

FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, UCC

"A Country Church with an Open Door"

Message from the Pastor

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Wow, January is gone already and so ends my first month at Friedens. It's been an exciting time and I want to thank each one of you for extending such a warm welcome to Lori and myself. On the 9th of January we began a Wednesday Night Bible Study with 24 people in attendance. On the 13th we installed new officers during the worship service for 2019 and the various organizations within the church have established dates for upcoming activities throughout the year.

Amidst all the things going on, there is great evidence of a cooperative spirit demonstrated by the way all the church organizations work so harmoniously with each other. Another one of the hallmarks of Friedens Church is the friendliness of the congregation. Almost ten of my family members have attended services here since I have begun serving as your pastor. Each one has complemented this church for its warm, friendly spirit and they all plan to come back.

It seems like almost all of our church events include a meal and if anyone goes hungry around here it's gonna' have to be their own fault. I've learned during the short time that I've been here that our church has some amazing cooks and I'm afraid that it's having an effect on my waistline! In addition to eating well, we also have some great fellowship here at Friedens.

All of these things are signs and expressions of a vibrant church. Just as important as what we experience inside the church is what those on the outside of our four walls observe as they look at us. Their perception of Friedens hinges on the image we project as individuals just as we learned from the old children's song:

The church is not a building.
The church is not a steeple.
The church is not a resting place.
The church is the people.

May we each be a beacon of Christ's love into lives of others while we serve Him as His people, the church.

In the love of Christ,
Pastor Eric

In our prayers we remember. . .

Larry Young, Sharon Dobbins, Mary Lee Lewis, Christina Holloway, Sheryl Vasek, Carolyn Wellmann, Bo Goodson, Sue Kiel Schwartz, Jesus Maldonado, Rudy Rusnak, Bobby Buke, Joy Dickschat, Betsy & Neal Bosse, Wayne Bosse, Joyce Werchan, Vivian Kolkhorst and Bernice Bosse.

News, Events and Updates. . .

Chili and Stew supper is scheduled for Friday, February 1, 2018. Come hungry!

On February 3rd, please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m. prior to worship.

Pastor Eric started a Wednesday night Bible Study; on January 9th at 6:30 at that bible study we had 24 in attendance. We have good fellowship, good food and good study. The bible study will continue every Wednesday; however, during Lent there will be a special Lenten study with the exception of Ash Wednesday when we will all be in church. See you on Wednesdays.

The Confirmation Class had a wonderful time at the overnight Confirmation Retreat on January 25 & 26. The location was changed to the Friedens Parsonage which was an excellent alternative.

We had our first ever Emmaus Group Reunion with 6 individuals in attendance and plans were made to sponsor more individuals to the Walk to Emmaus. The dates for the next men's walk is April 12 – 14 and the next women's walk is April 26 -28. If you are interested in going to the Walk to Emmaus, please contact Pastor Eric Dehmer.

We are still looking for anyone interested in assisting with running the monitors with church information on Sunday; please contact Ron Werchan at 979-451-1810. We are looking for around 3 individuals.

We are still looking for individuals interested in leading our chime choir; therefore, we need 8 volunteers that are interested in playing chimes. If you are interested, please contact Denise Stolz at the church office 936-878-2523.

Choir practice is scheduled at church on every 4th Sunday and choir will sing in church on the first Sunday of each month. If you would like to join the church choir, please contact Flo Mason.

Please be advised that if you did not pick up your annual statement at church, then yours will be mailed on January 28th.

Loss of Loved Ones

Prayers for the family of Kathrine Berger. Kathrine passed away peacefully at the Med Center on December 31, 2018. Visitation and a memorial service were held at Nobles Funeral Home on Saturday, January 5. Kathrine is the mother of Denise Stolz of Washington.

Missing:

Women's Fellowship is missing some roasters from storage. If you borrowed a roaster or may know what happened to them, please contact Lou Ann Canatella or Terry Campbell.

Sunday School Happenings. . .

The Sunday school has planned their **Annual Pancake Supper** on March 5th at 5:45 pm. Come join us in the Fellowship hall for a pan caking good time.

