

# FRIEDENS REFORMED CHURCH

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friedens Family,

I have made a few additions to the church website. I have uploaded all of the sermons since I came in March. I have also added a blog feature to the website for short articles. Since I work with a seminary, and serve as an academic mentor to seminarians, I hope that the blog will be used as a place to allow these men to serve by contributing short Biblical articles about the Reformed faith and the Christian life. I have posted a couple short articles there already to get the ball rolling.

This past Sunday, I finished preaching an 8-part series through the book of Nahum, titled Comfort in Chaos. The heart of the series, which is the core message of the books of Nahum, is that God judges the wicked for the sake of protecting His Church. It is such a comforting truth to realize, as our beloved Heidelberg Catechism teaches, the God "will make whatever evils He sends upon me, in this valley of tears, turn out to my advantage; for He is able to do it, being Almighty God, and willing, being a faithful Father."

In the coming weeks, I plan to preach a series of sermons on various attributes of God. Nothing will strengthen our faith as much as learning to see just how great and powerful our God really is.

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas before we know it. For this year's four Advent Sundays, I am hoping to enlist the help of four families from the congregation to help with Advent readings and to light the Advent candles.  
Pastor Andy.

## INSTALLATION SUNDAY

On August 30, we held Pastor Andy's Installation service. Pastor Andy's good friend, Rev. Jeff Holwerda drove in from Illinois to lead the afternoon worship service and preach the Installation sermon. Rev. Jim Barnes, National Minister of the Evangelical Association of Reformed and Congregational Christian Churches, joined via Zoom to officiate the rites of Installation.



Pictured above is the laying of hands on Pastor Andy by ministers and consistory members.  
The Rev. Jim Barnes is on the screen to the left.

## MISSION FEST

Pastor Andy has been in Gospel ministry for over 20 years. He served as a missionary in for 16 years in the Philippines. Pastor Andy and his wife Nhora shared their story with the congregation for Mission Fest on October 18. A slide show of pictures played during Pastor Andy's presentation.



## HOME VISITS

Pastor Andy visits our shut-ins, and he communes them every First Sunday. If any member of Friedens is unable to make it to church on the First Sunday (or those who may be staying away for health reasons), would like to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, please contact Pastor Andy, and he will arrange to commune you at your home.

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## TRUST IN THE LORD FOREVER (Isaiah 26:4)



The theme for this year's vacation bible school was F.R.O.G. (Fully Rely On God) Days of Summer. On August 14 and 15, students learned the story of Joseph, his brothers and his father. During these unknown times, the young people learned how they can trust in the Lord forever and fully rely on God to help them. Due to the pandemic, we were not able to host the community VBS. We will make plans for the community VBS for the summer of 2021.



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## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Nursing Home Residents and Shut-ins (list on page 3)

\*\*If you or a loved one would like to be included on the prayer list, please contact Pastor Andy.



Madelene Vivian Stobner, 95, passed peacefully on July 2. A private family graveside service was held on Tuesday, July 7.

John D. Sayler, 91, went to be with the Lord on July 21. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 25.

Lois Verzani, 79, passed away September 6, at her home surrounded by her family. Services were held Thursday, September 10.

Ruby Batterman, 89, was granted her angel wings on November 12. A private burial ceremony was held on Saturday, November 21.

## Women's Guild Update

Student summer church camperships concluded for 2020 with the Guild gifting Jacey Friman \$100 to defray her costs to the July New Hope Christian Camp held in Platte.

On August 30, 2020, Pastor Andy's installation was held, followed by a potluck meal served by the Consistory and the Women's Guild.

The Women's Guild's annual September Potato Topper fundraiser was cancelled for 2020 due to Covid-19 concerns, but we hope to bring it back in 2021! The Guild served one funeral luncheon in the month of September. We extend our sincere condolences to the Lois Verzani family.

