



# The Transformer

September 2015

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

Cheri and I are most grateful for the warm and enthusiastic reception you have given us since arriving in June. Although our being able to say, “We are settled in our new home,” is many weeks away (painting and fix up tasks), we celebrate how at Friedens we already feel at home. That is your gift to us. Thank You!

Would you please circle Sunday, September 20 in your calendar as the morning you will join with other members of our Friedens community for breakfast and festival worship. On this day we use the liturgy of the church to formalize the relationship we already experience – Friedens congregation, Pastor and Cheri Wallace.

The day gets started at 9 am with a catered breakfast in the Social Hall. I imagine serving will continue until around 10 am. The prelude to worship happens at 10:20 and the gathering ritual that begins worship takes place at 10:30. Since we worship together at one service this day, the organ, choir, and praise band all contribute to the service. The guest preacher is a friend, the Rev. Dr. Phil Fogarty, pastor emeritus at Evangelical Lutheran Church in Frederick, Maryland. The presiding pastor at the installation is the Rev. Rob Blezzard, assistant to the bishop, Lower Susquehanna Synod-ELCA.

Worthy of note is the growing partnership I have with the congregation’s worship leaders, Jim Biever – organist, Gloria Tice – praise band, and Mike Yeagley – vocal and bell choirs’ director. Also participating in our worship-planning group are Wendy Gilbert, Doris Thompson, and Joel Zinn.

For the follower of Jesus, worship arises from the core of our being. Worship is both delightfully communal and deeply personal. Worship connects us to persons who now reside in the church triumphant, to believers all over the globe, and to those sitting around us. Worship shapes and is shaped by our imagination and core values.

For these reasons some of us carry strong feelings about how we want to worship –what evokes participation and what does not.

Please know that I, your pastor, our worship leaders, and the other members of our worship group appreciate the feelings people have regarding worship. It is well that Friedens offers worship where at one service the praise band leads the music and the congregants follow the form of the liturgy with more informal wording, and at the other the organ leads the music and congregants follow the majesty and beauty of the historic liturgy. The Triune God hosts both gatherings and meets us through Word (song, hymn, liturgy, scripture, message) and Sacrament. Through both services we place ourselves as an offering before God (Romans 12:1,2)

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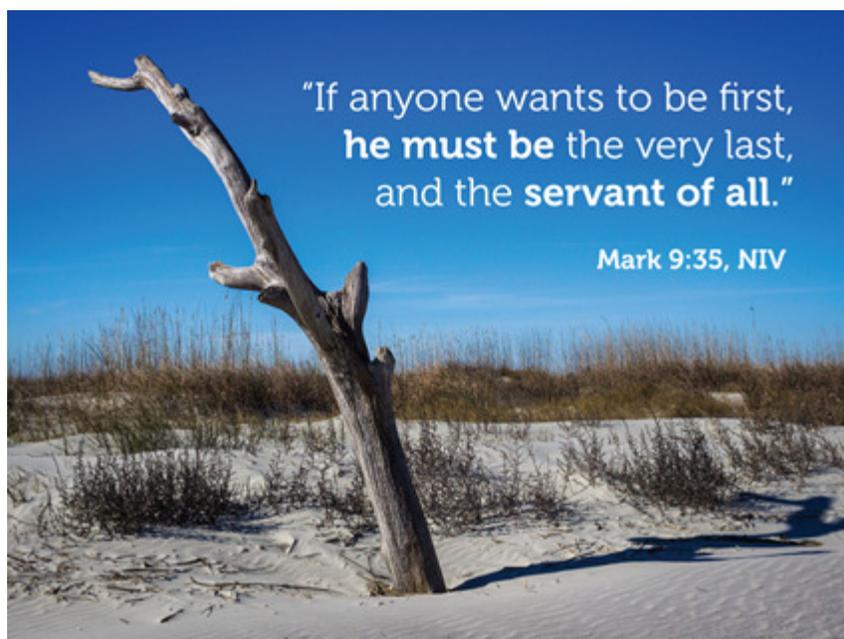
I know that worshipping together at one service is not new to Friedens. However, while some enjoy either worship expression some of us strongly prefer one or the other type of music. When we worship at one service we honor God and respect each other through both.

And please know that as long as God’s call is upon me to serve Friedens, I will work with worship partners to honor both worship expressions, as we do our best to proclaim God’s Word in the way you can receive and embody it.

It is important to our life together and it is important to me that whoever is in town September 20 come to breakfast and attend worship. On this day we thank God for bringing us together. Many folks, young and older, will take part in the service. Your attendance will make the day even more special!

*O Come, Let Us Worship the Lord!*

Peace and Joy,  
Pastor Robert



**CHURCH  
OFFICE  
HOURS**

The church office hours are  
9 A.M.—1 P.M.  
Monday to Friday





Lutheran World Relief-coming soon to Friedens!

Sunday, September 13th will be Friedens' LWR Ingathering-blessing of quilts, personal care kits, and fabric kits to be sent throughout the world. Follow your bulletin for details about contributing to delivery of these gifts of love.



