

AUGUST 2021 NEWSLETTER

FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, UCC

"A Country Church with an Open Door"

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### Message from the Pastor

Back at the beginning of June we had a great 2-day VBS that was richly enjoyed by all who participated in it. I worked with "Wild Bill" Kennedy staging the Bible stories each day with live drama. Of course, just like in our Living Last Supper drama back on Maunday Thursday, nobody throws themselves into a role like "Wild Bill." The kids just ate it up his "over-the-top" acting and it seemed like that's all they talked about afterwards.

I think that the adults this year enjoyed VBS almost as much as the kids. There was good bit of camaraderie as the Thursday Morning Bible Study came together and furnished all the meals and our Sunday School moms assisted in the program. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Ashley Wilson who has served as our Sunday School Superintendent for the last 10 years and this was her last effort in that role before stepping down.

Our Lord had these words to say in a parable found in the Gospel of Matthew 25:21:

**His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'** I believe that Ashley has deservedly earned a rest after serving for so long. And I want to say, "Thanks Ashley, for a job well done." and, "You've left some big shoes to fill."

Now as we begin the new school year we are looking for a new Sunday School Superintendent to lead that department in the fall. Could it be you? If you or anyone you know would like to serve in that capacity, please let myself or a member of church council know.

On a more personal note, I'd like to thank you all for the prayers and concerned phone calls I've received. James 5:16 states: **"The prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective."** I believe that and feel your prayers have made a difference in my life. As result, I'm still at church just about every day doing what I've always done, still shredding, burning brush piles and answering fire calls – my life hasn't really changed much. Again, thank you for your faithfulness and Christian witness in my life – you are making a difference!

Finally, let me just share that I believe we make a difference in Washington as we provide the same witness to our community. I feel that Friedens Church provides a vital service to area residents who come to know us as a vibrant congregation which openly shares Christ's love. Keep up the good work and be prepared to "enter into the joy of your Master."

In His love,  
Pastor Eric

## In our prayers we remember. . .

Mary Lee Lewis, Shirley Finke, Kay Crawford, Angie Harville Singleton, Collin Smith, Ora Nell James, Polly Harville, Pastor Eric Dehmer, Rob Bond, Bob Stewart, Johnnie Ferguson, Addisor Orlando, George Klett, Richard Shimshack, the family of David Stolz and the family of Cory DeAeth and the family of Pearl Roesse.



**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. . .



- Last chance for updates before the new directory process starts: 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: [friedenschurchhofwashington@gmail.com](mailto:friedenschurchhofwashington@gmail.com).
- Friedens is looking for a **Sunday School Superintendent**, if you are interested, please contact Pastor Eric Dehmer or Charlie Canatella.
- The Women's Fellowship sponsored their annual potluck luncheon on May 30th to honor those **graduating from high school or college**. Please see list of graduates for the 2020 and 2021 year further in this newsletter.
- Women's Fellowship is collecting **School Supplies** to be donated to the Salvation Army in Bryan. Please the list of items further in this newsletter.
- Mark your calendar for **UCC Take-out meal** for September 26<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow.
- Mark your calendar for Friedens Church of Washington Homecoming on October 17<sup>th</sup>. This will be a congregational meeting and meal.
- **"Wreaths across America"** in honor of Veterans on 12/18 in Friedens Cemetery. Sponsor a wreath for \$15.00. Contact John Barton 936-878-9985 or Linda Jurecka 979-877-4049.

### 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.
- **UCC Women** meet every first Wednesday at 6:00 pm
- **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.

## Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

### *Needing Volunteers*

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

## Food Pantry Items Needed

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.**

August 1 – LouAnn and Charlie Canatella  
 August 8 – Open  
 August 15 – Open  
 August 22 – Open  
 August 29– Open  
  
 September 5 – Open  
 September 12 – Open  
 September 19 – Open  
 September 26 – Open



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

| Liturgist                   | Acolytes           | Ushers/Greeters              |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| August 1 – Jim Latham       | Mitchell Schlabach | Tanya Parsons & Ollie Walker |
| August 8 – Becky Barton     | Bailee Wilson      | Dane & Jamie Pawlowski       |
| August 15 – Amanda Stolz    | Lila Ray Kennedy   | Kathy & Steve Pawlowski      |
| August 22 – John Walkoviak  | Katie Becker       | Sis Renn & Amy Stolz         |
| August 29 – Ashley Wilson   | Brooklynn Stolz    | Thresia & Keith Schlabach    |
| Sept 5 – Russell Borgstedte | Mitchell Schlabach | James & Jackie Schroeder     |
| Sept 12 – Sandra Bosse      | Quinn Schulze      | Bridgette & Kevin Schulze    |
| Sept 19 – Vivian Kolkhorst  | Bailee Wilson      | Ginger Scott                 |
| Sept 26 – Flora Mason       | Lila Ray Kennedy   | Kristyn & Brian Smith        |

