

# JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

## FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, UCC

"A Country Church with an Open Door"

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### Message from the Pastor

Happy New Year! So many good things happened in our church last year and I am anticipating even more blessings to come in 2020. In many ways I feel like we "turned a corner" last year as a congregation and that we should begin to see signs of a new spirit within our church. What do I mean by the term "new spirit?" From Titus 3:5 we hear these words: He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.

While much was accomplished last year in the way of improvements to our church and new programs added, it is really the work of the Holy Spirit which brings renewal in our midst. Of course, we have to be willing to allow ourselves (and our church) to be renewed and not to simply cling to our past and thus prevent the spiritual action of regeneration. We all agree that we want our church to grow, which the Holy Spirit can readily bring about, but we have to be willing to let God work unimpeded. We also need to be willing to seek God's will, and once we've discovered it, walk it out in faith.

We may have preferences as to the direction we think the church should go, but what is Christ's preference – isn't the church His bride? This, I believe, is what we should be seeking as we move forward in life both as an individual Christian and a congregation; to discern the will of our Lord for His church. Jeremiah 29:11 tells us:

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

From the actions taken by a number of our groups this past year we are witnessing a more localized mission focus within our church, primarily right in our own neighborhood, in service to the Greater Washington community. I believe that this is a very biblical approach of how Christ calls His bride to minister (primarily) right where the church is planted. I feel that we are already responding to the will of Christ in the direction we have chosen to head in 2020.

I am hopeful of the opportunities and look ahead eagerly for the plans that the Lord has in store for us in this New Year. I pray that you will join me in seeking the guidance of the Lord as we embrace the start of a New Year as His faithful disciples.

In the love of Christ,  
Pastor Eric

## In our prayers we remember. . .

Edith Dickschat, Larry Young, Mary Lee Lewis, Christina Holloway, Joyce Werchan, Ralph Holle, Glen Shahan, Cindy Miller, Allen Schwartz, Jim Latham, Gordon Lohmeyer, and Alfred Thane.



## News, Events and Updates. . .

Remember all annual reports and books to be audited are due in the church office by January 13th. January's newsletter will not be mailed out until the first or second week of January.

Our **Annual Chili/Stew Supper** will be held on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> for 5:00-7:00 pm at the Activity Center. Please mark your calendars and come out to support the Women's Fellowship and Sunday School. Anyone that would like to donate a chicken(s) (cooked/deboned w/broth), a monetary donation for the chili meat, please contact LaNell Langford at 935/878-2942 or Joy Dickschat at 936/878-2582. If you are making a donation (chicken or monetary) please bring one pie or if no donation, we are asking for 2 pies. A list of workers will be included in this newsletter. Raffle tickets for the quilt raffle are now on sell, please see Terry Campbell.

Weekly Bible Study class is on Thursdays at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

On behalf of the Friedens UCC Women, we would all like to **thank each and every one of you** for the support given in our first-ever basket raffle fundraiser. It was a huge success and money raised will go back to support future needs of Friedens — thereby making us "all" winners! Please join us in congratulating the following:

Russell and Mary Borgstedte - wine basket

Darlene Trant - spa basket

Kevin Goessler - pantry basket

Bonnie Mohr - baby basket

Nobles Funeral Chapel - movie basket

Doyleen Fairchild - Christmas basket

Love to all and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2020!

FRIEDENS UCC WOMEN

**UCC Women** - Our January meeting will be held on Thursday, January 2 at 6:00 pm. Then beginning February, we will begin meeting at 6:00 pm on the **first Wednesday of every month**. We invite anyone who would like to join us to come to our meetings.

Reminder: **Choir** sings every first Sunday and holds practice every 4th Sunday of the month. We are always looking for new members. Come join us!!

The **2020 Membership directory** is complete and we started handing them out at church on Sunday 1/5/20. If you do not have your copy, please pick-up in the church Narthex.

**A Big Thank you** to John Walkoviak, Jeff Stolz, Wesley Stolz, Kasey Kennedy, Mark Dickschat and Dan Mohr for serving on council. We appreciate your dedication to Friedens Church. We want to welcome Charlie Canatella, Kathy Kennedy, Flora Mason, Betsy Bosse, Sandra Bosse and Jim Stolz (Jim is serving one year as a replacement) as the new members to council. Please see full council list under Church Council Happenings.

