

# JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

## FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, UCC

"A Country Church with an Open Door"

### Message from the Pastor

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Things have been hopping here at church during the month of June, and that's a good thing! We finished up the month with Vacation Bible School and a Community Prayer Service at Washington on the Brazos State Historical Site. I want to thank all of the eager volunteers of our church who helped make both of these events a success. The magnificent hospitality of our congregation is renown in our community and we are slowly gaining members as result of it.

All these things contribute toward our community's perception of us as a welcoming church to everyone. This perception is vitally important if we are to thrive and grow as a congregation. Just as important, is our seeking direction from the Lord as to the role, or direction, that God is calling us to pursue as His church.

I hope to begin a visioning process this fall whereby we as a congregation can begin the discernment process to discover where He is leading us as a church. Is He calling us to be a regional church, appealing to people outside of our own locale, or maybe a mission church focused on reaching those found in need in our own immediate Washington-area? I don't pretend to have the answers but with your help, I intend to find out.

I know that you are just as invested in the long-term welfare of Friedens Church of Washington as I am. I hope that for that reason you will plan to join me in the visioning process this fall. I will share more information on this process as it develops. So please, watch this space for news in the future. In the meantime, please pray for your church and also pray that our Lord reveals to us everything He is calling it to be. Then, let us answer that call and do it.

In the love of Christ,  
Pastor Eric

## In our prayers we remember. . .

Mary Lee Lewis, Christina Holloway, Charles Wellmann, Sue Kiel Schwartz, Jesus Maldonado, the Bosse family, Joyce Werchan, Christine Frances, the family of Minnie Crouch, Edith Dickschat, Larry Young, the Murrell family, the Trimmer family, the Willam Smith family, Hilma Stolz, Mary Ann Hensley, Hilbert & Lena Mae Goessler and Wallace Bosse.



## News, Events and Updates. . .



On June 16<sup>th</sup> during Father's Day at church the Sunday School presented bright yellow mum boutonnières to all Fathers in church.

Lou Ann Canatella presented a Women's Fellowship Fathers Day check for all father's past & present to council president, John Walkoviak of \$500 to the Friedens Repair Fund.

On Father's Day in church we celebrated all Father's but also we had three prizes:

- Father with the youngest child - Dusty Kennedy
- Father with the most mature direct descent – Dan Mohr
- Father with the most off-spring in church – Dan Mohr

The annual Women's Fellowship salad supper will be on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 and ALL are invited, so bring a salad and a guest. We will have entertainment, gift card door prizes and games afterwards.

Weekly Bible Study on Wednesday night at 7. We are studying the books of the Bible starting with Matthew in the New Testament.

Reminder: Choir sings every first Sunday and holds practice the Sunday before. We are always looking for new members. Come join us!!

School Supplies will be going on sale and if you would like to help provide some school supplies here is a list of items needed :

### School Kit Project

- 1 pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
- 3 - 70 count spiral notebooks
- 1 - 12" ruler
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener
- 1 large eraser
- 6 pencils w/ erasers
- 1 Box of 24 crayons
- 1 canvas bag with cloth handles
- \$4.00 for shipping /handling

### Hygiene Kit

- 1 hand towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 wide tooth comb
- 1 Tooth brush
- 1 Tube of toothpaste
- 1 Bar of bath soap in a wrapper
- 1 plastic soap container
- 1 deodorant
- Disposable plastic razor
- Place all items in a one gallon ziplock plastic bag w/ zip
- \$2.00 for Shipping/Handling**

## New Member

Please welcome **Susie Roese Nolan** to Friedens Church. Susie joined on June 18<sup>th</sup> during worship. Susie lives in Liberty, Texas and she is so excited to be a part of Friedens Church.

## DID YOU KNOW

The Women's Fellowship donated \$1,000 to the repair fund in honor of all Mother's & Father's.

The Women's Fellowship has voted to donate \$1,000 towards the new carpet for the church.

