

JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, UCC

"A Country Church with an Open Door"

Message from the Pastor

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Happy New Year! I am especially looking forward to 2019 and embracing a brand new ministry at Friedens Church of Washington, UCC. Lori and I have enjoyed attending worship services with you the last couple of months and getting to know individual members of the congregation – thank you for making us feel welcome!

As I have slowly gotten involved in the life of the church this fall, I have found Friedens to be a vibrant congregation poised on the cusp of great things to come. In order that we discern the wondrous things the Lord has in store for us I will be leading our church in a visioning process in which we can discover where He is leading us. Once we have discerned this all we need do is be a faithful church and follow Him. I have experienced great success in this process in the past and I have every confidence that our Lord will reveal to us His vision for our church, if we remain faithful.

I am also planning to start a Wednesday night Bible Study utilizing the Upper Room devotional magazine as a study guide. You don't have an Upper Room? Don't worry, one will be provided for you. All that you need to do is show up with a willing heart to study. And, come hungry because we'll begin with a meal at 6:30 and move into Bible Study at 7. We will also have a time of corporate prayer when we can lift up any concerns we might have on our hearts to the Lord.

Finally, I want to thank all the servant leaders who worked diligently to guide our church in 2018. As you know, some of those leaders have rolled off of church council at the beginning of 2019 with the completion of their service as well as our interim pastor, Glen Schoeneberg. I take my hat off to each one of these who have served before me for their excellent stewardship of our Lord's church. Each one has been a special blessing to me as I have transitioned into the life of Friedens church as your new pastor. May each one of these leaders be especially blessed in all their future endeavors while continuing in service to our Lord.

In the love of Christ,

Pastor Eric

In our prayers we remember. . .

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

News, Events and Updates. . .

We have someone who is 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.

On January 6th, please join us in welcoming Pastor Eric Dehmer to Friedens with refreshments in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m.

On January 6th, we will take down the Christmas Decorations after Worship.

Pastor Eric is starting a Wednesday night Bible Study, which will start January 9th at 6:30. A pot luck will be included so everyone interested, please bring a dish to share and join in on the bible study. The bible study will be centered on the Upper Room devotional and they are available free. Bring your bible and come hungry!

On January 13 - Installation of Officers during service.

Confirmation Class is planning an overnight Confirmation Retreat on January 25 & 26 in Weimer.

Emmaus reunion group is meeting on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 8 a.m. at Fellowship hall. Hot coffee and kolaches will be provided, so bring your Emmaus worship book.

Chili and Stew supper is scheduled for Friday, February 1, 2018. Women's Fellowship has completed the work schedule and you can find it attached to this newsletter.

Anyone interested in assisting with running the monitors with church information on Sunday, please contact Ron Werchan at 979-451-1810.

Loss of Loved Ones

Prayers for the family of Reva Charlis Mitchell. Reva passed away peacefully on December 18, 2018. A memorial service was held at Friedens Church of Washington, UCC on Saturday December 22nd. Reva is the mother of Nelda Buck of Washington.

Prayers for the family of Larry Dean Schilling. Larry passed away on December 15, 2018. A memorial service was held December 20th at Friends Congregational Church of Christ in College Station, Tx and burial followed in the Aggie Field of Honor. Larry was the Brother-in-Law of Dale Borgstedte and Mary Helen Steele.

Totenfest 2018

James Russell Vierus	DOB 9/14/56	DOD 9/28/18
Rev. Albert Carl R Hennig	DOB 4/11/25	DOD 10/13/18

Dedications of Memorials 2018

Cemetery Fund	Lora Stegemueller
Bench at Cemetery	Kennard Finke
Garden Bench/Bird Bath	Donna Jensen
TV Monitors	Pastor Greg Felder
Cemetery Crosses/Historical Marker	Lillian Wellmann

New Photo Directory

The new photo directories are **complete** and currently being handed out on Sunday's by Ron Werchan in the Northex. Thanks Ron for all your hard work.

