

JULY AND AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER

FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, UCC

"A Country Church with an Open Door"

Message from the Pastor

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I was forced to take painkillers following a recent surgery. All my upbringing was screaming at me "BE CAREFUL WITH PAINKILLERS!" They are addicting! They change! They almost always become something that robs us of life instead of helping us live abundantly. Pain killers are BAD NEWS!

Yet, in this instance, the results were magnificent. Not only did the pain subside, but my outlook improved. The world became a beautiful place. I started singing And grinning ... And Dottie said "You are looped!" I was.

Now I know the effects of long-term pain medication. It is almost always ugly! It sneaks up on people and wrecks their lives instead of saving their lives. But my thought was "Wouldn't it be great to be able to take a little medication and have our lives improve so dramatically"? Unfortunately, that doesn't happen with medicines for our bodies ... but it does happen with medicine for our souls! When Paul instructed the Philippians (Phil. 6:8f) "Whatever things are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, or excellent ... set your minds on these things, and the God who gives us peace will be with you"; he was offering medicine for the soul! It dramatically changes people's outlook! It fills us with hope, and joy, and peace! It makes us smile and sing! And what is even more exciting is ... the longer you use it, the better it works to give us 'new hearts'.

You know the sickness of the world. People seem bent on pessimism. We are prone to look for the negative. Despite being some of the most blessed people in the history of civilization, we find ways to grumble, doubt, pick apart, worry, and cut down. Even though we profess our faith in a God who "Holds the whole world in His hands", we choose to swallow bad medicine! The results are disastrous!

Why not be filled with GOOD NEWS! Why not experience a life that is abundant and overflowing with blessings? Why not set your minds and hearts on those things that are true, noble, pure, right, lovely ... and those things that deserve praise? When the early disciples experienced the Holy Spirit (Acts 2), the people around them said "They are looped"! They were! But this is the Good Stuff! This is the stuff that lasts for all eternity... and only gets better! This is the stuff God wants for YOU!

Pastor Glen

In our prayers we remember. . .

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

News, Events and Updates. . .

Women's Fellowship will have their **Salad Supper** on July 20 for all members. The UCC Women will be having a BBQ Take-out Meal on August 19th.

The Church Council will be sponsoring a **Back to School – Back of Church Fundraiser on August 5, 2018 at the Activity Center**. Lunch will be provided with a "free will donation", along with Music, Live Auction, Silent Auction and games. We will be looking for items for the auction if you would like to donate. All proceeds will go to the Church Repair Fund.

A early worship service is planned for July; however, we will not have an early service in August due to the Back to School – Back to Church Fundraiser.

On June 17, 2017 the **Women's Fellowship President LouAnn Canatella** presented the church, President Debbie Wellmann with \$500 for the Friedens Repair Fund. Thank you Women's Fellowship for your donation.

Friedens Vacation Bible School (VBS) – The theme was "Ship Wrecked" and 27 kids participated with approx. 10 to 15 adults assisting with classes. All games consisted of water and beach events along with crafts and the kids loved all the bible stories provided by Pastor Glen. Thanks to all the Sunday School teachers and moms that assisted with this 2018 VBS.

Cemetery Committee Announcement

Another Reminder: 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.

Burton Bridge Ministry by Sunday School

The amount of \$5,000 was donated to the Burton Bridge Ministry by our Sunday School from the 2017 Fall dance. This Benefits in honor of our late Pastor Greg Felder. Thank you, Pam Kneubel for accepting the check during our Children's moment in church on June 17, 2018.



Friedens honored Father's Day

On June 17th, Friedens honored Father's Day in church with all fathers receiving a flower by Sunday School. Pastor Cynthia West Miller gave special gifts to the eldest father in church, **Helbert Goessler** and the youngest father in church, **Matthew Wellmann**.



Baptism

On June 10th Ryder Lane Schulze and Rylie Ann Schulze were baptized. Ryder and Rylie are the twins of Bridgette and Kevin Schulze of Washington. The sponsors are Tim and Kayla Schneider, Ashley Goldberg, Mason Mikeska, Tanya Parsons and Logan Parsons. Grandparents are: Tommy Snow, Lucy & Billy Lorenz and Kenneth and Cindy Schulze.



Baptisms planned for July are:

On July 1st Mia Lynn Martin will be baptized. Mia is the daughter of Scott and Monica Martin of Anderson, Texas. The sponsors are Alan Johnson and Kelsey Springer.

