

MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

Friedens Church of Washington, UCC

"A Country Church with an Open Door"

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Message from the Pastor

I'm loving the journey! In fact, I'm loving all of them! Seems like that is a good metaphor for this season ...journey! The church is certainly traveling.

The Sunday School has developed a creative "Passport" theme that encourages our children to move through various portions of the Lenten season, and get their passport stamped at important stop-overs. Ask a youngster about it!

The Search Committee is completing your church profile, and taking steps to begin meeting with candidates. Your feedback is being tallied so that we know just what kind of person we are looking for. Please continue to make your thoughts known to Charlie Canatella, or any member of the committee.

Some music is available in the narthex of the church to help us get started building a choir. Please take a copy or give a copy to someone you'd like to see take part. We are moving toward Easter, and plan to get a choir to sing!

I have greatly appreciated how the church pulls together for the Chili/Stew supper! It is a community festival that allows us to "break bread" together in a moving way. Also, I am thankful for the continuing work of the Women's groups and their attention to the journey's of others.

There is a Lenten Journey going on as well. We are meeting each Wednesday evening at 6 for a meal, followed by a rerun of some old Andy Griffith movies. They are entertaining, but also hold important lessons for us to consider as we make our way toward Christ. A Maundy Thursday worship is planned for 7p.m., March 29th. To me, it is one of the most moving services of the year!

Then, there is our personal journey. Lou Ann shared with me a writing of Pope Francis that she recently shared with the Women's Fellowship. Fasting used to be a key part to our Lenten journey. I like this new "fasting" tradition. *Fast from hurting words, and say kind words. *Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. *Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope. *Fast from pressure and be prayerful. *Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy. *Fast from grudges and be reconciled. *Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Love the journey! Nothing else makes much sense!

In our prayers we remember. . .

Milton Peters, Lisa Kettler, Felicia Lambert, Gene Benker, Arthur Holle, Jr., Carolyn Wellmann, Christina Holloway, Minnie Canatella Crouch, Sharon Dobbins, Dennis Holle, Sue Vierus, Carol Jensen, Jan Trimmer and Charlie Canatella.



News and Updates. . .

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please purchase your Easter Lily by March 22nd. Easter Lily's are \$10.00 each and you can also contact Jo Ann Bosse or Joy Dickschat.

Please don't forget to complete your Leadership Expectations form and place it in the box located in the narthex.

Washington County Lady Lions Club is having an annual raffle drawing on April 6 and tickets are \$10.00 each. Proceeds benefit Burton Bridge Ministry, LCIF Disasters of Texas and club events. See Nelda Buck, Thresia Schlabach or Linda Oberhoff for a tickets.

UCC Women Anniversary Dinner - The UCC Women will have their Anniversary Dinner Thursday, March 8 at 6:00 pm at the Western Club in Navasota, Texas. Dessert will follow at Flora Mason's house.



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 8:30 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.

Thank You

The members of Friedens Sunday School and Women's Fellowship would like to express appreciation to everyone who helped make our annual chili and stew supper a successful event. Thank you to those that chaired a committee and those who served on a committee working the assigned times. Thank you to everyone that supplied chicken, pies and donations for the chili meat. A very special thank you to Don Roese, Tracey Wellmann and Charles Wellmann for being at the activity center from the beginning to the end of the event to help with heavy lifting and many more things we might ask them to do. Also a special thank you to Inez Fuqua for again donating all of the onions, chopped and ready to use in the chili and to Carolyn and Charles Wellmann for donating the ice needed for drinks. The money we raised will go back to our church to help support daily church operations and to help spread God's word. May His blessing be with each of you.

Sincerely
 Lou Ann Canatella
 Women's Fellowship President

Dear Friends at Friedens:

As a family we are very thankful to everyone for their love and concerns in the death of our loved one, Greg. Pastor Stark was with us for every heart breaking decision and for many wonderful words. Pastor Risa for her comforting words and Pastor Schoeneberg for his beautiful services and other speakers. We have to thank the singers and organist for the lovely music that was heard at both services, the panel of pastors made a handsome impression, the pallbearers did their duty with grace, which they had been called to do and we must remember the ladies and gentlemen who prepared and served the food at Friedens UCC and St. John's UCC for the group that attended both services. If you sent a card, gave a memorial, sent food, said a prayer, gave a hug, or a smile, you will be remembered. They mean so much to us. We know Greg is in a better place and watching over us, he would say Thank You just as we are. If I have forgotten anyone, I'm sorry. We will never forget the out pouring of love and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. God Bless you.