Church Council Happenings. . .

Newly elected Council members for 2019 – 2020 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.

Installation of officers will held on January 27th (same day as congregational meeting).

Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

Jan 3 - Closed
 Jan 10 – Lou Ann Canatella & Jamie Noto
 Jan 17 – Betty Dickschat & Sally Stolz
 Jan 24 – Bonnie Mohr & Tammy Leiber
 Jan 31 – Terry Campbell & Sis Renn
 Feb 7 – Betsy Bosse & Debbie Grimes
 Feb 14 – Lou Ann Canatella & Jamie Noto
 Feb 21 – Betty Dickschat & Sally Stolz

Food Pantry Items Needed

January – Bring whatever you would like.
 February – TBA
 March – TBA
 April – TBA
 May – TBA
 June – TBA

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.

January 6 – Open
 January 13 – Open
 January 20 – Open
 January 27 – Open
 February 3 – Open
 February 10 – Open
 February 17 – Open
 February 24 - Open



Worship Leaders

Liturgist

January 6 – Amanda Stolz
 January 13 – Russell Borgstedte
 January 20 – Mary Borgstedte
 January 27 – Sandra Bosse
 February 3 – Vivian Kolkhorst
 February 10 – Flora Mason
 February 17 – Heather Fuller
 February 24 – Wesley Stolz

Acolytes

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

Ushers/Greeters

Pastor Eric and Lori Dehmer
 Marsha & Wesley Murrell
 John & Kaylee Parsons
 Kelly & Tanya Parsons
 Dane & Jamie Pawlowski
 Kathy & Steve Pawlowski
 Sis Renn & Amy Stolz
 Thresia & Keith Schlabach

Upcoming Events – Mark your calendar!!

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

January 2 – UCC Women 7 pm
 January 6 – Refreshments/Fellowship to welcome the new pastor before worship.
 January 6 - Removal of Christmas Decorations
 January 7 – Confirmation Class 6 pm
 January 8 – Trustees meeting at 6:30 pm and Council meeting at 7 pm
 January 9 - Bible Study at 6:30 pm
 January 13 –Installation of Officers
 January 13 – Annual Reports and Books for Audit are due in the Office.
 January 14 – Confirmation Class 6 pm
 January 16 – Bible Study at 6:30 pm
 January 17 – Women's Fellowship Meeting 2:15 pm
 January 21 – Confirmation Class 6 pm
 January 23 – Fun and Fellowship at 2 pm
 January 23 – Bible Study at 6:30 pm
 January 25 & 26 – Confirmation Class overnight in Weimar.
 January 26 – Emmaus Reunion Group at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
 January 27 – Congregational Meeting
 January 27 – Choir Practice
 January 30 – Bible Study at 6:30 pm

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 - UCC Women 7 pm
 February 6 - Bible Study at 6:30 pm
 February 11 - Confirmation Class 6 pm
 February 12 – Trustee mtg 6:30 pm & Council Mtg 7 pm
 February 13 - Bible Study at 6:30 pm
 February 18 - Confirmation Class 6 pm
 February 20 - Bible Study at 6:30 pm
 February 21 – Women's Fellowship 2:15 pm
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 February 27 - Bible Study at 6:30 pm



Heart of Texas Association News

On December 11th, I attended the United Methodist annual charge conference of Rolling Hills Community Church of Lago Vista, as I have several times over the years. Rolling Hills is one of three -- to the best knowledge of those present at the charge conference -- churches in the US that are fully affiliated with the United Methodist Church, the United Church of Christ, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the Presbyterian Church (USA). In the United Methodist Church, the charge conference is comprised of all members of the church council, meets with the District Superintendent (the local wider church minister), and, among other tasks, reviews and evaluates of its ministry. In the case of Rolling Hills, I have experienced this gathering as time of honest reflection on each area of mission and ministry -- something that the United Methodist Church requires yearly.