The October election for the offices of secretary and president were filled with Robin Stoebner volunteering to resume the office of secretary, with Brenda Stoebner agreeing to act as secretary pro tem in Robin's current absence, and Eileen Gall agreed to resume the office of president for another term. October also marked the end of our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox mission project, bringing in twenty-seven shoeboxes. The shoeboxes were dedicated on November 8th and then delivered to the collection site at Calvary Baptist Church in Yankton. We thank God for allowing us to share the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Thank you, Friedens, for generously donating to this special Christmas mission project.

**FYI:** Guild members---The Christmas potluck for December has been cancelled.

### Friedens' Nursing Home/Assisted Living Residents (With Addresses and Birthdays)

1. Maydean Dewald – Borman Manor Nursing Home, 501 N. 4th St., Parkston, SD 57366  
Birthday: Feb. 13
2. Betty L. Meyer – Trail Ridge Assisted Living, 3412 W. Ralph Rogers Rd., Apt #122, Sioux Falls, SD 57108-2764 Birthday: Aug. 4
3. Bob Pietz – Sister James Health Care Facility, 2111 W 11th, Chalkstone; Yankton, SD 57078  
Birthday: June 24
4. Elva Brosz – Borman Manor Assisted Living, 400 W Fir St; Parkston, SD 57366  
Birthday: Feb. 22
5. Violet Ehresmann – Bormann Manor Assisted Living, 400 W Fir St; Parkston, SD 57366  
Birthday: March 11
6. Alice Haeffner – 401 S. Water St.; Sparta, WI 54656 Birthday: September 1
7. Curtis Huether – Edgewood Vista, 501 Spruce St E, Mitchell, SD 57301  
Birthday: September 24

### Friedens' Shut-ins

1. Meta Herr–P.O. Box 131, Tripp, SD 57376
2. Janelle Meisenhoelder–101 S. Carpenter St., Tripp, SD 57376
3. Maynard and Adeline Dewald–P.O. Box 152, Tripp, SD 57376
4. Leroy Pietz–41115 284<sup>th</sup> Street, Tripp, SD 57376

Our Daily Bread devotionals are available in the Narthex.  
Large print copies will be arriving in December.

## MEMORIAL APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Memorial Appreciation Sunday is for the dedication of the memorials given to the church. Previous donations are listed on the Memorial Board hanging in the Narthex.

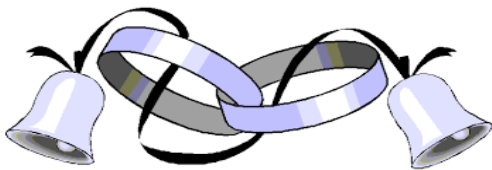


The first memorial received was in memory of Keith Dewald and will be used at a later date. A second memorial was from Kenny Stoebner. The amount was placed in the cash builder money market account to be used when needed. Similar donations were made by Delray Herr and Marcella Breitreutz. The money will be used for every day expenses for the church.

A warm thank you to the families for remembering the Church.

## POINSETTIAS AVAILABLE

If you would like to donate a poinsettia in honor of a loved one for Christmas, Ruby Dewald has access to poinsettias. Please contact her. A single poinsettia will be \$12 and a double poinsettia is \$20.



## CONGRATULATIONS MR. & MRS.

Cara Finck and Wes Will were united in marriage on September 19.

Kyle Stoebner and Melanie Wollum exchanged vows on October 3.

Patricia Fischer and Wade Weber were married on October 10.

## CHURCH SERVICES AVAILABLE ON CDs or DVDs

For those without the ability to view the church services live, DVD's and CD's of the services are available. Please let Pastor Andy or any member of the Consistory know if you need DVD's or CD's and we will be sure to get them to you.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Christmas Eve Service  
December 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Service  
December 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Annual Church Meeting  
January 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Watch the bulletin and website for more information on upcoming events and services.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BULLETIN

If you would like to place an announcement in the bulletin, please leave a message for Judy Mehlhaff by Friday of each week.

Three ways to receive our newsletter:

1. View and download from church website.
2. Sign up to have it e-mailed to you.
3. Sign up to have it mailed to you.

To let us know how you would like to receive your newsletters, please sign the notebook in the narthex **OR** send us an email. Our email address is [friedensreformedchurch@gmail.com](mailto:friedensreformedchurch@gmail.com).