

JUNE & JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, UCC

"A Country Church with an Open Door"

Message from the Pastor

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I recently had lunch here at the church with Andrew Keuer, the pastor of Lyons Evangelical Church. Andrew is a charming and intelligent individual devoted to serving the Lord and who I truly enjoy spending time with. We pray together, talk about what's going on in our lives, and recount all the many ways that we see God's hand at work in the lives of the churches we serve.

Sometimes a pastor's life can be a lonely occupation with no one to personally share one's innermost concerns with. So, it is invaluable to have someone in the same vocation who understands all the pitfalls which can impact a pastor's life. Mind you, I am very happy serving Friedens Church but it does help to have a friend in the same vocation that I can relate to.

As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend. – Proverbs 27:17 –

Andrew and I share insights from our years of ministry which might benefit the other. We both want to "give of our best to the Master" through our ministries so we collaborate on how we might best achieve that goal. However, there is another important aspect of us meeting together.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

– Hebrews 10:24-25 –

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In Paul's letter to the Hebrew church he addresses the need to not only meet together but also encourage one another to love more and make a commitment to use our time performing good works. Perhaps the most important goal Paul mentions in this passage is the need to encourage one another as we see the day of the Lord approaching.

I don't know about Andrew, but this is the biggest thing that I take away from our meeting together – encouragement. I am encouraged to keep on striving in the good work that He has given me until the Day of His appearing. Therefore, I encourage you to take time to encourage another in the name of our Lord today; it may change their whole perspective just as "iron sharpens iron."

In His love,  
Pastor Eric

## In our prayers we remember. . .

Christina Holloway, Mary Lee Lewis, Todd Kolkhorst, Gene Benker, Shirley Finke, Kay Crawford, Arthur Steele, Angie Harville Singleton, Collin Smith, Ora Nell James, Polly Harville, Elroy Stolz, Pastor Eric Dehmer, Sue Schwartz, Carol Borgstedte, Betty Dickschat, Jean Terry and Randy Zeplak.



**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. . .



- Reminder: We will be working on a new church directory; however, we have noticed that a lot of phone numbers that we currently have are **incorrect**. So if your **address or phone number or email** has changed in the last 2 years, please send your current information to the church email at: [friedenschurchofwashington@gmail.com](mailto:friedenschurchofwashington@gmail.com).
- Reminder: The Women's Fellowship will sponsor their annual potluck luncheon to honor those graduating from high school or college. If you have someone or know of someone please, contact LaNell Langford at 936-878-2942 or email [lanell@embarqmail.com](mailto:lanell@embarqmail.com), so an invitation can be sent. Please provide the name, address and name of the school/college. The date of this pot luck has not been determined as of this date (will keep you informed).

### Reminders:

- **A Contemporary/Youth Service** will be held at 9:00 a.m. every first Sunday of the month. 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).
- **UCC Women** meet every first Wednesday at 6:00 pm (Note: On June 9 at 10:30 meet at WVFD for a tour and lunch at Beavers after. No Meeting in July. Take-out meal planned for August 15.
- **Women's Fellowship** meet every third Thursday 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.
- **Reminder:** The Church/Office email has changed to: [friedenschurchofwashington@gmail.com](mailto:friedenschurchofwashington@gmail.com). The reason for this change is because we changed internet service.

### LOST and FOUND:

A ring was found in the cemetery this past week, so if you have lost a ring, please call the church office at 936-878-2523.

## Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

### *Needing Volunteers*

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

## Food Pantry Items Needed

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 signup sheet on the hall bulletin board.**

June 6 – Open

June 13 – Open

June 20 – In memory of Neal Bosse and Sandra Bosse McKeown

June 27 – Open

July 4 – Open

July 11 – In honor of Chris Walkoviak's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday

July 18 – Open

July 25 – Open



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

### Liturgist

### Acolytes

### Ushers/Greeters

June 6 – John Walkoviak  
 June 13 – Ashley Wilson  
 June 20 – Russell Borgstedte  
 June 27 – Sandra Bosse

Brooklynn Stolz  
 Quinn Schulze  
 Mitchell Schlabach  
 Bailee Wilson

Tex & Stephanie Maxson  
 Neil & Susan McLaurin  
 Dan & Bonnie Mohr  
 Britney & Guada Moreno

July 4 – Vivian Kolkhorst  
 July 11 – Flora Mason  
 July 18 – Heather Fuller  
 July 25 – Wesley Stolz

Lila Ray Kennedy  
 Katie Becker  
 Brooklynn Stolz  
 Quinn Schulze

Marsha & Wesley Murrell  
 Lauren & Matt Nettles  
 Linda Oberhoff & Thresia Schlabach  
 John & Kaylee Parson

## Sunday School Happenings. . .

Every first Sunday, at 9:00 a.m. a **contemporary service** aimed at youth and children (adults are welcome) will be held.



Mark your calendars – **Vacation Bible School** is June 4 – 5 (it will be a weekend VBS). Beginning Friday, June 4 starting at 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, with a meal provided. Then on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm with a lunch provided. A program will be provided in church Sunday during young disciples' moment.

## 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 Werchan, 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

|         |                   |                 |
|---------|-------------------|-----------------|
| June 6  | Kathy Kennedy     | Cindy Walkoviak |
| June 13 | Charlie Canatella | Jim Latham      |
| June 20 | Sandra Bosse      | Monica Martin   |
| June 27 | Flora Mason       | Don Kolkhorst   |
| July 4  | Betsy Bosse       | Ron Werchan     |
| July 11 | Kathy Kennedy     | Cindy Walkoviak |
| July 18 | Charlie Canatella | Jim Latham      |
| July 25 | Sandra Bosse      | Monica Martin   |

## New Members . . .

Please welcome Susan Russell and James Lapryre to Friedens Church of Washington. They joined Friedens Church on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. We are so thankful for Susan and James, which provide such beautiful music on Sundays during worship.



## Births . . .

**Ella Rae Marek** was born on May 12, 2021 weighing 8 lbs 13 oz. She is welcomed home by parents T.J. & Lindsey Marek and big sister, Ailyn, of Brenham, Texas.



## Baptism . . .

**Liam Neal Pawlowski**, baptized on May 2, 2021. Liam is the son of Dane & Jamie Pawlowski. Grandparents are Kathy & Steve Pawlowski, Linda McManus and Neal Pinchard. Great-grandson of Vivian and the late James Kolkhorst. Sponsors are Drake Pawlowski, Dawn Pawlowski, and Michael & Daryme Martin.

## Loss of Loved Ones . . .

**Milton Peters**, 82, of Washington Texas, died Saturday, May 1, 2021 at his residence. The funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday May 4, 2021 at Friedens Church of Washington with Pastor Eric Dehmer officiating. Milton is survived by his son, Milton Duane Peters; wife, Teresa; brothers, Ottis Peters and Otto Peters Jr. Final arrangements entrusted to: Singleton & Sons Funeral Home of Hempstead, Texas.

## National Day of Prayer hosted by the Thursday Bible Study.

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, Friedens hosted a “**National Day of Prayer**” under the church pavilion at noon and it was a **great event**. Thank you to those that led us in prayer, those that furnished lunch, and those that set up chairs, etc. We had around 45 in attendance. A great time was had by all that attended and they were richly blessed by being there.



## Heart of Texas, Spring Meeting -April 24, 2021 Zoom Delegate report: Linda J. Oberhoff

Sign into chat to establish a quorum of 11, was met (approx. 40)

**Welcome** by Vice Moderator Pastor Car Schwartz-King, (Moderator Linda Coats had a stroke in March and is in a rehab in Humble)

**Worship:** Touchstone: Kerry Kirtley (from Denver, Co) and Faith NB Carla Cheatham: "Message of Hope"

Inclusive Lord's Prayer (not The Lord's Prayer) 1999 J Manny Santiago, Reaffirming Baptist

Song: (2018) Brian Sirchio "We Hope" 2 Corinthians 1 3;4, "I Believe" coral video by Mark Miller, Chancel Choir, Christ Church zoom members

Fall meeting had 41 attendees. Fall meeting Minutes were approved.

