



# The Transformer

August 2013

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*Friedens Lutheran Church, 301 W. Washington Ave., Myerstown, PA*

Dear Friends,

As some of you know, my father died at the end of last year. He was a mentor to many, including me. He taught a weekly Bible Study class for 13 years and he kept all of his musings on his computer. I am now going through his computer reading his thoughts and notes. The litany below I found just the other day and wanted to share it with you. God's joy and peace be with you always. Ken

## *OUR LORD'S PRAYER*

*I cannot say "Our" . . .*

*If my religion has no room for other people and their needs.*

*I cannot say "Father" . . .*

*If I do not demonstrate this relationship in my daily life.*

*I cannot say "Who art in heaven" . . .*

*If all my interests and pursuits are primarily about earthly things.*

*I cannot say "Hallowed be Thy Name" . . .*

*If I am to be called by His name and yet have no intention to be holy.*

*I cannot say "Thy Kingdom come" . . .*

*If I am unwilling to give up my sovereignty and accept the Reign of God.*

*I cannot say "Thy will be done" . . .*

*If I am unwilling to have God intimately involved in my life.*

*I cannot say "On earth as it is in heaven" . . .*

*Unless I am truly ready to give myself to His service here and now.*

*I cannot say "Give us this day our daily bread" . . .*

*Without expending honest effort for it or by ignoring the genuine needs of others.*

*I cannot say "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" . . .*

*If I continue to harbor a grudge against anyone.*

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*I cannot say "Lead us not into temptation" . . .*

*If I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.*

*I cannot say "Deliver us from evil" . . .*

*If I am not prepared to struggle in the spiritual realm armed with the power of prayer.*

*I cannot say "Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory" . . .*

*If I do not give my disciplined obedience, or if I fear what my neighbors and friends may say, or if I seek my own glory first.*

*I cannot say "Amen" . . .*

*Unless I can honestly say, "Cost what it may, this is my prayer!"*

**OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**June 2013**

				% of Budget	
Current Budget	Goal	\$26,802.00	Goal to Date	\$160,812.00	89%
\$321,625.00	Rec'd	\$26,490.00	Rec'd to Date	143,087.00	
Spang Crest	Rec'd	105.00	Rec'd to Date	366.00	
Hunger	Rec'd	275.00	Rec'd to Date	1,525.00	

**ATTENTION --- YOUR HELP NEEDED**

In order to bring our records up to date we ask you to fill out the form below and bring it to the church office or put it in the offering plate.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for filling out this form.





Friedens Church Community,

Thank you so much for your generous contribution to the Lord's ministry. I would never be able to do this without the support of this church and its members. It has been truly humbling to see how much of a giving community we have. Thank you!

Erica S.



## Food Collection

On Sunday, August 4, food will be collected for the Lebanon County Food Bank. All gifts are welcomed. There is a need for instant mashed potatoes, 5 oz. canned chicken, Canned luncheon meat, jelly, 18 oz & 32 oz., complete pancake mix, hamburger helper, shampoo, bath soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes and toiletries. .



### COFFEE HOUR NEEDS YOUR HELP

Ever wonder how coffee gets magically made in the morning for you nearly every Sunday? Well, all it takes is a few minutes of someone's time and a desire to help keep our social hour lively. Members of the coffee hour committee are seeking helpers who are willing to volunteer to make it happen...we can't do it all ourselves! Coffee, cookies and munchies are all purchased and waiting for someone each Sunday to pull together. We even have a new coffee pot! **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BAKE OR PURCHASE TREATS BY YOURSELF.** Sign up on the list in Stauffer Hall or talk with Susan Harper, Caremla Deck or Annette Beamesderfer. Your help is appreciated by coffee drinkers everywhere!



The volunteer cleaning team will remain in action for 2013. Because of our budget deficit, nothing was proposed for professional cleaning service again.

I want to thank all the members who helped to keep our facility clean this year. We hope that others might join in whenever they can.

Please call Barb or Gene Lessig, at 866-2291 if you would like to help.

