

# SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

## FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, UCC

"A Country Church with an Open Door"

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### Message from the Pastor

In heavenly armor we'll enter the land;  
The battle belongs to the Lord.  
No weapon that's fashioned against us shall stand;  
The battle belongs to the Lord.\*

My heart is full of joy as I write this;  
Throughout this part of my life's journey I Have experienced God moving in the midst of those around me in new and powerful ways I never dreamed imaginable. God has used my current situation to raise up the congregations to pray for me and through their actions have been a witness while inspiring even more of those around them to seek the Lord in prayer.

While I appreciate the prayers which have been most effective in my behalf I am even more moved by the great outpouring of faith voiced through the actions of fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. I've only been at Friedens for 2½ years but cannot remember a time when so many of us joined together in prayer for the same thing. I could be mistaken, but it seems to me that our church fellowship has been drawn closer together as result of the situation I'm currently facing.

When your enemy presses in hard, do not fear;  
The battle belongs to the Lord.  
Take courage my friend, your redemption is near;  
The battle belongs to the Lord.\*

In a recent worship service conducted on August 15<sup>th</sup>, John Walkoviak went out on a limb when he asked anyone desiring healing prayer to come to the chancel to receive. Almost two dozen people responded to the invitation. As we were participating in the laying on of hands, one dear sister asked, "What's happening to our church?" My response is that if we want to see a movement of the Holy Spirit in our midst we have to create the atmosphere of invitation. That's exactly what John did and the Spirit showed up in a powerful way.

Many pastors (myself included) dream of a spiritual awakening taking place in the congregation they serve but seldom see it unfold, regardless of their best efforts. I am one of the few pastors witnessing it unfold in God's perfect timing in their midst. I never dreamed that my health situation would serve as a catalyst for an outpouring of the Spirit, but it has. So all I can say in response is, "Bring it on Lord - give us more!"

Also, we need to get the ball rolling on confirmation and as soon as I have dates I'll let you know.

One last thing: how am I doing in my fight against cancer? I'm trusting entirely in God and that His will be done in my life. You see, in simply trusting Him it's not my fight - the battle belongs to the Lord.

\*The Battle Belongs to the Lord, song by John Michael Talbot

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, Johnnie Ferguson, Addison Orlando, Richard Shimshack, Jeanine Falgout, Betty Dickschat, Christie Hollaway Peggy Johnson, Hattie Gross, Johnny Wisnoski, Britney Moreno, Chase Meekins and Danny Meekins.



**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. . .



- **A Contemporary/Youth Service** will be held at 9:00 a.m. on September 5<sup>th</sup>, (every first Sunday of the month). Please come and join us. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Eric.
- **Confirmation Class for 2021-2022** will begin soon. The Pastor is currently working on dates and they will be posted soon.
- Friedens is still looking for a **Sunday School Superintendent**, if you are interested; please contact Pastor Eric Dehmer or Charlie Canatella.
- Mark your calendar the Date as changed: **UCC Take-out meal** for September 26<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow.
- Mark your calendar for A **Concert in Honor of the Fallen on September 11<sup>th</sup>** at Friedens church at 6 pm. Susan Russell Lapeyre: Piano and Harp. Robyn Baldrige, Soprano and Matthew Hulon, Tenor.
- Mark your calendar for a **Congregational meeting** on September 12, 2021 after worship.
- Mark your calendar for Friedens Church of Washington **Homecoming on October 17<sup>th</sup>**. This will be a congregational meeting and meal.
- Emmuas Walks scheduled: Men's Walk #120 - October 7-10, 2021 and Women's Walk #121 - October 21-24, 202. Please see Pastor Eric for details.
- **"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:

- **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

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.**

September 5 – Open  
 September 12 – Open  
 September 19 – Open  
 September 26 – Open

October 3 – In memory of Arthur Steele  
 October 10 – Open  
 October 17 – Open  
 October 24 – In honor of Scott & Monica Martin's Anniversary  
 October 31 – In honor of Keith & Thresia Schlabach's 19<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 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               |
| October 3 – Heather Fuller  | Katie Becker       | Mary Helen Steele & Cindy Walkoviak |
| October 10 – Wesley Stolz   | Brooklynn Stolz    | Elroy & Denise Stolz                |
| October 17 – Jim Latham     | Quinn Schulze      | Herbert & Dorothy Stolz             |
| October 24 – Becky Barton   | Mitchell Schlabach | Jeff & Amanda Stolz                 |
| October 31 – Jim Burke      | Bailee Wilson      | Abby Stolz and Kameron Stolz        |

## 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

|              |                   |                 |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| September 5  | Flora Mason       | Don Kolkhorst   |
| September 12 | Betsy Bosse       | Ron Werchan     |
| September 19 | Kathy Kennedy     | Cindy Walkoviak |
| September 26 | Charlie Canatella | Jim Latham      |
| October 3    | Sandra Bosse      | Monica Martin   |
| October 10   | Flora Mason       | Don Kolkhorst   |
| October 17   | Betsy Bosse       | Ron Werchan     |
| October 24   | Kathy Kennedy     | Cindy Walkoviak |
| October 31   | Charlie Canatella | Jim Latham      |

### Information from the last council meeting:

Please mark your calendars for September 12<sup>th</sup> for a Congregational Meeting after worship.

