

Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church
510 East Main Street
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Hegins, PA 17938



Friedens Flyer

*In the name Of Jesus Christ, we
strive to serve all people in our community & world!*

December 2025



2 Corinthians 5:7

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Worship Services, 10:30 AM.

A.G., Kathryn Otto & Jean Morris

Head Usher – Dave Henninger

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Craft Faire Mtg., 6:30 PM.	3 Worship and Music Mtg., 5:30 PM.	4	5	6 Cookie, hoagie, and raffle basket sale. 9 – 11 AM.
7 2nd Sunday of Advent, <i>Pastor Barry Spatz, with Holy Communion.</i> Lector, Lisa Maurer Lay Assistant, Jess Henninger Counters, Mike & Sue Deiter Head Usher, Dave Henninger Ushers, Christy Leiter, Damaris Merwine, Ed Tietsworth Greeters, Janet & Ron Radel.	8 WELCA Mtg., 6:30 PM.	9	10 Council Mtg., 6:00 PM.	11	12	13
14 3rd Sunday of Advent, Lector, Scott Deiter Organist, Harold Morgan Counters, Kathryn Otto, TBD Head Usher, Dave Henninger Ushers, Mike Allvord, Scott Allvord, Mike Deiter Greeters, AJ Kline & Ann Miller.	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 4th Sunday of Advent, Lector, Ann Miller Organist, Harold Morgan Counters, Jean & Gary Klinger Head Usher, Dave Henninger Ushers, Ed Tietsworth, Ed Hornung, Rodney Troutman Greeters, Ed & Jane Tietsworth.	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service, Pastor Barry Spatz. Lector, Damaris Merwine Counters, Ron & Janet Radel Head Usher, Dave Henninger Ushers, Ed Tietsworth, Rick Henning, Ed Hornung Greeters, Cindy & Rick Herring.	25	26	27
28 1st Sunday after Christmas. Lector, Lisa Maurer Counters, Melody Swartz, Christy Leiter Head Usher, Dave Henninger Ushers, Larry Klinger, AJ Kline, Ann Miller Greeters, Katie & Jason Wolfgang.	29	30	31			Head Usher for January – Rodney Troutman

HIGHLIGHTS OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE – 11/5/25

- a. **Reformation Sunday – October 26** – Several people wore red and service went well.
- b. **All Saint's Sunday - November 2** - Dolores Huntsinger, Steward Miller, & Janice Scheib were remembered. We thank Rick Herring and Vicki Troutman for tolling the bells and the family members who read and lit candles. The service was well attended. Thomas Edwin Hughes was baptized and Holy Communion was celebrated.
- c. **Digital Communion Service** – The digital communion service has been purchased and installed on the digital hymnal. In the future the committee will listen to the service before it is implemented to make sure it is aligned with the hymnal. The company is available if we have any questions.
- d. **Service worship changes/bulletins/concerns** – A note was left in the Worship and Music mail slot regarding concern of the sharing of the peace during the flu season. We recommend keeping the sharing of the peace; however, if persons do not feel comfortable shaking hands, you may just use the peace sign or say the peace.

We suggest that the prayer list be renewed at the beginning of each month as had been the practice. Persons may request that persons on the previous month's list be added if still needed.

During this time of transition of bulletins, we ask for your prayers, patience, and grace as we make changes that are out of our control. In the future we will be trying different ideas to see what fits the needs of the budget and the congregation. We thank you for your assistance.

- e. **Piano/Organ** – Henry Fabrey Company technicians were here for the Fall yearly organ tuning on October 28. Harold Morgan was able to speak to them. The organ is in need of repairs. An electronic part is needed to fix a piston and pneumatic lines aren't functioning properly. They will send an estimate to fix the organ. Committee recommends fixing the organ now instead of waiting until their annual tuning next year. Jean Morris has left a message for them to contact her with the particulars.
- f. **Christmas in November – November 23**- Christmas in November will be celebrated on November 23, Christ the King Sunday. The Christian Education Committee has provided a list of items to donate for that Sunday. Altar Guild members will decorate the week of November 17. An altar guild meeting will be held on November 9.
- g. **Thanksgiving Eve Service** - There will be a community Thanksgiving Eve Service November 26, 2025, at Hepler Church of God, Pitman at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend
- h. **Advent - November 30** – The First Sunday in Advent. Lisa Maurer will make the Advent wreath. The lector will read a passage each Sunday while the Advent candle is being lit. The reading will be placed on the lectern.
- i. **Sunday School Program – December 21** - Christian Education Committee will pick the hymns and the students will perform during the message part of the service. Gifts for Baby Jesus will be presented.
- j. **Christmas Eve - December 24** - Pastor Spatz will be presiding at the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Holy Communion and Candlelight Service on December 24. We will have homemade bread and

presenters. It was decided not to change the offertory from the doxology for the Christmas season, which had been done in the past.

Poinsettias will be purchased from Zion Lutheran Church in Donaldson. A flyer will be posted this week. Poinsettias are \$10.00 each. Due date is November 17. Please pay Ruth Wetzel when ordering.

