



Worship With Us

We gather for worship each Sunday at 10:00am both in-person and online.

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reflecting the sacred

Advent/Christmas 2022

Our Advent series is called Reflecting the Sacred. The word "sacred" points to something dedicated as "holy" and "set apart." This year, you are invited to a spiritual journey of seeing ALL things pregnant with the Holy.

What could our experience of the Advent and Christmas season be like if we lived it looking at everything through the lens of the sacred?

Friedens 4 Week Advent Challenge

Let's commit, as part of our preparation for the coming of the Christ child, to worship together for 4 weeks straight. Advent starts on Nov. 27th and will be a special day with the baptism of Mason and Brooke Tate's baby, Luka Mark Tate. (cont on next page)

Please join the challenge and commit to spending four weeks together.
Invite a friend.

- Advent 1 - **Nov. 27** - Sacred Time-emphasizing the gift of being awake to the "now"
- Advent 2 - **Dec. 4** - Sacred People-looking to see our own walk on earth as part of the call to be sacred people ushering in the presence of love.
- Advent 3 - **Dec. 11** - Sacred Space- ponder the spaces we inhabit at home, work, and community, asking whether they are feeding and nurturing the freedom and grace that is so desperately needed.
- Advent 4 - **Dec. 18** - Sacred Knowing -remembering that there is a Christ within us if we will but listen with our heart.
- Christmas Eve Service is at 6 p.m.
- Christmas Day worship will be online only - available for you whenever it fits in your holiday plans.

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

All Saints Day will be the focus of our worship on **Sunday, Nov. 6.**

Everyone is welcome to bring pictures of loved ones who have entered eternal life and place them in the church window sills so the room will be filled with the Saints in Light!

The drawing for the Nintendo Switch will be held that day as well.

Sunday, Nov. 13 we are encouraged to bring photos of Veterans to line the windows. The doucs for this Sunday will be Stewardship and peace.

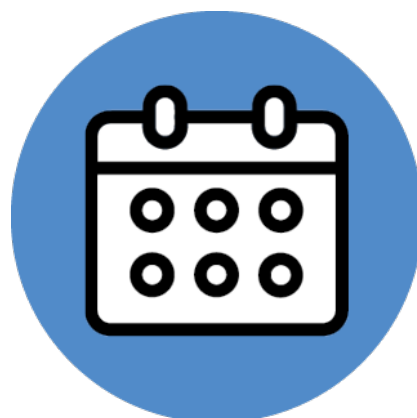
Sunday, Nov 20th will be our Thanksgiving Service, a service of music and thanks. This will be shorter service followed by the Hanging of the Greens to transform the worship space for the Advent/Christmas season. We need all hands on deck!

Friedens' Calendar

Our Church Calendar is available on our website at

<https://www.irvingtonucc.com/calendar>

Check back any time for upcoming events or members' birthdays!



EVENTS

FRIEDENS FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, Nov 5 looks to be a beautiful day for hotdogs, hayride, hikes, or hanging out as church family at the Dodilletts. Join us following worship for some fellowship!

FOOD PANTRY

Friedens will host the pantry on Sunday, Nov. 13 from 11-1 p.m. There is a Thanksgiving food fair on Monday, Nov. 19th. Volunteers need to be in place at 9 a.m. Dress for the weather.

PEACE CAMP

Irvington Grade School Peace Camp will be held on Monday Nov. 14th. The students will continue their focus on dealing with conflict through a drumming exercise followed by a popcorn snack! Volunteers are encouraged to be there by noon.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir will meet for a Thanksgiving/Advent practice on Monday, Nov. 14th at 6 PM

Marine UCC Sausage Dinner

Nov 6 there is a pork sausage dinner at Marine UCC in Marine, IL from 11 a.m. - 5: 30 p.m. All dinners \$12. Fresh meat will be for sale and raffle tickets for a whole hog are available by calling 618 8874465 or www.marieucc.org



Dear Friends at Friedens United Church of Christ,
It's sometimes easy to forget that there are nice people out there doing nice things for others, The prayer shawls will be shared. Thanks for being such a special reminder.
*Sending blessings and love
the Mueller and the Parrett Family*

Thank you beloved church family for the special surprise for Clergy Appreciation Month. I love the cross and have added it to our cross wall. And the cards with all the personal notes are priceless to me. You are loved beyond measure.
Pastor Stacy

**72nd Annual Zion UCC
Wurst Markt.**

Wed. Nov. 9, 2022. Drive thru at Addieville Community Club from 4- 7 PM. All Carry outs \$12 Pork Sausage, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Applesauce, Cookies.

**IL State Quartet and Gospel
Music Convention**

Friday Nov. 11th 6 p.m.
and Sat. Nov. 13th 6 p.m.
Herrin IL S. IL Worship Center
124 Lou Ann Drive.
All offerings to
Honor Flight of S. IL



Nintendo Switch Raffle

The winning raffle ticket will be selected on Sunday, Nov 5th! Thanks to all who purchased tickets to support our ministries with Irvington Grade School!

Giving of time and talents is very important to any church but giving financially is also just a crucial!

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