Also, on October 17<sup>th</sup> Friedens is having a Homecoming (a meal will be included) and a Congregational meeting after 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.

## Refreshments and Fellowship prior to Worship . . .

We will be having refreshments and fellowship prior to worship every first Sunday of the month. Therefore, on September 5, the church council will bring refreshments, so please come join us.

### Schedule for Refreshments

September 5<sup>th</sup> – Church Council  
 October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Women's Fellowship  
 November 7<sup>th</sup> – UCC Women  
 December 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School



### 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.



**Blessing of the Backpacks** was held during worship on August 15<sup>th</sup>. See image below. Please Lord grant them with a great school year.

**Promotion Sunday** was held on August 22 and after worship all the Sunday School kids and parents enjoyed a meal and swim time at Jeff and Amanda Stolz’s.



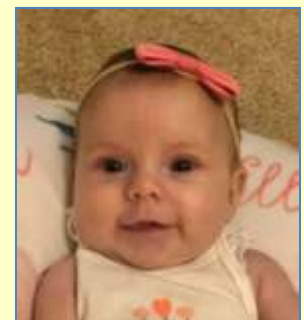
### Births . . .

**Jim and Brittany Stolz** are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Skylar Rose Stolz** born August 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm. She weighed 5 pounds 11 ounces. She is welcomed home by her big sister Swayzee. Grandparents are: James and Linda Stolz of Washington, Texas and Butch and Sara Roberts of Mississippi.



### Baptism. . .

**Ella Rae Marek**, baptized on September 5, 2021. Ella is the daughter of T.J. and Lindsey Marek and the sister of Ailyn. Grandparents are Rodney & Sue Gandy of Brenham, Texas and Tommy & Mary Marek of Navasota, Texas. Sponsors are Haley Gandy, Laura Williams, Cory Marek and Chad Marek.



## UCC Women's Take-Out Meal. . .

- Mark your calendars for a **Take-out meal scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup>**. Purchase your tickets from any UCC Women's Group member.

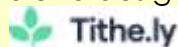
\*Meal will consist of Brisket and Sausage, buttered potatoes, green beans, bread and homemade dessert.

## Emmaus Walk Scheduled for October . . .

A **Men's Emmaus Walk** is scheduled for October 7 – 10, 2021 and it will be the Men's Walk #120. A **Women's Emmaus Walk** is scheduled for October 21 – 24, 2021 and it will be the Women's Walk #121. Please contact Pastor Eric if you are interested in attending either of the scheduled walks.

## REMINDER: 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 **Titheley** 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.

## Prayers of Healing . . .

Thought I would take a little time and put a note together about the prayers after the service on the 15<sup>th</sup>. You may include this in the newsletter.

The “idea” of asking for those to come forward for prayers of healing and or to be part of a group that is praying for healing for their fellow Christian started to take root as I read the scripture (Mark 5: 21-43). I did not have an opportunity to deliver the message when I planned. I knew that I would eventually have the opportunity to deliver the message based on this particular scripture, and as I continued to dwell on it, I became more and more convinced that asking to pray for people was something that was desperately needed. You may say that I was moved to do this, and this was something very personal for me as well as something very emotional for me. This came to fruition through continued meditation and praying. Asking the Lord to guide me in this decision, which he did.

I truly and wholeheartedly believe that praying for/over someone is a very simple yet powerful show of love for that person. I am reminded of John 13:34 “And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

I too am reminded of this passage. John 13:14-15, “I, your Lord and Teacher, have just washed your feet. You then, should wash one another’s feet. I have set an example for you, so that you will do just what I have done for you.”

We often think of these verses during the culmination of Lent. There is another lesson here, and that is being allowed to be a servant. Washing of the feet was something normally done by slaves, but here is our Lord performing this task. He is showing us all how to be a servant, and that it is just as important to receive this simple gesture by being allowed to be a servant to others.

Asking someone to pray for them, and being allowed to do so is powerful as it allows someone wanting to be a servant to others to actually be that servant. Being the person that asks for prayer and then receiving those prayers is very powerful as well. This simple act that was performed for so many after worship service on August 15<sup>th</sup> was quite profound, and I must say, very emotional for those that came forward asking for and receiving prayer.

