

JULY & AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, UCC

"A Country Church with an Open Door"

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Message from the Pastor

When the Storms of Life Assail

I stood behind the glass door near the council room of the church watching the wind blow rain horizontally under the portico, driving water through the edges of the doorway on Wednesday, June 3rd. It was a horrific sight to see as trees around the church were rent asunder and debris thrown high into the air and strewn everywhere.

When the wind and rain finally abated I ventured outside and was shocked by the incredible amount of damage sustained on the church campus. Shortly thereafter I was involved in an effort to pull a vehicle out of the ditch on Bosse Road which was blocked by a fallen tree. The Washington VFD worked to clear this obstruction, as well as the rest of Bosse Road before moving to do the same on FM 912.

Galatians 6:9

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Once the area roads had been cleared, efforts turned to clearing the driveways at the church. Soon, both community and church members turned up to lend a hand and some brought their tractors. It was a very gratifying sight to behold as so many folks came together to help out. While clean-up efforts continued around the church the rest of the week it wasn't until Saturday that the brunt of the work was completed by many of our church members and the campus was restored free of debris.

Several area residents suffered substantial damage from the storm including one couple who lost the roof to their house. Our church's Relief Response Team met on June 11th and voted to assist them with their loss in the amount of \$1000. These funds were contributed by you, our church members to assist Washington-area residents who have suffered catastrophic loss. Thank you for being the church of Jesus Christ for those in need during the aftermath of the storm. If you would like to be a part of this ministry we will be collecting an offering for the Relief Fund on each first Sunday to assist others in need. May God bless you as you seek to be a blessing for others.

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### 2 Thessalonians 3:13

**And as for you, brothers and sisters never tire of doing what is good.**

In His love, Pastor Eric

## In our prayers we remember. . .

Kay Crawford, Christina Holloway, Mary Lee Lewis, Ray Stolz, Will Stolz, Ellis Werchan, Joyce Werchan, Larry Young, Dan Mohr and Ralph Holle.



**Note: If you have anyone to add to the prayer list or remove, please contact Denise Stolz at the church office.**

## News, Events and Updates. . .



- Each year the Women's Fellowship host a luncheon for confirmands and graduates; however, due to Covid-19 it was cancelled. It was decided to include the 2020 graduates in next year's celebration. Listed below are the graduates for 2020.

- B.J. Fowler graduated from Texas A&M in May, 2020. B.J. is the son of Brett & Becky Fowler and grandson of Betty Dickschat.
- Victoria Grace (Tori) Bosse graduated Cum Laude from Texas A&M. Tori is the daughter of Kevin and Ginger Bosse and the granddaughter of Betsy and the late Neal Bosse.
- William James McKeown graduated from Texas State in San Marcos. William is the son of the late Sandra Bosse McKeown and Jay McKeown. Grandson of Betsy and the late Neal Bosse.

*Note: If you know of anyone that we may have missed, please contact LaNell Langford.*

- The Salad Supper has been cancelled.
- **Vacation Bible School** has been tentatively set for August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> with a closing program in worship on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Dinner at 5:30 pm with opening at 6:00 pm and ending at 7:00 pm.

Note: See Calendars for additional information.

## Relief Response Team

The committee met on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> and the pastor opened the meeting with a prayer. Discussion centered around the demolition of the roof from the June 3<sup>rd</sup> storm on a Washington area residents house and how the church might be of assistance given that they had been displaced from their home. By unanimous vote it was decided to purchase a \$1,000 gift card to give them. Charlie Canatella purchased the gift card and the pastor presented it to the residents on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

All future actions of the Relief Response Team, will be reported in the church newsletter and Facebook page. Additionally, the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month will be established for designated giving for the relief fund.

## Church Council Happenings. . .

- Council will continue the following during worship:
  - Hand sanitizer will be available in Narthex.
  - If you would like, you can wear mask and gloves.
  - Offering plates will be in the Narthex.
  - **No** Young disciples' message.
  - Maintain social distancing.
  - Individual wrapped communion elements (If they arrive in time bc there is a huge demand.