Over 200 bags of school bags and hygiene kits were donated to the South Central Conference and that 150 of those were from the members of Friedens Church so thanks to all that contributed supplies to complete these bags/kits. We have collected over \$200 for the shipping cost but the total cost was \$500 so if you are interested in making a donation, please contact a Women's Fellowship member or Pastor Eric.

## Sunday School Happenings. . .

Sunday School is out for the summer.



**Vacation Bible School** was held June 23 – 27, 2019. All the kids along with all the adults had a **BLAST**. A **BIG THANK YOU** to all the volunteers; from teachers, helpers, cooks, etc. and to all the kids that attended, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts in helping make the 2019 VBS the best **EVER**.

## Church Council Happenings. . .

The lights on the steeple cross has been repaired and is now working.

We continue to seek donations for the pew re-upholstering, carpet replacement in the Sanctuary, and our sound system upgrade.

We have had several donations made to this cause, and every little bit helps. If you wish to sponsor a pew, or make a donation, please see John Walkoviak, Council President.

We have had 2 more hives, and 1 swarm of honey bees removed recently. They sure seem to love our church and Activity Center.

Congratulations to Pastor Eric. He is now a licensed minister in the UCC. He and I were discussing his installation, so be on the lookout for information in the coming weeks for details.

### Council Work Schedule

July 7	Jeff S.	John P.
July 14	Wesley S.	Travis E.
July 21	Kasey K.	Terry C.
July 28	John W.	Dan M.
August 4	Mark D.	Jon W.
August 11	Wesley S.	Travis E.
August 18	Kasey K.	Terry C.
August 25	John W.	Dan M.



## Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

July 4 – Pantry Closed  
 July 11 – Lou Ann Canatella & Jamie Noto  
 July 18 – Betty Dickschat & Sally Stolz  
 July 25 – Bonnie Mohr & Tammy Leiber  
  
 August 1 – Terry Campbell & Sis Renn  
 August 8 – Jim Latham & Debbie Grimes  
 August 15 – Lou Ann Canatella & Jamie Noto  
 August 22 – Betty Dickschat & Sally Stolz  
 August 29 – Bonnie Mohr & Tammy Leiber

## Food Pantry Items Needed

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.**

**As of 6/25 the following have signed up:**

July 7 – Sherri & Roger Finke in memory of Raymond Finke.  
 July 14 – Open  
 July 21 – Open  
 July 28 – Lou Ann & Charlie Canatella in honor of their 44<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

August 4 – Open  
 August 11 – Open  
 August 18 – Open  
 August 25 – Open



<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>
July 7 – Carson Lauter	Bailee Wilson	Tim & Ashley Wilson
July 14 – Hunter Schlabach	Katie Becker	Brady & Stacey Becker
July 21 – Kaden Kennedy	Lila Ray Kennedy	Joe & Lindsey Young
July 28 – Kylie Maxson	Brooklynn Stolz	John & Becky Barton
August 4 – Kameron Stolz	Quinn Schulze	Dale Borgstedte & Christina Borgstedte
August 11 – Carson Lauter	Mitchell Schlabach	LE & Carol Borgstedte
August 18 – Hunter Schlabach	Bailee Wilson	Russell & Mary Borgstedte
August 25 – Kaden Kennedy	Lila Ray Kennedy	Clint & Sandra Bosse

## Upcoming Events – Mark your calendar!!

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



- July 3 – Bible Study at 7:00 pm (meal at 6:30)
- July 4 – Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
No UCC Women's Mtg.  
Pantry is Closed.
- July 7 – Refreshments and Fellowship prior to Worship. Women's Fellowship to provide breakfast.  
Also, Choir to sing during worship.
- July 9 – Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- July 10 – Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (meal at 6:30)
- July 12 to 14 – Recycle at the Park
- July 17 – Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 (Meal at 6:30)
- July 18 – No Women's Fellowship Mtg due to salad supper.
- July 19 – Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> is Salad Supper at 6:30 pm
- July 20 – Newsletter deadline. Please have all information into church office.
- July 24 – Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (Meal at 6:30 pm)
- July 27 – Emmaus Reunion group meeting at Fellowship Hall at 8 a.m.
- July 28 – Choir Practice after Worship
- July 31 – Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (Meal at 6:30 pm)