Ray, Peggy and Karl Felder
 Ann, Quirt and Sydnie Knittel and Families

New Member Addresses:

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 Cedar Park, TX 78613-5917

Ted Borgstedte, III
 454 Meyer
 La Grange, TX 78945

Christina Borgstedte
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 Katy, Tx 77450

Debbie Grimes
 13230 Hwy 105
 Washington, Tx 77880

Scott & Monica Martin
 3459 Highway 90 S
 Anderson, Tx 77830

John Neal Roese
 13211 FM 1155 E
 Washington, Tx 77880

Wesley & Amanda Stolz
 5241 Main St.
 Chappell Hill, Tx 77426

Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

- March 1 – Bonnie Mohr & Tammy Leiber
- March 8 – Terry Campbell & Sis Renn
- March 15 – Betsy Bosse & Debbie Grimes
- March 22 – Lou Ann Canatella & Jamie Noto
- March 29 – Betty Dickschat & Sally Stolz
- 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

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.

March 4 – In memory of Trina Holloway
 March 11 – In memory of Anne & Arnold Weghorst
 March 18 – open
 March 25 – open
 April 1 – Easter Lilies
 April 8 – In honor of Lorna Finke's Birthday

March & April Worship Leaders

<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Ushers/Greeters</u>
March 4 – Becky Barton	Reese Collins	Tim & Ashley Wilson
March 11 – John Walkoviak	Jace Easley	Joe & Lindsey Young
March 18- Shelley Addison	Brooklynn Stolz	Chris & Shelley Addison
March 25 – Jackie Schroeder	Kayci Robinson	Jon & Jan Anastasiades
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

Upcoming Events – Mark your calendar!!

March 7 – Lenten meal 6 pm and Lenten Worship 7 pm
 March 8 – UCC Women's Anniversary Dinner at the Western Club at 6 pm
 March 9 -11– Community Recycle-Washington Park
 March 13 – Trustee meeting at 6:30 pm and Council at 7 pm
 March 14 – Lenten meal 6 pm and Lenten Worship 7 pm
 March 15 – Women's Fellowship 2:15 pm
 March 20 – Newsletter Items due
 March 21 – Lenten meal 6 pm and Lenten Worship 7 pm
 March 28 – Fun & Fellowship 2 pm
 March 29 – Maundy Thursday and Tenebrae Worship at 7 pm
 March 31 – Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt 10 am

April 1 – Easter Day – Sunrise Service 6:30 am
 Easter Service 8:30 am
 Easter Service 10:15 am

April 4 – UCC Women 7 pm
 April 10 – Trustee meeting at 6:30 pm and Council at 7 pm
 April 13-15 – Community Recycle-Washington Park
 April 19 – Women's Fellowship 2:15 pm
 April 20 – Newsletter items due
 April 25 – Fun & Fellowship 2 pm

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Bonnie Mohr Tammy Leiber</i>	2	3
4 <i>L-Becky B A-Reece C. G-Tim & Ashley W.</i>	5	6	7 <i>Lenten meal-6pm Lenten Worship 7pm</i>	8 <i>Terry Campbell Sis Rinn UCC Womens Annv Dinner- Western Club 6pm</i>	9 <i>Community Recycle- Washington Park thru Sunday</i>	10 <i>Community Recycle- Washington Park thru Sunday</i>
11 <i>L-John W. A- Jace E G-Joe & Lindsey Y.</i>	12	13 <i>Trustee—6:30 pm Council—7:00 pm</i>	14 <i>Lenten meal-6pm Lenten Worship 7pm</i>	15 <i>Women's Fellowship 2:15 pm Betsy Bosse Debbie Grimes</i>	16	17
18 <i>L-Shelley A. A-Brooklynn S. G-Chris & Shelley A.</i>	19	20 <i>Newsletter Items Due</i>	21 <i>Lenten meal-6pm Lenten Worship 7pm</i>	22 <i>Lou Ann Canatella Jamie Noto</i>	23	24
25 <i>L-Jackie S. A-Kacyi R. G-Jon & Jan A.</i>	26	27	28 <i>Fun & Fellowship 2pm</i>	29 <i>Maundy Thursday and Tenebrae Worship at 7 pm Betty Dickschat Sally Stolz</i>	30 <i>Good Friday</i>	31 <i>Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am</i>



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					