The Sunday school has also planned a **Drive Thru Meal Fundraiser** on March 24th... more information to follow.

Church Council Happenings. . .

On January 13th the newly elected Council members for 2019 – 2020 were installed along with church organizations. Council members are: Travis Eckert, Terri Campbell, John Parsons, Dan Mohr and Jon Wellmann. Those returning for 2019 are: Mark Dickschat, Kacey Kennedy, Jeff Stolz, Wesley Stolz and John Walkoviak.

Council Work Schedule

Feb 3	Wesley S.	Travis E.
Feb 10	Kasey K.	Terry C.
Feb 17	John W.	Dan M.
Feb 24	Mark D.	Jon W.
Mar 3	Jeff S.	John P.
Mar 6 –Ash Wed	Wesley S.	Travis E.
Mar 10	Kasey K.	Terry C.
Mar 17	John W.	Dan M.
Mar 24	Mark D.	Jon W.
Mar 31	Jeff S.	John P.

Thank you to our Volunteers:

A **Big Thank You** to Dan Mohr and Dusty Kennedy for installing a water heater under the sink in the kitchen. We now have instant hot water for the kitchen. *This is such a blessing.*

Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

Feb 7 - Jim Latham & Debbie Grimes
 Feb 14 – Lou Ann Canatella & Jamie Noto
 Feb 21 – Betty Dickschat & Sally Stolz
 Feb 28 – Bonnie Mohr & Tammy Leiber
 March 7 – Terry Campbell & Sis Renn
 March 14 – Jim Latham & Debbie Grimes
 March 21 – Lou Ann Canatella & Jamie Noto
 March 28 – Betty Dickschat & Sally Stolz

Food Pantry Items Needed

February – Hot or Cold cereal
 March – Sugar
 April – Flour
 May – Canned Vegetables
 June – Drink Mixes, Boxed juice Drinks
 July – Dry Beans
 August – Canned Meat
 Sept – Canned Fruit
 October – Rice & Pasta
 November – Cornbread, Biscuit Mixes
 December – Your Choice – Bring early so pantries can distribute for Christmas.

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.

Feb 3 – In honor of Carolyn Wellmann's Birthday, also, in memory of the Mohr family Loved Ones.
 Feb 10– In memory of Olga Kolkhorst, Minnie Bosse, and Mildred Breedlove
 Feb 17– Open
 Feb 24– in honor of Hunter's 14th Birthday
 March 3– Open
 March 10 – Open
 March 17 – Open
 March 24 – Open
 March 31 - Open



Worship Leaders

Liturgist

February 3 – Vivian Kolkhorst
 February 10– Flora Mason
 February 17– Heather Fuller
 February 24– Wesley Stolz
 March 3 – Amanda Stolz
 March 10 – Jim Latham
 March 17 – Becky Barton
 March 24 – John Walkoviak
 March 31 – Shelley Addison

Acolytes

Kayci Roberson
 Kaden Kennedy
 Kylie Maxson
 Mitchell Schlabach
 Hunter Schlabach
 Kameron Stolz
 Reece Collins
 Jace Easley
 Brooklynn Stolz

Ushers/Greeters

Dane & Jamie Pawlowski
 Kathy & Steve Pawlowski
 Sis Renn & Amy Stolz
 Thesia & Keith Schlabach
 James & Jackie Schroeder
 Bridgette & Kevin Schulze
 Ginger Scott & Sally Stolz
 Kristyn & Brian Smith
 Arthur & Mary Helen Steele

Upcoming Events – Mark your calendar!!