On July 8th, Henry Blair Hartley will be baptized. Henry is the son of Clayton Blair and Tracy Lee Hartley of Buda, Texas. Grandparents are Rodney and Celeste Dickschat and Dennis & Linda Hartley. The sponsors are Trevor Dickschat, Alexis Roach, Daniel and Alison Duran.

New Photo Directory

It has been several years since we had a photo directory made, so the time is here. We are planning on printing a new directory this fall. We will be taking portraits of members and families during the last 2 weeks of September (9/21, 9/24, 9/27, 9/28 from 3pm to 7pm). You can sign-up for your sitting in the Narthex before or after worship or call the church office at 936-878-2523 on Tuesday or Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and noon to schedule your sitting.

You will be able to purchase prints and Christmas cards at that time. Proceeds will be used to purchase the directories.

Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

July 5 – Lou Ann Canatella & Jamie Noto
 July 12 – Betty Dickschat & Sally Stolz
 July 19 – Bonnie Mohr & Tammy Leiber
 July 26 – Terry Campbell & Sis Renn
 Aug 2 – Betsy Bosse & Debbie Grimes
 Aug 9 – Lou Ann Canatella & Jamie Noto
 Aug 16 – Betty Dickschat & Sally Stolz
 Aug 23 – Bonnie Mohr & Tammy Leiber
 Aug 30 – Terry Campbell & Sis Renn

Food Pantry Items Needed

June – Drink Mixes, Boxed Juice Drinks
 July – Dry Beans
 August – Canned Meat
 September – Canned Fruit
 October – Rice & Pasta
 November – Corn Bread and Biscuit Mix
 December – Your choice – Buy early so
 Pantry can distribute before Christmas.



Altar Flowers

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

July 1 – Honor of Roger Finke's Birthday
 July 8 – Honor of Henry Blair Hartley's Baptism
 July 15 – Memory of Shim Dickschat
 July 22 – Honor Elroy and Denise's 40th Wedding Anniversary
 June 29 – Honor of Lou Ann & Charlie Canatella's 43rd Wedding Anniversary
 August 5 – In Memory of Raymond Finke
 August 12 – open
 August 19 – open
 August 26 – open
 September 2 – open

Worship Leaders

<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Ushers/Greeters</u>
July 1 – Russell Borgstedte	Kameron Stolz	Mark Dickschat
July 8 – Mary Borgstedte	Reese Collins	Raymond & Joy Dickschat
July 15 – Dale Borgstedte	Jace Easley	Rodney & Celeste Dickschat
July 22 – Sandra Bosse	Brooklynn Stolz	Amanda Easley
June 29 – Vivian Kolkhorst	Kayci Robinson	Travis & Lindsey Eckert
August 5 – Flora Mason	Kaden Kennedy	Ken & Kay Finke
August 12 – Heather Fuller	Kylie Maxson	Roger & Sheri Finke
August 19 – Wesley Stolz	Mitchell Schlabach	Brett & Becky Fowler
August 26 – Amanda L. Stolz	Hunter Schlabach	Glen & Inez Fuqua
September 2 – Becky Barton	Kameron Stolz	Joe & Heather Fuller

Upcoming Events – Mark your calendar!!

Events will be added here, please check calendar for all other meetings, etc.

July 1 – Fellowship Breakfast
 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

August 5 – Back to School-Back to Church Event (see in newsletter for more information)
 August 19 – UCC Women's BBQ Take out Meal

Volunteers:

Friedens Church is overwhelmed and grateful for all the hard work and dedication that our many volunteers perform for the church. On Tuesday, I caught **Ron Werchan** in the church working on testing audio/visual, which will project the sermon from the projector to a large screen. Thank you Ron for all your hard work for the church!



Church Council Happenings

- 4 beehives were removed from the church.
- 1 hive was removed from the activity center.
- The church will be getting new sanctuary lights in July.
- A long term planning committee has been formed.

Upcoming plans

- Audiovisual equipment for the sanctuary.
- 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.

The Church Council will be sponsoring a Back to School – Back of Church Fundraiser on August 5, 2018. We will be having a silent auction and are looking for items for the auction. All proceeds will go to the Church Repair Fund.

Council Worklist:

7/1	Kasey	Lindsey
7/8	Jeff	Ron
7/15	Sis	Debbie
7/22	Wesley	Dale
7/29	Mark	John
8/5	Kasey	Lindsey
8/12	Jeff	Ron
8/19	Sis	Debbie
8/26	Wesley	Dale
9/2	Mark	John

Did You Know . . .

At the South Central Conference Annual Meeting held at Camp Allen, there were 299 School Kits collected and Friedens donated 100 of those, which placed Friedens as 1st as the **MOST** donated. Also, received 4th **MOST** donated for the 55 Hygiene Kits.

