

APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, UCC

"A Country Church with an Open Door"

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Message from the Pastor

It is the season of resurrection ... EASTER! We celebrate it every year on the first Sunday, after the first full moon, after the Vernal Equinox. (Wonder who came up with that formula!) The kids hunt eggs; the ladies wear fine dresses; Mama cooks an Easter feast for the family; and we all say "Hallelujah, He is risen"! Nice celebration. But if that is all there is, we miss the best part of resurrection. The best part is that resurrection not only WAS, but IS!

Jeremy Camp writes a song entitled "Same Power", that points to the glory of Easter. He says "The same power that raised Jesus from the grave; the same power that commands the dead to wake --- lives in us, lives in us"! It's true, according to scripture. "If you are in me, then I am in you." (John 15:4) "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age". (Matthew 28:20).

Pretty exciting thought! The power to move mountains – calm seas – bring life right out of the midst of death – that power lives in you! That's awesome for YOU... for the fears, and hurts, and trials, and challenges you face. No wonder the Apostle Paul says "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!" (Phillipians 4:13) But it is also awesome for the people around you. You have within you the power to lift, encourage, heal, forgive, and make whole. YOU can allow the same power that raised Jesus from the dead, to flow through you and bring life to those you encounter. God, at work in you, can make the impossible --- possible!

Easter will come and go --- but it will always be the season for resurrection!



In our prayers we remember. . .

Minnie Canatella Crouch, Sharon Dobbins, Sue Vierus, Carol Jensen, Jan Trimmer and Charlie Canatella.

News and Updates. . .

Sons of Hermann Chicken BBQ Dinner is scheduled for **April 15th** from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. \$10.00 a plate. Contact Debra Busa for tickets at 936-878-2800.

The Cemetery Historical Marker dedication is scheduled for **April 29th** at Friedens Cemetery after worship services.

The **Friedens Search committee** have been working on developing a church profile, which will be sent to the South Central Conference. More information will follow at a later date.

If you are interested in attending Slumber Falls Camp, please see the bulletin board for scheduled camp dates or go to their website at <https://slumberfalls.org/summer-camp/>.

On **May 6th** the Women's Fellowship will sponsor their annual potluck luncheon to honor those graduating from high school or college. If you have someone or know of someone please contact Lou Ann Canatella at 281-639-5044 or email icanatella55@gmail.com so an invitation can be sent.

Easter Schedule

Saturday, March 31, - Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt at 10 am.



On April 1, Easter Sunday we will have the following Services:

Sunrise Service 6:30 am

Easter Service 10:15 am. Sunday School Passport program during young disciples time.



Rental of Friedens Facilities:

If you would like to rent the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall or the Activity Center, please contact Denise Stolz at the church office at 936-878-2523 or email the church office at friedensoffice@embarqmail.com. (Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 9 – 12). She will check availability and provide you with a rental agreement forms. All rentals are subject to approval by church council.

Births



Alice Randy Buck was born in Houston on February 21. She was welcomed by proud parents Laura and Bryan Buck and big sister Eleanor. Her proud grand-mother is Nelda Buck. Congratulations!

New Members

On March 25th Friedens had 4 new members join the church: Ted Borgstedte Jr., Linda Borgstedte, Gary Grebe and Brittany Stolz. Please welcome them in to our church.

First Sunday Fellowship

On the first Sunday of each month, we have refreshments and fellowship before the worship service. Please join us!

Did You Know . . .

Big thank you to Jeff Stolz and Roger Finke for removing wasp and bees and re-attaching the beams, etc.

Big thank you to John Walkoviak, Glen Schoeneberg, Dale Borgstedte, Wesley Stolz, and Debbie Wellmann for adding the new LED lights to the church.

Spring cleaning at Frieden's Church was held on Saturday, March 24 and a great **BIG THANK You** to all that showed up to help with Spring cleaning.