## Church Council Happenings. . .

Just wanted to make a final note as your out-going Council President. We have accomplished a great deal during 2019, of which, none would be possible without the dedication, hard work, and support of many, many people. None greater than our Congregation. Your love for our church is truly a blessing, and one we should all be thankful for. There are many things that the 2020 Council will undertake as well. My prayer and hope is they receive the encouragement and support needed to accomplish the items and challenges that lay before them.

In our last newsletter, I mentioned that change is inevitable, and we are seeing that change begin with just one little spark. Change, while inevitable, is, and can be stressful. No one likes it, and it is human nature to resist it. We don't like to be outside of what we are used to, or our comfort zones. Think of all the changes that took place for those that came before us, and how that may have been frightening and uneasy for them. This became, for the most part, our here and now. Like those before us, we too are beginning to experience change that frightens us, but as those in the past that dealt with this "unknown" would have drawn upon their faith and trust in God. So too, we must do the same and pray that His will, and not ours be done.

Our piano concert was a tremendous success. For everyone that had a hand in this, my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to you. If you did not have the opportunity to attend, you really missed a special and moving performance by Susan Russell and soloist Rebecca Mersinger. WOW! Is all that comes to mind. The video which displayed her playing on the 2 monitors was awesome. In fact, this came about due to not being able to move our Baby Grand to a front and center location. This video perspective was special, and a special thank you to Ron Werchan for setting it all up and making it happen. During this performance, you really could see the piano moving.

This improvisation with the piano is much like what can be done in our lives, if we trust in His plan. Only God can take something we believe to be a hindrance or negative, and transform it into something beautiful.

My hope is that this performance can be expanded upon and perhaps be an annual event, perhaps even another performance that can explore the despair and hopelessness with the crucifixion of our Lord and Savior, culminating in that glorious day of His resurrection. Music has the ability to explore and move the spirit in powerful ways. Psalms 147:7 "Sing hymns of praise to the Lord; play music on the harp to our God."

May God's blessings be on each of you this coming year, and may our God show favor to our church.

Blessings,

John Walkoviak

### **New Council Members and duties:**

Charlie Canatella, President (2020-2021)

Travis Eckert, Vice President (2019-2020)

Jon Wellmann, Treasurer (2019-2020)

Kathy Kennedy, Secretary (2020-2021)

Sandra Bosse, Church Clerk (2020-2021)

Terry Campbell, Envelope Clerk (2019-2020)

Betsy Bosse (2020-2021)

Flora Mason (2020-2021)

Jim Stolz (2020)

## Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

January 2 – closed  
 January 9 – Lou Ann Canatella & Jamie Noto  
 January 16 – Betty Dickschat & Sally Stolz  
 January 23 – Bonnie Mohr & Tammy Leiber  
 January 30 – Terry Campbell & Sis Renn  
 February 6 – Betsy Bosse & Debbie Grimes  
 February 13 – Lou Ann Canatella & Jamie Noto  
 February 20 – Betty Dickschat & Sally Stolz  
 February 27 – Bonnie Mohr & Tammy Leiber

## Food Pantry Items Needed

January – Bring whatever you want.  
 February – Hot or cold cereal  
 March - Sugar  
 April - Flour  
 May – Canned Vegetables  
 June – Drink Mixes, Boxed Juice Drinks  
 July – Dry Beans  
 August – Canned Meat  
 September - Canned Fruit  
 October – Rice & Pasta  
 November – Cornbread, Biscuit Mixes  
 December – Your Choice – bring early so the food pantries can distribute for Christmas.

## Altar Flowers

**Flowers can be placed in church in memory/honor of loved one(s) or special occasions. See sign-up sheet on the hall bulletin board.**

January 5 – Dusty & Kasey Kennedy for Kaden's 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday.  
 January 12– Open  
 January 19 – Keith & Thresia Schlabach for Mitchell's 11 Birthday.  
 January 26 – Open  
 February 2 – Open  
 February 9 – Open  
 February 16 – Open  
 February 23– Keith & Thresia Schlabach for Hunter's 15th Birthday.