- k. **Lent** – Friedens will host the Ash Wednesday Service and Trinity the Maundy Thursday service. Friedens will participate in the Tri-Valley Ministerium Wednesday rotation.
- l. **Budget** - Committee Members reviewed the Worship and Music and Altar Guild budget proposals. It was approved by the committee and will be placed in the Council President and Treasurer's mail slots for council's consideration.
- m. **Congregational Meeting** - December 7 -The annual Congregational Meeting will be held after the December 7 worship service.
- n. **Holy Communion Installation of Church Council** – Holy communion will be celebrated on January 11 – The Baptism of our Lord Sunday instead of the first Sunday in January. Installation of church council members will be held on this Sunday.

Jean L Morris

Respectfully submitted by Jean L. Morris, Chairman



We continue to pray for... Daniel Carl; Ron & Gloria Gutshall; Bailey Romberger, Ed Sipple; Avalyn Koppenhaver; Kandy Distefano; Tony Gaborik Jr.; Marvin & Wenda Ruch; Carol & Kenny Dinger; Bill & Joan Loveland; Paul Bennick; Lee and Linda Kiefer; Larry Wetzel; Misty Rice; Angela Romberger; Dennis & Barbara Krammes; Deanna Dietz; Rev. Don Schwartz; Tracy Geist; Bruce Bonner; Jared Kiefer; Bill Wolfgang; Judy Barton; Gary Orner; Rev. Bill & Linda Danis; Diane Wehry; Denise Clark; Jane Pennypacker; Dave Schriener; Donna Wolfgang; Brad Ludwig; Robert Schneider; Marcy Coleman; Missy Shomper; Wendy Kimmel; Lila Kiefer; Elaine Wert; Bobby Miller; Jean Morgan; Linda Warfield; Andrea Bixler; Mary Jane Allvord; Greg Readinger; Jim Fetterolf; Palmer Geist; Alex Snyder; Melanie Klinger; Jimmy Henningsen; Sue Richcrick; Dirk Klinger; Andrea Klinger; John Wolfgang; Rick Herring; Greg Thorne; Meadow Lindenmuth; Joe and Saralynn Grantz; James Oxenrider Jr.; Janet Artz; James Sell; Robert Schneider.

Sympathy for the family and friends of Dr. Linn.

Sunday School is up and running for, 2025



December Birthdays and Activities

Birthday Card Shower

Please help celebrate the birthdays of our members who have reached the golden age of eighty and above.

Peggy Hand, December 25 - 755 East Main Street, PO Box 26, Hegins, PA 17938.

Chap Klinger, December 25 - 2301 O'Kane Street, Laredo, TX 78043.

Jean Morgan, December 31 - 24 Hikes Hollow Road, Pine Grove, PA 17963.

December Birthdays

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| 1. Gary Klinger | 25. Peggy Hand, Chap Klinger |
| 5. Sue Geist | 27. Deanna Lyons |
| 6. Troy Maurer | 28. Bryan Bixler, Lisa Miller |
| 8. Daniel Koppenhaver | 31. Polly Bolich |
| 10. Grayson Lyons | |
| 17. Asher Allvord | |

Save The Date

- **12/6/2025** – Cookie and hoagie sale, 9-11 AM. There are signup sheets in the Sunday school room for helping to make hoagies and to order hoagies.
- **12/6/2025** – Raffle and Prize Auction to be held at the Cookie and Hoagies Bazaar. Sponsors for baskets or donations of basket & prizes would be greatly appreciated.
- **12/7/2025** – Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following the worship service. Adoption of the 2026 budget and election of church council members. Dinner will be immediately after the Congregational Dinner. Please sign up with an usher. There is also a sign-up sheet in the Sunday School room for desserts.
- **12/21/2025** – Sunday School Christmas Program, 10:30 AM service.
- **12/24/2025** – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion. Pastor Spatz will be presiding at the 6 PM service.

Children's Christmas Program

On Sunday, December 21, 2025, our youth will present a Christmas program at the 10:30 AM service. We hope you'll join us to see our youth. Program practices are: Saturday, Dec. 20th, 10:00 – 12:00 (with lunch included).

Gifts for Baby Jesus

Gifts will be presented during the program. Below is a list of suggested items to donate that will be used here with our Sunday School program.

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| Hot Glue Sticks (large) | Scotch Tape | Tacky Glue (Needed) |
| Colored Pencils | Juice Boxes | Pens & Pencils |
| Washable Crayola or Roseart Markers | Plastic Table Cloths | Stickers |
| Water Color Paint (Crayola) | Scissors | Elmer's Glue |
| Glitter Glue Bottles | Individual Snack Packs of Chip or Cookies | |

Monetary donations will also be accepted. Place in an envelope marked, "Gifts for Baby Jesus".

Bulletin and Flower Sponsors Needed for 2026

Bulletins – All of January through December.

Flowers – All of January through December.