- Aug 1 – UCC Women's Mtg. 6:30
- Aug 4 – Refreshments/Fellowship prior to worship service (UCC Women will provide.) Also, Choir to sing during worship.
- Aug 7 – Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (Meal at 6:30 pm)
- Aug 9 to 11 – Recycle at the Park
- Aug 13 – Trustee Mtg 6:30 pm & Council Mtg 7 pm
- Aug 14 – Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (Meal at 6:30 pm)
- Aug 15 – Women's Fellowship mtg 2:15 pm
- Aug 18 – UCC Women Takeout Chicken BBQ (UCC Women will be selling tickets).
- Aug 20 – Deadline for church newsletter.
- Aug 21 – Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm (Meal at 6:30.)
- Aug 24 – Emmaus Reunion Group meeting at Fellowship Hall at 8 a.m.
- Aug 25 – Choir practice after worship.
- Aug 28 – Fun & Fellowship at 2:00 pm and Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (Meal at 6:30 pm)



## Loss of Loved Ones

**Prayers for the family of Gerald (Gerry) Murrell, 80**, of Cypress, Texas. He passed away on June 13, 2019. He will be interred at the National Cemetery. Gerald Murrell is the father of Wesley Murrell (wife Marsha Wellmann Murrell.)

**Prayers for the family of Jan Marie Trimmer, 55**, of Georgetown. She passed from this life peacefully at her home Friday, June 14, 2019. Visitation was held at Cook-Walden David Funeral Home on June 19<sup>th</sup> in Georgetown, Texas. The funeral service was held on Thursday June 20 at Hope United in Georgetown, Texas. A Committal Service was held at Friedens Church of Washington UCC in Washington on June 20<sup>th</sup> with burial following in the Friedens cemetery. Jan is the wife of Ron Trimmer and mother of Benjamin and Aaron.

**Prayers for the family of William Joe Smith, 88**. He passed away on June 19, 2019. Visitation was held at the Memorial Oaks Chapel, Friday June 21 and the funeral services were held at 2:30 pm Saturday, June 22, 2019 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Gay Hill. Burial followed in the church cemetery. William is the grandfather of Brian Smith (wife Kristyn Smith.)

**Prayers for the family of Neil Bosse, 73**, of Navasota, Texas. He passed away peacefully Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston. Visitation with family and friends was held on Saturday June 22 at the Nobles Funeral Chapel. A celebration of his life was held on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm at Friedens Church of Washington, UCC with burial following in the church cemetery. Neil Bosse is the husband of Betsy Bosse of Navasota, father of Kevin Bosse (wife Ginger) and Eddie Bosse (wife Michelle) and brother of Wayne Bosse (wife JoAnn)

**Prayers for the family of Minnie Crouch, 77**, of Navasota, Texas. She passed away on June 21, 2019. A reception was held on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Christ Our Light Catholic Church in Navasota, Texas. A funeral service was held on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> also at Christ Our Light Catholic Church. Minnie is the sister of Charlie Canatella (wife Lou Ann.)

## Thank you's

Dear Friedens Church Members, Thank you for your prayers for my sister, Christine Frances. She has had her surgery and is recovering well. We appreciate the love and support you have shown our family.

Mary Borgstedte

## Heart of Texas Association News

Two beloved and respected friends in Christ have passed away recently in the Heart of Texas Association. As I write, many of us are grieving the loss of Jan Trimmer on June 14th, and we mourn the loss of Rev. Ray Bizer on May 15th. The lives of both Jan and Ray will have been celebrated in services in June -- at Hope United and Friedens Washington for Jan and at Faith UCC New Braunfels for Ray.

