

OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, UCC

"A Country Church with an Open Door"

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### Message from the Pastor

I got a call during lunch from our groundskeeper, Dale DeAeth on August 20th inviting me to his home to meet his injured son, Cory. As most of you know Cory was involved in a serious accident when a pickup truck turn left across his lane in front of his oncoming motorcycle. Before the accident I had expressed an interest in getting a tour of the facilities at their home, where they house True Blue Animal Rescue. We hadn't been able to get together until I asked if I could stop by and pray with Cory and the family following the accident.

**The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.** – James 5:15 –

Cory hobbled into the living room still struggling with multiple injuries and spoke through his mouth with difficulty as his jaw was still wired shut. I told him that our church had been praying for him and he responded by saying that he had felt every one of them. As a matter of fact, he credited the marked improvement he had experienced in the last couple of days to the prayers which had been lifted up on his behalf. Indeed, Cory gave God the glory for all his healing.

**Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.** – Jeremiah 17:14 -

After we prayed and I got ready to leave, Dale asked if I wanted a tour of the facilities while I was there. I was amazed by the number of animals this family cares for and the size of the facility which Dale maintains. This family has an awesome ministry caring for animals, which no one seems to want and work very hard to give them a good home.

I left there that day very much moved by what the Lord placed in the hearts of the DeAeth family in caring for all those animals and at the same time providing round the clock care for their severely injured son. This experience helped me realize that there is lot of room for improvement in my capacity for compassion toward others, especially in my prayers for the benefit of others. What about you?

**Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.** – 1 Thessalonians 5:11 -

In His love,  
Pastor Eric

## In our prayers we remember. . .

Christina Holloway, Mary Lee Lewis, Ray Stolz, Ellis Werchan, Joyce Werchan, Larry Young, Cory DeAeth, Fred Holloway, Kenton and Sharon Gross, Philip & Leslie Hassell, Todd Kolkhorst, Ora Nell James, Gene Benker, Shirley Finke and the family of Alfred Thane.



**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. . .



- Until further notice we will not have greeters or acolytes scheduled on Sunday's during church.
- The **Women's Fellowship** will be collecting items for hygiene kits to be given to the local Salvation Army. Listed are the items needed:
  - 1 hand towel (16" x 28")
  - 1 wash cloth
  - 1 wide tooth comb
  - 1 tooth brush
  - 1 tube of toothpaste
  - 1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
  - 1 plastic soap container
  - 1 deodorant (solid or roll on)
  - 1 disposable plastic razor
  - 1 travel size hand sanitizer
  - 1 travel size insect repellent

The **Women's Fellowship** will **not** be collecting school supplies this year because there are so many other entities supporting this project. The organization decided to do a local project of providing Christmas gifts for the Brenham State School residents. An "ornament" tree will be set up in the narthex, you can select one, two or as many as you want, purchase the item(s) listed on the ornament, bring it back to the church unwrapped (bagged with ornament attached) and the WF will see that they are returned to the school in time for distribution.

- 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 every first Wednesday at 6:00 pm.
- Women's Fellowship have returned to regular monthly meetings every third Thursday at 2:15 pm.
- Note: See attached **Calendars** for additional information.

## Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

### *Needing Volunteers*

*If you would like to volunteer at the Pantry, please contact Lou Ann Canatella.*

## Food Pantry Items Needed

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.**

- October 4 – Open
- October 11 – Open
- October 18 – Open
- October 25 – Keith & Thresia Schlabach's 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- November 1 – Open
- November 8 – Open
- November 15 – Open
- November 22 – Open
- November 29 – Open



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

### Liturgist

### Acolytes

### Ushers/Greeters

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

November 1 – Vivian Kolkhorst  
 November 8 – Flora Mason  
 November 15 – Heather Fuller  
 November 22 – Wesley Stolz  
 November 29 – Jim Latham

No acolytes or greeters during pandemic.

## New Arrivals . . .

**Tate James Wisnoski** born on June 22, 2020 at St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan, Texas. He weighed 7.11 pounds and was 19.5 long. Parents are Emily Stolz and Cameron Wisnoski of Washington, Texas. Grandparents are James and Linda Stolz of Washington and Haven and Johnny Wisnoski of Navasota. Great grandparents are Sandra and Larry Werchan and Sharon Backhus.



**Aspyn Reign Watts** born on September 11, 2020 at 12:33 am at St. Joseph in Bryan, Tx. She weighed 8.6 pounds and was 20.5 long. Parents are Savannah Summerlin & Colby Watts of Brenham, Tx. Grandparents are Clay & Angie Bosse, and Mike & Fonshall Watts, all of Brenham, Tx and Frankie & Clare Summerlin of College Station, Tx. Great Grandparents are Clint & Sandra Bosse of Washington and Linda Sweeney of Huntsville, Tx.