Address Changes

Katie Bush Roberts
4111 Hilltiop Acres Ln.
Brenham, TX 77833

Jesse & Joanna Campbell
1507 River Oaks Circle #817
Wylie, Tx 75098

New Members

Ted & Linda Borgstedte
454 S. Meyer St.
LaGrange, Tx 78945

Gary Grebe
18050 Bosse Rd.
Washington, Tx 77880

Jim & Brittany Stolz
16741 FM 1155 E
Washington, Tx 77880

Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

April 5 – Bonnie Mohr & Tammy Leiber
 April 12 – Terry Campbell & Sis Ren
 April 19 – Betsy Bosse & Debbie Grimes
 April 26 – Lou Ann Canatella & Jamie Noto
 May 3 – Betty Dickschat & Sally Stolz

Food Pantry Items Needed

April – Flour
 May – Canned Vegetables
 June – Drink Mixes, Boxed Juice Drinks
 July – Dry Beans
 August – Canned Meat
 September – Canned Fruit

Altar Flowers

Flowers can be placed in church in memory/honor of loved one(s) or special occasions. See signup sheet on the hall bulletin board.

April 1 – Easter Lilies
 April 8 – In honor of Lorna Finke's Birthday
 April 15 – Open
 April 22 – Open
 April 29 – Open
 May 6 – Jeff and Amanda Stolz



April Worship Leaders

Liturgist	Acolytes	Ushers/Greeters
April 1 – Ashley Wilson	Kaden Kennedy	John & Becky Barton
April 8 – Russell Borgstedte	Kylie Maxson	Dale Borgstedte
April 15 – Mary Borgstedte	Mitchell Schlabach	LE & Carol Borgstedte
April 22 – Dale Borgstedte	Hunter Schlabach	Russell & Mary Borgstedte
April 29 – Sandra Bosse	Kameron Stolz	Clint & Sandra Bosse
May 6 – Vivian Kolkhorst	Reece Collins	Neal and Betsy Bosse

Upcoming Events – Mark your calendar!!

April 1 – Easter Day – Sunrise Service 6:30 am
 Easter Service 10:15 am
 April 4 – UCC Women 7 pm – Guest speaker, Pattie Paderson, Art Gallery
 April 10 – Trustee meeting at 6:30 pm and Council at 7 pm
 April 13-15 – Community Recycle-Washington Park
 April 15 – Sons of Hermann Chicken BBQ Dinner 11-1pm \$10.00 a plate.
 April 19 – Women's Fellowship 2:15 pm
 April 20 – Newsletter items due
 April 21 – **Heart of Texas Spring Association Meeting in Weimer, Tx.** Friedens to supply the meal. Please drop off your food item(s) at church by 8:30 a.m. on 4/21 and Linda Oberhoff will take to the meeting.
 April 25 – Fun & Fellowship 2 pm
 April 29 – Pot Luck Luncheon following worship.
 April 29 – Cemetery Historical Marker Dedication after worship service.
 May 6 – Fellowship Breakfast
 May 6 – Confirmand and Graduates luncheon.

Heart of Texas Association News

Our spring Heart of Texas Association Meeting will be held on **Saturday, April 21st at Weimar UCC. The meeting will begin with worship at 11 am** (with registration starting at 10:30). The plan is to eat an early lunch, then have a business meeting and program focused on putting together hygiene kits for Back Bay Mission. We will also learn more about the current work of the Mission -- in particular, their programs to help people become self sustaining and their welcome to all in need. Our "kit-making" isn't meant to take the place of what our churches are doing for the South Central Conference Annual Meeting. Instead, we encourage everyone to bring supplies (listed below) for the hygiene kits that we will assemble together at the meeting for an extra-generous donation from Heart of Texas. We will use whatever supplies our church representatives bring, then use the meeting offering and match it as needed from Association funds to complete the kits that are assembled. The kits include new 16" x 28" (inch) hand towels, washcloths, wide tooth combs, toothbrushes, tubes of toothpaste, bars of bath-sized soap in wrappers, plastic soap containers, solid or roll-on deodorant, plastic disposable razors, spray insect repellent, travel-sized bottles of hand sanitizer, and one gallon resealable plastic bags. Bring what you can get a good deal on or what people from your church would like to buy and donate. We will do this kit-making "potluck," see how it works, and have fun putting them together.

This spring meeting is being hosted by the Brazos Valley group of churches within the Association, with several churches helping. We do want all of you to know that Weimar is currently undergoing a major kitchen and fellowship hall remodel. They anticipate being ready for the meeting, but if that does not happen, Friends Congregational Church in College Station is ready to be the back-up meeting place. Plan to come to Weimar. We will let our churches know as soon as possible if we have to change locations.

