News From the Moderator

Friends of EFC,

I hope you have all had a relaxing, healthy, enjoyable and safe summer. EFC has continued with meaningful worships, transitional work, and outreach to the community throughout the summer. It has been busy and productive.

Transitional work has led us to initiating some new ministries with the intent to bring more people to our Sunday morning worship. One new initiative is advertising. I understand that EFC has advertised in the past, however this time we're doing it differently and with more intent. We are hoping to be starting a radio advertising campaign in September and we've already started a social media advertising campaign. Our next new initiative is a parenting workshop led by Rev. Kennedy. This will be held on Saturday, October 16th. If you're a parent, be on the lookout for registration information. The Federated Council is in need of volunteers, specifically safe church approved members to assist with child care during this event. Please reach out to any member of the Council if you're willing and able. Our last initiative is a music scholarship provided to students at Schenectady County Community College's music program. These students will receive funding for their education and these students will provide music to our worship services.

The nominating committee has started putting together the search committee. Our federation agreement states that the nominating committee will take on this responsibility. They are working on putting together a group of people that is balanced and accurately represents our congregation. We, as a congregation, will start participating in conversations in order to give the search committee some guidance on selecting a settled minister.

We continue to revise our health and safety procedures based on the advice from state and national experts as well as our individual church needs. Please touch base with the Trustees or Council if you have questions or concerns. If you ever feel uncomfortable in our worship space or are feeling unwell, please remember that we have made it a priority to continue sharing our message on Zoom and Facebook.

Thank you again for your patience. Always feel free to reach out to me with questions and concerns.

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IN MEMORIAM

June M. Schermerhorn
December 21, 1931- August 19, 2021

June Schermerhorn, our congregation member and friend, passed away on Thursday, August 19 at home surrounded by her loving family. June was a long time member of Friedens United Church of Christ, holding office of President and Secretary of the Friedens Consistory; and she continued to be an active and faithful member of Emmanuel Friedens Church in which she helped to form a lasting federation of both churches. The funeral service was held at Emmanuel Friedens Church on Saturday, August 21 followed by interment at Memory Gardens. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Nancy and Chris Spencer and family at the following address: 1306 Union Street, Schenectady, NY 12308. Her obituary can be found at www.jonesfh.net.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their concern and support during Bill's illness and after his passing. It is wonderful to have such a caring church family. I don't know what I would have done without you! Faye Bailey

From the Bethesda House, "On behalf of the Bethesda House staff and all the guests we serve, I sincerely thank you for putting words into action with your donation of $550. During these uncertain and challenging times, your support is a true testament of your commitment to Bethesda House and to the homeless and economically disadvantaged citizens of Schenectady County…" Kimarie Sheppard, Executive Director

SAVE THE DATES (in October)

October 16, 1-3 pm at EFC: Parenting Workshop: *The Encouraging Parent*, a fun-filled seminar packed with great ideas about discipline and self-esteem (for parents with children ages 2-12) Rev. Kennedy will lead the workshop.

Saturday, October 23, Rummage Sale: **We will be asking for donated items but not at this time**.

Look for more information regarding these events over the next few weeks.