

JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, UCC

"A Country Church with an Open Door"

Message from the Pastor

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So ... Who are you from home? Ever heard that question? It is peculiar to this little part of Texas. Ask a Houstonian "Who are you from home?", and you will get a blank stare. It simply means "What is your maiden name?", or "What was your last name before you got married?" It is asked because somehow it is important what family you grew up in. It gives us insight into the values, morals, and personalities that shaped you. We know quite a bit about a person if they say "Oh, I was a Stolz", or "I was a Bosse", or "I was a Mohr".

Scripture speaks of our family roots as Christians. "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God..." (John 1:12). "See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God..." (1 John 3:1). That's why we pray "Our FATHER, who art in Heaven...". We belong to THAT family! God's nature ... God's love, compassion, wisdom, and peace ... shape and mold us as children. God's spirit surrounds us and moves in us to cause us to do amazing things (remember the Pentecost story).

I find it invigorating to remember that daily! I'm not just some struggling sinner ... I am a child of God! I belong to THAT family. I am surrounded by "brothers" and "sisters" who love me...support me ... encourage me ... and occasionally lovingly correct me. I belong to God! God will never give up on me. God will empower me. God will be present with me always! That thought gives me courage and strength. That reality makes me face the world unafraid.

We didn't have a Confirmation class at Friedens this year. The rite of Confirmation is a great time to celebrate that our faith binds us to the ultimate family! So, take some time in your busy schedule to stop and reflect on this holy mystery ... that YOU are part of God's family! That's who you are from home!

Pastor Glen

In our prayers we remember. . .

Sharon Dobbins, Sue Vierus, Felecia Lambert, G.V. Layton, Rose Lee Lohmeyer, Mary L. Lewis, Christina Holloway, Neal Bosse, Walter Schroeder and Dottie Schoeneberg.

News, Events and Updates. . .

June 01 – UCC Women's Dinner in Bryan
 June 03 – Fellowship Breakfast
 June 06 – UCC Women's Meeting 7:00 pm
 June 12 – Council Meeting 7:00 pm
 June 17 – Father's Day
 June 21 – Women's Fellowship 2:15 pm
 June 27 – Fun and Fellowship 2 pm

Friedens Vacation Bible School (VBS) is scheduled for **June 24 – June 28**. Meal provided beginning at 5:30pm – 6:00pm. VBS opening begins at 6:00pm. The theme this year is **Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus**. The cost is \$10.00 per person and includes a t-shirt. On Thursday evening we will have a small program for family and friends (time to be announced.) Register online at www.friedenschurch.com under events or Sunday School/VBS.

Births:

Mia Lynn Martin was born on May 3 at 8:45pm. She weighed 7lbs 14oz to Scott and Monica Orlando Martin. Mom and baby are at home and doing great!



First Sunday Fellowship

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

Pot Luck Meal

If there is a fifth Sunday during any month then we always schedule a **Pot Luck Meal** after worship. Therefore, mark your calendar for July 29th a Pot Luck Meal is scheduled. Bring a dish and join us, after worship, in the Fellowship Hall!

Friedens honored 7 Graduates for 2018

John Lane Dickschat, son of Brian & Joyce Dickschat, is graduating from Brenham High School. He plans to attend Blinn Jr. College.

Joseph Dickschat, also the son of Brian & Joyce Dickschat, is graduating from Texas A&M Kingsville with a master's degree in Agricultural Science.

Trevor Dickschat, son of Rodney & Celeste Dickschat, is graduating from Texas A&M Kingsville with a master's degree in agricultural science. He is engaged to be married this year.

Victoria Lehrmann, daughter of Hollis and Elizabeth Lehrmann, is graduating from McGovern Medical School (formerly known as UT Houston Medical School). She will be doing her residency in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

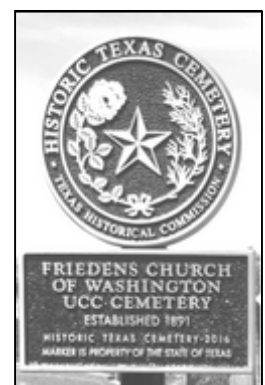
Raelynn Maxon, daughter of Tex & Stephanie Maxon, is graduating from Navasota High School. She has received letters of acceptance from Blinn Jr College & Sam Houston State University.

