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FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, UCC

"A Country Church with an Open Door"

Message from the Pastor

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Matthew 25:37, 40:

Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

I was headed back to the church one Thursday from a hospital visitation in College Station when I pulled over at a place in Navasota I had been wanting to visit every since I became your pastor – Christian Community Services Inc. Why have I been so intrigued by this organization? Maybe it's because so many of our folks from this church have been spending time there each week to help out.

You see, this organization is known to us as the Navasota Food Pantry, but it is really much, much more. I learned this as I talked to the director, Pat Gaston and she gave me a tour of the facilities. It also helped that I had come on a food distribution day to witness the pantry in operation. Our own Debbie Grimes and Jim Latham were busy filling shopping bags in the pantry for clients who had come in to collect their food that day.

Pat was standing at the counter door greeting clients and handling their shopping lists, when a woman came in needing clothing for herself and 4 children. They had come out of a bad domestic situation with only the clothes on their back and little else. Recognizing the emergency, Pat left the food pantry and took her next door to the clothes closet where she was able to obtain clothing for both herself as well as her family.

Clearly it takes a special type of person to exercise compassion for those who are in need and be willing to stand in the gap to fill those needs. Pat testified to me of her strong Christian faith and before I left we held hands and prayed. I give thanks to our Lord for people like Pat and for all those of our folks who come along side her in ministry to feed those in need. And, thanks be to God for Friedens Church of Washington, UCC for all it supplies to the food pantry to meet those needs each week.

In the love of Christ,
Pastor Eric

In our prayers we remember. . .

Mary Lee Lewis, Christina Holloway, Charles Wellmann, Sue Kiel Schwartz, Jesus Maldonado, Joyce Werchan, Edith Dickschat, Larry Young, Hilma Stolz, Wallace Bosse, Ralph Holle, Glen Shahan, the Andrew Pruess family, Brett Fowler, Doris Hinton, Sharon Dobbins, Carol Borgstedte, Dale Borgstedte and the family of Kitty Mohr.



News, Events and Updates. . .



Walk to Emmaus - Have you ever had a desire to grow in your Christian faith and feel more of Christ's love in your life? One good way to do that is on a three-day spiritual retreat called the Walk to Emmaus. If you would like more information or a registration form to sign up for the next Walk see Pastor Eric.

Men's Walk to Emmaus – October 10-13

Women's Walk to Emmaus – October 24-27

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

On September 15th at 2:00 pm there will be an installation service of Pastor Eric Dehmer. Also, attending will be Rev. Elizabeth Nash, Association minister for Heart of Texas, Rev. Glen Schoeneberg, and Rev. Cindy Miller.

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

If you would like to serve as a council member of Friedens Church, please contact John Walkoviak, council president.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming November congregational meeting to be held on November 10th, when the new budget as well as the new council members will be presented.

New Members

Please welcome **Donald and Helena Borgstedte** to Friedens Church. Donald and Helena joined on August 11th during worship. They reside in Houston, Texas and they are so excited to join this congregation through transfer of membership. Donald was baptized in the old church on June 13, 1937 and confirmed by Rev. Peipenbrock on Palm Sunday 1951. They are delighted to come back home.

Loss of Loved Ones

Prayers for the family of **Kathleen "Kitty" Mohr**, 81 of Washington, Tx. Kathleen passed away on August 10th at her home. She is the wife of Jerry Mohr of Washington, Tx. A memorial service was held on Saturday, August 17th at Nobles Funeral Chapel. Kathleen is the sister-in-law to Dan & Bonnie Mohr, Virginia & GV Layton, May Dell Lanham and Lydia Rust.

Births

Molly Ann Eckert, was born on July 29th, at 4:15 pm, weighing 7 lbs 11 oz. She is welcomed by parents Travis & Lindsey Eckert and big brother Wayne. Grandparents are Sally Bosse Stroech of Spring, and Mark & Karen Eckert of Brenham and Alan & Myrna Siemsglusz of Brenham. Great grandparents are Wayne & JoAnn Bosse of Washington.

Sunday School Happenings. . .



Sunday School will start back September 8. **Hooray!!!**

Have you **ever** thought about an exciting opportunity of teaching a children's Sunday School Class? Here is your opportunity we are in need of Sunday School teachers. If you are interested, please contact Ashley Wilson.

Church Council Happenings. . .

We are taking donations for the carpeting and pew reupholstering; therefore, if anyone is interested in sponsoring a pew, the cost is \$165.00.

If anyone is interested in making a donation to go toward the carpet replacement, any amount will be welcome.

A plaque will be placed in the Narthex with donor names and note pews, or carpeting, or both. Please contact John Walkoviak, Council President if you have questions or donations.