## 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

|              |                   |                 |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| August 1     | Flora Mason       | Don Kolkhorst   |
| August 8     | Betsy Bosse       | Ron Werchan     |
| August 15    | Kathy Kennedy     | Cindy Walkoviak |
| August 22    | Charlie Canatella | Jim Latham      |
| August 29    | Sandra Bosse      | Monica Martin   |
| September 5  | Flora Mason       | Don Kolkhorst   |
| September 12 | Betsy Bosse       | Ron Werchan     |
| September 19 | Kathy Kennedy     | Cindy Walkoviak |
| September 26 | Charlie Canatella | Jim Latham      |

### Information from the last council meeting:

Please mark your calendars now for October 17<sup>th</sup> for a Friedens Homecoming (a meal will be included) and a Congregational meeting during worship.

The church council is looking for new council members for 2022-2023; therefore, if you are interested in serving on Friedens Church Council, please contact Charlie Canatella.

## Sunday School Happenings. . .

SS is out for the Summer and will résumé on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

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



**Vacation Bible School** was a HIT. Everyone had a great time! Thank you to all the volunteers that helped put on this awesome 2021 Vacation Bible School.



## New Members . . .

Please welcome **Laura & Larry Hargrave** of Washington and **James (Jim) & Judy Burke** of Bellville, to Friedens. We are so grateful they have joined Friedens and we love having them in Bible Study each Thursday.



## Weddings. . .

**Susan Russell Lapeyre and James Lapeyre**, were united in marriage at Friedens Church of Washington on June 26, 2021. Best wishes on this wonderful journey, as you build your new lives together. We are wishing you a lifetime of love and happiness.

## Loss of Loved Ones . . .

**Valgene Benker**, 76, of Washington, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Gene was born on July 5, 1944 to Fritz and Clara Benker in Brenham, Washington County, Texas. Funeral Services were held at Friedens Church of Washington on June 5, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Eric Dehmer officiating. Committal service followed in the church cemetery.

**David Stolz**, 33, was born on October 12, 1987 in Fort Worth, Texas to Amy Stolz. David passed away on Saturday, June 19, 2021. David's funeral service was held at Friedens Church of Washington on June 25, 2021 at 2.00 p.m. with Rev. Eric Dehmer officiating.

**Arthur Steele**, 85, was born on October 4, 1935 in Navasota, Texas. Arthur passed away on Sunday, May 23, 2021. His funeral was held on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at Friedens Church of Washington at 2:00 pm. with Rev. Eric Dehmer officiating. Committal service followed in the Friedens Church cemetery.

**Georgia Pearl Rouse**, 78, of Washington, passed away Friday, July 2, at Christus Santa Rosa Hospital in San Marcos. Visitation with family and friends was held Wednesday, July 7, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at Nobles Funeral Chapel. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 8, at 10:00 AM at Friedens Church of Washington UCC with Rev. Eric Dehmer officiating. Committal service followed in the church cemetery.

## Thank You . . .

Dearest friends and family of Friedens Church

A heartfelt thanks to everyone that sent a card, made a phone call, provided food, made a memorial, or simply offered your prayers for comfort and support.

A special Thank you to Pastor Eric and Lori for taking the time to come visit Arthur and pray over him during his transition into his eternal life, and for the beautiful service in honor of Arthur's life.

The family of Arthur Steele is forever grateful for each of you for these kind gestures.

Mary Helen Steele

## Another option for providing your offerings to Friedens!

We now have a way to give using your phone, tablet, or the website for those people who don't like to write checks, and for members who live out of town and want a convenient way to give. You can still write checks or give cash; this will be convenient for those who do everything online. You will still be able to designate where your money goes, ie. Offering, Repair fund, Disaster Relief, etc.



The app is called Tithe.ly and you can give using credit card, debit card or direct ACH withdrawal. There is a modest processing charge associated with the online giving. You will have the option to have the fee taken out of your donation, or adding the fee to your donation. The fee structure is:

2.9% + \$0.30 per Transaction Credit or Debit Card

1% + \$0.30 per Transaction for ACH direct transfer

3.05% + \$0.30 per Transaction American Express Cards

To use this service:

1. You can log on to the church website at [www.friedens.com](http://www.friedens.com), look for the Giving button (at the bottom of the homepage) and click there. You will be asked for your name, email and phone number the first time that you give. You can log on each time that you want to give, or you can set up a recurring gift so that you don't have to log on each time.
2. Also, You can go to the Apple app store or Google Play app store and download the **Tithe.ly** app (Not the Tithely Pay app\*). The Logo is a green leaf (see above) the first time, you will need to set up your account information and search for Friedens Church of Washington, TX. You will also have to set a pin number.

