



Friedens Flyer

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

May 2026



For the

JOY

of the Lord
is your strength

Nehemiah 8:10



Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church
510 East Main Street
PO Box 575
Hegins, PA 17938

May 2026

Worship Services, 10:30 AM.

Altar Guild, Ruth Wetzel & Julie Klinger

Head Usher – Dave Henninger

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>3 5th Sunday of Easter, Pastor Barry Spatz with Holy Communion.</p> <p>Lector, TBD Lay Assistant, Julie Klinger Counters, Christy Leiter & Melody Schwartz Head Usher, Dave Henninger Ushers, Michael Allvord, Scott Allvord, Mike Deiter Greeters, Janet & Ron Radel.</p>	4	<p>5 Craft Faire Mtg., 6:30 PM.</p>	<p>6 Worship & Music, 5 PM.</p>	7	8	<p>9 WELCA Mother Daughter Banquet, 11:00 AM. Please reach out to Christy Leioter & Ann Miller for tickets.</p>
<p>10 6th Sunday of Easter, Damaris Merwine.</p> <p>Lector, TBD Organist, Harold Morgan Counters, Ann Millerr & Vicki Troutman Head Usher, Dave Henninger Ushers, Mike Deiter, Rick Herring, Ed Hornug Greeters, AJ Kline & Ann Miller. Mother's Day.</p>	11	12	<p>13 Council Mtg., 6:00 PM</p>	14	15	16
<p>17 7th Sunday of Easter, Pastor Barry Spatz.</p> <p>Lector, TBD Organist, Harold Morgan, Counters, Jean & Gary Klinger Head Usher, Dave Henninger Ushers, Larry Klinger, AJ Kline, Ann Miller Greetings, Jane & Ed Tietsworth.</p>	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>24 Day of Pentecost, Pastor Bonfillo, with Holy Communion.</p> <p>Lector, TBD Counters, Sue & Mike Deiter Head Usher, Dave Henninger Ushers, Christy Leiter, Damaris Merwine, Ed Tietsworth Greeters, Cindy & Larry Klinger.</p> <p>Wear red, Pentecost Sunday.</p>	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>31 The Holy Trinity, James Kimmel, Pianist.</p> <p>Lector, TBD Counters, Janet & Ron Radel Head Usher, Dave Henninger Ushers, Rodney Troutman, Ben Wetzel, Jason Wolfgang Greeters, Cindy & Rick Herring and Joan Smith.</p>						<p>Head Usher for June, Rodney Troutman.</p>

HIGHLIGHTS OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE – 4/1/26

a. **Organ** – Jean Morris reported that church council has approved using the money from the Spring Bazaar to repair the organ. The cost for the major project is \$4,430.00. It will take approximately 3 weeks to remove the pneumatics, rebuild them at the shop, and return them. They will order the parts upon receipt of the Church letter of acceptance and a 30% deposit (\$1,329.00).

b. **Lent** –

1. Friedens participated in the Ministerium rotation on Wednesday March 25. There were no scheduled ushers or acolyte, the sound system was not turned on, and when the people arrived for the service, they had to stand outside until Pastor Diefenderfer arrived to open the church doors. We thank Harold Morgan for providing us with organ music for the service and Pastor Diefenderfer for being liturgist. 52 people attended.

2. Palm Sunday – The Sunday School students did a great job. The bulletin did not match the selected hymns. The committee would like to know why the last hymn that had been selected, was changed since there are numerous insert copies in the church office cabinet and the selected hymn was very appropriate to end the service.

c. **Holy Week** –

1. **Maundy Thursday** - Trinity will host the Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.

2. **The Ministerium Good Friday Cross Walk** will begin at St. Andrew's on April 3 at 12:15 p.m.

3. **Good Friday – April 3 Evening Service** will be held at the Christ UCC in Fountain at 7:00 p.m.

d. **Easter Sunday – April 5**

1. **Breakfast** – The Worship and Music Committee will sponsor the Easter Breakfast April 5 from 8 to 10:00 a.m. A free will offering will be received to defray the cost of the breakfast. The committee will meet Saturday morning to set up. 52 adults and 2 children have signed up.