Also, we hope you will plan to come and also to help out as we host the South Central Conference Annual Meeting on June 1-2 at beautiful Camp Allen near Navasota. Our Association planning committee has been working for several months to put together a meeting with a "Gospel Bound" theme that will celebrate Conference Minister Don Longbottom's installation and explore in more depth the gospel-inspired vision and goals of the Conference. Registration information should be on the South Central Conference website as you read this. We will be letting our churches know at our spring Association meeting how everyone can help.

Our brothers and sisters in Christ at Redeemer UCC in Zuehl are preparing for the coming retirement of their pastor, Lee Zillman, who announced his retirement at the congregation's Annual Meeting at the end of January. Lee does not have a date set yet for the end of his ministry at Redeemer, but the church is beginning their preparations for that major change as they go into an interim period. Our prayers go with Redeemer and with Lee. We also celebrate the Redeemer Edge youth group and all of the youth groups who worked on giving projects for the Souper Bowl of Caring. On February 4th, The Edge youth led in worship, showing a video about the Souper Bowl of Caring, and then provided a wonderful lunch for the church. They raised about \$600 for the Christian Cupboard food bank in Seguin. Terrific!

Blessings in Christ,
Liz Nash, Association Minister



April 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Easter <i>Sunrise Service 6:30 am</i> <i>Easter Service 10:15 am</i></p> <p><i>L-Ashley W.</i> <i>A-Kaden K.</i> <i>G-John & Becky Barton</i></p>	2	3	4 <i>UCC Women 7pm</i>	5 <i>Bonnie Mohr</i> <i>Tammie Lieber</i>	6 <i>Lady Lions raffle</i> <i>drawing.</i>	7
<p>8</p> <p><i>L-Russell B.</i> <i>A-Kylie M.</i> <i>G-Dale Borgstedte</i></p>	9	10 <i>Trustees -6:30 pm</i> <i>Council-7 pm</i>	11	12 <i>Terry Campbell</i> <i>Sis Renn</i>	13 <i>Community Recycle-</i> <i>Washington Park thru</i> <i>Sunday</i>	14 <i>Community Recycle-</i> <i>Washington Park thru</i> <i>Sunday</i>
<p>15 Congregational Mtg. Sons of Hermann BBQ 11 am-1 pm</p> <p><i>L-Mary B.</i> <i>A-Mithcell S</i> <i>G-LE & Carol B.</i></p>	16	17	18	19 <i>Womens Fellowship</i> <i>2:15 pm</i>	20 <i>Newsletter Items Due</i>	21 <i>Heart of Texas Spring</i> <i>Association Mtg in</i> <i>Weimer. Friedens to</i> <i>supply meal. Drop off</i> <i>at church at 8:30 am.</i>
<p>22</p> <p><i>L-Dale B.</i> <i>A-Hunter S.</i> <i>G-Russell & Mary B.</i></p>	23	24	25 <i>Fun & Fellowship</i> <i>2pm</i>	26 <i>Lou Ann Canaatella</i> <i>Jamie Noto</i>	27	28
<p>29 Pot Luck Luncheon <i>Cemetery Historical</i> <i>Marker Dedication</i></p> <p><i>L-Sandra B.</i> <i>A-Kameron S,</i> <i>G-Clint & Sandra B.</i></p>	30					

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>UCC Women 7pm</i>	3 <i>Betty Dickschat Sally Stolz</i>	4	5
6 <i>Fellowship Breakfast Confirmand & Graduate Luncheon L-Vivian K. A-Reese Collins G-Neal & Betsy Bosse</i>	7	8 <i>Trustees -6:30 pm Council-7 pm</i>	9	10 <i>Bonnie Mohr Tammy Leiber</i>	11	12
13 <i>Happy Mother's Day L-Flora M. A-Joce Easley G-Wallace & Bernice B.</i>	14	15	16	17 <i>Terry Campbell Sis Renn Womens Fellowship 2:15 pm</i>	18	19
20 <i>L-Heather F. A-Brooklynn S. G-Wayne & JoAnn B.</i>	21	22	23 <i>Fun & Fellowship 2pm</i>	24 <i>Betsy Bosse Debbie Grimes</i>	25	26
27 <i>L-Becky B. A-Jayci Robinson G-Nelda Buck</i>	28 <i>Memorial Day Holi- day</i>	29	30	31 <i>Lou Ann Conatella Jamie Noto</i>		