*\*The Tithely Pay app is for churches that sell things such as a bake sale and want to be able to take credit card payments. This will not work for tithing.*

**Note:** Thanks to **Ron Werchan** for researching and completing all the information so we can have this option of "Giving." Thanks to Denise Stolz for adding this option to the "Giving" link on the bottom of the church website for your ease of use.

## Congratulations to our Graduates. . .

The Women's Fellowship honored the below graduates on May 30th with a Pot Luck lunch following church worship. We want to send out a Congratulations to all our graduates.

### 2020 COLLEGE GRADS

**Victoria (Tori) Bosse** is the daughter of Kevin and Ginger Bosse and the granddaughter of Betsy Bosse. She graduated from Texas A&M University in 2020 as a Summa Cum Laude honor student in just 3 years. Tori majored in Management in the May's School of Business and is now attending South Texas of Law in Houston.

**Richard Brett Fowler Jr. (B.J.)** is the son of Brett & Becky Fowler and the grandson of Betty Dickschat. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 2020 with a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Agricultural Systems Management and a minor in Entrepreneurship and Agricultural Economics. B.J. has also graduated from Firefighter School and has passed all the exams and is currently applying for a firefighter position.

### 2021 COLLEGE GRADS

**William James McKeown** is the son of the late Sandra Bosse McKeown and Jay McKeown and the grandson of Betsy Bosse. He graduated from Texas State University in San Marcus with a degree in General Studies. He is currently interviewing for job opportunities in the business field.

**Lois Kate Kolkhorst** is the daughter of Jim & Lois Kolkhorst and the granddaughter of Vivian Kolkhorst. Lois Kate graduated Cum Laude from TCU. She received a degree in Fashion Design and has started a job in Dallas with Neiman Marcus.

**Benjamin William (Ben) Bosse** is the son of Kevin & Ginger Bosse and the grandson of Betsy Bosse. Ben graduated from Brenham High School as a Summa Cum Laude honor student. He was awarded the Brenham High School Baseball Alumni Scholarship, the Washington County Fair Association Scholarship, and the Washington County Wildlife Society Scholarship. He also received the American Legion School Award. Ben was awarded a scholarship by Auburn University where he will play baseball.

**Jake Kolkhorst** is the son of Jim & Lois Kolkhorst and the grandson of Vivian Kolkhorst. Jake graduated from Brenham High School as a Magna Cum Laude honor student. He was offered and accepted a baseball scholarship from TCU where he will continue his dream of playing college baseball.

**Abigail (Abby) Stolz** the daughter is the daughter of Jeff & Amanda Stolz. Abby graduated from Brenham High School. She plans to attend Texas A&M where she has been accepted into the prestigious May's School of Business.

**Allie Summerlin** is the daughter of Clay & Angie Bosse and the granddaughter of Clint & Sandra Bosse. Allie graduated from College Station High School. She plans to attend Blinn College Jr. and then transfer to the University of Florida to major in political science.

## Women's Fellowship Mission Projects . . .

Join us each month for a monthly (third Thursday of each month) meeting beginning at 2:15 in the Fellowship Hall. We would love to have you!

### Mission Work:

- Collecting cards for the elderly in Nursing Homes. (container is in Narthex.)
- Collecting food items for the local Food Pantries. (containers in the Narthex.)
- School Supply items (see more information and list below).
- Collecting Hygiene items project. (see list below).

Women's Fellowship is collecting **School supplies** to be donated to the Salvation Army in Bryan. If you are interesting in donating some school supplies, please find the list below:

- #2 Yellow pencils
- Boxed 24 Crayons
- Boxed Color Pencils
- Pencil Pouch (3 hole punched)
- Boxed Crayola Markers
- Soft Pink Erasers
- Black/Blue Dry Erase Markers
- 4 oz Bottles white glue
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Vinyl Folders w/brads
- Spiral notebooks (70 pages, wide-ruled)
- Construction Paper (12x18)
- Manila Paper (12x18)
- Notebook paper (150 sheets, wide ruled)
- Facial Tissues

Women's Fellowship is collecting **Hygiene items** to be donated. If you are interesting in donating some school supplies, please find the list below:

- Hand Towel (16"x28")
- Wash Cloth
- Wide tooth comb
- Toothbrush
- Tube of Toothpaste
- Bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- Plastic soap contain
- Deodorant (solid or roll on)
- Disposable plastic razor
- Travel size hand sanitizer
- Travel size insect repellent (opt)



## UCC Women's . . .

Join us each month for a monthly meeting (first Wednesday of each month) beginning at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We would love to have you!

- Mark your calendars for a Take-out meal scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Last meeting the UCC Women's toured the Washington Volunteer Fire Department's new building.