2. **Easter Service** – “This is the Feast” on page 61 will be sung as the Hymn of Praise. The digital hymnal will be programmed using the selection from the First Communion setting. The Hymn of Praise will not be printed in the bulletin, only the page number will be referenced. This Hymn of Praise will be used during April. Beginning May 3, we will return to “Praise to the Father” for the Hymn of Praise.

Easter flowers will be picked up Thursday evening.

Holy Communion will be celebrated. Alyssa Tober will provide the loaf of bread for this service. Ron Radel has been selected as Lay Assistant. We will commune one side at a time, so only 1 lay assistant is needed.

e. **Supply Schedules** –

1. **Pentecost Sunday – May 24** - Pastor Bonfilio will supply for the Holy Communion Service. People are asked to wear red for this special occasion.

2. Lay Assistants - The committee scheduled the lay assistants for the remainder of 2026. Copies of the schedule will be given to all lay assistants, Church Council President and Vice-President, and the Church Secretary.

3. Speakers - Speakers have been scheduled until the beginning of September. Jean Morris received an email from Pastor Spatz that Friedens has asked him to supply at Friedens three weeks a month. He can begin after September. He is willing to work with her to be able to cover for festival Sunday services. He also requested that a schedule be worked out for Sundays to be off to be involved with family time and vacations. The committee thanks Pastor Spatz for his willingness to provide worship for Friedens.

- f. **Dedication** - Two purificators have been purchased as a memorial to Kathryn Otto for her numerous years of service on the Altar Guild Committee. The committee requests that these be dedicated on May 3 during the Holy communion service.
- g. **Memorial Day Service - May 24** - A call was received from Herbert Borchert requesting the use of Friedens as back up in case of rain during the Memorial Day Cemetery Service. He also requested that the chimes be silenced during the service. Worship and Music Committee recommends permission be given to the Veterans to use Friedens as back up for their Memorial Day Service.
- h. **Committee Documents** – The committee members were asked to review the Worship & Music Committee's mission, purpose and tasks documents in preparation for updating the church constitution. Handouts were given to members for the Worship and Music Committee and the Altar Guild Committee to review and update if necessary. Once finalized these will be given to the Constitution Committee.
- i. **First Communion Classes** – Pastor Diefenderfer reported that they are still looking for candidates to begin First Communion classes.
- j. **Favorites Hymnal** – We will begin using the Favorites Hymnal June 7 to September 13.
- k. **Harvest Home** - Harvest Home will be celebrated on September 13.
- l. **Worship & Music Chairman Resignation** - Jean Morris is submitting her resignation as requested to the Church Council for only the Worship & Music Chairman effective April 11. In order to provide some time off from Altar Guild Chairman duties, the Worship and Music Committee has appointed Ann Miller as Assistant Altar Guild Chairman in her absence. Pastor Diefenderfer expressed his and the committee's thankfulness for Jean's many years of dedication, excellent leadership and organization skills to provide Friedens with very meaningful liturgical worship services.

Respectfully submitted by Jean L. Morris, Chairman

Jean L. Morris



Rick Herring; David Merwine; Terry Schwartz; Rosanne Burkey; Saralynn Grantz; Linda, Lee & Jared Kiefer.

Sympathy for Family and Friends of Misty Rice.

Vacation Bibler School

Friedens' Bible School will be held from June 15th through June 19th from 6:00 – 8:30 PM. Vacation Bible School is for children who have completed 3rd to 6th grade. The program will be on Sunday, June 21st, 10:30 AM. Please join our youth as they showcase what they have learned during the week.

Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate for the Tri-Valley School District will be 5/27/2026. The service will be held at Trinity Lutheran at 7:00 PM. Pastor Suzanne Elliottt will provide the message.

2026 Graduation

If you know of someone from Friedens Lutheran who will be graduating this year, please fill out the Graduate Information form so that we may recognize our 2026 graduates. The information from can be found in the Sunday School room.