### Liturgist

January 5 – Becky Barton  
 January 12 – Amanda Stolz  
 January 19 – Flora Mason  
 January 26 – Heather Fuller

February 2 – Ashley Stolz  
 February 9– Russell Borgstedte  
 February 16 – Mary Borgstedte  
 February 23– Sandra Bosse

### Acolytes

Brooklynn Stolz  
 Quinn Schulze  
 Mitchell Schlabach  
 Bailee Wilson

Lila Ray Kennedy  
 Katie Becker  
 Brooklynn Stolz  
 Quinn Schulze

### Ushers/Greeters

Eden Harris & Vivian Kolkhorst  
 Derrol & Arlene Herzog  
 Doris Hinton & Sally Stolz  
 Ralph & Donna Holle

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## Sunday School Happenings. . .

No Sunday School December 29<sup>th</sup> or January 5<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School will resume on January 12<sup>th</sup>.



## Births

Doctors Dane and Jamie Pawlowski are proud to announce the birth of their son Liam Neal born November 16 . He weighed 6 pounds and 3 ounces. He is welcomed home by his big brother Luke, grandparents Kathy and Steve Pawlowski and Great Grandmother Vivian Kolkhorst.

## Loss of Loved Ones

Prayers for the family of **Hilma Marie Holle Stolz**, 94, passed away on November 27, 2019 at her home in Navasota, Texas. Hilma was born Saturday, December 13, 1924, to Willie H. and Adele Lauter Holle in Washington County at Washington-on-the Brazos. A lifelong member of Friedens Church of Washington, UCC, Hilma was baptized on February 8, 1925 and later confirmed on March 17, 1940 at Friedens Church. Hilma was the mother to Marla Kay Carroll and the late Connie Jean Stolz. Brother the late Arthur Holle, sister, the late Willie Dell Holle Lohmeyer and son-in-law the late James C. Carroll.

*In the new year,  
may you be blessed  
with all the good  
things God has to give.*

## Upcoming Events – Mark your calendar!!

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



- January 2 – UCC Women's Meeting at 6 pm
- January 5 – Refreshments/Fellowship prior to worship service (Council will provide.)  
Also, Choir to sing during worship.  
Also, Remove Christmas decorations from church.
- January 9 – Bible Study at 10:00 am
- January 10 – 12 – Recycle at the Park
- January 12 – Installation of Officers and individuals of various church organizations.
- January 13 - **\*All reports and books are due in the church office for audit.**
- January 14 – Council Meeting 7 pm
- January 16 – Bible Study at 10 am and Women's Fellowship meeting 2:15 pm
- January 22 – Fun and Fellowship at 2:00 pm
- January 23 – Bible Study at 10:00 am
- January 26 – **Congregational Meeting after worship.**
- January 30 – Bible Study at 10:00 am



- February 2 – Refreshments & Fellowship prior to worship provided by Sunday School.  
Choir to sing during worship.
- February 5 – UCC Meeting at 6 pm
- February 6 – Bible Study 10 a.m.
- February 7 – Chili Stew Supper 5-7 pm
- February 7 – 9 – Recycle at the Park
- February 11 – Trustees Meeting 6:30 and Council Meeting 7 pm
- February 13 – Bible Study 10 a.m.
- February 14 – Valentine's Day
- February 16 – Sunday School Valentine's Party
- February 20 – Bible Study 10 am and Women's Fellowship 2.15 pm
- February 22 – Emmaus Walk Reunion 8 am
- February 23 – Choir Practice after worship.
- February 26 – Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm
- February 27 – Bible Study 10 am

## Heart of Texas Association News

I share with joy the ordination of Will Nelson on Sunday, December 22nd at Church of the Savior in Cedar Park. Will has been called to be the pastor of Union Congregational Church, UCC in Three Lakes, Wisconsin. We send Will off with our blessings and prayers for a fruitful ministry among the people of Union Congregational and Three Lakes.

At our Fall Meeting, we voted to give travel scholarships to all UCC youth and adult chaperones from this Association who go to the National Youth Event by voting to distribute \$8750 in money for this purpose from our Association budget. We anticipate that those scholarships will be about \$125 per person based on past numbers.

