



# Forward in FAITH

# FRIEDENS CHURCH



# A VIBRANT CONGREGATION,

## Forward in Faith

For the past year, Friedens Church leadership has come together for prayerful evaluation and contemplation on where God is guiding us. Many of those in our congregation supported this journey by participating in the Feasibility Study. We cannot thank you enough for joining with us as our *Forward in Faith* Capital Campaign will guide us into the future, allowing us to more effectively achieve our mission and equip our ministries.



## Invest in Children & Youth Ministry

At Friedens, we understand that children and youth are not just the future of the church - they are the church right now. We give thanks for their presence with us and the special ways they lead us in embracing the kingdom of God.

It is our intention through the *Forward in Faith* Capital Campaign to direct funds towards our children and youth ministry to lay a strong foundation of faith in young individuals. Investing in this ministry is essential for the future of Friedens. By nurturing the faith of the younger generation, we can encourage continuity and growth, passing on the teachings of Christianity to the next generation.



## Enhance Community Outreach

Outreach ministries are important to Friedens. Whether it is Winter Carnival, our annual Pot Pie supper, or produce from the church garden, Friedens is committed to being a good neighbor here in Shartlesville.

Our community outreach is vital for fostering a sense of connection, support, and service to those in need. These acts of kindness can foster a sense of hope and optimism. Engaging in outreach activities can strengthen the bonds within our church community and make better use of our building. It provides opportunities for Friedens members to collaborate, serve together, and grow spiritually as we work towards a common purpose.

*Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness, Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve; Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping, We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves*



# ROOTED IN TRADITION

## Solidify Financial Stability

Friedens has been serving Shartlesville and the surrounding community since 1870. We continue to be a vibrant congregation, rooted in tradition, and we celebrate that God's Spirit is with and among us.

Financial sustainability ensures that Friedens can continue operations without interruptions or setbacks. A financially sustainable church is better positioned to fulfill its mission and carry out its outreach efforts effectively. As such, we can support community initiatives, provide assistance to those in need, and spread our message to a wider audience.



## Strengthen Communication

Friedens is a vibrant congregation, rooted in faith. "Frieden" means peace in German. It is our hope to share the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, and to keep our community's hearts and minds in Christ Jesus!

Our community transcends those who attend each week and extends to all those in our community. Communication, both within our walls and out, is essential for promoting unity, sharing the message of faith, and creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all. Effective communication helps to spread important information about events, programs, and initiatives within the church.



## CAMPAIGN PRAYER

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God of joy, we praise you for your endless goodness and the faithful community of Friedens Church. We thank you for the blessings you have given us through your Son, Jesus Christ.

We know that you always walk with us as we strive to do your will with confidence and boldness. We trust in you always.

Give us courage and strength to step Forward in Faith. Enable us to be bold of heart as we spread your love and bring people into a growing relationship with Jesus and His Church.



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