## Mark your calendar for upcoming Concerts:

### **Flowers for Mary: A Concert in Honor of Our Lady – August 13, 2021**

7:30 pm at Christ Our Light Catholic Church at 9677 N Hwy 6 Loop Navasota, TX

Featuring the Combined Voices from

Christ Our Light, Navasota

St. Mary's, Brenham,

St. Mary's, Plantersville,

St. Stanislaus, Anderson

Admission: free – please bring flowers for Our Lady

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A Concert to Honor the Fallen – September 11, 2021

6 pm at Friedens Church of Washington

Susan Russell Lapeyre, piano and harp

Robyn Baldrige, soprano

Matthew Hulon, tenor

Admission: free

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA -

HONOR VETERANS ON DECEMBER 18

FRIEDENS CEMETERY SPONSOR A WREATH FOR \$15.00

CONTACT JOHN BARTON (936 878 9985) LINDA JURECKA (979 877 4049)

Heart of Texas Association News. . .

Dear Heart of Texas Association friends,

I have had the privilege of serving as the Association Minister for the Heart of Texas Association and, before that, the Brazos Association, since 2006. Through the years, I have worked with many tremendous folks who have become friends. I have been inspired by the faith in Christ, the generosity of spirit, the generosity in material giving and hands-on work, and the wisdom of so many in our churches, among our ministers, and among our Members in Discernment. I have worked with valued colleagues with our Conference Ministers. I have experienced a warm welcome over and over in our churches. You have enriched my spirit and my faith.

After long consideration, I am now announcing my retirement. I began my time in this position just before Douglas Anders started his ministry as Conference Minister, and found that this timing really helped establish a great working relationship between us. Because of my experience with Douglas, I believe the best time for a new Association Minister to start is at this time when Phil Hodson is coming on as Conference Minister. In my own family life, our children are in Austin, in Vermont, and (including a grandchild) in Montreal. Particularly after the difficult separation of the past year, my husband and I want to spend much more time with them and with the rest of our extended family. We will be spending much of the summer with our family in the Northeast, and I will continue to work long-distance while we are there.

I am willing to stay in this position until you are able to find a replacement or until the Fall Association Meeting, whichever is sooner. I certainly will be available and helpful in any way I can to help the transition be a good one. In order to support the ministry of whoever you call to be the new Association Minister, I will be distancing myself for an appropriate period from Association life as the ministerial code of ethics we as UCC pastors commit to charges us to do. I will remain active at Congregational Church of Austin, where I have been a member for many years.

It has been a joy to serve you as the Heart of Texas Association Minister.

Blessings in Christ,
Liz Nash

**Upcoming Events are marked on your calendars
(see attached August and September).**

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August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Refreshments (Sunday School) & Fellowship prior to Worship. Communion, Choir singing Contemporary/Youth Service at 9:00 am L--Jim Latham A--Mitchell Schlabach G--Tanya Parsons & Ollie Walker	2	3 Council Meeting	4 UCC Women's Meeting 6:00 pm	5 Bible Study at 10 am	6	7
8 L--Becky Barton A--Bailee Wilson G--Dane & Jamie Pawlowski	9	10 Trustee's Mtg 6:30 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	11	12 Bible Study at 10 am	13 Concert -@ Christ Our Light Catholic church 7:30 pm - Admission free (bring flowers)	14
15 L--Amanda Stolz A--Lila Ray Kennedy G--Kathy & Steve Pawlowski	16	17	18	19 Bible Study at 10 am Women's Fellowship Mtg at 2:15 pm	20	21
22 L--John Walkowiak A--Katie Becker G--Sis Renn & Amy Stolz	23	24	25	26 Bible Study at 10 am	27	28
29 Pot Luck Choir Practice after worship. L--Ashley Wilson A--Brooklyn Stolz G--Theresa & Keith Schlabach	30	31				

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September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 UCC Meeting 6:00 pm	2 Bible Study at 10 am	3	4
5 Refreshments (Council) & Fellowship prior to Worship. Communion, Choir singing Contemporary Youth Service at 9:00 am L-Russell Borgstedt A-Mitchell Schlabach G-James & Jackie Schroeder	6	7	8	9 Bible Study at 10 am	10	11 Concert at Friedens to Honor the Fallen at 6:00 pm- Admission free
12 L-Sandra Bosse A-Quinn Schulze G-Bridgette & Kevin Schulze	13	14 Council Meeting at 7pm	15	16 Bible Study at 10 am	17	18
19 L-Vivian Kolkhorst A-Bailee Wilson G-Ginger Scott	20	21	22	23 Bible Study at 10 am Women's Fellowship Mtg at 2:15 pm	24	25
26 UCC Women Takeout meal after church- Brisket L-Flora Mason A-Lila Ray Kennedy G-Kristyn & Brian Smith	27	28	29	30 Bible Study at 10 am		

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