

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, UCC

Message from the Pastor

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#### **Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**

These were the words of the Apostle Paul as expressed in 1 Thessalonians 5:18. In much of his writings Paul stressed the importance of continually giving thanks for all God has done in our lives as all our blessings come from Him. As I approach the end of my third year as your pastor I give Him all the thanks and glory for calling me to Friedens Church because of the wonderful things I have been allowed to witness Him accomplish during that time.

We have engaged in some new ministries in our greater community and strengthened our ties with previously existing ones. I'm especially proud of the establishment of our church men's group, Fishermen of Friedens, and the work they do in the community and behind the scenes at church. Our two women's groups, UCC Women and Women's Fellowship, continue to serve in wonderful ways. And, our Thursday Morning Study group is doing great things, as well.

The current culture of our church is perceived by many to be a friendly, welcoming place to come together for worship and some of the folks who had previously left us are now returning.

To me, our church is in a better place today to serve our community and continue in growth.

**And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 1 Peter 5:10**

During my recent journey with cancer I have come to a new understanding of exactly how God is able to bring good out of any bad situation we might encounter in life. As I shared above, our church seems to be in a better place today and one of the ways that I have witnessed that is through the outpouring of love and support that Lori and I have personally witnessed on the part of our congregation during this journey. You, as the church of Jesus Christ have undertaken much of His work to **"restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish"** both of us during this time. I am grateful to be part of a congregation which pours out love into the lives of others as you have for Lori and I.

**My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.**

Finally we find in the words of James 1:2-3 that if we remain faithful in our calling God will equip us to do even greater things in His name. As we approach this season of thanksgiving may we find it in our hearts to not only give Him thanks for all that He is accomplishing in our midst but also embrace a spirit of anticipation in what we trust He will continue to do in our future together as Christ's church.

In His love, Pastor Eric

## In our prayers we remember. . .

Mary Lee Lewis, Shirley Finke, Kay Crawford, Angie Harville Singleton, Collin Smith, Polly Harville, Pastor Eric Dehmer, Rob Bond, Johnnie Ferguson, Addison Orlando, Richard Shimshack, Jeanine Falgout, Hattie Gross, James Lawrence, Buddy May, Beatrice Stewart, Paul Bellard, Terry Schoonover and Brandon Warren, Ben Carbo, Christina Holloway, Madeline Almquist and Pat Beirute.



**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. . .



- **Confirmation Class for 2021-2022** began on Wednesday, September 22 and will continue every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall until June 2022. No Confirmation class on November 24 or December 22.
- Friedens is still looking for a **Sunday School Superintendent**, if you are interested; please contact Pastor Eric Dehmer or Charlie Canatella.
- On November 14<sup>th</sup>, Friedens will have a **Congregational Meeting** after worship to approve 2022 budget and reinstate Pastor Eric Dehmer to full status.
- On November 21<sup>st</sup>, Friedens will have **Totenfest and Dedication of Memorials** during worship.
- On November 24<sup>th</sup>, **Thanksgiving Eve Service** at 6 pm followed by community fellowship (potluck ) dinner in Fellowship Hall.
- On November 28<sup>th</sup> Friedens will have the program **"Hanging of the Greens"**. If you would like to be included in the program, please contact Denise Stolz at 936-878-2523.
- December 12<sup>th</sup> will be the **Choir Cantata** during worship.
- **"Wreaths across America"** in honor of Veterans on 12/18 in Friedens Cemetery. (See more information below).
- December 19 will be the **Sunday School Christmas Program**.
- On December 24<sup>th</sup>, we will have a **Christmas Eve Service** at 6:00 pm service.

### Monthly Reminders:

- **UCC Women** meet every first Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Except for this November and December. November 19<sup>th</sup> luncheon at Martha's Bloomers and December 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas event.
- **Women's Fellowship** meet every third Thursday at 2:15 p.m. except in December, which the meeting will be on December 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Christmas event.
- **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.
- **During November and December - Choir will have Cantata practice** after worship each Sunday and Cantata will be on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

### *Needing Volunteers*

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

## Food Pantry Items Needed

November – Cornbread, Biscuit Mixes  
 December – Your Choice – bring early so the food pantries can distribute for Christmas.

January – Bring whatever you want.  
 February – Hot and cold cereal.

