

IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Phillip N. Grigsby
November 28, 1947-November 23, 2021

Member of Emmanuel Friedens Church

Rev. Phillip ("Phil") Grigsby passed away in the early morning hours of November 23 at his home following a short illness. Rev. Phil was well known in the Capital District and Schenectady for his life-long humanitarian efforts and was the longtime director (of 33 years) of the Schenectady Community Ministries (SiCM). The SiCM food pantry on Albany Street was named in his honor during a ceremony which took place on October 15 of this year. He was also given the title of urban emeritus, and was named a Patroon of the City of Schenectady, its greatest honor.

A funeral service was held at Emmanuel Friedens on Thursday, December 2, followed by interment in Vale Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to his wife, Jan and sons, Christopher and Matthew at the following address: 1638 Avenue A, Schdy 12308. The family requests memorial donations in Phil's name be made to Schenectady Community Ministries.



Committee: Community Brunch Happenings

This year, Christmas Day is the last Saturday of the month, which would be our normal brunch Saturday. Therefore, the brunch will be held 1 week earlier on Saturday, December 18 from 10:30 - 11:30 am. Christmas breakfast bags will be given out to those who requested them. The Brunch Committee has requests for 21 bags but they will prepare extra. A list of items needed has already been forwarded by e-mail to EFC members/friends so check your e-mail if you would like to donate.

Please let us know what you are bringing by **Wednesday, December 15 (contact the office or Nancy 518 817-1956)**. There are funds from the recent Christmas sale to cover what is not donated.

Please bring food items (juice, milk, eggs, bacon, butter) to the church as close to December 18 as possible so items are fresh and will last until Christmas morning.

Thank you for your support for our Christmas Breakfast Program. With these bags of food, people can make a nice breakfast on Christmas morning.



Christmas Poinsettias

Each year during the advent/Christmas season, we brighten our sanctuary with the beauty of poinsettia plants, in colors of red, pink and white. You are invited to participate by ordering a plant for the season. Please make your choices and send a check made payable to Emmanuel Friedens Church, noting in the memo section, "Xmas plants." Or you can pay with cash. The plants will begin to come in on Sunday, December 12.



Poinsettia Order Form (orders must be in by Tuesday, December 14)



Purchased by: _____

Plant Choice (\$12 each): **Number of plants:** ____ **Color:** Red ____ Pink ____ White ____

Total Amount: ____ Cash ____ Check (made payable to Emmanuel Friedens)

- Will pick up plant after the service on December 19
- Will pick up plant after the Christmas Eve service
- Would like to give the poinsettia for our Christmas season worship services
- Would be available to deliver a plant to a homebound congregation member



To quote Rosie the Riveter, "We Can Do It!"

Thank you to Faye Bailey, Evelyn Kauffman, Jocelyn McKinney and Maria Puccio for decorating the church on Saturday, December 4.