Lauren James Nettles, daughter of Michael James & Shelli James, is graduating from Lamar University with a master's degree in counseling. Lauren lives in Livingston with her husband where she has been teaching elementary school.

Kristyn Herzog Smith, daughter of Arlene & Derrol Herzog, is graduating from Texas A&M with a master's degree in curriculum & instruction. Kristyn lives near Summerville with her husband and 2 sons.

Dedication Ceremony of the Official Texas Historical Marker

On April 29, 2018 (after worship) a Dedication Ceremony of the Official Texas Historical Marker was held for the Friedens Cemetery. Held was the recognition of Founder's Descendents and reading of the Inscription. Thank you to Dr. W.O. Dietrich from the Washington County Historical Commission for attending. This marker was a Friedens memorial for Lillian Wellmann.



Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

June 7 – Betty Dickschat & Sally Stolz
 June 14 – Bonnie Mohr & Tammy Leiber
 June 21 – Terry Campbell & Sis Renn
 June 28 – Betsy Bosse & Debbie Grimes
 July 5 – Lou Ann Canatella & Jamie Noto
 July 12 – Betty Dickschat & Sally Stolz

Food Pantry Items Needed

June – Drink Mixes, Boxed Juice Drinks
 July – Dry Beans
 August – Canned Meat
 September – Canned Fruit
 October – Rice & Pasta

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.

June 3 – Honor of Charles and Carolyn Wellmann's 45th Wedding Anniversary
 June 10 – Honor of Ryder & Rylie Schulze's Baptism & 1st Birthday
 June 17 - Open
 June 24 – Honor of Dilan Finke's 9th Birthday
 July 1 – Honor of Roger Finke's Birthday
 July 8 – Honor of Henry Blair Hartley's Baptism



Worship Leaders

<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Ushers/Greeters</u>
June 3 – John Walkoviak	Kaden Kennedy	Terry Campbell
June 10 – Shelley Addison	Kylie Maxson	Lou Ann & Charlie Canatella
June 17 – Jackie Schroeder	Mitchell Schlabach	Reba Corley
June 24 – Ashley Stolz	Hunter Schabach	Betty Dickschat
July 1 – Russell Borgstedte	Kameron Stolz	Mark Dickschat
July 8 – Mary Borgstedte	Reese Collins	Raymond & Joy Dickschat

Upcoming Events – Mark your calendar!!

June 1 – UCC Women's Dinner in Bryan
 June 3 – Fellowship Breakfast
 June 4 – Women's Fellowship Lunch in Bryan
 June 6 – UCC Women – 7 pm
 June 8 – 10-Community Recycle – Washington Park
 June 12 – Council Meeting 7 pm
 June 17 – Father's Day
 June 21 – Women's Fellowship 2:15 pm
 June 24 – 28 – Friedens VBS 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm
 June 27 – Fun & Fellowship – 2 pm
 July 1 – Fellowship Breakfast
 July 10 – Trustees meeting 6:30 & Council meeting 7 pm
 July 13-15 - Community Recycle – Washington Park
 July 20 – Women's Fellowship Salad Supper (everyone invited). (No WF meeting on the 19th.)
 July 25 – Fun & Fellowship 2:15 pm
 July 29 – Pot Luck Meal following worship

On May 13 we celebrated Mother's Day and in honor of the Eldest Mom in church was Hilma Stolz, Newest mother was Jamie Pawlowski and the mother with the most descendents in church was Sally Stolz.



Laughing at the future

There are two ways of looking at the future: fearfully or faithfully. Proverbs 31 tells about a woman of strength and dignity with such a strong faith, that she laughed at the time to come. If we believe that God is with us today, we certainly should have faith that God will be with us in the future. Therefore, we can afford to be strong and stable in the face of whatever life hurls at us. Thomas Edison, John Wesley, and Norman Vincent Peale all told of the devout faith of their mothers. Each mother had such tenacious faith and hope for the future that they infected their children with joy and optimism. No wonder their children were so successful. Our Lord told us to "Be of good cheer." We can afford to do so because God is at work among us always. For that reason, we can handle whatever comes with resiliency and hope. We can even laugh at the time to come.

