

FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, UCC

"A Country Church with an Open Door"

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### Message from the Pastor

I left the denomination I had been affiliated with when I joined Friedens Church but I will always be an advocate of that denomination's founder, John Wesley, who said:

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

This might sound like kind of a tall order, to live each day constantly looking to perform a kind act for others everywhere we go. In some ways it is reminiscent of Paul's admonition to the Thessalonian church:

**Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.** - Thessalonians 5:16-18 -

So, how do we live out these words with our lives? We begin in the same manner in which we start any meaningful enterprise in life; with prayer. We should always ask for God's guidance and direction where He would have us serve and to whom He is calling us to serve. We should look where the needs are and then, with the Lord's help, seek to serve those needs.

For many years we have had members of our congregation volunteering at the Navasota Food Pantry which serves Grimes Co. residents. We have also made monetary and food donations to Washington Co. Bread Partners but not volunteered until recently, even though this ministry benefits residents in our own locale.

On January 18<sup>th</sup> members of our men's group, Fishermen of Friedens, began volunteering as a team to man their mobile food pantry every third Monday mornings. Bread Partners had lost a team and was searching for volunteers willing to step in the gap. There was a need, so we filled it - it's that simple. Now residents of our locale, Washington, who are in need are recipients of this ministry.

There is probably a greater need in our world today for those in the Lord's service to do good things for others than ever before. As the church of Jesus Christ we have the power to bring light into an otherwise ever-darkening world through our prayers and our actions. I want to encourage you to seek His guidance and direction in living out the words of the apostle Paul:

**Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.** - Galatians 6:9 -

In His love, Pastor Eric

## In our prayers we remember. . .

Christina Holloway, Mary Lee Lewis, Larry Young, Todd Kolkhorst, Ora Nell James, Gene Benker, Shirley Finke, Kay Crawford, Virginia Layton, Jim Latham, Arthur Steele, Angie Harville Singleton, Andrew Karass, Sharon Bachus, Frances Anderson, Jean Guille and family of Victor Ostiguin.



**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. . .



- Due to Covid, the **Chili/Stew Supper** will be a **Drive-Thru only on Friday, February 6th to 6:30 pm.** This year's Chili/Stew Supper will be organized by Sunday School/Bible Study Group. See LaNell Langford or Betsy Bosse for monetary donations. Chicken and broth need to be at the activity center by 9:30 on Friday or you can drop them off on Thursday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> until 4 pm. Volunteers are needed starting at 9:30 a.m.
- Friedens is looking for volunteers to serve on the Altar Guild Committee. If you are interested, please contact Charlie Canatella. Please see attached the Alter Guild duties.
- Due to Covid, we will **NOT be holding Lenten Service this year.** However, we will be having a Maundy Thursday Service on April 1<sup>st</sup> and Easter is on April 4<sup>th</sup> with a Sunset Service and Regular Service at 10:15 a.m.
- Every first Sunday, beginning February 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. a **contemporary service** aimed at youth and children (adults are welcome) will be held at Friedens Church.
- Due to Covid, Sunday School will not be holding a **Pancake Supper this year.**
- **Exciting New Event - A Contemporary/Youth Service** will be held at 9:00 a.m. every first Sunday of the month, beginning February 7<sup>th</sup>. Please come and join us. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Eric.
- A container has been placed in the narthex for collection of **Mission Hygiene items**, such as - Hand towel (16 x 28), wash cloth, wide tooth comb, toothbrush, tube of toothpaste, bar of soap (bath size in wrapper), plastic soup container, deodorant (solid or roll on), disposable plastic razor, travel size hand sanitizer and travel size insect repellent (opt).
- Women's UCC Group will be having a **Take-Out meal** on February 21<sup>st</sup> which will include Chicken/Sausage, potatoes, beans and a dessert for \$10.00. Contact an individual from UCC Women's for a ticket.
- **UCC Women** will not have a meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, however, plan.
- **Women's Fellowship** will have a meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 p.m.
- **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. Please check the calendars for dates of no Bible Study due to holidays.
- **Choir practice** is after worship the last Sunday of the month and sing each first Sunday during worship.

## Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

### *Needing Volunteers*

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

## Food Pantry Items Needed

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

## 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.**

February 7 –Linda Oberhoff  
 February 14 – Open  
 February 21 – Open  
 February 28 – Open

March 7 – Open  
 March 14 – Open  
 March 21 – Open  
 March 28 – Open



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

| Liturgist                      | Acolytes           | Ushers/Greeters           |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| February 7 - Sandra Bosse      | Katie Becker       | No Greeters at this time. |
| February 14 – Vivian Kolkhorst | Brooklynn Stolz    | “ “ “ “                   |
| February 21 – Flora Mason      | Quinn Schulze      | “ “ “ “                   |
| February 28 – Heather Fuller   | Mitchell Schlabach | “ “ “ “                   |
| March 7 – Wesley Stolz         | Bailee Wilson      | No Greeters at this time. |
| March 14 – Jim Latham          | Lila Ray Kennedy   | “ “ “ “                   |
| March 21 – Becky Barton        | Katie Becker       | “ “ “ “                   |
| March 28 – Amanda Stolz        | Brooklynn Stolz    | “ “ “ “                   |

## Sunday School Happenings. . .

**No pancake supper this year.**

Every first Sunday, beginning February 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. a **contemporary service** aimed at youth and children (adults are welcome) will be held.



## Baptism

**Hayes Crow Kennedy** was baptized on January 17, 2021 at Friedens Church of Washington. Parents are Dusty & Kacey Kennedy and sisters are Kaden & Lila Ray. Sponsors are Mike & Amie Walton, Jeff & Amanda Stolz, Ryan & Valerie Ross and Quinn & Caroline Collins. Grandparents are Bill & Kathy Kennedy and Dwight & Kerry Land.

## Loss of Loved Ones . . .

**Guy Vernon Layton**, 92, passed away on December 25, 2020. Guy was born on July 11, 1928 in Chireno, Texas. Funeral services were held at Friedens Church of Washington, on December 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Guy is survived by his wife of over 65 years, Virginia; children Donna Boyd (Norman, Sharon Cotton, Gary Layton, and Gayle Layton and many grandchildren.

**Glenn Davis Fuqua**, 71, passed away Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at CHI St Joseph Regional Health Center. Glenn was born in Navasota, TX on August 28, 1949. Glenn is the husband of the late Inez Fuqua and he has one son, Wade Davis Fuqua and grandson Waylenn Davis Fuqua.

## Address Changes:

Revs. Jesse & JoAnna Campbell  
1507 River Oaks Circle – Apt. #817  
Wylie, Texas 75098

Dane Pawlowski  
4721 Johnson Creek Loop  
College Station, TX 77845-3890

Mr. & Mrs. Homer Borgstedte  
4141 S. Brasewood Blvd. Apt 540  
Houston, TX 77025

Don Kolkhorst  
16650 Kolkhorst Schultz Rd.  
Washington, Texas 77880

## Church Council Happenings. . .

### Council Members and duties:

Charlie Canatella, President (2020-2021)  
 Flora Mason, Vice President (2020-2021)  
 Cindy Walkoviak, Treasurer (2021-2022)  
 Kathy Kennedy, Secretary (2020-2021)  
 Sandra Bosse, Church Clerk (2020-2021)  
 Ron Werchen, Envelope Clerk (2021-2022)  
 Betsy Bosse (2020-2021)  
 Jim Latham (2021-2022)  
 Monica Martin (2021-2022)  
 Don Kolkhorst (2021-2022)

### Church Council Work Schedule 2021

|                      |                   |                 |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| February 7           | Charlie Canatella | Jim Latham      |
| February 14          | Sandra Bosse      | Monica Martin   |
| February 17(Ash Wed) | Flora Mason       | Don Kolkhorst   |
| February 21          | Betsy Bosse       | Ron Werchen     |
| February 28          | Kathy Kennedy     | Cindy Walkoviak |
|                      |                   |                 |
| March 7              | Charlie Canatella | Jim Latham      |
| March 14             | Sandra Bosse      | Monica Martin   |
| March 21             | Flora Mason       | Don Kolkhorst   |
| March 28             | Betsy Bosse       | Ron Werchen     |

## Did YOU KNOW?

Fanny Crosby set a goal of bringing 1 million people to Christ.

