

SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, UCC

"A Country Church with an Open Door"

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Message from the Pastor

During an online virtual clergy meeting of the Heart of Texas Association on August 11 we all took turns reminiscing and sharing memories with Pastor Ron Trimmer. He was moving in a couple of days to a new church at Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri where he would be closer to his folks. So, we all shared how the time that we had spent with Ron had influenced our lives together.

I recounted how through a mutual acquaintance Ron had asked me to preach for him one Sunday in 2009. We became friends after we met and I preached for him at Friedens a couple of more times and sponsored him on the Walk to Emmaus. But what Ron imparted to me during that critical time in my spiritual journey had a more lasting impact. I was wrestling with my own call to ministry at the time and I came to recognize Ron as one of those people God places in our lives to get us where we need to be.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

– 1 Peter 4:10 –

Both within the church and in the world each Christian has a vital role in promoting and encouraging the spiritual journey of others. This is especially true during these times of crisis in our nation where so much negativity seems to prevail. What can we as Christians do to relive this situation?

Paul wrote:

So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual up-building.

- Romans 14:19 -

I give the Lord thanks for placing an encourager like Pastor Ron in my life and pray that Ron will continue experience joy through his service to the Lord in Missouri. I hope that I will be an instrument of God's will in building up others as Ron was for me. What about you? Is there someone that you know who could use some spiritual encouragement? May we all strive to **"serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."**

In His love, Pastor Eric

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## In our prayers we remember. . .

Kay Crawford, Christina Holloway, Mary Lee Lewis, Ray Stolz, Will Stolz, Ellis Werchan, Joyce Werchan, Larry Young, Ralph Holle, Cory DeAeth, Fred Holloway, Alfred Thane, Betty Dickschat and Lou Ann Canatella.



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

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## News, Events and Updates. . .



- Until further notice we will not have greeters or acolytes scheduled on Sunday's during church.
- Bible Study every Thursday beginning at 10:00 a.m. Come join us and bring your bible or you can use one from the church. We are studying the Old Testament on Isaiah.
- UCC Women have returned to regular monthly meetings; therefore, the next monthly meeting is on September 2 at 6:00 pm. Please bring a gift for game night.
- Women's Fellowship have returned to regular monthly meetings and the next meeting is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 pm.
- Note: See Calendars for additional information.

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## Helping Thy Neighbor

Due to a motorcycle accident, Cory DeAeth (son of Dale DeAeth, Friedens ground keeper) was injured very badly and is need of help. He has been in the hospital for about 3 weeks now and has no income. His aunt set-up a "Go Fund Me" account and if you are interested in helping Cory during this very difficult time, please go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/u/yiq47c>

or you can find a basket in the northex and you can make your check payable to: Friedens Church and all the funds will be put together and delivered to Cory and his family.

## Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

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

## Food Pantry Items Needed

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.**

Sept 6 –  
 Sept 13 –  
 Sept 20 –  
 Sept 27 –

October 4 – Open  
 October 11 – Open  
 October 18 – Open  
 October 25 – Keith & Thesia Schlabach's 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



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

### Liturgist

### Acolytes

### Ushers/Greeters

Sept 6 – Jim Latham  
 Sept 13 – Becky Barton  
 Sept 20 – Amanda Stolz  
 Sept 27 – John Walkoviak

No Acolytes or Greeters until further notice

October 4 – Ashley Wilson  
 October 11 – Russell Borgstedte  
 October 18 – Jim Latham  
 October 25 – Sandra Bosse

## New Arrivals . . .

**Riggs Ryan Stolz** was born on August 19, 2020 at 6:24 a.m. to Amanda and Wesley Ryan Stolz of Washington, Texas. He was born at Baylor Scott & White Medical Center in Brenham, Texas. Grandparents are Elroy and Denise Stolz of Washington and Tommy and Carol Roehling of Brenham.



## Sunday School Happenings. . .

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

On Sunday 8/23 Sunday School had promotion Sunday and "Blessing of the Backpacks" during worship. It was so good to see all the kids together.



## Congratulations . . .

Congratulations to **Dr. Jamie Pawlowski!** She has completed her residency in San Antonio, Texas in June 2020. She is the wife of Dr. Dane Pawlowski and mother of Luke and Liam. They have moved to College Station and she started her job at St. Joseph Cancer Center. Dan is the medical director at the emergency room in Bellville and Sealy. Dr. Jamie Pawloski will be included in the graduates dinner in 2021.