### Searching for a New Pastor



### CALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Tad Achenbach
- John Flesher
- Chris Heft
- Sister Janice Ruch
- John R. Smith
- McKenna Achenbach



# AUGUST 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9AM— Contemporary Service 10:30 AM— Traditional Service	5	6	7 6:45 PM—Praise & Worship Band Rehearsal	8	9	10
11 9AM— Contemporary Service 10:30 AM— Traditional Service	12	13	14 9 AM-Women Sew 6:45 PM—Praise & Worship Band Rehearsal	15 Deadline for newsletter articles 6:45 PM—Church Council	16	17
18 9AM— Contemporary Service 10:30 AM— Traditional Service	19	20 7 PM—Property Committee	21 6:45 PM—Praise & Worship Band Rehearsal	22	23	24
25 9AM— Contemporary Service 10:30 AM— Traditional Service	26 7 PM—Visitation Team	27	28 9 AM-Women Sew 6:45 PM—Praise & Worship Band Rehearsal	29	30	31



## A MISSION AT CROSSROADS

Well, another mission from Friedens Lutheran Church has been completed successfully.

Our mission team drove out Rt. 78 East, a little over two hours to arrive, inscrutably, just outside of Lebanon. Only this Lebanon was in New Jersey. For an old “Jersey Boy” it was great to be in the Garden State again.

We were in the woods and mountains. Trees everywhere, running-gurgling brooks, and wide open sky soothed our senses. It made one feel relaxed and refreshed.

As we arrived at Crossroads Camp Ground the administrators welcomed us and gave us a tour of the Camp’s facilities. We would have cabins with bunk-beds, restrooms, just a jaunt away, with individual showers and a large eating hall to supply our bodies with sustaining fuel. Directly behind our cabins was a beautiful large swimming pool. A sense of adventure and being one with nature overwhelmed us. It seemed, God forgive me, we won the “Las Vegas” of mission sites.

The next morning, after a substantial breakfast, our team was shown the equipment we could use to augment the tools we brought. A John Deere off road Gator and a large farm tractor with a capacious scoop up front. Additional chainsaws, rakes, shovels, and wheel barrows were also available.

As we walked the trail to the job site it started to lightly rain. The beautiful verdant forest slowly changed to a twisted tangled landscape of up-rooted, broken and prostrate trees thrown around like tooth-picks by Hurricane Sandy’s violent and devastating winds. It was astounding that such a dichotomy could exist—like beauty and the beast.

Off in the distance we could see large whitish mountains punctuating the skyline. A closer look revealed their true nature. These were mountains of wood-chips produced by professional woods-men using chipping machines to reduce branches and trees of appropriate size to a mountain of chips.

It would be our job for the next five days to clear the twisted and tangled debris, chainsaw tree trunks, pile the cut wood, and then spread the wood-chips over the cleared ground. I don’t know about the other team members, but as for me, I dropped my head and said, “God, this time you gave me a mountain,” and the lights went out in what seemed to the “Las Vegas” of mission sites.

Did I mention rain—because everyday it seemed that is all it did—soaking us right through to our skin. Compounding this the rain turned the verdant meadows into fields of mud. Reminiscent of Boot Camp training. Anyone who is a veteran can empathize—remembering sloshing through fields of mud.

Now despite these “Minot impediments” we persevered and at the end of our stay the Camp management was astounded at what we had accomplished. The amount of area cleared amazed them. They said we moved mountains of chips—roughly enough to cover three football fields two inches thick.

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So at the end of our mission we are justifiably proud. Like General Patton soldiers—we won the battle and we won't have to tell anyone we were shoveling "chicken manure" in South Carolina.

All kidding aside—there is a greater power—a moving force within all of us that deserves the praise for this job well done,.

But, if He ever asks me to go to camp in the rain again—He better be faster than my smart-car in high gear—cause I'm out of here!