She wrote over 8,000 hymns although it was between 5,500 and 9,000. She used 200 pseudonyms in order to preserve her modesty.

Some of the most well known are:

Blessed Assurance! I am Thine, O Lord! Praise Him Praise Him! Near the Cross! To God be the Glory! Pass me not O Gentle Savior! Rescue the Perishing and Draw Me Nearer!

Blessings,  
 Jim Latham

## Heart of Texas Association News

The Heart of Texas Association Committee on Ministry licensed Rene Slataper during its January 19th meeting. Rene is currently serving as Minister of Outreach and Organizational Development at Labyrinth Progressive Student Ministries in Austin, an ecumenical college student ministry based near the University of Texas. The ministry is supported by several Austin area churches. Rene is also a student in the online Master of Divinity program at Chicago Theological Seminary and is a Member in Discernment with the Heart of Texas Association. He is a member of the Congregational Church of Austin, where he also currently works part-time as their video technician. Rene is also a recipient of multiple scholarships from the national UCC. We receive Pastor Rene with joy as begins licensed ministry in the Heart of Texas Association.

It is with sadness that I share that the Evangelical Church of Lyons has voted to leave the United Church of Christ and give up its membership as a church in the Heart of Texas Association. The Lyons church has been part of the former Brazos Association and then later part of Heart of Texas since the South Central Conference became part of the United Church of Christ. Our ties have been long and heartfelt, with good memories over the years of meeting with them, sharing their joy as the church fellowship hall and sanctuary were rebuilt, and having their members be active and great supporters of the Association and at Slumber Falls Camp. They have recently called Andrew Keuer as their pastor, and have decided to head in a different direction in their ministry. They leave us with our appreciation for their many years with us, and with every hope and prayer that their ministry will flourish in faithfulness and joy in the years to come.

Tom VandeStadt has announced his retirement as pastor of the Congregational Church of Austin as of the end of February 2021. Tom has served Congregational Church for nearly 20 years and has led the church in many ways -- in homeless outreach, in excellent worship, through his active social justice work in Austin, and in caring ministry. We wish Tom well as he prepares for this transition in his life, and offer prayers for Congregational (the church where I am a member) as it joins several other churches in the Heart of Texas in a time of transition and search for new leadership in Christ's ministry.

Blessings in Christ,  
Liz Nash, Association Minister

## Upcoming Events are marked on your calendars

(see attached January and February).



## First Responders Gift Baskets

The **Friedens UCC Women's group and Sunday School** prepared six gift baskets to present to Washington County 911 and Brenham Policy Department, Navasota 911, Navasota Police Department, Grimes CHI- SJ Hospital and Brenham Baylor Scott & White in recognition of "Thanks for their Service to the Community".



If you are interesting in serving on the Altar Guild at Friedens, please contact Charlie Canatella. Please see below the duties of the Altar Guild.

**Altar Guild**  
**Friedens Church of Washington, UCC**  
**Washington, Texas**  
**January 13, 2020**

The Altar Guild is responsible for preparing the elements of Communion on the first Sunday of the month. They are also responsible for the care of the paraments and vestments, the items on the altar, and the Communion ware.

#### **Items on Altar**

- The candle holders, candle lighters, cross, Bible stand, Bible, and offering plates shall be cared for. They should be cleaned with a soft cloth. Do not use a knife or sharp instrument as this may mar the surface and finish. Acid from finger prints also mars surface and finish.
- Keep candles filled with oil. These need to be checked every week. They will also need to be filled following a wedding or a funeral. Discuss a schedule with your partner for the filling of the candles. The oil is stored in the closet which is behind the Altar to the left.
- Place flower arrangements out if no one is scheduled to place flowers in Church.

#### **Paraments**

- The paraments on the Altar, pulpit, lectern, and the Communion table shall be cleaned, cared for, and changed when needed according to the Season of the Church.
- The paraments are stored in the closet which is behind the Altar to the right.
- A list of paraments colors for the Seasons of the Church Year is attached to the cabinet in this closet.