### 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)  
 John Parsons, (2019-2020)  
 Betsy Bosse (2020-2021)  
 Flora Mason (2020-2021)  
 Jim Stolz (2020)

## Sunday School Happenings. . .

**Sunday school** is out for the summer.

Vacation Bible School is tentatively scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> with a program in church on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Dinner at 5:30 pm with opening at 6:00 pm and ending at 7:00 pm.



## Loss of Loved Ones

**Inez Lauter Fuqua**, 71 of Navasota, passed away on June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Grimes St. Joseph Healthcare in Navasota. Inez was born in Navasota, Texas on May 20, 1949 to Ruth & Gilbert Lauter. A visitation was held on June 15<sup>th</sup> at Nobles Funeral Chapel. A celebration of her life was held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at Friedens Church of Washington with Rev. Glen Schoeneberg presiding. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

### Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

*If you would like to volunteer at the Pantry, please contact LaNell Langford.*

### Food Pantry Items Needed

- 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 signup sheet on the hall bulletin board.**

- July 5 – In honor of Our Military and Chris Walkoviak and Roger Finke's Birthday.
- July 12 – Memory of Lugene Lohmeyer and Gus Canatella.
- July 19 – Memory of Raymond Finke
- July 26 – In honor of Lou Ann & Charlie Canatella's 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

- August 2 - Open
- August 9 - Open
- August 16 - Open
- August 23 - Open
- August 30 - Open



**Note: If you are unable to serve on the dates below please contact the church office.**

| Liturgist                                                                                                                                   | Acolytes                                                                                 | Ushers/Greeters                                                                                                             |
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| July 5 – John Walkoviak<br>July 12 – Ashley Wilson<br>July 19 – Russell Borgstedte<br>July 26 – Mary Borgstedte                             | Lila Ray Kennedy<br>Bailee Wilson<br>Katie Becker<br>Brooklynn Stolz                     | Britney & Guado Moreno<br>Marsha & Wesley Murrell<br>Lauren & Matt Nettles<br>Linda Oberhoff & Thresia Schlabach            |
| August 2 – Sandra Bosse<br>August 9 – Vivian Kolkhorst<br>August 16 – Flora Mason<br>August 23 – Heather Fuller<br>August 30 – Wesley Stolz | Quinn Schulze<br>Mitchell Schlabach<br>Bailee Wilson<br>Lila Ray Kennedy<br>Katie Becker | John & Kaylee Parsons<br>Kelly & Tanya Parsons<br>Dane & Jamie Pawlowski<br>Kathy & Steve Pawlowski<br>Sis Renn & Amy Stolz |

## Thank You . . .

To our dear Friedens family,  
This letter has been a long time coming and delayed by my inability to put this into words without an emotional breakdown. The emotional breakdown is inevitable; however, I will do my best to express what I hope to say.

Our parents loved this church, and the people in it, with all of their hearts. This was their family. This was their sanctuary. They looked forward to attending every week and continued to do so even when it was quite the task to get them here. We might have to sit in the cry room or back pew, but they were going to make it, come hell or high water. I cannot begin to describe the gratitude we felt for everything this church family did for them. All of the generous donations and the fundraiser that was put together to help with my mother's medical bills just left Mom and Dad speechless. They couldn't comprehend the generosity, kindness and love shown to them.

Mom and Dad had not realized the impression they had made on so many people. It was just in their nature to be kind, helpful and hard-working. I am grateful that, while they were still alive, they were able to witness the impact they had on so many. I am grateful that we were able to see that as well.

As a friend of mine continues to remind me, will any of us be so fondly remembered and greatly missed as Carolyn and Charles?

So, thank you. Thank you for the fundraiser, the donations, the cards that kept them and us in good spirits, the phone calls, the rides to the doctor or other events, the food, the love, the prayers and so much I'm sure I'm forgetting. Thank you to the church, the congregation, and the Women's Fellowship for the funeral services and wonderful lunches. Thank you.