Dear friends:

Thank you for your love, sharing and generosity. God bless you as you journey in your faith with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Larry & Dottie Kemble



**Food Collection**

On Sunday, September 6, food will be collected for the Lebanon County Food Bank. All gifts are welcomed. There is a need for frozen hams, bottles of juice, canned meats and stews, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned soups, peanut butter, towels/wash cloths, paper towels, baby wipes, and diapers.

**SHUT-IN BIRTHDAY**

**September 1**

Mrs. Darlene Wise  
30 Scenic Drive  
Myerstown, PA 17067

**September 6**

Mrs. Dawn Sell  
Linden Village  
100 Tuck Street  
Lebanon, PA 17042

**OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**July 2015**

					% of Budget
Current Budget	Goal	\$27,266.00	Goal to Date	\$190,862.00	84%
\$327,195.00	Rec'd	\$19,479.00	Rec'd to Date	160,421.00	
Spang Crest	Rec'd	49.00	Rec'd to Date	\$ 305.00	
Hunger	Rec'd	245.00	Rec'd to Date	\$ 1,660.00	

# SEPTEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7 PM—Worship Committee	2 9 AM—Women Sew 6:45 PM—Praise & Worship Band Rehearsal 7 PM—New Members Class	3	4	5
6 9 AM—Contemporary Service 10:30 AM—Traditional Service	7 	8 7 PM—Property Committee	9 6:45 PM—Praise & Worship Band Rehearsal 7 PM—Adult Choir 7 PM—New Members Class 8 PM—Handbell Choir	10	11 	12 9 AM—Cottage Meeting—Parents
13 9 AM—Contemporary Service 10:30 AM—Traditional Service 7 PM—Young Adult Cottage Meeting	14 6 PM—Young Adult Cottage Meeting	15 	16 9 AM—Women Sew 6:45 PM—Praise & Worship Band Rehearsal 7 PM—Adult Choir 8 PM—Handbell Choir	17 7 PM—Church Council	18	19
20 9 AM—Contemporary Service 10:30 AM—Traditional Service	21	22	23 6:45 PM—Praise & Worship Band Rehearsal 7 PM—Adult Choir 8 PM—Handbell Choir	24	25	26
27 9 AM—Contemporary Service 10:30 AM—Traditional Service 3:30 PM—Cottage Meeting	28 6:30 pm—Cottage Meeting	29	30 6:45 PM—Praise & Worship Band Rehearsal 7 PM—Adult Choir 8 PM—Handbell Choir			



### New Members Class



Persons who would like to consider joining the Friedens Congregation as disciples in fellowship, growth, and service are invited to meet with Pastor Robert on Wednesday evenings, September 2nd and 9th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. During this time together we will share stories, explore the scriptures, consider God’s calling as followers of Jesus, and the mission of Friedens Church. Bring your questions because they help all of us along the discipleship journey. Friedens will receive new disciples on Sunday, September 27.

### ONE SERVICE:

Friedens Lutheran Church is celebrating the installation of Pastor Robert Wallace at Sunday worship on September 20th. We will begin the day with breakfast at 9 am followed by one worship service at 10:30. The service and celebration will bring together musical offerings by our organist, choir, and praise band. Assistant to the Bishop Rob Blezzard will preside at the Installation and the Rev. Dr. Phil Fogarty is the guest preacher.

### COTTAGE MEETINGS:

Pastor Wallace wants to meet with congregational members and hear the stories of faith and service that contribute to our congregation’s understanding of ministry and mission. A series of meetings are scheduled over the coming weeks and the congregational council and pastors hopes each member makes attending one of these sessions a high priority.

Young Adults (single & married)	Sunday, September 13 at 7 pm, or Monday, September 14 at 6 pm
Meetings for all	Sunday, September 27 at 3:30 pm Monday, September 28 at 6:30 pm
Meeting at Stone Ridge	TBD





**FRIENDS OF SPANG CREST CHICKEN BARBEQUE, SEPTEMBER 11.** The cost is \$7.00 for Kauffman chicken, baked potato and applesauce. Order from Barbara Grumbine (717-866-6218) or Janet Kehrli (717-866-6726) (payable in advance) and we will deliver your chicken to Friedens Church kitchen for pick-up between 4:30 and 5 on September 11.



We've saved a place for you in our Music Program! We're looking for folks to join the Praise Band, Choir and Handbell choir. Please visit the church's website [www.flemyerstown.com](http://www.flemyerstown.com) and click on the link on the home page.