## 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.**

- November 7 – Memory of Lugene Lohmeyer.
- November 14 – Open
- November 21 – Open
- November 28 – Open
- December 5 – Open
- December 12 – Open
- December 19 – Open
- December 26 – Open



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

| Liturgist                        | Acolytes           | Ushers/Greeters                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| November 7 – John Walkoviak      | Lila Ray Kennedy   | Terrance & Elaine Warmke       |
| November 14 – Ashley Wilson      | Katie Becker       | Cindy & John Walkoviak         |
| November 21 – Russell Borgstedte | Brooklynn Stolz    | Craig & Cindy Wellmann         |
| November 28 – Sandra Bosse       | Quinn Schulze      | David & Kim Wellmann           |
| December 5 – Vivian Kolkhorst    | Mitchell Schlabach | Debbie Wellmann & Jon Wellmann |
| December 12 – Flora Mason        | Bailee Wilson      | Don & Jane Wellmann            |
| December 19 – Heather Fuller     | Lila Ray Kennedy   | Tracy & Effie Wellmann         |
| December 24 – Jim Burke          | Katie Becker       | Tim & Ashley Wilson            |
| December 26 – Jim Latham         | Brooklynn Stolz    | Joe & Lindsey Young            |

## 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

|             |                   |                 |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| November 7  | Flora Mason       | Don Kolkhorst   |
| November 14 | Betsy Bosse       | Ron Werchan     |
| November 21 | Kathy Kennedy     | Cindy Walkoviak |
| November 28 | Charlie Canatella | Jim Latham      |
|             |                   |                 |
| December 5  | Sandra Bosse      | Monica Martin   |
| December 12 | Flora Mason       | Don Kolkhorst   |
| December 19 | Betsy Bosse       | Ron Werchan     |
| December 24 | Kathy Kennedy     | Cindy Walkoviak |
| December 26 | Charlie Canatella | Jim Latham      |

### Information from the last council meeting:

Friedens is still looking for a **Sunday School Superintendent**, if you are interested; please contact Pastor Eric Dehmer or 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 October 3, the church council will bring refreshments, so please come join us.

### Schedule for Refreshments

November 7<sup>th</sup> – UCC Women  
 December 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School

January 2 – Council  
 February 6 – Women's Fellowship  
 March 6 – UCC Women  
 April 3 – Sunday School  
 May 1 – Council  
 June 5 – Women's Fellowship  
 July 3 – UCC Women  
 August 7 - Sunday School



## Sunday School Happenings. . .



On October 31<sup>st</sup>, the Sunday School celebrated "Trunk or Treat" after worship and had hot dogs and lots of candy.

Christmas Program practice will be every Sunday in November and December until 12/12.

Sunday School Christmas Program will be December 19 during church worship. See you there.

## UCC Women's Happening and Gift Basket Winners. . .

UCC Women's will meet on November 19<sup>th</sup> at Martha's Bloomers and Christmas luncheon is December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Becky Barton has been elected UCC Women's President for the 2022 year.

**The two winners of the UCC Women's Gift baskets** were Celeste Dickschat and Kathy Pawlowski. Congratulations!

## Women's Fellowship Happenings . . .

Again, this year Women's Fellowship will host the "Holiday Magic" for the Brenham State Supported Living Center. A list will be provided in the church Narthex and Linda Oberhoff and Thresia Schlabach will sign you up. If you have any questions, please contact LaNell Langford.

Women's Fellowship Christmas party will be on Thursday, December 2 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a Christmas ornament to exchange.

Women's Fellowship officers' elected for the 2022 year are LaNell Langford- President and Joy Dickschat -Treasurer.

Next WF meeting will be November 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 pm.

## REMINDER: Another option for providing your offerings to Friedens!

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 **Tithley** 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.*

## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA - HONOR VETERANS ON DECEMBER 18 In FRIEDENS CEMETERY

A short ceremony will take place at the pavilion on December 18th at 11:00 a.m. and if you purchased a wreath for a loved veteran then you can place it on their gravesite.

We have great news ... Friedens has received enough sponsors to have a wreath on every veteran's gravesite in the Friedens cemetery. Thank you for your support.

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



On October 31<sup>st</sup>, Friedens celebrated Heritage Sunday and had a German Pot Luck. What fun was had by all.