Awesome Job Friedens!!!!!!

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Friedens still has anniversary books, plates, and cookbooks for sale. Please contact LaNell Langford, if you wish to purchase.

## Thank you . . .

Dear Friedens Family,

Thank you for the wonderful graduation recognition and luncheon. The food was amazing, as always, and it was great to see and visit with those that I have not seen in a while. Though I am not able to visit often, Friedens always feels like home.

**Thank you, Lauren James Nettles**

Once again, we are indebted to our church family here at Friedens. It is such a privilege to be a member of such a caring congregation. I hope that we will be able to repay the kindness shown to us during Neal's surgery and hospital stay. I truly believe the prayers that were offered helped him to survive the ordeal. Thank you to Rev. Schoeneberg and the other church members who made the trip to the hospital to visit and to all who sent encouraging words through cards and text messages. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and praise the Lord.

**Neal and Betsy Bosse**

Dear Friedens,

Well, Friedens Church of Washington UCC takes first place – 100 CWS School Kits and 400 is tops for the Annual Meeting In – Gathering of CWS Kits. Thank you so very much.

**In Christ, Ken**



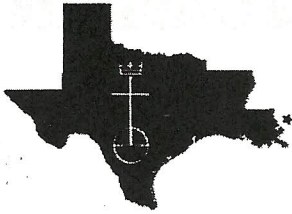
## Heart of Texas Association News

The Heart of Texas Association now has a website at [hotaucc.org](http://hotaucc.org). Many, many thanks to Charles Stark, who in his spare time as interim at St. John's, Burton, has set this up for us. We hope to connect out churches more effectively, to be able to link to the South Central Conference website, to share news (particularly meeting time and place announcements), to have a way for our Committee on Ministry documents to be easily accessible to those who need them, and to have a place where my newsletter articles (this one included) are accessible. We may find other ways to use the website, too. At this point, Charles would like each of our churches to send a photograph of the church, your service times, and anything else you would want to add (like website, location, etc.) in order to connect us together more fully. You can see what churches have sent in so far on the website. We would appreciate it if each of your churches would send this information as soon as you can to [clstark52@gmail.com](mailto:clstark52@gmail.com).

Our Association just finished up terrific work in hosting the South Central Conference Annual Meeting at Camp Allen. Among the Many people were involved in the planning and work, and I will most certainly leave someone out if I tried to thank everyone involved here. Don Longbottom was installed as our Conference Minister; we had wonderful music led during most of the meeting and the banquet by Stephen Schermitzler, the music director of Church of the Beatitudes in Phoenix where Don served before coming to our Conference; and there were excellent workshops and discussion led by Tom VandeStadt, Sid Hall, Jo Hudson, Neil Cazares-Thomas, Ron Trimmer, Lynette Ross, Phil Burnett, John Will, Andy DeBraber (of the national UCC), and Joshua Lawrence. Most of these workshops had note takers whose brief reports will be made available soon, most likely in the SCC weekly e-news. I do want to lift up Linda Coats, our fearless leader (who chaired the planning); John Gage, who put together uplifting and excellent worship services; Karl Tewold, who was the MC for the Friday banquet and helped out in other ways; and Stacey Silvey from the SCC office, who did so much to register people and worked constantly throughout the meeting. We had a terrific response, too, from our churches in donating school kits for Church World Service and hygiene kits fo Back Bay Mission. Many thanks to Anne Wehrly for coordinating the effort to collect these, to Joe and Mikki Ward for transporting the school kits to CWS, and to Anne Wehrly, Linda Coats, and Paul Longstreth for transporting the hygiene kits to Back Bay Mission.

Bethany Congregational UCC in San Antonio is once again offering the Tessman scholarship to students pursuing a graduate degree in divinity at a fully accredited seminary or college approved by the United Church of Christ or degree in education at a fully accredited college. To apply, send the following to the selection committee: letter of acceptance from the college or seminary, statement of tuition and courses, undergraduate transcript, statement of intent 500 words or less, and two letters of recommendation (one from a pastor). Send applications to Bethany Congregational Church UCC, Attn. -- Tessman Scholarship Fund, 500 Pilgrim Dr., San Antonio, TX 78213. The deadline to apply for money for fall, 2018 is July 20th. Those who have previously received a Tessman grant need only submit current transcripts and costs by the application deadline. The provisions of the scholarship require that the recipient complete the degree and work in the degree field within five years.