**Treasury report** was available in the HoTA website. 2020 Membership dues were down almost 30%.

There was \$5,000 given to Slumber Falls from the Youth fund as the 2020 National Youth Event was virtual. Spending in general has been minimal. Scholarships totaling \$1,500 to Members in discernment from Association funds in 2020 & planned for 2021. Also The Greg Felder funds awarded \$1,500 in 2020 and are planned for 2021. No spending plan prepared for fall 2020 so the 2021 proposal is based on return to commitment by members to contributions. If they do not return in 2021, changes will have to be made. (Copies attached)

**SSC:** June 12, 2021 Zoom North Assn. is host.

**General Synod:** Zoom: July 11-18, 2021 open to all to sign in.

**Settled Conference Minister** will take over at Synod July 11, 2021 date, a Methodist, pastor kid. Thanked Intern Conf Minister Campbell Lovett.

**Committee on Ministry:** Ann Wherly, Lyons Evangelical Church terminated relationship with United Church of Christ, will affiliate with Evangelical Association of Reformed and Congregational Churches. A nice note was sent from COM wishing them well and an open invite to come back. No change in committee members for 2021 due to being zoom meetings. (Copy attached) Rev Jacquelin Moncrief transfer to Potomac Association, Central Atlantic Conference. Re Licensed Risa Garza, Faith UCC to serve with Rev Eric Gates, Risa is also approved as a member in Discernment.

**Unified Fitness Review Process:** Rev Charles Stark reported on how this will be uniform in the Conference and not be just the COM of that Association. Will vote on at Fall Meeting

**Ecclesiastical Council: Rev Amelia Fulbright** (bio attached) Born in Zambia, Africa. Parents Southern Baptist Missionaries in early 1970's. While her dad was in Western North Carolina, she began to have questions about identity where black and white families lived functionally segregated lives. Graduate of Wake Forest and found Southern Baptist denomination a decidedly hostile place for women called to ordained ministry and even worse for the LGBTQIA+ community. She and husband moved to Austin in 2004, transferred into the MDiv program at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and joined the First Baptist Austin. Is a founding member for Labyrinth Progressive Student Ministry, 501 (c) 3, to reach out to students not served by other Christian campus ministry at UT, may are LGBTQIA+. Married 2013. Is inspired by national UCC leaders; Traci Blackmon and Sarah Lund. Primary reasons to draw to the UCC: A Radical hospitality/incisiveness that is always moving to include those on the margins. Is entering the middle of her career and has come up against the Baptist life.

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**Association Minister Report:** Liz Nash- Boerne Touchstone to open on Pentecost with ordination of Rev Kerry Kirtly. Hope United has intern to replace Ron Trimmer. Retire: Scott Martin, New Braunfels Faith, Tom Vanderstadt, 20 year at Austin, Nikkie Stall Resigned from Austin Church, Don Deleon is on Sabbatical. Conference E Newsletter: notice webinar for Hybrid Worship services are mostly on uTube.

**Interim Conference Minister:** Campbell Lovett: will serve till General Synod Jul 11 with new Conference Minister to officially take over. There is a virtual invite to Synod to register and attend virtually.

**Ecclesiastical Council for Rev Dr. Sis Hall** (copy attached) of Trinity United Methodist Church, Austin, born in Indiana, Eagle Scout. Going to retire after 40 years in ministry. Worked in the Methodist to accept LBTGQ community to make changes to be accepted, so decided to be dually aligned with the USS to meet that goal. In UCC he can do same sex marriage that the United Methodist does not agree with. He is a 'straight, white, male". The UCC celebrates gay clergy and is immersed in the Holocaust studies. He sacrificed by staying in the Methodist to stand up for acceptance.

**Slumber Falls:** Jeremy Albers. Ice storm damage repairs are ongoing, had 53 breaks, the need volunteers, they have staff in place. Currently 117 are registered, lots are non UCC members.