#### **Holy Communion**

- The Altar Guild is responsible for the preparation of the Sacrament of Holy communion, filling the cups with wine and grape juice (center ring is grape juice and outer ring is wine), and preparing wafers and/or bread.
- Discuss with your partner the best day and time before Sunday to get together to prepare the elements of Holy Communion.
- The trays and Communion cups are stored in the cabinet beneath the coffee pot. *in the Fellowship Hall.*
- The bottles for filling the cups with wine and grape juice are located in the cabinet above the kitchen serving area. The wine and grape juice will be in the same location and/or in the refrigerator.
- Council has suggested that we fill two (2) plates with wafers and two (2) trays of wine/juice unless we are expecting a large crowd, such as Easter and other special occasions,
- Place wine plates in refrigerator and wafer plates on counter. If you are available on Sunday morning, you may help place the Communion on the Altar or Communion table.
- If available following the service, you may decide to help Council wash and put away the trays.


#### **In General**

- Please inform another member if you are unable to prepare Communion or fill candles.
- Communion is placed on the Communion table unless Pastor Eric has other plans. If the Communion table is used, a clear plastic sheet is placed over the table cloth for protection.
- The Altar Guild will inform the Council of needed repairs, oil and/or cup purchases, etc.
- Please let someone know as soon as possible if you are unable to prepare Communion, fill candles, etc.



# Friedens Church of Washington

## February

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                       | Mon | Tue                                     | Wed                                     | Thu                                                                  | Fri                                                      | Sat |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----|
|                                                                                                                                                                           | 1   | 2                                       | 3 UCC Mtg. 6 pm                         | 4 Bible Study 10 a.m                                                 | 5 *Chili Stew Supper<br>4:30-6:30 pm.<br>Drive Thru only | 6   |
| 7 *Communion<br>*Choir to sing during worship.<br>Contemporary Serv 9 am<br>L-Sandra Bosse<br>A-Katie Becker                                                              | 8   | 9 Trustees Mtg 6:30<br>Council Mtg 7 pm | 10                                      | 11 Bible Study 10 a.m                                                | 12                                                       | 13  |
| 14 Valentines Day<br>SS Valentines Party<br><br>L-Vivian Kolkhorst<br>A-Brooklyn Stolz | 15  | 16                                      | 17<br>Ash Wednesday<br>Service @ 7 p.m. | 18 Bible Study 10 a.m<br>-----<br>Women's Fellowship<br>Mtg. 2:15 pm | 19                                                       | 20  |
| 21 - UCC Womens<br>Take-out Meal after<br>worship. BBQ chicken<br>Sausage<br>L-Flora Mason<br>A-Quinn Schulze                                                             | 22  | 23                                      | 24<br>No Lenten Service                 | 25 Bible Study 10 a.m                                                | 26                                                       | 27  |
| 28 Choir Practice<br>after worship.<br>L-Heather Fuller<br>A-Mitchell Schlabach                                                                                           |     |                                         |                                         |                                                                      |                                                          |     |

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Food Pantry item for February is "Hot or cold cereal".  
The calendars are continually being updated so be sure to replace your current calendar when you receive your current newsletter.

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## March

| <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>                         | <b>3</b><br>No Lenten Service<br>UCC No Meeting | <b>4</b><br>Bible Study 10 am                                        | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b>   |
| <b>7</b> *Communion<br>*Choir to sing during<br>worship.<br>L- Wesley Stolz<br>A- Bailee Wilson | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b><br>Council Meeting 7 pm | <b>10</b><br>No Lenten Service                  | <b>11</b><br>Bible Study 10 am                                       | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b>  |
| <b>14</b><br>L- Jim Latham<br>A- Lila Ray Kennedy                                               | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b>                        | <b>17</b><br>No Lenten Service                  | <b>18</b><br>Bible Study 10 am<br>Women's Fellowship<br>Mtg. 2:15 pm | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b>  |
| <b>21</b><br>L- Becky Barton<br>A- Katie Becker                                                 | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b>                        | <b>24</b><br>No Lenten Service                  | <b>25</b><br>Bible Study 10 am                                       | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b>  |
| <b>28 Palm Sunday</b><br>L- Amanda Stolz<br>A- Brooklynn Stolz                                  | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>                        | <b>31</b><br>No Lenten Service                  |                                                                      |            |            |

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