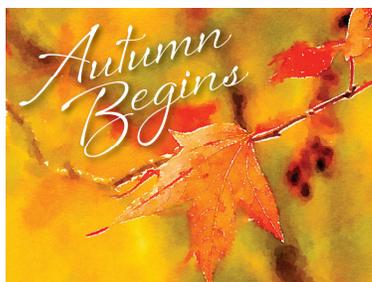


“Members of Friedens will serve the evening meal at the Lebanon Rescue Mission on Sunday November 15, 2015. This is part of the free meal site program sponsored by the Lebanon County Christian Ministries. We need 15 people to help prepare and serve the meal. Please see the bulletin board for more details and for a list of items we need to provide for the meal. Please contact Jim Biever at 717-821-0130 or [jbiever5543@comcast.net](mailto:jbiever5543@comcast.net) if you are able to help. Thank you



Join us for a 9:00 am breakfast in the Fellowship Hall before Rev. Wallace's installation on September 20th. A breakfast of egg casserole, fruit, pastries, and beverage will be provided for all who respond to this invitation by simply completing an RSVP CARD provided by ushers at worship services (Aug. 30 thru Sept. 13) and placing the card in the offering plate OR by calling the church office (717) 866-4910.

Start this special day for our congregation off with fellowship at breakfast on September 20th



September 23

**Friedens Lutheran Church, Myerstown, PA**  
**Church Council Meeting**  
**August 20, 2015**

Jody Appleby called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Present: Jody Appleby (President), Chris Heft, Valarie Herron, Jim Kneasel, Jon Koller, Elaine Lasch (Treasurer), Bev Levengood, Sharon Riegel (Secretary), John Umberger, Rev. Robert W. Wallace, Jr. (Pastor)

Excused: Frank Armstrong (Vice President), Janice DuBois

1. Opening Reading/Prayer: John Umberger opened the meeting by reading Psalm 123. Sharon Riegel shared a prayer.
2. Minutes/Reports/Communications:
  - a. **Jon Koller made a motion to accept the July 16, 2015 Church Council Minutes. Chris Heft seconded. Motion carried.**
  - b. **John Umberger made a motion to accept the July 2015 Financial Secretary's Report. Valarie Herron seconded. Motion carried.**
  - c. **Jon Koller made a motion to accept the July 2015 Treasurer's Report. Valarie Herron seconded. Motion carried.**
  - d. Pastor Wallace gave a verbal & written Pastor's Report. **Jon Koller made a motion to accept the August 2015 Pastor's Report. John Umberger seconded. Motion carried.**
3. Elaine Lasch gave a verbal report of the Finance Committee meeting of August 18, 2015.
4. Jim Kneasel gave a verbal report of the Property Committee meeting of August 2015.
5. A Capital Campaign Report was available. As of July 2015 the Campaign Goal of \$149,000 is short \$3,416.21.
6. Due to tenuous plans & the absence of key individuals on Friedens Mission Team, ELCA's God's Work, Our Hands Sunday (September 13, 2015) has been tabled for another year.
7. Blessing of kits and quilts for Annual Lutheran World Relief In Gathering will take place on Sunday, September 13, 2015. Janice DuBois has connected with Sewing Group, Women's Group & Children's Church concerning this Sunday.
8. Blended Installation Worship Service for Pastor Wallace is planned for Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 10:30 am with breakfast served at 9:00 am. Elaine's Catering has been contracted to provide breakfast casserole, pastries & fruit. Coffee, tea, cold beverages & paper products to be supplied by Friedens. After discussion Council agreed to have "RSVP cards" created & handed out by ushers the next several

Sundays before worship. RSVP cards would be completed & placed in offering plate. Jody Appleby will connect with Janice DuBois regarding creating RSVP cards.

9. Council discussed the current rental cost & policy for the Pavilion and Stauffer Hall. Jody Appleby and Jim Kneasel will connect with Gene Lessig of Property Committee for further info and discussion.

10. Council discussed various ways to consider serving in our community: preparing & serving free noon meal in Lebanon (tentative date November 15), assisting with sheltering homeless program in Lebanon (tentatively this upcoming Winter) & assisting in some way with Lebanon Rescue Mission.

11. **Next Council Meeting will be held on September 17, 2015 at 7 pm. Chris Heft or Janice DuBois will provide coverage for Secretary. Valarie Herron will provide devotion/opening prayer.**

12. **Jon Koller made the motion to adjourn. Jim Kneasel seconded.** Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Meeting closed with the sharing of joys & concerns and prayer led by Pastor Wallace.

Sharon Riegel  
Council Secretary



Hi to all.

We have some dates for you to mark on your calendars.

**September 13** will begin the official start of youth. We have two curriculums, The Gospel Project which will take us on a two year journey through the Bible. Also Faith Commanders a video series done by Korie Robertson. Our first semester will run till December 13. We will then take our winter break until Mid January.

**October 17th or 24th**, Team building challenge course more details to come.

**November 7**, Senior High Only, 6:00 to 11:00 PM, The Way Extreme, this will take our youth to a place where being a Christian is illegal????

Harrisburg Junior high Quake, **January 26, 27 and 28**

VA Beach Senior High Zone, **February 26, 27 and 28**

Valentine's Day dinner and a show **February 13th**.

What a blessing it is to be a part of this Ministry.

Guided by Christ.

Kerry, Kim and Eric

PS Could you please take photos of your child and the fruit of their harvest so we can share them. Please send them to Sharon and Myself. Also Please contact myself or Jess Sherk as the crops come in so we can get them to the food pantry.