The National Youth Event (NYE), held every four years, is the largest gathering in the UCC, often bringing together 4000 people. We now partner with the Christian Church/Disciples of Christ in this event. I have been several times, and I know that it is a moving faith experience that those who go will never forget. The speakers are always outstanding, the worship is uplifting, the opportunities to meet UCC and DOC youth from all over the country are unparalleled, the choice of workshops is varied and plentiful, and the opportunities for service add to the experience. This year's NYE will be at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana, July 22-25. It is for youth who have completed 6th through 12th grades. The registration fee (which includes dorm lodging, meals during NYE, and event registration) is \$375. A registration link is coming soon, but normally the registration deadline is in the late spring. The link for NYE is here:

<http://www.uccpages.org/nye2020/>, and you can find videos of highlights from the past two NYEs

Here: <https://www.ucc.org/youth/nye/media-gallery> and

[https://www.ucc.org/believe\\_calls\\_nye\\_youth\\_to\\_action](https://www.ucc.org/believe_calls_nye_youth_to_action) I hope many of our youth will be able to join in this great, faith-building event.

We rejoice with Weimar UCC in the calling of their new pastor, Rev. Juvenal Cervantes. Rev. Cervantes will be moving to Weimar from Greeley, Colorado next June in order to allow family to finish the school year. He will be preaching at Weimar twice in the coming months. Our brothers in Christ, Gerry Metzger and Karl Tewold, have been providing pulpit supply to support Weimar in this time of waiting. We look forward to welcoming Juvenal Cervantes to this Association.

Blessings in Christ, Liz Nash, Association Minister

## ANNUAL CHILI/STEW SUPPER

Friday, February 7, 2020

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Friedens Activity Center

### PUBLICITY

Lena Mae Goessler

Lou Ann Canatella

### COOK CHILI

Sis Renn, Co. Chr.

Tammy Leiber, Co. Chr.

Mary Helen Steele

Barbara Humphreys

Sandra Antill

Inez Fuqua

Bonnie Mohr

Joy Dickschat

Nelda Buck

### COOK STEW

Denise Stolz, Co. Chr.

Effie Wellmann, Co. Chr.

Lena Mae Goessler

Betty Dickschat

Ora Nell James

Tracy Wellmann

Jim Latham

Betsy Bosse

JoAnn Bosse

Linda Werchan

LaNell Langford

Debra Busa

LaBeth Snyder

### SERVE CHILI

Elaine Warmke, Chr.

Amy Stolz

Kim Wellmann

Sally Stolz

### SERVE STEW

Jane Krause, Chr.

Jan Anastasiades

Elizabeth Lehrmann

Ginger Scott

### CASHIERS

Joy Dickschat

Lou Ann Canatella

Thresia Schlabach

### TAKE OUT

Debbie Grimes, Chr.

Becky Barton

Amanda (Wesley) Stolz

Sandra Bosse

Dorothy Stolz

Vivian Kolkhorst

Kathy Pawlowski

Bernice Bosse

### CUT & SERVE PIE

Reba Corley, Co. Chr.

Lori Dehmer, Co. Chr.

Patsy Molitor

Shelli James

Stacey Becker

Lindsey Young

Shelley Addison

Brittany Stolz

### MAKE & SERVE COFFEE/TEA

Arlene Herzog, Co. Chr.

Ashley Wilson, Co. Chr.

Carol Borgstedte

Lindsey Eckert

Sally Stroech

Kelli Lara

Lindsey Marek

Jackie Schroeder

### HELP CARRY ROASTERS & STIR CHILI & STEW

T.J. Marek, Co. Chr.

John Walkoviak, Co. Chr.

Steve Pawlowski

Tracy Wellmann

Dalton Wellmann

Tex Maxson

Dusty Kennedy

Tim Wilson

Scott Martin

Brian Smith

### KITCHEN HELP

Linda Oberhoff, Co. Chr.

Linda Stolz, Co. Chr.

Debbie Wellmann

Susie Nolan

Jana Dehmer

Donna Holle

Jane Wellmann

Kristyn Smith

Lucy Lorenz

Glenda Maxson

Flora Mason

Doris Hinton

Celeste Dickschat

Tanya Parsons

Ollie Walker

### 7 PM KITCHEN HELP/CLEANUP

Heather Fuller, Co. Chr.

Cindy Walkoviak, Co. Chr.