## Fishermen of Friedens

Please notice that the United States Flag is now flying again in front of the cemetery and we give thanks to the "Fishermen of Friedens" for repairing and resetting the pole after it blew down from the May storm.



## Church Council Happenings. . .

### 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)

### Church Council Work Schedule 2020

|              |                   |                |
|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| September 6  | Jim Stolz         | John Parsons   |
| September 13 | Betsy Bosse       | Travis Eckert  |
| September 20 | Kathy Kennedy     | Terry Campbell |
| September 27 | Charlie Canatella | Flora Mason    |
|              |                   |                |
| October 4    | Sandra Bosse      | Jon Wellmann   |
| October 11   | Jim Stolz         | John Parsons   |
| October 18   | Betsy Bosse       | Travis Eckert  |
| October 25   | Kathy Kennedy     | Terry Campbell |



Church council received the letter below and elected to share it with the congregation for feedback with the author's approval . If you have any views one way or another on the matter below please feel free to share them with any member of church council.

**8/3/2020**

**Friedens Church of Washington, UCC. Church Council  
PO Box 306  
Washington, TX 77880-0306**

**RE: Friedens Church of Washington, UCC leaving the UCC  
Dear Council members,**

**My great grandfather Wilhelm Bosse, founder of the church, my grandfather Henry Jensen, Sr., my father Bennie Jensen and I have been lifelong members of this very church. Being baptized in the E&R, confirmed and married in the UCC, I have witnessed the life of the church: ups, down, disasters and incredible joys. I remember the renaming of the church from E&R to United Church of Christ to Friedens Church of Washington, UCC.**

**It was at an early age, when my daughter was preschool, about 1979-1980, that I volunteered as the delegate for Friedens to the Executive board of the Brazos Association (now Heart of Texas). I have attended almost every association meeting, a number of SSC annual meetings, spring and fall Association meetings, as well as scholarship and other association level meetings. For decades, the BA met in Burton. When the South Texas Association merged, renaming to Heart of Texas (HoT), the board meeting began to travel to other cities churches across the expanded area. The spring meeting was held virtually.**

**I have, to the best of my ability, represented the members of my Friedens Church at all events and activities. The life of the church is changing, as well as the world, but I continue to stand for the values, beliefs and ethics of my Friedens members. The difference in these values of the SSC/UCC and my Friedens family, in my opinion, have widened to a deep crevasse. During Executive board meetings, I feel intense intimidation in ability to express our views compared to the other church delegates. During the last 12 months or so the differences are vividly growing.**

**I am asking this church council to consider leaving the UCC. I am sure our church will continue to lead and support local spiritual changes and address the needs in our neighborhood, county and state.**

**Yours in Christ, I Am a child of God. Blessings.  
Linda Oberhoff**

## 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!!

September 2 – UCC Women's Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

September 8 – Council Meeting at 7 p.m.

September 26 – Emmaus Reunion Group 9 a.m.

**Reminder: see attached September & October calendars.**

**Please make the following additions and corrections in your church directory:**

**New Members:**

Edward III and Joyce "Bobbie" Broussard  
5612 Chelsea Circle  
Bryan, TX 77802

Darryl & Anita Stegemoller  
1035 Kings Pt. Dr.  
Canyon Lake, TX 78133

**Address/Phone Changes:**

Doris Hinton  
1701 Timber Oaks Dr.  
Brenham, TX 77833

Kay Finke  
Delete land-line 936-878-2948

**Correction:**

Klett, Rev. Dr. George  
PO Box 555  
Welborn, TX 77881  
Email: klett1934@gmail.com

## Heart of Texas Association News

Our Heart of Texas Association Fall Meeting is still on for Saturday, October 10, 2020. We had planned to hold it at Hope United in Georgetown in celebration of its 10th anniversary, but as all of us know, the COVID situation has sent all of us in directions we could not have imagined several months ago. Many of our churches are not meeting in person yet, including Hope United. Hope is also in transition, as it is in the interim and pastoral search process. The plan now for our Fall Meeting is to meet via Zoom. Our Association Board will be planning that gathering over the next month, and we will send each of our churches and ministers information and a link to the meeting as soon as that planning happens. I think we can all look forward to the opportunity to share our churches' experiences, commitments, and journeys together as we gather -- always an uplifting and vitally important part of our meetings. Perhaps even more important than ever in this time will be your stories of how our churches are continuing to minister and how we are each dealing with the challenge that the COVID pandemic is presenting. We will look forward to the time when we can meet in person once again but are grateful, in the meantime, that we have the opportunity to gather easily from home online.