Jan, whose husband Ron is the pastor of Hope United in Georgetown and the former pastor of Friedens Church of Washington, served the church faithfully in many ways, both at Hope and Friedens. She grew up both in Houston and in Washington, and was confirmed and married to Ron at Friedens. She and Ron adopted their sons Ben and Aaron while they were still in Washington, and moved with them to Georgetown with a commitment of faith to start Hope United. Jan was a dedicated elementary school teacher for many years in Navasota and Georgetown, retiring this past spring as her long and courageous battle with cancer was coming to an end. With her family, we invite those who wish to give a memorial to Jan's life to send it to Hope United.

Ray was the Pastor Emeritus of Faith UCC New Braunfels and the Director Emeritus of Slumber Falls Camp, serving in ministry for 74 years with his wife, Emma Lou (who passed away in 2017) as a faithful and creative partner. In that work, he touched lives in countless ways. Many of us have stayed in the Bizer Retreat Center at Slumber Falls, one of the fruits of Ray's ministry there. With his family, we invite those who wish to give a memorial to Ray's life to send it to Faith UCC, Eden Hill Communities, Slumber Falls Camp, or the charity of your choice.

The ordination of CJ Wood at St. Paul UCC in Corpus Christi on Sunday afternoon, June 9th, was a truly joyous event in the life of the Association. CJ, who has served in ministry for several years as a pastoral associate, missionary to India, and hospital chaplain, came to us as she completed a long journey to ordination. Many friends from different parts of that journey joined in the celebration as she made the commitments of ordination and was consecrated into the ordained ministry of Jesus Christ. Congratulations, CJ!

We also rejoice with the reception by our Committee on Ministry during its June meeting of Billie Watts in the Privilege of Call process and Kerry Kirtley as a Member in Discernment, as well as the licensing of Eric Dehmer as the pastor and teacher of Friedens Church of Washington. All three come to us from the United Methodist Church. Billie and Kerry are both graduates of Perkins Divinity School, are members of Bethany Congregational in San Antonio, live in Boerne, and are working to start a church in Boerne. Many of us already know Eric as a colleague, and we welcome him to licensed ministry among us.

Blessings in Christ,  
Liz Nash, Association Minister

# July

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (meal at 6:30).	<b>4 Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July</b>  No UCC Women's Mtg  <i>Food Pantry Closed</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Refreshments & Fellowship prior Worship- Women's Fellowship to provide. - Choir to sing during worship today.  L- Carson Lauter A- Bailee Wilson G- Tim & Ashley Wilson	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Council Mtg 7:00 pm	<b>10</b> Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (meal at 6:30).	<b>11</b>  <i>Food Pantry Workers: Lou Ann Canatella &amp; Jamie Noto</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Recycle at the Park 12th – 14<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>13</b> <i>Recycle at the Park 12th – 14<sup>th</sup></i>
<b>14</b>  L- Hunter Schlabach A- Katie Becker G- Brady & Stacey Becker	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (meal at 6:30).	<b>18</b> No Women's Fellowship Mtg.  <i>Food Pantry Workers: Betty Dickschat &amp; Sally Stolz</i>	<b>19</b> Salad Supper 6:30. Bring a salad. Bring your spouse and friends.	<b>20</b> Church Newsletter deadline for August.
<b>21</b>  L- Kaden Kennedy A- Lila Ray Kennedy G- Joe & Lindsey Young	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (meal at 6:30).	<b>25</b>  <i>Food Pantry Workers: Bonnie Mohr &amp; Tammy Leiber</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Emmaus ReUnion Group Mtg at Fellowship Hall at 8 am</b>
<b>28</b> <i>Choir Practice after Worship.</i>  L- Kylie Maxson A- Brooklynn Stolz G- John & Becky Barton	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (meal at 6:30).			

# 2019

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# August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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<b>11</b> L- Carson Lauter A- Bailee Wilson G- Tim & Ashley Wilson	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Trustee Mtg 6:30 pm Council Mtg 7:00 pm	<b>14</b> Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (meal at 6:30).	<b>15</b> Women's <b>Fellowship</b> Mtg <b>at 2:15 pm</b>  <i>Food Pantry Workers:</i> <i>Lou Ann Canatella &amp;</i> <i>Jamie Noto</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
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