

THE VOICE

Official Newsletter of
Friedens United Church of Christ



End of the Year Budget Update

Several people have asked where our giving is compared to our budget. To be honest, we are way behind where we all pledged and prayed we would be at this time.

I think for many of us we give when we come and we don't come regularly since Covid so we forget about the regular cost of doing ministry. Online viewing is easy and convenient and we forget there is a cost for this convenience.

We also celebrate for there are many people who continue to give abundantly and we trust that the Holy Spirit is very much alive at Friedens UCC-Irvington!

So if you are looking for somewhere to send your year-end gifts, please remember Friedens UCC-Irvington.

Online gifts can be sent through
or a check can be mailed to PO Box 494, Irvington, IL.

Together we will continue the ministry of Christ made particularly evident through the work of Friedens.



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December 5th - Advent 2: "A Place at the Table (**Peace**)".

Scriptures: Baruch 5:1-5 and Phillippians 1:9-11

December 12th - Advent 3: "How Much is Enough? (**Joy**)".

Scriptures: Isaiah 12:2-6 and Luke 3:10-14 **Wear Pink**

December 19th - Advent 4: "A Room with a View (**Love**)".

Scriptures: Micah 5:2-5a and Luke 1:46-55

December 21st - Blue Christmas service at 6pm (see page 3 for more information)

December 24th - Christmas Eve: "The Inn" **6 p.m.**

Kids Handbell Choir, Special Music, Candlelight, Carols, & Silent Night in German.

December 26th - Sunday after Christmas: "Dwelling".

Scriptures: Colossians 3:12-17 and Luke 2:41-52. **Wear a fun or ugly holiday sweater**

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Blue Christmas

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

6 PM

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER
21ST AT 6PM FOR OUR
BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE.

“LONGEST NIGHT”

(AKA-THE WINTER SOLSTICE) IS WHEN FRIEDENS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST WILL HOLD A
“BLUE CHRISTMAS” SERVICE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND
REMEMBER THOSE WE HAVE LOST.
JOIN US FOR A TIME OF HEALING AND REMEMBRANCE
THIS ADVENT SEASON

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Live Nativity

Mark your calendars for
Saturday, December 18th at 4pm
for a **LIVE Nativity** at Friedens!
There will be firepits blazing to
keep you warm, delish seasonal
treats to eat and drink.

Invite your friends
and
neighbors to join
us!

We will go caroling
through the Irvington
community on Sunday,
December 12th
immediately following
worship. Please sign-
up at church on
Sunday morning so we
have enough song
books available.



December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Choir practices at 9 a.m. before worship each week. Visit www.iringtonucc.com webpage for news, online worship & online giving. Church number: (618) 918-7150 Email: office@iringtonucc.com *Birthday **Anniversary ***more information in newsletter			1 10am Prayer Shawl Ministry *Lillian Hongsermeier *Sharon Lemos	2	3 *Brooke Tate	4 9-11am Food Pantry open
5 10am Worship, 2 nd Sunday of Advent: Peace; The Inn worship series 11am SS for all ages; Confirmands watch "The Nativity Story" and have lunch. Begin bringing wrapped Kindercottage gifts.*** *Cathy Kluck	6 *Josh Hoh *Andrea Barrett	7	8 10am Prayer Shawl Ministry Wrapped Schippel House Gifts due*** *Mason Tate	9	10	11
12 10am Worship with Cookie Communion, 3 rd Sunday of Advent: Joy; The Inn worship series; Wear pink to worship! Wrapped Kindercottage gifts due. *** 11am Caroling trip through the town***	13 9am Pantry delivery and shelf stock 1pm IGS Peace Camp Volunteers needed at noon	14	15 10am Prayer Shawl Ministry *Pastor Stacy **Cindy & Tim Coats	16 **Howard & Becky Hongsermeier	17 *Gale Koelling	18 9-11am Food Pantry open 4pm Live Nativity and seasonal refreshments
19 10am Worship, 4 th Sunday of Advent: Love; The Inn worship series. 11am-1pm Host Pantry *Judy Luer	20 6pm Council mtg. *Chenys Tiemann	21 6pm Blue Christmas Service *Stephanie Coggins	22 10am Prayer Shawl Ministry *Carol Ann Earls	23	24 Christmas Eve 6pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Merry Christmas
26 10am Worship, Christmas Sunday; The Inn worship series. Wear a holiday ugly or fun sweater! 11am SS for all ages; Confirmands "Nativity Escape Room" activity.	27	28 *Marti Newcomb	29 10am Prayer Shawl Ministry *Cindy Coats	30	31 New Year's Eve	