Volunteers:

Friedens Church is overwhelmed and grateful for all the hard work and dedication that our many volunteers do for the church. On Thursday, as I drove up to the church office I see this hard working man, **Dan Mohr**, which was fixing a water leak outside the church office and I wanted to share. Thank you Dan!



Church Council Happenings

- Hired church secretary.
- Updated rental agreements.
- Approved 1st Sunday Early Praise Service.
- Approved purchase of new computer and printer for the Church office.
- Maintenance and repair.
 - Had piano tuned.
 - New hot water heater for the parsonage.
 - Had air ducts cleaned in parsonage.
 - Had ceiling repaired in Activity Center (hallway, middle room and chili room).
 - Had church treated for termites.
 - Approved contract to replace lights. Lights are on order and will be replaced soon.
 - 5 Beehives are to be removed starting May 29, 2018.

Upcoming plans

- New Church Directory is being planned for the fall.
- Painting Church road signs.

The Council is looking for someone to take over the maintenance of the sprinkler system at the church. If interested, please contact a Church Council member.

Council work schedule

6/3	Ron	Jeff
6/10	Debbie	Sis
6/17	Dale	Wesley
6/24	John	Mark
7/1	Kasey	Lindsey
7/8	Jeff	Ron
7/15	Sis	Debbie
7/22	Wesley	Dale
7/29	Mark	John

Cemetery Committee Announcement

Effective July 1, 2018, all **metal markers** (placed by the mortuary) will be removed once the tombstone has been placed. If you are interested in obtaining the metal marker, please pick them up before July 1st. Please note, that if a grave site does not have a tombstone, the **metal marker** will remain on the grave site. If you have any questions, please contact John Barton or Ray Stolz.

Heart of Texas Association News

We have some excellent members and ministers from our Association churches doing dedicated work to help plan and do the last minute work to host the South Central Conference Annual Meeting on June 1st-2nd at Camp Allen. The list is long, but at this point, I want to lift up Linda Coates, our vice-moderator and chair of the meeting, who is handling so many tasks -- from arranging the banquet menu to finalizing workshop assignments to publicity to so much more. Thanks to these and to all who are and will be pitching in to put a great meeting together. I hope to see many of you there.

Last month in my article, I noted the generosity of the Heart of Texas Association in putting together many hygiene kits for Back Bay Mission. However, the count I gave was too low. When I finished adding the materials bought with Association funds and took the kits out to Biloxi, the final count was 83 kits! I also have extra supplies that have been donated and will go out when Linda Coates and Anne Wehrly drive the kits given at the SCC Annual Meeting to Back Bay Mission. We also look forward to your generosity and to that of the churches of the South Central Conference as we receive your Church World Service school kits. I know many people will be grateful to receive these wonderful gifts.

On the last Sunday in April, Jerry Carpenter and Weimar UCC celebrated his retirement together with a lovely worship service. Jerry sings sometimes during his preaching -- his parting song to the congregation was "Friends are Friends Forever" by Michael W. Smith. It was a fitting and wonderful end to his 14 year ministry among his fine friends at Weimar. Afterward, the church served a delicious lunch in their new kitchen and fellowship hall. It was a privilege for me to be there to join with them for their loving send off to as Jerry and Doris move to their new home in Tyler.

I will be working from my extended family home in the Berkshire mountains in the western part of Massachusetts for a short time in mid June (approximately June 15th-20th) and from July 4th -- August 4th. The location is rural, without cell service except when we go to the nearby town to shop, meaning that I can't return cell phone calls quickly. For those who want to reach me, we do have high speed internet service, so I would ask that you email me at lizknash@gmail.com, and I will call you back, if needed, on our landline. For two weeks at the end of June and early July, I will be on vacation (on a boat in Alaska waters) and will only have occasional cell/email access. I thank the Heart of Texas Board for supporting me in this period long distance work to be able to spend time with family.

Today, I will be attending a webinar about best practices for churches when a registered sex offender wants to join. Many of our churches have had the dilemma of how to offer Christ's welcome to all while also being wise, caring, and careful when a registered sex offender wants to join. I hope to gain resources and understanding to share with you about this kind of situation should it come up in your church.