I lift up this experience for several reasons. First, I celebrate the ministry of Rolling Hills, a church that does much to reach out and serve as a central part of the life of Lago Vista, growing and changing in its call to serve Christ over the years. Second, I want to lift up the vibrant life of ecumenical ministry that goes on in the Heart of Texas Association. In a denomination that is relatively small in Texas, our Association churches really model in remarkable ways the founding ethos and motto of the of the United Church of Christ from John 17: "That they may all be one." Six of our twenty one churches are affiliated with two or more denominations. Hope United Georgetown and United Christian Austin are affiliated with both the UCC and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Church of the Savior Cedar Park is affiliated with the Alliance of Baptists, the UCC, and the American Baptist Churches -- USA. Trinity Church of Austin and Faith United Woodsboro are affiliated with the United Methodist Church and the UCC. And, as I noted above, Rolling Hills Lago Vista maintains four denominational affiliations. Our ministers, too, have come from these various denominations, and we are finding that there is more and more interest in our churches and in the UCC from ministers coming from outside the UCC. When we find ways to serve in Christ's ministry together, we strengthen the body of Christ.

Further, it is my experience that, when our churches can look outside themselves as they maintain strong ties to others, they find new ideas and new perspectives from the experience of different worshipping communities and are able to do ministry in authentic partnership with others. Ideas flow, resources are shared, churches don't have to figure everything out on their own. It is also my experience that, as churches honestly examine their ministry from time to time, they have a clearer sense of their call and mission going forward.

As we enter a new year, I celebrate the churches among us that maintain faithful ties to multiple denominations, and I celebrate those churches who are UCC "only" while also working in so many open and life-giving partnerships with others -- youth ministries, mission trips, food pantries, senior ministries, social justice work, homeless outreach, and the list goes on. May we continue and grow in following Jesus together.

Blessings in Christ, Liz Nash, Association Minister

January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2 UCC Women 7 pm	3	4	5
6 Refreshments/Fellowship to welcome Pastor Eric before worship. Choir will sing today. Removal of Christmas Decorations L- Amanda Stolz A- Kameron Stolz G-Dan & Bonnie Mohr	7 Confirmation Class 6 pm	8 Trustee Mtg 6:30 pm Council Mtg 7:00 pm	9 Bible Study at 6:30 pm and will have a pot luck prior to class.	10	11 Recycle at the Park 11 th – 13th	12 Recycle at the Park 11 th – 13th
13 Installation of Officers for council & all organizations. Annual Reports and Books for Audit are due. L- Russell Borgstedte A- Reece Collins G-Marsha & Wesley Murrell	14 Confirmation Class 6 pm	15	16 Bible Study at 6:30 pm and will have a pot luck prior to class.	17 Women's Fellowship 2:15 pm	18	19
20 L- Mary Borgstedte A- Jace Easley G- John & Kaylee Parsons	21 Confirmation Class 6 pm	22	23 Fun & Fellowship 2 pm Bible Study at 6:30 pm and will have a pot luck prior to class.	24	25 Confirmation Class overnight in Weimar	26 Confirmation Class overnight in Weimar Emmaus Reunion Group at 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.
27 Pot Luck Sunday & Installation of Officers Congregational Mtging Choir Practice L- Sandra Bosse A- Brooklynn Stolz G-Kelly & Tanya Parsons	28	29	30 Bible Study at 6:30 pm and will have a pot luck prior to class.	31		

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					1 Chili/Stew Supper	2
3 Refreshments & Fellowship before Worship Choir will sing today. L- Vivian Kolkhorst A- Kayci Robinson G-Dane & Jamie Pawlowski	4 Confirmation Class 6 pm	5	6 UCC Women 7 pm Bible Study at 6:30 pm and will have a pot luck prior to class.	7	8 Recycle at the Park 8 th – 10 th	9 Recycle at the Park 8 th – 10 th
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