All of our Love,  
Marsha, William, Wesley  
and the rest of the Wellmann Family



## August 2020 Newsletter Article – Fishermen of Friedens

If you've been around the church much you may have heard of the "Fishermen of Friedens" – fishers of men belonging to our church whose name means "peace." These are an ad hoc group of Christian men who only meet to perform service projects around the church and in our community. They have been involved with building handicap ramps, various clean-up and carpentry projects around our church campus, and unloading food bank truck shipments at the Navasota pantry.

One of the upcoming projects for the church men's group is replacing the delaminated wood silhouettes used in the church outdoor nativity scene. The Fishermen of Friedens will procure the plywood, cut out two sets of patterns (one for Friedens and one for the artist's church) and deliver them and our old set to the artist to use as a template. We are excited about this project and look forward to having a new nativity set this Christmas.

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### Upcoming Events are marked on your calendars (see attached June and July).

**Note:** Only Events will be added here, **please check the attached calendars** for all other information.

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

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

**July 1** – Cancelled - **UCC Women's** Meeting at 6:00 pm.

**July 14** – **Council Meeting** at 7 p.m.

**July 17** – Cancelled - **Salad Supper**

**August 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & program on the 9<sup>th</sup>.** – (Tentatively) **Vacation Bible School** from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

**Reminder:** see attached July and August calendars.

## Heart of Texas Association News

As many of you know, our Association sets aside money in our scholarship fund each year to award as scholarships to our seminary students. Also, we are able to award some of the Greg Felder Memorial Scholarship money in this effort. The current awards are going to Betty McDaniel at Chicago Theological Seminary; Rene Slataper at Lexington Theological Seminary who is transferring to Chicago Theological Seminary beginning this fall; and Brooke Dooley at Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth on the TCU campus. All are earning their Master of Divinity degree and are Members in Discernment in the Heart of Texas Association. Both Betty and Rene are in the online programs at their schools, programs that allow them to work in their home cities and area churches while pursuing seminary degrees. The students apply for these scholarships through our Association scholarship committee. Our Association website, <http://hotaucc.org/>, has a page to congratulate them that also tells how to inquire about scholarship applications.

Our South Central Conference Annual Meeting was held online for the first time on Saturday morning, June 13th. While it was a loss not to gather face to face in a more extended time together in friendship and worship, the meeting was done in an excellent way that reflected the hard work of Board President Nikki Stahl and several others who helped put it together. There was uplifting music and outstanding worship in the recorded video offered by Houston Association churches; video reports including an opportunity to hear from our new Consulting Conference Minister Campbell Lovett; screen sharing that helped us with minutes, financial reports, understanding bylaw changes that were voted on and adopted, and the slate of nominations; a lovely tribute to Rev. Dr. Alice Graham, the outstanding Executive Director of Back Bay Mission who is retiring at the end of the year; a tribute of gratitude to Jim Blume, our long-time SCC attorney who has given us so much over the years and has now retired; a well-crafted agenda that helped us move along in a timely way that also allowed for discussion; and a time for video break-out rooms that allowed small groups of us to gather and talk. As many of us are finding out, there are new opportunities to be creative and connect that many of us will very likely use in the future as we go back to worship in person. Many thanks to our Conference leadership for this meeting.

At the meeting, we elected new representatives for our Association, and we continue to have others serving on our behalf. We elected Bainie Wild from St. John's UCC, Burton, to the South Central Conference Board of Directors and Rev. Jenny Russell from Touchstone Community Church, Boerne, to the Nominating Committee. Carl Brown from Trinity Church of Austin continues to serve on the SCC Board of Directors; Rev. Nikki Stahl from United Christian, Austin, continues as President of the SCC Board; Rev. Peter Bauer from Faith UCC, New Braunfels, and Andrew Roblyer from Friends Congregational UCC, College Station continue as General Synod delegates; Josh Mata from United Christian, Phillip Gullen from Friends Congregational, and Jerry Carpenter, retired pastor of Weimar UCC, continue as General Synod alternate delegates; and Cindy Miller from St. John's UCC, Burton continues on the Nominating Committee. As the chair of the SCC Nominating Committee, I also thank Rev. Trent Williams and Rev. Peter Bauer for their SCC Board service as they finish their terms as representative and secretary.