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

- February 1 – Chili/Stew Supper serving starts at 5:00 pm
February 3 – Refreshments/Fellowship prior to worship service.
February 4 – Confirmation Class 6 pm
February 6 – Bible Study at 6:30 pm
February 7 – UCC Women 7 pm
February 8 – 10 – Recycle at the Park
February 11 – Confirmation Class 6 pm
February 12 – Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm & Council Meeting 7 pm
February 13 – Bible Study at 6:30 pm
February 14 – Valentine's Day
February 18 – Confirmation Class 6 pm
February 20 – Bible Study at 6:30 pm
February 21 – Women's Fellowship 2:15 pm
February 24 – Choir Practice
February 24 – UCC Takeout Meal after worship
February 27 – Fun & Fellowship 2 pm
February 27 – Bible Study at 6:30 pm
- March 3 – Refreshments/Fellowship prior to worship service (Women's Fellowship to provide)
March 5 – Sunday School Pancake Supper 5:45 pm
March 5 – UCC Anniversary Dinner
March 6 – Ash Wednesday (Meal at 6 pm and Service at 7 pm)
March 7 – UCC Women's Meeting 7 pm
March 8 – 10 – Recycle at the Park
March 12 – Council Meeting 7 pm
March 13 – Lenten Service
March 20 – Lenten Service
March 21 – Women's Fellowship Meeting – 2:15 pm
March 24 – Sunday School Drive Thru Meal after worship
March 27 – Lenten Service
March 31 – Pot Luck after worship. Bring a dish and join us for lunch.



Heart of Texas Association News

Our Heart of Texas Association Spring Meeting is going to bring an opportunity to spend time on the beach for those who come and stay overnight, along with a new way to meet for those who cannot physically be present. Our host, who has extended a gracious and enthusiastic invitation, will be St. Paul UCC, 5525 Lipes Blvd., in Corpus Christi on Saturday, May 4th, at 11 am. As usual, our meeting will include lunch. We hope many of you will plan to come to be with our very welcoming brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Paul, and will also plan to spend some time enjoying Corpus Christi.

This particular spring meeting will be a first for us in that we are planning to have a way to attend by video conference, recognizing that the distance will keep some from coming. Our Association Constitution and By Laws were composed very intentionally as we formed to allow for this kind of attendance, knowing that we would be dealing with significant distances for our meetings. We anticipate having an Ecclesiastical Council at our Spring Meeting. It will be important as we review our candidate for ministry to ensure that we have a quorum for our vote on approval for ordination, where a quorum is attendance from majority of our churches. We anticipate setting up a video conference on an online, easy to use platform like Zoom, as well as having a way for those who will be attending online to have a "test run" login sometime before the meeting. (I know from experience that we need to get our online attendees to try it beforehand to ensure that sound and video work for everyone.) As we get this set up, we will be sending out more information about the what, where, when, and how to do a trial login and how to join the meeting on May 4th.

St Paul UCC in Corpus Christi, our host church, is eagerly awaiting the arrival of their new settled (permanent) minister after the past interim year. Rev. Dana Worsham will be arriving in early February, leading worship beginning on February 10th. Dana comes to St. Paul from the Atlanta, Georgia area, where she attended seminary and served a church. She is an ordained Disciples of Christ minister with a background of military service. We look forward to welcoming Dana to the UCC and to the Heart of Texas Association.

Many thanks to Carl Schwartz-King for leading our boundary training for ministers at Bethany Congregational Church in San Antonio on Saturday, January 12th. Carl is the Licensed Minister of Congregational Care at United Christian in Austin. He has been trained by the Faith Trust Institute to lead boundary training in the South Central Conference, and gives his time in this ministry. Boundary training, for those who are unfamiliar with the term, helps ministers understand and reflect together on the maintaining of appropriate boundaries in the areas of handling money, friendships in the church, sexual relationships, ministry to people in churches the minister no longer serves, and other areas of ministry that require maintaining appropriate boundaries. The Heart of Texas Association requires our ministers (except those completely retired from serving churches or other ministries) to complete this training every five years. We do this as a commitment to our members and ministers, seeking to provide ministry that honors our faith as Christians, and we invite all to support our pastors in this commitment.

Blessings in Christ,
Liz Nash, Association Minister

February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1 Chili/Stew Supper	2
3 Refreshments & Fellowship prior Worship- Sunday School Choir will sing today. L- Vivian Kolkhorst A- Kayci Robinson G-Dane & Jamie Pawlowski	4 Confirmation Class 6 pm	5	6 Bible Study at 6:30 pm and will have a pot luck prior to class.	7 UCC Women 7 pm Jim Latham & Debbie Grimes	8 Recycle at the Park 8 th – 10 th	9 Recycle at the Park 8 th – 10 th
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