Last Day of Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School before the summer break will be 5/31/2026. Will see everyone in the fall.

Rose Buds – We have two new baby girls!

Elaina Lynn, 4/15/2026. (5 lbs., 13 Oz.) Parents, Ryan & Chanel Herring.

Hallie Marie, 4/17.2026. (8 lbs., 10 Oz.) Parents, Cody and Chantelle Troutman.

Community Ascension Day Service

This year, May 11th is Ascension Day on the church calendar. This holy day is often overlooked, yet it is the day when we remember the risen Jesus leaving his disciples, returning to heaven, and receiving full authority from the Father – a cosmic coronation ceremony! The Tri-Valley Ministerium will host a service Community Ascension Day. The service will be hosted at Valley View Church of God at 7:00 PM. Pastor Mark Rothermel will give the message.

The church Easter breakfast is a joyful gathering that marks the end of Lent, celebrating the resurrection with fellowship and abundance. A special thank you to all the volunteers, cooks, and those who attended.



May Birthdays and Activities

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2 nd Dylan Klock	14 th Nora Lovina Allvord
4 th Maisy Geist, Ruth Wetzel	16 th Shirley Klinger
5 th Megan Thomas	22 nd Beau Brusso
6 th Rodney Troutman	23 rd Cody Deibert
7 th Kyle Henninger	28 th Olivia Herb
8 th Terry Schwartz, Willow Maurer	

Save The Date

- 5/5/2026 – Craft Faire, 6 PM.
- 5/6/2026 – Worship & Music, 5 PM.
- 5/9/2026 – Mother Daughter Banquet, 11 AM, with brunch and entertainment. Please reach out to Christy Leiter and Ann Miller for tickets.
- 5/11/2026 - Community Ascension Day, 7:00 PM. The service will be hosted at Valley View Church of God. Pastor Mark Rothermel will give the message.
- 5/13/2026 – Council Meeting, 6 PM.
- 5/24/2026 – Memorial Day Observance - The service by the American Legion Post 575, the VFW Post 8237 and the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 103, assisted by the local Boy Scout Troop, will conduct the Memorial Day Observance on Sunday, May 26, at Friedens Cemetery, Hegins, noon at the Veterans Memorial.
- 5/27/2026 – Baccalaureate services will be held at Trinity Lutheran at 7:00 PM. Pastor Suzanne Elliott will provide the message.
- 5/29/2026 - Graduation, Tri-Valley, 7:00 PM @ Athletic Field/Gymnasium.
- 5/31/2026 – Graduate recognition for the 2026 graduates will be held during the 10:30 AM service.
- 6/1/2026 – Scholarship applications are due. Applications can be found in the church Sunday School room. Please return all applications to Pam Merwine.

Sponsors Needed:

Bulletins and Flower sponsors are needed for 2026. Bulletins are \$10 per week, and flowers are \$35.00 per week. Pay Ruth Wetzel.

Bulletin – 5/17, 5/24, 5/31, 6/7, 6/14, 6/21.

Flowers – 5/24, 5/31, 6/7, 6/14, 6/21.

The May Birthday Club Members for our 80 and 90 year olds!

May 4, Ruth Wetzel – 301 Valley Road, Hegins, PA 17938.

May 16, Shirley Klinger – 1505 W. Maple St., P.O. Box 662, Valley View, PA 17983.

Mother Daughter Banquet

WELCA Mother Daughter Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 9th at 11:00 AM, with brunch and entertainment (Amanda Ludwig). Come join us for fun, food, and fellowship. Please reach out to Christy Leiter and Ann Miller for tickets.

April Activities

Easter Egg Hunt, April 3, 2026



Friedens Kids Doing What Kids do best!



Cousins - wrestling
and winning!
Regionals, 2026 best



Wrestling and wearing
his faith on his ankle.
Proverbs 3:5



Induction, Spanish
Honor Society



Second in the State
on Vault!