Council Work Schedule

September 1	John W.	Dan M.
September 8	Mark D.	Jon W.
September 15	Jeff S.	John P.
September 22	Wesley S.	Travis E.
September 29	Kasey K.	Terry C.
October 6	John W.	Dan M.
October 13	Mark D.	Jon W.
October 20	Jeff S.	John P.
October 27	Wesley S.	Travis E.



Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

September 5 – Terry Campbell & Sis Renn
 September 12– Jim Latham & Debbie Grimes
 September 19 – Lou Ann Canatella & Jamie Noto
 September 26 – Betty Dickschat & Sally Stolz

October 3 – Bonnie Mohr & Tammy Leiber
 October 10 – Terry Campbell & Sis Renn
 October 17 – Jim Latham & Debbie Grimes
 October 24 – Lou Ann Canatella & Jamie Noto
 October 31 – Betty Dickschat & Sally Stolz

Food Pantry Items Needed

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 8/13 the following have signed up:

September 1 – John & Becky Barton in honor of Birthdays
 September 8 – Open
 September 15 – Open
 September 22 – Open
 September 29 – Open

October 6 – Open
 October 13 – Open
 October 20 – Open
 October 27 – Keith & Thresia Schlabach for their 17th Wedding Anniversary



<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Ushers/Greeters</u>
Sept 1 – Sandra Bosse	Katie Becker	Wallace & Bernice Bosse
Sept 8– Vivian Kolkhorst	Brooklynn Stolz	Wayne & JoAnn Bosse
Sept 15 – Flora Mason	Quinn Schulze	Nelda Buck & Sarah Shelnut
Sept 22 – Heather Fuller	Mitchell Schlabach	Terry Campbell & Ora Nell James
Sept 29- Wesley Stolz	Bailee Wilson	Charlie & Lou Ann Canatella
October 6 – Jim Latham	Lila Ray Kennedy	Reba Corley & Betty Dickschat
October 13 –Becky Barton	Katie Becker	Jana Lee Dehmer
October 20 –Amanda Stolz	Brooklynn Stolz	Pastor Eric & Lori Dehmer
October 27 – John Walkoviak	Quinn Schulze	Raymond & Joy Dickschat

Upcoming Events – Mark your calendar!!

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



- Sept 1 – Refreshments and Fellowship prior to Worship. Council to provide breakfast.
Also, Choir to sing during worship.
- Sept 4 – Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (meal at 6:30)
- Sept 5 – UCC Women's Mtg. 6:00 pm
- Sept 8 – Congregational visioning session and pot luck lunch in Fellowship Hall after worship.
- Sept 10 – Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- Sept 11 – Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (meal at 6:30)
- Sept 13 thru 15 – Recycle at the Park
- Sept 15 – Pastor Eric Dehmer's Installation at Friedens.
- Sept 18 – Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 (Meal at 6:30)
- Sept 19 – Women's Fellowship Meeting at 2:15 pm.
- Sept 20 – Deadline for Newsletter information for church newsletter.
- Sept 22 – Congregational visioning session and pot luck lunch in Fellowship Hall after worship.
- Sept 25 – Fun & Fellowship at 2:00 pm and
Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (Meal at 6:30 pm)
- Sept 28 – Emmaus Reunion group meeting at Fellowship Hall at 8 a.m.



- Oct 2 – Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (Meal at 6:30 pm)
- Oct 3 – UCC Women's Mtg. 6:00
- Oct 6 – Refreshments/Fellowship prior to worship service (UCC Women will provide.)
Also, Choir to sing during worship.
Congregational visioning session and pot luck lunch in Fellowship Hall after worship.
- Oct 8 – Trustee Mtg 6:30 pm & Council Mtg 7 pm
- Oct 9 – Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (Meal at 6:30 pm)
- Oct 10 thru 13 – Men's Walk to Emmaus
- Oct 11 thru 13 – Recycle at the Park
- Oct 16 – Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (Meal at 6:30 pm)
- Oct 17 – Women's Fellowship officer's mtg at 1:00 pm and regular mtg 2:15 pm
- Oct 20 – Deadline for Newsletter information for church newsletter.
- Oct 23 – Fun & Fellowship at 2:00 pm and
Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (Meal at 6:30 pm)
- Oct 24 thru 27 – Women's Walk to Emmaus
- Oct 26 – Emmaus Reunion Group meeting at 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and
Children's Halloween at Friedens Church – watch more info to come.
- Oct 30 – Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (Meal at 6:30 pm)

Thank You's

Dear Friedens Church members:

The words, "Thank You", don't seem like enough to say to all of you that were so thoughtful during Neal's illness and recent passing. The outpouring of love we felt was so uplifting and sincerely appreciated. Thank you for the prayers, cards, food, floral tributes and memorials given in his memory. Thank you to the Women's Fellowship and UCC Women that worked during the reception. Thank you, also, to Pastor Eric for a beautiful service and to Lori for the visits and prayers. Also, our thanks go to Dean Dickschat and Bonnie Mohr for the music. We are so blessed to have such wonderful family members and friends in our time of need.

