

# NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

## FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON UCC

"A Country Church with an Open Door"

### Message from the Pastor

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Congratulations on the selection of your next Pastor! Mr. Eric Dehmer will begin work as your new pastor on January 1, 2019! Eric and his wife, Lori, live in Chappell Hill. He has been serving as a Licensed Minister in the Methodist church; serving a two-point charge in Richards. He is looking forward to having his congregation right here where he lives!

Here are two things you need to remember as Pastor Eric begins ministry with you:

1) No minister is perfect! We all have our faults and shortcomings. Same is true for each of us. Some of us wouldn't be happy with Jesus as Pastor. Focusing on faults can kill a ministry! I remained as pastor in Burton, only because I had people pulling for me – building up my strengths, and finding ways to help where I was weak. What a blessing they were! It will take you less than a week to discover that Pastor Eric is not perfect. You can choose to point out his weaknesses or to find ways to build up areas that need help. If you do the latter, this will be a long, wonderful, exciting ministry together!

2) This is YOUR ministry! Pastor Eric will offer support, guidance, and suggestions, but this is YOUR church! So, keep dreaming about what you can do together. Find new ways to serve the community. Reach out to touch people's lives. Stay involved with the life and work of your church. I know Pastor Eric well because of our work together in the Brazos Valley Emmaus Community. Pastor Eric is the Spiritual Director of that community. He has got a great heart and a vibrant faith. He will love you dearly! But if you just sit back and wait for Pastor Eric to do the ministry of Friedens Church, it will be disappointing. Keep finding your enthusiasm for Godly ministry!

Time will tell what will become of this ministry with Pastor Eric. I like to think you are on the beginning edge of something really special. May God richly bless this time!

■ Pastor Glen

## In our prayers we remember. . .

Larry Young, Sharon Dobbins, G.V. Layton, Mary Lee Lewis, Christina Holloway, Neal Bosse, Skeeter Stolz, Alfred Thane, Sheryl Vasek, Carolyn Wellmann, Wayne Bosse, Jan Anastasiades, Bo Goodson, Sue Kiel Schwartz and Rudy Rusnak.

## News, Events and Updates. . .

It was a great day for Friedens on October 14, 2018. The congregation heard Pastor Eric Dehmer as a pastoral candidate. The congregation then voted to call Pastor Dehmer as Friedens next pastor. Eric will be joining our church **January 1, 2019** as our full time pastor.

The UCC Women are accepting orders for the church calendar. The calendars are \$5.00 each. Please contact Nelda Buck for any orders. Deadline for orders is November 1<sup>st</sup>.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> – BBQ Take-out Benefit for Carolyn & Charles Wellmann at the Navasota Center (next to pool) from 11 am to 1 pm. There will be raffle tickets on sale along with a bake sale.

A Friedens Garage Sale is planned for November 3 in Navasota, at the old Fireman's Hall. If you have donations for the garage sale contact Cindy Walkoviak at 979-229-6710 or 936-878-1875. Come out because you may find some treasures.

Sunday School will begin rehearsing songs for Christmas Program on 11/4 & 11/11.

November 17<sup>th</sup> – Women's Fellowship will be selling baked items and cookbooks at the Holiday Farmers Market held at the Washington on the Brazos.

The annual Congregational meeting will be November 18, 2018. We will be electing new council members and approving the 2019 budget.

If you ordered a Butter Braid from the UCC Women, then you can expect delivery around November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Totenfest will be November 25, 2018.

Tentatively the Christmas tree will be put up and church decorated for the Christmas season on December 1, 2018. Time to be announced.

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, Toys for Tots benefit and cake auction at the Activity Center from 7:30 to 11:00 pm. They will be collecting toys and donations.

"Hanging of the Greens" is scheduled for December 2, 2018. If you would like to be a part of this event, please contact Denise Stolz at 979-830-7987.

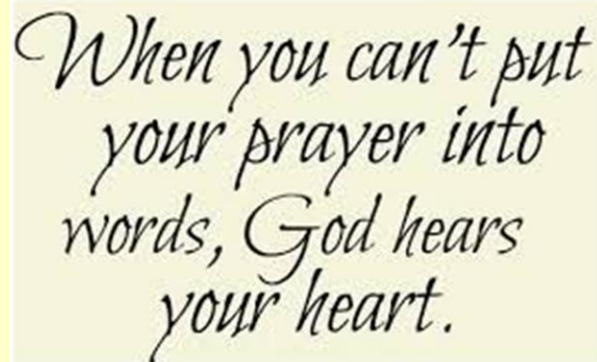
December 23 – Sunday School will start at 9 a.m. with a Christmas party and lesson. Also, the SS Christmas Program during worship at 10:15. No Sunday School 12/30/18 & 1/6/19.

## Loss of Loved Ones

The family of Henry Joe and Pearl Roesse. Their brother-in-law, Albert Addicks Jr., husband of Effie Marie Nobles Addicks, passed away Sept. 27, 2018 in Brenham. Funeral services were held at Sept. 30, 2018 at Salem Lutheran Church with Pastor Charles Parnell officiating.

