolyte Recognition	20	21	22 Bell Choir 5:30pm	23 	24	25
26 Rich Barton Celebration Band Totenfest	27	28	29 Bell Choir 5:30pm	30		