Respectfully,  
F. A. Armstrong



**CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL** is continuing to search for a person or persons to serve as **CHAIRMAN OF CEMETERY BOARD**. Please connect with a council person if you or some one you know would enjoy using their gifts in this important ministry area. Council Persons names/pictures are posted on the bulletin board outside the Parlor



**During the Summer months, as we give the Adult Choir a much needed rest, we are pleased to have musicians from our church and guest musicians from the community share their talents with us at the 10:30 a.m. service. We are pleased to have the following musicians join us this year. Anyone wishing to provide special music this Summer is encouraged to contact Jim Biever as there are still dates available.**

**August 4 – Sarah Broadwell, piano**  
**August 11 – Cindy Morgan and Katelyn Umberger**  
**August 18 – Alex Loy, Saxophone**  
**August 25 – Janet Seibert, Elaine Lasch, Sylvia Pohronezny**



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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
 The church office is open from 9 AM— 1 PM Monday-Friday.



Friedens (Peace) Lutheran Church, Myerstown, PA  
Church Council Meeting  
July 18, 2013

Jeff Gumpert, President, called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Present: Jody Appleby (Vice President), Frank Armstrong, Jeff Gumpert (President), Joanne Maurer, Denise Noll, Ken Osborne (Interim Pastor) and Sharon Riegel (Secretary). Excused: Chris Heft, Elaine Lasch (Treasurer)

1. Frank Armstrong opened the meeting with prayer.
  2. Devotion/Scripture: Ecclesiastes 9:17. Discussion followed.
  3. Minutes/Reports/Communications:
    - a. Jody Appleby made a motion to accept the June 9, 2013 Special Church Council Minutes. Frank Armstrong seconded. Motion carried.
    - b. Jody Appleby made a motion to accept the June 20, 2013 Church Council Minutes. Frank Armstrong seconded. Motion carried.
    - c. Jody Appleby made a motion to accept the July 1, 2013 Special Church Council Minutes. Frank Armstrong seconded. Motion carried.
    - d. Jody Appleby made the motion to accept the June Financial Secretary's Report. Denise Noll seconded. Motion carried.
    - e. Denise Noll made a motion to accept June Treasurer's Report. Joanne Maurer seconded. Motion carried.
    - f. Ken Osborne shared a copy of his Pastor's Report for June 2013. Pastor Osborne shared that Mason Barry, son of Josh & Susan Barry, will be baptized at the 9:00 am service on July 28, 2013. Pastor Osborne will be off August 5-11, 2013. Pastor Kehrlis will lead worship on August 11. Pastor Kehrlis is willing/available to provide pastoral care coverage while Ken is off.
    - g. Thank you letters from LutherCare for recent gifts of \$34.00 and \$99.00 to Spang Crest.
  4. Jeff Gumpert shared there was no Finance Committee meeting for July 2013.
  5. Joanne Maurer gave a report of the July 9, 2013, Property Committee meeting. Property is taking bids to make the restroom in the Parlor handicap accessible. Installing smoke detectors in our building was tabled.
  6. Jeff Gumpert gave an update on the Ministry Site Profile Team. Frank Armstrong, Jeff Gumpert, Roger Kauffman, Violet Schaeffer, Len Schott and Judy Zinn will continue to work on compiling this profile. It has been a challenge to set a meeting date suitable to the busy summer schedules of the team members. Call Committee will also review this profile. An update on the call process will continue to be placed on the Council Bulletin Board and in the Transformer.
  7. Pastor Osborne reported a team including Jim Biever is discussing plans for honoring Pastor Kehrlis who has been ordained 50 years and Sister Janice Ruch who is celebrating 20 years. The team is planning this event for a date in September.
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8. Pastor Osborne is scheduling a New Members Class in September. If you know of any person or families who would like to join Friedens, please ask them to connect directly with Pastor or Janet Moyer, Church Secretary.
9. Council continued the discussion of the Director of Discipleship position. A few candidates have expressed an interest in this position. Pastor Osborne provided a copy of a “rough draft” of a Director of Christian Education position description. Further discussion will continue at the August Council Meeting.
10. Council discussed the continued need to find a person to serve as Chairman of Cemetery Board. We may need to consider making this a paid position and possibly consider combining the cemetery duties with the duties of a church sexton. Pastor Osborne provided a copy of a “rough draft” of a Church Sexton position description. Council previously received a copy of the duties of the Chairman of Cemetery Board. Further discussion will continue at the August Council Meeting.
11. Council continues to search for persons willing to serve on Council with 3-year terms beginning in 2014.
12. The auditing of the 2012 books needs to be completed. Jeff Gumpert confirmed that Len Schott, Judy Zinn and Jocelyn Whitmoyer are willing to complete audit. Jody Appleby made the motion to appoint Len Schott, Judy Zinn and Jocelyn Whitmoyer to audit the 2012 books. Denise Noll seconded. Motion carried.
13. A rough draft of the July 14, 2013, congregational meeting minutes was reviewed and discussed. Denise Noll motioned to approve the rough draft. Frank Armstrong seconded. Motion carried. A copy of the July 14, 2013, minutes will be provided to the bank by Elaine Lasch, Treasurer.
14. Mike Youse of Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA will be contacting Pastor Osborne to schedule a meeting to discuss “Seeding The Future” campaign.
15. Discussion and thoughts were shared regarding the reestablishment of Ministry Teams. Further discussion will continue at the August Council meeting.
16. Discussion and thoughts were shared regarding adding Sound and Video to the Fee Schedule of the Wedding Guidelines church handout. Further discussion will continue at the August Council Meeting.
17. ELCA’s “God’s Work Our Hands Sunday” is scheduled for September 8, 2013. Jeff Gumpert will pass this info on to Janice DuBois and Jon Koller of the Mission Team.
18. Jody Appleby made the motion to approve the written request from the Memorial Team to use Memorial funds for the purchase of hand bell stands (\$591) and new blinds for sanctuary (\$4,800). Denise Noll seconded. Motion carried.
19. Next Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 15, 2013 at 6:45 pm.
20. Meeting closed with prayer lead by Sharon Riegel. Denise Noll made the motion to adjourn. Jody Appleby seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Riegel, Council Secretary