## Sunday School Happenings. . .

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

Sunday School will resume regular Sunday School classes on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday School will be having a **“Trunk or Treat”** after church on November 1<sup>st</sup> in the church parking lot. If anyone would like to participate, please contact Ashley @ 936-870-8166.



## Loss of Loved Ones . . .

**Alfred Henry Thane**, affectionately known as “Skeeter” to many of his family members, 86, of Angleton, Texas, went to be with his Lord and Savior on September 14, 2020. Services were held on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Second Baptist Church, 1817 Shanks Rd., Angleton, Texas. Burial was held immediately follow the service at Angleton Cemetery. Alfred was the brother of Sandra (Clint) Bosse of Washington, Tx. and Betty Dickschat of Navasota, Tx. and Bobbie Burke of Cypress, Tx.

Sandra and Betty would like to extend their **THANKS** to all who prayed for their brother, Alfred Thane.

## 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

|             |                   |                |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------|
| October 4   | Sandra Bosse      | Jon Wellmann   |
| October 11  | Jim Stolz         | John Parsons   |
| October 18  | Betsy Bosse       | Travis Eckert  |
| October 25  | Kathy Kennedy     | Terry Campbell |
| November 1  | Charlie Canatella | Flora Mason    |
| November 8  | Sandra Bosse      | Jon Wellmann   |
| November 15 | Jim Stolz         | John Parsons   |
| November 22 | Betsy Bosse       | Travis Eckert  |
| November 29 | Kathy Kennedy     | Terry Campbell |

## Women's Fellowship Fundraiser

The Women's Fellowship will be having a **Quilt raffle**. The Chicken Scratch Quilt is shades of green and white (each person selling raffle tickets will have a color image to show.) Please see any Women's Fellowship member to purchase your raffle ticket(s). Tickets will be sold in books of 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Thank you for your support!**

*A bed without  
 a quilt is like a sky  
 without stars.*



## Washington Volunteer Fire Department

Washington VFD is having a Gun Raffle and the drawing will be held on Sunday, December 6, 2020. The tickets are a donation of \$20.00 per ticket. If you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket, please contact Pastor Eric Dehmer, Russell Borgstedte, Linda Oberhoff or any Washington volunteer firemen. Thank you for your support!



## Cemetery Committee

Please notice that the cemetery committee has repaired the entrance brick column, which was knocked down by the flag pole during the May storm. A welder has been scheduled to repair the fence and the cross will be added back soon.

This month the dead tree that was located in the cemetery has been removed.

Committee continues to level any of the head stones that are tilted.



## Community Prayer Service for Our Nation

Friedens Church of Washington in connection with the National and Global Day of Prayer and Repentance, (called The Return), held a community Prayer service for our nation under the covered pavilion on Saturday, September 26. Pastor Eric Dehmer led the prayer group along with Nelson Ray and his Praise Band, Lori Dehmer, Keith Munsterman (Sandy Creek Bible Camp), and from Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, we had Rosie Harvey, Pastor Martin, Deacon Shepherd, Deacon Bobby Davis and Deacon Mabbell. We thank all those that could attend to pray for our nation.



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

**Address/Phone Changes:**

Heather & Joe Fuller  
2418 Airline Dr.  
Brenham, Texas 77833

**Correction:**

*(Please correct spelling of City to Wellborn with two l's)*

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

**Upcoming Events are marked on your calendars  
(see attached October and November).**

## Heart of Texas Association News

Dear Heart of Texas Association churches and ministers,  
The date of the Heart of Texas Association fall meeting has been changed. It will now be held on Saturday, October 24, 10 am to (no later than) noon on Zoom. We made this change from the original date of Oct 10 in order to allow more time to be ready for a major agenda item presentation, which will be on joining a Conference level "fitness review" committee. I will send a brief description out about what this is about when I write my Association newsletter article. Also, we are postponing the meeting in order to schedule an Association board meeting first. I hope many of you will be able to join us on October 24.

Also, I am writing to you to be sure I know which churches have collected items for Back Bay Mission hygiene kits and/or have put together kits. The churches I know about are Friends Congregational and Friedens UCC in Gay Hill. Are there any others? I am starting to make plans to pick these kits and supplies up, as I will be driving them over to Biloxi, Miss. to deliver them. If your church has any to send over to Back Bay Mission, please let me know.

My prayers and hopes for your ministry, as well as prayers for the wellness of all of you, continue.  
Blessings,

Liz Nash, Heart of Texas Association Minister

Blessings in Christ,  
Liz Nash, Association Minister

## Heart of Texas Association News

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The date of the Heart of Texas Association Fall Meeting has been moved to Saturday, October 24 at 10 am to noon (a shift from the original date of October 10) on Zoom. The reason for the change in date is to allow us to prepare for a presentation on the proposed formation of a Conference level Fitness Review Committee. The formation of this committee has been a project of the South Central Conference Board of Directors, and would be a joining of Associations (rather than a taking over by the Conference) in the work of ministerial fitness reviews. I will explain a little more about what this means below.