I am also grateful for the many ways I am aware of that our churches and pastors are adapting their ministries and even growing them in new ways over this time. Some of our churches are meeting outdoors (seated outside or by driving up and staying in cars); some are meeting in person but spread out to keep each other safer; and some, particularly those in areas with high COVID case numbers, are meeting online in various ways. Many have found that the process of learning to meet online has led to new and very creative worship formats. Some have also found that our online platforms have brought distant members and friends to worship with us as well as allowing very broad participation in discussion and study since people do not have to drive. Our pastors have met via Zoom several times to continue our "Jam and Bread" gatherings, the last time being to say farewell to Ron Trimmer as he prepared to move to Lake Ozark, Missouri. Ministers who otherwise would have had to drive a long distance have been able to gather easily with colleagues. The youth of United Christian and others who joined them were able to have a virtual mission trip this summer after the multi-church mission trip they have been part of was cancelled. A host of people have worked hard to make all of this happen. I thank God for all of you.

On Sunday, September 17th, Lee Zillman, pastor of Redeemer UCC in Marion (in the Zuehl community) will retire. Lee has served Redeemer for the past 11 years, and in ministry and in Christian ministry for forty three years. I hope to give news of the celebration in a future newsletter. At this time, I ask for prayers of thanksgiving and support for Lee and Sharon, and prayers for the ongoing service in ministry of the whole Redeemer community as they embark on this interim time.

Blessings in Christ,  
Liz Nash, Association Minister



# September

| Sun                                                                                                                                              | Mon         | Tue                    | Wed                                                 | Thu                                                                      | Fri | Sat                            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                  |             | 1                      | 2 UCC Meeting at 6 pm. Bring a gift for game night. | 3 Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.                                              | 4   | 5                              |
| 6 NO Refreshments & Fellowship prior to worship.<br>Choir to sing during worship.<br>L- Jim Latham<br>A- Not at this time<br>G- Not at this time | 7 Labor Day | 8 Council Meeting 7 pm | 9                                                   | 10 Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.                                             | 11  | 12                             |
| 13<br>L- Becky Barton<br>A - Not at this time<br>G - Not at this time                                                                            | 14          | 15                     | 16                                                  | 17 Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.<br>-----<br>Women's Fellowship at 2:15 p.m. | 18  | 19                             |
| 20<br>L- Amanda Stolz<br>A- Not at this time<br>G- Not at this time                                                                              | 21          | 22                     | 23                                                  | 24 Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.                                             | 25  | 26 Emmaus Reunion Group 9 a.m. |
| 27 Choir to practice after worship.                                                                                                              | 28          | 29                     | 30                                                  |                                                                          |     |                                |
| L- John Walkowiak<br>A- Not at this time<br>G- Not at this time                                                                                  |             |                        |                                                     |                                                                          |     |                                |

## 2020

# October

| <i>Sun</i>                                                                                                                      | <i>Mon</i> | <i>Tue</i>                                            | <i>Wed</i>                    | <i>Thu</i>                                                                            | <i>Fri</i> | <i>Sat</i>                            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                 |            |                                                       |                               | <b>1</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.                                                    | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b>                              |
| <b>4</b> NO Refreshments & Fellowship prior to worship.<br>Choir to sing during worship.<br>L-Ashley Wilson<br>A- TBA<br>G- TBA | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b>                                              | <b>7</b> UCC Meeting at 6 pm. | <b>8</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.                                                    | <b>9</b>   | <b>10</b>                             |
| <b>11</b><br>L-Russell Borgstede<br>A- TBA<br>G- TBA                                                                            | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b> Trustee Mtg 6:30<br>Council Meeting 7:00 pm | <b>14</b>                     | <b>15</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.<br>~~~~~<br>Women's Fellowship Meeting at 2:15 pm | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b>                             |
| <b>18</b><br>L-Jim Latham<br>A- TBA<br>G- TBA                                                                                   | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b>                                             | <b>21</b>                     | <b>22</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.                                                   | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b> Emmaus Reunion Group 9 a.m. |
| <b>25</b> Choir to practice after worship.<br>L-Sandra Bosse<br>A- TBA<br>G- TBA                                                | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b>                                             | <b>28</b>                     | <b>29</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.                                                   | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b>                             |

## 2020