As noted in the sermon, it is letting go of pride, and being desperate enough to come to Jesus. In this case, to ask for prayer. For those that came forward, it took courage, it took letting go of pride, it is saying, “I need help”, it is needing Jesus and coming to Jesus. Those that came forward, came with the empty hands of faith.

I can certainly say that Christ was present on this day. This simple, yet very powerful gesture has made it clear to me, that we should do this more often.

For those that came forward, I clearly see each of you, and by holding your “empty hands of faith” I felt your desperation, your pain, your anguish. I truly pray that each of you felt something inside too, perhaps you felt love, compassion, and even the healing so desperately needed.

I too recall the five, very profound words that Jesus spoke to Jairus when his daughter died. “Do not fear; Only believe!”

If you are in need of prayer, I will gladly hold your hands, and pray for you.

John Walkoviak

**Mark your calendar for upcoming Concerts:**

**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) or  
LINDA JURECKA (979 877 4049)

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



# Friedens Church of Washington

## September

| <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>UCC Meeting 6:00 pm | <b>2</b><br>Bible Study at 10 am                                                | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b>                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>5</b> Refreshments (Council) & Fellowship prior to Worship. Communion, Baptizm Choir singing Contemporary/Youth Service at 9:00 am L-Russell Borgstedte A-Mitchell Schlabbach G-James & Jackie Schroeder | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>                         | <b>8</b>                        | <b>9</b><br>Bible Study at 10 am                                                | <b>10</b>  | <b>11</b> Concert at Friedens to Honor the Fallen at 6:00 pm- Admission free<br>~~~~~<br>Emmaus Gathering - at Chappell Hill UMC - 1:00 pm potluck followed by worship |
| <b>12</b> Congregational Meeting after worship L-Sandra Bosse A-Quinn Schulze G-Bridgette & Kevin Schulze                                                                                                   | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b> Council Meeting at 7pm | <b>15</b>                       | <b>16</b><br>Bible Study at 10 am<br>~~~~~<br>Women's Fellowship Mtg at 2:15 pm | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b>                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>19</b><br>L-Vivian Kolkhorst A-Bailee Wilson G-Ginger Scott                                                                                                                                              | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b>                        | <b>22</b>                       | <b>23</b><br>Bible Study at 10 am                                               | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b>                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>26</b> UCC Women Takeout meal after church- Brisket L-Flora Mason A-Lila Ray Kennedy G-Kristina & Brian Smith                                                                                            | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>                        | <b>29</b>                       | <b>30</b><br>Bible Study at 10 am                                               |            |                                                                                                                                                                        |

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## October

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                               | Mon                                              | Tue                                                 | Wed                           | Thu                                                                                                     | Fri                                | Sat                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                  |                                                     |                               |                                                                                                         | <b>1</b>                           | <b>2</b>                           |
| <b>3</b> Refreshments (Council) & Fellowship prior to Worship, Communion, Baptism<br>Choir singing<br>L-Heather Fuller<br>A-Katja Becker<br>G-Mary Helen Steale & Cindy Walkovick | <b>4</b>                                         | <b>5</b>                                            | <b>6</b> UCC Women's 6:00 pm. | <b>7</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.<br>Men's Emmaus Walk #120                                            | <b>8</b> Men's Emmaus Walk #120    | <b>9</b> Men's Emmaus Walk #120    |
| <b>10</b> Men's Emmaus Walk #120<br>L-Wesley Stolz<br>A-Brooklyn Stolz<br>G-Elroy & Denise Stolz                                                                                  | <b>11</b>                                        | <b>12</b> Trustee's Mtg 6:30<br>Council Mtg 7:00 pm | <b>13</b>                     | <b>14</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.                                                                     | <b>15</b>                          | <b>16</b>                          |
| <b>17</b> Homecoming (includes meal) & Congregational Mtg.<br>L-Jim Latham<br>A-Quinn Schulze<br>G-Herbert & Dorothy Stolz                                                        | <b>18</b> Bread Partners (Fisherman of Friedens) | <b>19</b>                                           | <b>20</b>                     | <b>21</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.<br><b>Women's Fellowship at 2:15 pm</b><br>Women's Emmaus Walk #121 | <b>22</b> Women's Emmaus Walk #121 | <b>23</b> Women's Emmaus Walk #121 |
| <b>24</b> Women's Emmaus Walk #121<br>L-Becky Barton<br>A-Mitchell Schlabach<br>G-Jeff & Amanda Stolz                                                                             | <b>25</b>                                        | <b>26</b>                                           | <b>27</b>                     | <b>28</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.                                                                     | <b>29</b>                          | <b>30</b>                          |
| <b>31</b> Pot Luck after worship. Bring a dish to share.<br>SS - Trunk or Treat<br>Choir Practices after worship.<br>L-Jim Burke<br>A-Bailee Wilson<br>G-Abby & Kasper Stolz      |                                                  |                                                     |                               |                                                                                                         |                                    |                                    |

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