There was \$45,000 raised for Covid of the \$200,000 goal. There has been a LBGTQ scholarship + SFC scholarships available. Churches are encourage to sponsor 'Adopt a Cabin" at 50%. There is a new phone system and internet with \$4,000 St John Burton donation for updates. This will provide the chance for volunteers to work virtual but they do need dishwashers.

I did give our 1 minute church report: Fisherman of Friedens work in 3 counties: Washington, Grimes and Burleson with the local food banks, The Chili and Stew Supper is a 70+ year tradition was a drive thru and sold out to the community in 30 minutes. Quilters donate quilts locally. We did the Living Last Supper in person and on FB with great attendance.

Your HoTA council delegate:

Linda J Oberhoff

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

Please note that there will be no Newsletter in July which follows past years.

# Friedens Church of Washington

## June

| <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>                                        | <b>2</b>                                                                   | <b>3</b><br>Bible Study at 10 am                                             | <b>4</b> Vacation Bible School - 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm (meal provided). | <b>5</b> Vacation Bible School 9:00 a.m. to noon (lunch provided). |
| <b>6</b> Refreshments (WF) & Fellowship prior to worship, Communion, Choir singing Contemporary/Youth Service | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b> Trustee's Mtg 6:30 Council Mtg 7:00 pm | <b>9</b> UCC Women at 10:30 a.m. WVFD for a tour. After lunch at Beaver's. | <b>10</b> Bible Study at 10 am                                               | <b>11</b>                                                            | <b>12</b>                                                          |
| <b>13</b> L- Ashley Wilson<br>A- Quinn Schulze<br>G- Neil & Susan<br>McLaurin                                 | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b>                                       | <b>16</b>                                                                  | <b>17</b> Bible Study at 10 am<br>-----<br>Women's Fellowship Mtg at 2:15 pm | <b>18</b>                                                            | <b>19</b>                                                          |
| <b>20</b> <b>Happy Father's Day</b><br>L- Russell Borgstedte<br>A- Mitchell Schlabach<br>G- Dan & Bonnie Mohr | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b>                                       | <b>23</b>                                                                  | <b>24</b> Bible Study at 10 am                                               | <b>25</b>                                                            | <b>26</b>                                                          |
| <b>27</b> Choir Practice after worship<br>L- Sandra Bosse<br>A- Bailee Wilson<br>G- Britney & Guada Moreno    | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>                                       | <b>30</b>                                                                  |                                                                              |                                                                      |                                                                    |

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## 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><br>Bible Study at 10 am  | <b>2</b>                                          | <b>3</b>   |
| <b>4</b> Refreshments (UCC Women) & Fellowship prior to Worship. Communion, Choir singing Contemporary/Youth Service<br>L-Vivian Kolkhorst<br>A-Lila Ray Kennedy<br>G-Marsha & Wesley Murrell | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b>                      | <b>7</b> No Meeting for UCC Women | <b>8</b><br>Bible Study at 10 am  | <b>9</b>                                          | <b>10</b>  |
| <b>11</b><br>L-Flora Mason<br>A-Katie Becker<br>G-Lauren & Matt Nettles                                                                                                                       | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b> Council Mtg 7:00 pm | <b>14</b>                         | <b>15</b><br>Bible Study at 10 am | <b>16</b> Salad Supper Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm | <b>17</b>  |
| <b>18</b><br>L-Heather Fuller<br>A-Brooklyn Stolz<br>G-Linda Oberhoff & Thresa Schlabach                                                                                                      | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b>                     | <b>21</b>                         | <b>22</b><br>Bible Study at 10 am | <b>23</b>                                         | <b>24</b>  |
| <b>25</b> Choir Practice after worship.<br>L-Wesley Stolz<br>A-Quinn Schulze<br>G-John & Katie Parsons                                                                                        | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b>                     | <b>28</b>                         | <b>29</b><br>Bible Study at 10 am | <b>30</b>                                         | <b>31</b>  |

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