Blessings in Christ, Liz Nash, Association Minister

Bridge Ministry

Frieden's now has their own "Bridge Ministry"! Noticing that one of our neighbors was having difficulty because of a bridge washed out by Hurricane Harvey, we talked to the lady one day as she was hauling groceries across the ravine. She said that she didn't have the money to fix it, and had been praying to God for help. Cool! WE get to be the instruments God uses for this one! An announcement was made in worship, and over 40 people responded with money and willingness to help. Charlie Canatella brought his tractor, and Dan Mohr, Russell Borgstedt, and I, manned shovels. We purchased two loads of clay, and a load of gravel. Charlie contacted a friend who donated a 20 foot pipe. When the dust settled (literally), Ms. Vicki had a new bridge! What we learned from her was it was much more than a bridge. Her lawn has been a jungle for months because her lawnmower broke, and there was no way to get it in for repair. Furthermore, she has had no hot water for several months because the propane truck couldn't make it to her home to refill the tank. Way to go church!



Pictured above: Bridge Washed Out by Hurrican Harvey floods.



Pictured Above: Friedens Bridge Misistry to the rescueand repaied road.

Those that signed up and gave money or provided labor (or both) are listed below:

Glen & Dottie Schoeneberg, Ashley Wilson, Amy Stolz, Dan & Bonnie Mohr, Elaine Warmke, Linda Oberhoff, Ora Nell James, Terry Campbell, Flo Mason, John & Becky Barton, Vivian Kolkhorst, Hilma Stolz, Neal & Betsy Bosse, Linda & Ron Werchan, Lou Ann & Charlie Canatella, Betty Dickschat, Ray & Sally Stolz, Elroy & Denise Stolz, Wesley & Amanda Stolz, Russell & Mary Borgstedte, LaNell Langford, and Tex & Stephaine Maxson. If you were accidently left off the list, we are sorry, please contact the church office and we can update it in the July issue. Thank you,



June 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>UCC Dinner in Bryan</i>	2
3 Fellowship Break fast <i>L-John W. A-Kaden Kennedy G-Terry Campbell</i>	4	5	6 <i>UCC Women 7pm</i>	7 Betty Dickschat Sally Stolz	8 <i>Community Recycle – Washington Park thru Sunday</i>	9 <i>Community Recycle – Washington Park thru Sunday</i>
10 <i>L-Shelley Addison A-Kylie M. G-LouAnn & Charlie Canatella</i>	11	12 <i>Council–7 pm</i>	13	14 Bonnie Mohr Tammy Leiber	15	16
17 – Father’s Day <i>L-Jackie Schroeder A-Mitchell S. G-Reba Corley</i>	18	19	20	21 Terry Campbell Sis Renn <i>Womens Fellowship 2:15 pm</i>	22	23
24 <i>L-Ashley Stolz A-Hunter S. G-Betty Dickschat</i> VBS –5:30-8:00pm	25 VBS –5:30-8:00pm	26 VBS –5:30-8:00pm	27 <i>Fun and Fellowship 2 pm</i> VBS –5:30-8:00pm	28 Betsy Bosse Debbie Grimes VBS –5:30-8:00pm	29	30



July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Fellowship Breakfast UCC Women Dinner L-Russell B. A-Kameron S. G-Mark Dickschat	2	3	4	5 Lou Ann Canatella Jamie Noto	6	7
8 L-Mary B. A-Reese C. G-Raymond & Joy Dickschat	9	10 Trustees –6:30 pm Council–7 pm	11	12 Betty Dickschat Sally Stolz	13 Community Recycle– Washington Park thru Sunday	14 Community Recycle– Washington Park thru Sunday
15 L-Dale Borgstedte A-Jace Easley G-Rodney & Celeste Dickschat	16	17	18	19 Bonnie Mohr Tammy Leiber	20 Salad Supper for all.	21
22 L-Sandra Bosse A-Brooklynn Stolz G-Amanda Easley	23	24	25 Fun & Fellowship 2 pm	26 Terry Campbell Sis Renn	27	28
29 Pot Luck Meal L-Vivian Kolkhorst A-Kayci Robinson G-Travis & Lindsey Eckert	30	31				