With love to all,
Betsy Bosse,
Kevin, Ginger, Tori and Ben Bosse
Eddie, Michelle, Tyler, Trevor and Tanner Bosse
Will and Abby McKeown.

Dear Friedens:

Words cannot express my deep-felt gratitude for all the love and support shown my family with Jan's battle with cancer and her recent passing. I feel the love of God in your expressions of love, support, and encouragement, and I am thankful that Jan grew up in such a church as Friedens. Thank you for your ministry to me and my family. Your love and kindness will always be remembered. In Christ's Love,
Pastor Ron Trimmer

Dear Friedens:

Our family wishes to our heartfelt thanks to the congregation for their love and support following the loss of Mary Ann. The cards, flowers, and the presence of Friedens members at the funeral chapel meant a lot to our family. God bless each of you for the love and sympathy expressed to the Hensley family during our time of loss."
Ethlyndia Hensley

Did You Know . . .

Friedens Church of Washington thanks these organizations for their continued contributions to our church.

The UCC Women's donated a 70" monitor was placed in the back of the church, which will allow Pastor Eric, choir, Sunday School and others to see monitor information from the front of the church.

The UCC Women will be donating all proceeds from the BBQ, held on August 18 to go toward new carpet in the church. Also, did you know that UCC Women purchased the two new Christmas Trees that graced the chancel this past Christmas and also purchased new lighting for the front of the church.

Terry Campbell, representing the Tuesday Quilting Group gave a \$100 donation to Friedens Church at the last council meeting.

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Refreshments & Fellowship prior to worship (Council to provide) .</p> <p>Choir to sing during worship today.</p> <p>L- Sandra Bosse A- Katie Becker G- Wallace & Bernice Bosse</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (meal at 6:30).</p>	<p>5 UCC Women's Mtg 6:00 pm</p> <p>Food Pantry Workers: Terry Campbell & Sis Renn</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 Congregational visioning session and pot luck lunch in Fellowship Hall after worship.</p> <p>L- Vivian Kolkhorst A- Brooklynn Stolz G- Wayne & JoAnn Bosse</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Council Mtg 7:00 pm</p>	<p>11 Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (meal at 6:30).</p>	<p>12 Food Pantry Workers: Jim Latham & Debbie Grimes</p>	<p>13 Recycle at the Park 13th – 15th</p> 	<p>14 Recycle at the Park 13th – 15th</p> 
<p>15 Pastor's Installation</p> <p>L- Flora Mason A- Quinn Schulze G- Nelda Buck & Sarah Shelnutt</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (meal at 6:30).</p>	<p>19 Women's Fellowship Mtg at 2:15 pm</p> <p>Food Pantry Workers: Lou Ann Canatella & Jamie Noto</p>	<p>20 Deadline for church newsletter.</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 Congregational visioning session and pot luck lunch in Fellowship Hall after worship.</p> <p>L- Heather Fuller A- Mitchell Schlabach G- Terry Campbell & Ora Nell James</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Fun & Fellowship 2:00 pm</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (meal at 6:30).</p>	<p>26 Food Pantry Workers: Betty Dickschat & Sally Stolz</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Emmaus ReUnion Group Mtg at Fellowship Hall at 8 am</p>
<p>29</p> <p>L- Wesley Stolz A- Bailee Wilson G- Charlie & Lou Ann Canatella</p>	<p>30</p>					

October

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		1	2 Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (meal at 6:30).	3 UCC Women's Mtg 6:00 pm ~~~~~ Food Pantry Workers: Bonnie Mohr & Tammy Leiber	4	5
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13 L- Becky Barton A- Katie Becker G- Jana Lee Dehmer ~~~~~ Men's Walk to Emmaus	14 Columbus Day	15	16 Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (meal at 6:30).	17 Women's Fellowship Officers mtg 1:00 and Reg Mtg at 2:15 pm ~~~~~ Food Pantry Workers: Jim Latham & Debbie Grimes	18	19
20 L- Amanda Stolz A- Brooklynn Stolz G- Pastor Eric and Lori Dehmer	21 Deadline for church newsletter.	22	23 Fun & Fellowship 2:00 pm ~~~~~ Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (meal at 6:30).	24 Food Pantry Workers: Lou Ann Canatella & Jamie Noto ~~~~~ Women's Walk to Emmaus	25 ~~~~~ Women's Walk to Emmaus	26 Emmaus Reunion Group Mtg at 8 am ~~~~~ Women's Walk to Emmaus ~~~~~ Children's Halloween at Friedens Church- TTBA
27 Women's Walk to Emmaus Choir practice after worship. ~~~~~ L- John Walkoviak A- Quinn Schulze G- Raymond & Joy Dickschat	28	29	30 Bible Study & Youth Group at 7:00 pm (meal at 6:30).	31 Food Pantry Workers: Betty Dickschat & Sally Stolz		