

Christian Education and Activities

Sunday Adult Classes:

January 15: Greg Lindenfelser will discuss the current efforts in the refugee resettlement program.

January 22: *What is Citizen Action of New York — Citizen Action of New York is a grassroots membership organization taking on big issues that are at the center of transforming society, issues like affordable health care, quality education, and more.* The discussion will be led by Jamaica Miles, lead organizer in the Capital District.

January 29—No Classes—The Annual Business Meeting will be held after worship

For the month of February -topics are to be determined.



The Youth will be attending Congregation Gates of Heaven to celebrate Shabbat on Friday, January 13.

Many thanks to our Youth Group who used a portion of their funds to participate in the "Adopt a Family" Program sponsored by Catholic Charities this past year. They adopted a family of four and provided gifts for them at Christmas.

A Thank You from Catholic Charities: *"All of us at Catholic Charities Care Coordination Services would like to thank you again for your generous participation in our 2016 Holiday Adopt-A-Family Program. With your help the program was a huge success by being able to provide holiday cheer to 178 families totaling 267 individuals. We would like to share with you some of the responses we received from our clients that benefited from all of your generosity. ... "I am ever so grateful to those who provided my family with these gifts. I could never have afforded to get a gift for my child" "It feels so good to know someone cares." "With all the nastiness around, it makes me feel good to know there are kind and generous people who care about us."... We are very grateful to you for your involvement and wish you all a very happy and healthy new year."*

Christmas Dinner @ EFC-December 18, 2016



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Notes of Thanks

Dear Friends at Emmanuel Friedens!

"The Christmas Bureau wants to "thank you" again for your generous support of the 2016 year. We are so thankful of your help every year, this year with 10 gifts. When the clients got the gifts at the Glendale Home, they were so surprised and pleased for them. This is what we were told by the Glendale staff. Take care and God bless." With love, Kathleen Vanderstynne and Amy Davis, The Christmas Bureau

"To the Niles Judson Circle of Emmanuel Friedens Church, Thank you for collecting the boxes of chocolate to give to the parents who came to our Christmas Toy Store. It was so special for the parents to be able to have this gift to share with their families. We helped over 1,000 children with toys this year and your gift of candy to the parents made Christmas even sweeter. Thank you again and have a bless New Year!" Your Friends at the City Mission of Schenectady.

From the Staff of Emmanuel Friedens

Thanks for the Christmas Gift—and for your support for your church staff

Dear Friends,

"Thank you very much for the generous gift at Christmas, and the love and support that it connotes. I greatly appreciate both the individual gift I received from you this year and the custom you have of giving a Christmas gift to each member of your church staff. Working closely with Michael Harrison, Maria Puccio and David Snyder, I know how much each of them gives to the ministry of this church. It is a privilege to serve as your pastor, and a joy."

In Christ's Peace,
Peter
Peter JB Carman, Pastor

"Thank you very much for your generous Christmas gift. I used it to subsidize a trip to the D.C. area over New Year's weekend, where I had a great time visiting many old friends and singing in a "First Night Alexandria" concert." Michael

"I would like to thank the congregation for your most generous Christmas gift. I used a portion of my gift toward my cross country ski trip to Yellowstone National Park in February. It is certainly a pleasure to work at this church and being a part of the Emmanuel Friedens family. I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year!" - Maria

"Thank you for your Christmas gift. As always, it was very much appreciated!" - Dave

We would like to thank everyone for your efforts in making this past Advent and Christmas season so special!