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>                                                   |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                  |            |                                                                            | <b>1</b> Canelled-UCC Women's-Mtg.                         | <b>2</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.                                                   | <b>3</b>                                                                       | <b>4</b>                                                     |
| <b>5</b> <b>NO</b> Refreshments & Fellowship prior to worship.<br><br>Choir to sing during worship.<br><br>L- John Walkoviak<br>A- Lila Ray Kennedy<br>G- Britney & Guada Moreno | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>                                                                   | <b>8</b>                                                   | <b>9</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.                                                   | <b>10</b>                                                                      | <b>11</b>                                                    |
| <b>12</b><br>L-Ashley Wilson<br>A- Bailee Wilson<br>G-Marsha & Wesley Murrell                                                                                                    | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b><br><i>Tentative</i> - Trustee Mtg 6:30 pm<br>Council Mtg 7:00 pm | <b>15</b>                                                  | <b>16</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.<br>~~~~~<br>Cancelled -Women's Fellowship 2:15pm | <b>17</b> <b>Cancelled-Salad Supper</b><br><br>Deadline for church Newsletter. | <b>18</b>                                                    |
| <b>19</b><br>L- Russell Borgstedte<br>A- Katie Becker<br>G- Lauren & Matt Nettles                                                                                                | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b>                                                                  | <b>22</b><br><i>Cancelled -Fun &amp; Fellowship @ 2 pm</i> | <b>23</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.                                                  | <b>24</b>                                                                      | <b>25</b><br>Emmaus Reunion Group at 9 am in Fellowship Hall |
| <b>26</b> Choir Practice<br><br>L-Mary Borgstedte<br>A- Brooklynn Stolz<br>G-Linda Oberhoff & Thresia Schlabach                                                                  | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>                                                                  | <b>29</b>                                                  | <b>30</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.                                                  | <b>31</b>                                                                      |                                                              |

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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>2</b> <u>No</u> Refreshments & Fellowship prior to worship.<br><br>Choir to sing during worship.<br>L-Sandra Bosse<br>A- Quinn Schulze<br>G-John & Kaylee Parsons | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b>                         | <b>5</b> Tentative -UCC Women's-Mtg. 6:00 pm            | <b>6</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.                                                       | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b>                                                  |
| <b>9</b><br>L-Vivian Kolkorst<br>A- Mitchell Schlabach<br>G-Kelly & Tanya Parsons                                                                                    | <b>10</b>  | <b>11</b><br>Council Mtg 7:00 pm | <b>12</b>                                               | <b>13</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.                                                      | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b>                                                 |
| <b>16</b><br>L-Flora Mason<br>A- Bailee Wilson<br>G-Dane & Jamie Pawlowski                                                                                           | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b>                        | <b>19</b><br>Deadline for church Newsletter.            | <b>20</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.<br>~~~~~<br>Tentative-Women's Fellowship Mtg at 2:15 | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b> Emmaus Reunion Group at 9 am in Fellowship Hall |
| <b>23</b><br>L-Heather Fuller<br>A- Lila Ray Kennedy<br>G-Kathy & Steve Pawlowski                                                                                    | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b>                        | <b>26</b> <i>Tentative -Fun &amp; Fellowship @ 2 pm</i> | <b>27</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.                                                      | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>                                                 |
| <b>30</b> <u>No</u> Pot Luck<br><i>Choir practise after worship.</i><br><br>L-Wesley Stolz<br>A- Katie Becker<br>G-Sis Renn & Amy Stolz                              | <b>31</b>  |                                  |                                                         |                                                                                          |            |                                                           |

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