The family of James Vierus. James passed away on September 28, 2018. A memorial service was held at Abiding Word Lutheran Church. James is survived by wife, Sue, their children Luke and wife Lindsey, Sarah Montes and husband Enrique, and John Vierus.

The family of Albert Hennig. Pastor Hennig passed away on October 14, 2018. Pastor Hennig was the Pastor here at Friedens from June 1978 to January 1991. A memorial service was held on October 20, 2018 at New Braunfels.



*When you can't put  
your prayer into  
words, God hears  
your heart.*

## New Photo Directory

We have extended the time to submit your family photo so if you live out of town and was unable to get your pictures taken with Ron and would like to submit a picture of yourself or your family, please email your picture to the church office at [friedensoffice@embarqmail.com](mailto:friedensoffice@embarqmail.com), no later than November 6<sup>th</sup> and contact the church office at 936-878-2523 to confirm it was received.

Please include:

- Name
- Address
- Phone number
- Cell number
- Email address

## Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

Nov 1 – Bonnie Mohr & Tammy Leiber  
 Nov 8 – Terry Campbell & Sis Renn  
 Nov 15 – Betsy Bosse & Debbie Grimes  
 Nov 29 – Lou Ann Canatella & Jamie Noto  
 Dec 6 – Betty Dickschat & Sally Stolz  
 Dec 13 – Bonnie Mohr & Tammy Leiber

## Food Pantry Items Needed

November – Corn Bread and Biscuit Mix  
 December – Your choice – Buy early so  
 Pantry can distribute before Christmas.

Food Pantry - October Count –  
 48 Fruit & Assorted

## 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.**

November 4 – Open  
 November 11 – Open  
 November 18 – Open  
 November 25 – Open  
 December 2 – Open  
 December 9 – Open



## Worship Leaders

### Liturgist

November 4 – Vivian Kolkhorst  
 November 11 – Flora Mason  
 November 18 – Heather Fuller  
 November 25 – Wesley Stolz  
 December 2 – Amanda Stolz  
 December 9 – Becky Barton

### Acolytes

Kameron Stolz  
 Reece Collins  
 Jace Easley  
 Brooklynn Stolz  
 Kayci Robinson  
 Kaden Kennedy

### Ushers/Greeters

LaNell Langford & Michael Langford  
 May Dell Lanham & Virginia Layton  
 Kelli & Charlie Lara  
 Hollis & Elizabeth Lehrmann  
 Charles & Tammy Leiber  
 Lucy & Billy Lorenz

## Upcoming Events – Mark your calendar!!

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

November 1 – Last Day to order your church calendars from the UCC Women.  
 November 3 – BBQ Benefit for Carolyn & Charles Wellmann at Navasota Center from 11am to 1pm.  
 November 4 – Refreshments by Women's Fellowship prior to worship.  
 November 7 – UCC Women's meeting 7:00 pm  
 November 13 – Trustees mtg. 6:30 pm & Council mtg. 7 pm  
 November 15 – Women's Fellowship Meeting 2:15 pm  
 November 17 – Women's Fellowship Selling Baked goods & cookbooks at Farmers Market  
 November 22 – HAPPY THANGSGIVING  
 November 25 – Totenfest

December 1 – Decorate the Church for the Christmas Season  
 December 1 – Toys for Tots Dance at the Activity Center 7:30 to 11:00 pm.  
 December 2 – “Hanging of the Greens”

## Church Council Happenings. . .

Thanks to everyone that came out for the Fall clean-up day. The church and the grounds look great. With all the trees that were trimmed we will be having a bonfire in the near future.

Thanks to Carolyn and Charles Wellman and Subway for providing lunch for all the workers at the church clean-up day.

Thanks to the Search Committee for all the work that they have done this past year looking for a pastoral candidate.

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 is always looking for volunteers to help around the church. If you are interested, please contact a council member.

### Council Worklist:

11/4	Wesley	Dale
11/11	Mark	John
11/18	Kasey	Lindsey
11/25	Jeff	Ron
12/2	Sis	Debbie
12/9	Wesley	Dale
12/16	Mark	John
12/23	Kasey	Lindsey
12/24	Jeff	Ron
12/30	Sis	Debbie



## Heart of Texas Association News

The Heart of Texas Association Meeting was held on Saturday, October 20, at United Christian Church, 3500 West Parmer Ln., in Austin. Registration began at 10:30 am, the meeting began at 11, we continued through lunch, and were completed by 2 pm. We began with worship and had the Ecclesiastical Council of Will Nelson before lunch. Our offering will go to Slumber Falls Camp, and we asked for a small donation to offset costs of paper goods for lunch.

We also encouraged everyone to visit the United Christian pumpkin patch while there. It was a great opportunity to buy pumpkins -- always a good selection there -- and be part of a fundraiser that benefits the church.

Blessings, Liz Nash, HOT Association Minister