**Blessings in Christ, Liz Nash, Association Minister**



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## 2018 Annual Meeting School & Hygiene Kit Collection (<https://sccucc.org/2018-annual-meeting-school-hygiene-kit-collection/>)

June 12, 2018

No Comments (<https://sccucc.org/2018-annual-meeting-school-hygiene-kit-collection/#respond>)



**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE**

**School Kits and Hygiene Kits Abound**

The tape was flying and the kits were mounting up sky high as they arrived at the Annual Meeting at Camp Allen. In all 791 kits were gathered and will be delivered to Church World Service in Little Rock and to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi. Thanks to Kevin Murphy of Church World Service who brought us boxes and assisted with the collection for the school kits. Thanks to the youth from Friends Church who assisted with loading and unloading and earned tips for their annual mission trip in the process.

In all 299 School kits were collected. Friedens Church of Washington was the winning church providing 100 school kits. There was a tie for second with 40 school kits coming in from First Congregational Church Ft Worth and 40 from Immanuel United Church of Christ Spring. Thank you for your generous giving!

For Back Bay there were 472 Hygiene kits. The winner in the hygiene kit competition was Friends Congregational UCC College Station who gathered 95 kits. Second place went to the small but mighty St Paul UCC of Marlin who delivered 57 kits and the industrious Friedens Church of Washington which ALSO took third place in this category with 55 kits.

**2018 Annual Meeting Kit Collection**

| Church World Service School Kits           | Kit #           |            |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Central St. Matthew UCC New Orleans        | 20 kits         |            |
| First Congregational Church Ft. Worth      | 40 kits         |            |
| St. Paul UCC of Marlin                     | 25 kits         |            |
| St Paul UCC of Corpus Christi              | 36 kits         |            |
| St. Peter's Church of Coupland UCC         | 38 kits         |            |
| Friedens Church of Washington UCC          | 100 kits        | Most kits. |
| Immanuel United Church of Christ of Spring | 40 kits         |            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                               | <b>299 kits</b> |            |

| Back Bay Mission Hygiene Kits               | Kit #       |                           |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Teche United Church of Christ               | 12 kits     |                           |
| Central St. Matthew UCC -New Orleans        | 14 kits     |                           |
| Little Farms UCC- River Ridge               | 40 kits     |                           |
| St. Paul UCC of Marlin                      | 57 kits     |                           |
| Faith UCC of Bryan                          | 44 kits     |                           |
| St John's UCC of Burton                     | 21 kits     |                           |
| Friends Congregational UCC- College Station | 95 kits     |                           |
| Friedens Church of Washington               | 55 kits     | 4 <sup>th</sup> Most kits |
| Weimar UCC                                  | 50 kits     |                           |
| Heart of Texas Spring Meeting               | 84 kits     |                           |
| Pilgrim Congregational UCC                  | \$300 Check |                           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                | <b>472</b>  |                           |





# July 2018

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



# AUGUST 2018

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Mon | Tue                 | Wed                            | Thu                                                                      | Fri                                                       | Sat                                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |     |                     | 1<br>UCC Women 7 pm            | 2<br>Betsy Bosse<br>Debbie Grimes                                        | 3                                                         | 4                                                         |
| 5 Fellowship Breakfast<br>provided by Sunday School<br>*Back to School-Back to<br>Church Fundraiser at<br>Activity Center 10:15<br>(no early worship service)<br>L-Flora Mason<br>A-Kaden Kennedy<br>G-Ken & Kay Finke | 6   | 7                   | 8                              | 9<br>Lou Ann Canatella<br>Jamie Noto                                     | 10 Community Recy-<br>cle- Washington Park<br>thru Sunday | 11 Community Recy-<br>cle- Washington Park<br>thru Sunday |
| 12<br>L-Heather Fuller<br>A-Kylie Maxson<br>G-Roger & Sherri Finke                                                                                                                                                     | 13  | 14<br>Council -7 pm | 15                             | 16<br>Betty Dickschat<br>Sally Stolz<br><br>Womens Fellowship<br>2:15 pm | 17                                                        | 18                                                        |
| 19<br>*UCC Take-Out Meal<br><br>L-Wesley Stolz<br>A-Mitchell Schlabach<br>G-Brett & Becky Fowler                                                                                                                       | 20  | 21                  | 22<br>Fun & Fellowship<br>2 pm | 23<br>Bonnie Mohr<br>Tammy Leiber                                        | 24                                                        | 25                                                        |
| 26<br>L-Amanda Stolz<br>A-Hunter Schlabach<br>G-Glen & Inez Fugua                                                                                                                                                      | 27  | 28                  | 29                             | 30<br>Terry Campbell<br>Sis Renn                                         | 31                                                        |                                                           |