Continued – Heritage Day Pics





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# November

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Mon                                                                             | Tue                             | Wed                                                                                                                                                    | Thu                                                                                                             | Fri                                                     | Sat                                                                                            |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>1</b>                                                                        | <b>2</b><br><b>Election Day</b> | <b>3</b><br>No UCC Women's Mtg.<br>Confirmation Class 6 pm                                                                                             | <b>4</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.                                                                              | <b>5</b>                                                | <b>6</b>                                                                                       |
| <b>7</b> Refreshments (by UCC Women) & Fellowship prior to Worship, Communion, Choir singing, Cantata Rehearsal<br>L-John Walkowiak<br>A-Lila Ray Kennedy<br>G-Terrance & Elaine Warmke                                                    | <b>8</b><br>4-H-Activity Center<br>Fishermen of Friedens deliver Bread Partners | <b>9</b><br>Council Mtg 7:00 pm | <b>10</b><br>Confirmation Class 6 pm                                                                                                                   | <b>11</b> <i>Veteran's Day</i><br>Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.                                                     | <b>12</b>                                               | <b>13</b>                                                                                      |
| <b>14</b> <b>Congregational Meeting to approve Budget &amp; restate Pastor</b><br>SS Christmas prog practice<br>Cantata Rehearsal<br>L-Ashley Wilson<br>A-Katie Becker<br>G-John & Cindy Walkowiak                                         | <b>15</b>                                                                       | <b>16</b>                       | <b>17</b><br>Confirmation Class 6 pm                                                                                                                   | <b>18</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.<br>~ ~ ~ ~ ~<br>Women's Fellowship at 2:15 pm                               | <b>19</b><br>UCC Women's luncheon at Martha's Bloomers. | <b>20</b>                                                                                      |
| <b>21</b> <b>Totenfest and Dedication of Memorials</b><br>*New Member joining.<br>SS Christmas Prog practice<br>Cantata Rehearsal<br>L-Russell Bongstedte<br>A-Brooklyn Stolz<br>G-Craig & Cindy Wellmann                                  | <b>22</b>                                                                       | <b>23</b>                       | <b>24</b> Thanksgiving Eve Service at 6 pm followed by Community Fellowship (potluck) dinner in Fellowship Hall.<br><b>No</b> Confirmation Class today | <b>25</b> No Bible Study<br> | <b>26</b>                                               | <b>27</b> <i>Everyone welcome to decorate the church for the Christmas Season at 9:00 a.m.</i> |
| <b>28</b> <i>"Hanging of the Greens"</i><br>SS Christmas prog practice, Choir to practice and also Cantata Rehearsal<br>Return to church Holiday Magic (State School) gifts<br>L-Sandra Bosse<br>A-Quinn Schulze<br>G-David & Kim Wellmann | <b>29</b><br>Fishermen of Friedens deliver Bread Partners                       | <b>30</b>                       |                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                 |                                                         |                                                                                                |

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## December

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Mon                                                       | Tue                                               | Wed                                                             | Thu                                                                               | Fri                                                          | Sat                                                                                              |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                           |                                                   | <b>1</b><br>No UCC Women's Mtg.<br>Confirmation Class 6 pm      | <b>2</b> Women's Fellowship Christmas Party 11 am<br><br>Bible Study at 10:00 a.m | <b>3</b>                                                     | <b>4</b>                                                                                         |
| <b>5</b> Refreshments (by Sunday School) & Fellowship prior to Worship. Communion, Choir singing<br><i>UCC Christmas Luncheon</i><br>L-Vivian Kolkhorst<br>A-Mitchell Schlabach<br>G-Debbie Wellmann & Jon Wellmann | <b>6</b>                                                  | <b>7</b>                                          | <b>8</b><br>Confirmation Class 6 pm                             | <b>9</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m                                                 | <b>10</b>                                                    | <b>11</b>                                                                                        |
| <b>12</b> <i>Choir: Cantata during church worship</i><br>L-Flora Mason<br>A-Bailee Wilson<br>G-Don & Jane Wellmann                                                                                                  | <b>13</b>                                                 | <b>14</b><br>Trustee Mtg 6:30<br>Council Mtg 7:00 | <b>15</b><br>Confirmation Class 6 pm                            | <b>16</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m                                                | <b>17</b>                                                    | <b>18</b> <i>Wreaths Across America</i><br>Presentation at Pavilion @ 11:00 am                   |
| <b>19</b> <i>Sunday School Christmas Program</i><br><i>du-sing church worship</i><br>L-Heather Fuller<br>A-Lila Ray Kennedy<br>G-Tracy & Effie Wellmann                                                             | <b>20</b><br>Fishermen of Friedens deliver Bread Partners | <b>21</b>                                         | <b>22</b><br>No Confirmation Class                              | <b>23</b><br>No Women's Fellowship mtg<br><br>Bible Study at 10:00 a.m            | <b>24</b> <i>Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 pm</i>            | <b>25</b><br> |
| <b>26</b><br>L-Jim Latham<br>A-Brooklyn Stolz<br>G- Joe & Lindsey Young<br><i>No SS for children</i>                                                                                                                | <b>27</b><br><i>No SS for children</i>                    | <b>28</b><br><i>No SS for children</i>            | <b>29</b><br>No Confirmation Class<br><i>No SS for children</i> | <b>30</b> Bible Study at 10:00 a.m<br><i>No SS for children</i>                   | <b>31</b> <i>New Year's Eve</i><br><i>No SS for children</i> |                                                                                                  |

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