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Pastor Jack and Susan Lose will celebrate 60 years of marriage on Thursday, August 15th. Please express congratulations to this special servant of Christ with a card.  
 Pastor John & Susan Lose  
 Wesrwood 3J  
 P. O., Box 125  
 Cornwall, PA 17016



In September we will be offering a new member's class for anyone interested in joining Friedens Lutheran Church. If you are interested in becoming a member of Friedens please contact Ken Osborne for more information.

**Just for KIDS**

*Upon your hearts*

The Bible is the perfect guidebook for living God-pleasing lives. Deuteronomy 6:6-8 (NIV) tells us how to remember the Scriptures.

Use the picture clues and Word Bank below to finish the verses.

**WORD BANK**

children	road
commandments	sit
down	Talk
foreheads	Tie
hands	up
hearts	walk
home	

Answers: 1) commandments; 2) hearts; 3) children; 4) Talk; 5) sit; 6) home; 7) walk; 8) road; 9) down; 10) up; 11) Tie; 12) hands; 13) foreheads

“These (1) \_\_\_\_\_ that I give you today are to be upon your (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Impress them on your (3) \_\_\_\_\_. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ about them when you (5) \_\_\_\_\_ at (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and when you (7) \_\_\_\_\_ along the (8) \_\_\_\_\_, when you lie (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and when you get (10) \_\_\_\_\_. (11) \_\_\_\_\_ them as symbols on your (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and bind them on your (13) \_\_\_\_\_.”

**What's it worth?**

As a man browsed through a rare-book store, he chatted with its owner. The customer had recently thrown away a dusty old Bible he'd found in the attic of an old house he'd bought.

“Someone named Guten-something-or-other had printed it,” he mentioned offhandedly.

“Not Gutenberg?” the shop owner gasped.

“Yes, that was it,” the man replied.

“You threw away one of the first books ever printed!” the owner exclaimed in dismay. “A copy recently sold at auction for half a million dollars!”

“Oh, I don't think this Bible would've been worth anything like that,” the man replied. “It was scribbled all over in the margins by some guy named Martin Luther.”