Our Association Executive Board will be putting the agenda together before the Fall Meeting, but we expect that we will have an emphasis on sharing from the churches about how we are doing our ministry during this time of enormous change, an opportunity to give toward needs generated by the pandemic, an update on what the work and needs of Slumber Falls are, and our normal financial/budget approvals and other brief reports. The leadership of the Heart of Texas Association believes that it is perhaps more important than ever to share from our lives as churches in this time of change.

One of the most difficult, detailed, and time consuming tasks of our Committee on Ministry is a fitness review. This work happens when a complaint regarding the fitness for ministry of one of our ministers is raised in a substantial way. There is currently a thorough and demanding process for raising, investigating, and considering these types of complaints that the Association Committee on Ministry uses, as outlined in the United Church of Christ Manual on Ministry and supporting documents. Since fitness reviews do not occur often, Committee members must be trained to understand and to work with this process when one does happen. Additionally, the Committee often needs to do quite a bit of follow up work after a fitness review occurs. Normally, our Committee on Ministry has a full load of work for its meetings working with our Members in Discernment and ministers before the major addition of fitness review work. An ongoing committee, composed of members elected from all of the Associations in the Conference, could do the demanding work of fitness reviews with members who are trained and experienced in this work. That proposed ongoing committee, as well as a process to be able to join it, will be what will be presented at our Fall Meeting. We would not vote on joining this committee until the Spring of 2021. However, it is important for us to hear what is being proposed, to understand what we would be voting on, and to share feedback about it at this time.

We will be sending out the Fall Meeting Zoom link, the agenda and instructions to all of our churches, to our ministers, and to as many people on our email list as we can once we are closer to the meeting date. It is my hope and prayer that this meeting will be uplifting, informative, and a time of bonding and mutual support in our faith as we continue to do the work Christ calls all of us to do. I hope many of you will join us.

Blessings in Christ, Liz Nash, Association Minister




# October

| <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>4</b> Sunday School resumes.<br>Communion Sunday<br>NO Refreshments & Fellowship prior to worship.<br>Choir to sing during worship.<br>L- Ashley Stolz<br>A- Not at this time<br>G- Not at this time | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b>                                                 | <b>7</b> UCC Meeting at 6:00pm.      | <b>8</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.                                              | <b>9</b>   | <b>10</b>                                |
| <b>11</b><br>L- Russell Borgstedde<br>A- Not at this time<br>G- Not at this time                                                                                                                        | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b><br>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 at 2:15 p.m. | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b>                                |
| <b>18</b><br>L- Jim Latham<br>A- Not at this time<br>G- Not at this time                                                                                                                                | <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><br>Emmaus Reunion Group 9 a.m. |
| <b>25</b> Choir to practice after worship.<br>L- Sandra Bosse<br>A- Not at this time<br>G- Not at this time                                                                                             | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b>                                                | <b>28</b> Fun and Fellowship at 2 pm | <b>29</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.                                             | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b> Happy Halloween                |

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# November

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Mon       | Tue                               | Wed                                | Thu                                                                                                             | Fri       | Sat                                   |
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| <b>1</b> No Refreshments & Fellowship prior to worship.<br>Sunday School Trunk or Treat after church in parking lot.<br>Choir to sing during worship.<br>L- Vivian Kolkhorst<br>A- Not at this time<br>G- Not at this time | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b> Election Day             | <b>4</b> No UCC Meeting            | <b>5</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.                                                                              | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>                              |
| <b>8</b><br>L- Flora Mason<br>A- Not at this time<br>G- Not at this time                                                                                                                                                   | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b> Council Meeting 7:00 pm | <b>11</b> Veterans Day             | <b>12</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.                                                                             | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b>                             |
| <b>15</b> * Congregational Meeting after worship.<br>L- Heather Fuller<br>A- Not at this time<br>G- Not at this time                                                                                                       | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b>                         | <b>18</b>                          | <b>19</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.<br>-----<br>Women's Fellowship at 2:15 p.m.                                 | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>                             |
| <b>22</b> Choir Practice after worship<br>L- Wesley Stolz<br>A- Not at this time<br>G- Not at this time                                                                                                                    | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>                         | <b>25</b> Fun & Fellowship at 2 pm | <b>26</b> No Bible Study<br> | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b> Emmaus Reunion Group 9 a.m. |
| <b>29</b> * Totenfest<br>No Pot Luck<br>L- Jim Latham<br>A- Not at this time<br>G- Not at this time                                                                                                                        | <b>30</b> |                                   |                                    |                                                                                                                 |           |                                       |

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