Stephanie Maxson

Amanda Stolz

Joe Fuller

Michael James

Trevor Dickschat

Wesley Stolz

Joe Young

Rodney Dickschat

Don Roesse

Mark Dickschat

Chris Walkoviak

### WAIT TABLES & REMOVE TRAYS

Kasey Kennedy, Co. Chr.

Monica Martin, Co. Chr.

Bridgette Schulze

Candace Marek

Kaden Kennedy

Autumn Kelley

Shelley Parsons

Kameron Stolz

Sheri Finke

Emily Stolz

Kylie Maxson

Jacque Bartol

Julie Kelley

Kayley Parsons

Kayci Robinson

Emily Moreno



## **BUYING & DECORATING COMMITTEE**

Bonnie Mohr  
Lou Ann Canatella

## **CLEAN UP, PUT CHAIRS ON DOLLIES, AND TRASH PICK-UP**

Travis Eckert, Co. Chr.	James Schroeder
Charlie Canatella, Co. Chr.	Larry Jensen
Roger Finke	L.E. Borgstedte
Charlie Lara	Patrick Busa
John Barton	Jim Stolz
David Wellmann	Jeff Stolz
Don Hinze	Tim Finke
Derrol Herzog	Charles Wellmann
Elroy Stolz	Brady Becker
Keith Schlabach	Kevin Schulze
John Neal Roesse	Ray Stolz
Jon Wellmann	Cody Wellmann
Don Wellmann	Kevin Bartol
Brian Dickschat	Russell Borgstedte
John Parsons	Logan Parsons
Carson Lauter	Hunter Schlabach
Jace Easley	

## **QUILT RAFFLE/SALES**

Terry Campbell, Chr.  
Rose Lee Lohmeyer  
May Dell Lanham  
Virginia Layton  
Dianne Latham

## **TICKET PRICES:**

Adult Tickets - \$10.00  
Children (6-12) - \$5.00  
This includes a bowl of chili or stew, bread, crackers,  
tea, coffee, and a slice of pie.  
Extra servings:  
Whole Pie - \$10.00  
Slice of Pie - \$2.00  
Extra Serving Chili/Stew - \$3.00

## **TAKE OUT:**

Quart of Chili/Stew - \$10.00  
Pint of Chili/Stew - \$5.00

## **CHAIRPERSONS:**

**Please contact your workers to schedule a time for them to work. If you are unable to work, please let your chairperson know so they can either find someone or adjust the work schedule. Thanks!**

**All women of the church are to bring pies for dessert – one pie if you are donating chicken or cash, two pies if no donation. For donations, please contact Joy Dickschat or LaNell Langford by February 2nd. Thank you for your support!**

**If your name has been omitted and you would like to volunteer, please contact LaNell Langford.**

# January

<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> UCC Women's Meeting at 6 pm  <b>Food Pantry closed.</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5 Epiphany Sunday</b> Refreshments & Fellowship prior to worship provided by Council.  <b>Removal of Christmas decorations after worship.</b>  Choir to sing during worship today. L-Becky Barton A- Brooklynn Stolz G-Eden Harris & Vivian Kolkhorst	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Bible Study 10 a.m.  <b>Food Pantry Workers:</b> Bonnie Mohr Tammy Leiber	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12 Installation of Officers &amp; various church organizations</b> L-Amanda Stolz A- Quinn Schulze G-Derrol & Arlene Herzog	<b>13 *Annual Reports and Books are due in the church office for Audit.</b>	<b>14</b> Council Mtg 7 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Women's Fellowship Mtg 2:15 pm  Bible Study 10 a.m. <b>Food Pantry Workers:</b> Terry Campbell Sis Renn	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> L-John Walkoviak A- Mitchell Schlabach G-Doris Hinton & Sally Stolz	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Fun & Fellowship at 2 pm	<b>23</b> Bible Study 10 a.m. <b>Food Pantry Workers:</b> Betsy Bosse & Debbie Grimes	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Emmaus Reunion Mtg 8:00 a.m.
<b>26 Congregational Meeting after worship. Choir to practice after worship.</b>  L-Shelley Addison A- Bailee Wilson G-Ralph & Donna Holle	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Bible Study 10 a.m. <b>Food Pantry Workers:</b> Lou Ann Canatella Jamie Noto	<b>31</b>	

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# February

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