

# JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

## FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, UCC

### Message from the Pastor

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#### Happy New Year!

While I experienced a lot of personal challenges in 2021 I feel that it was a good year in the life of the church. Together with your prayers we were able to persevere in faith to the glory of God.

**The prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective.** - James 5:15 -

In spite of the ongoing COVID crisis we were able to start to resume a number of ministry opportunities curtailed by the pandemic the previous year and add a few more. Even though we didn't have our Lenten study and meals we did have a "Living Last Supper" presentation on Maunday Thursday. And we observed the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11 with a special concert where we also recognized our local first responders. Just last month we honored the memory of our veterans in a special "Wreaths Across America" service and wreath laying in our cemetery. These were all new things to our church and will hopefully become annual events.

**The memory of the righteous will be a blessing.** - Proverbs 10:7 -

I'm excited by the fact that this year we are poised to expand our ministries to our community further with even more new programs - watch this space for details as they emerge. As with all Christian enterprises, these efforts begin with prayer. So please pray for your church; pray for God to raise up additional leadership in our church and pray for God to bless all our undertakings in His name.

**And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.** - John 14:13 -

With the Lord on our side there is no limit to what we can achieve in His name and for His glory. As His church, we have already been handed the victory. So let us embrace this New Year with our heads held high as a victorious people. And then wait and watch with expectation as He continues to pour out His blessings upon us.

In His love,  
Pastor Eric

## In our prayers we remember. . .

Mary Lee Lewis, Shirley Finke, Kay Crawford, Angie Harville Singleton, Collin Smith, Polly Harville, Rob Bond, Johnnie Ferguson, Richard Shimshack, Jeanine Falgout, Buddy May, Beatrice Stewart, Paul Bellard, Brandon Warren, Ben Carbo, Christina Holloway, Madeline Almquist, Pat Beirute, Dorothy Hughes, May Dell Lanham, Virginia Layton, Judy Burke, Sylvia Budraitis and Crew Kolkhorst.



**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. . .



- **New council members** elected to serve a two year term are: Sandra Antill, John Barton, Russell Borgstedte, Rodney Dickschat and Marsha Wellmann Murrell. Please see below under "Church Council Happenings" for full list of council members and church positions for 2022-2023.
- **"Wreaths across America"** in honor of Veterans which was held on December 18<sup>th</sup> was such a moving event. A big **"Thank You" to John Barton and Linda Jurecka** for organizing the event and thanks to all that participated that special day.
- Refreshments and Fellowship prior to worship on Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Installation of Officers and various church organizations** on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.
- We will be removing Christmas decorations from the church on January 9<sup>th</sup> after worship. Please stay and help if you can.
- **Annual Reports and Books are due in the church office** for Audit by January 12th.
- On January 30<sup>th</sup>, Friedens will have a **Congregational Meeting** after worship.
- We are planning our **annual Chili/Stew Supper for Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** from 4:30 until 6:30 pm. If you would like to donate a chicken and broth or a monetary donation, please contact LaNell Langford at 936/878-2942. Final plans have not been made as to whether it will be a drive-thru only or if we will be serving in the activity center in addition to the drive thru. More details will be announced later. Thanking you in advance for all your support..
- Friedens is still looking for a **Sunday School Superintendent**, if you are interested; please contact Pastor Eric Dehmer or Rodney Dickschat.

### **Monthly Reminders:**

- **UCC Women** meet every first Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Except for this November and December.
- **Women's Fellowship** meet every third Thursday at 2:15 p.m. except in December.
- **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 will sing during worship every first Sunday of the month and practice** after worship every last Sunday of the month.

## Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

### *Needing Volunteers*

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

## Food Pantry Items Needed

January – Bring whatever you want.

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

## 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.**

January 2 – Open

January 9 – Open

January 16 – Open

January 23 – Open

January 30 - Open

February 6 – Open

February 13 – Open

February 20 – Open

February 27 – Open



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

### Liturgist

### Acolytes

### Ushers/Greeters

January 2 – Becky Barton  
 January 9 – Jim Burke  
 January 16 – John Walkoviak  
 January 23 – Ashley Wilson  
 January 30 – Russell Borgstedte

Brooklynn Stolz  
 Quinn Schulze  
 Mitchell Schlabach  
 Bailee Wilson  
 Lila Ray Kennedy

Shelly & Chris Addison  
 Jan & John Anastasiades  
 Jenna & Jacob Anastasiades  
 Sandra Antill & Frances Anderson  
 Kevin & Jacque Bartol

February 6 – Sandra Bosse  
 February 13 – Vivian Kolkhorst  
 February 20 – Flora Mason  
 February 27 – Heather Fuller

Katie Becker  
 Brooklynn Stolz  
 Quinn Schulze  
 Mitchell Schlabach

John & Becky Barton  
 Brady & Stacey Becker  
 Brenda Blezinger & Sue Vierus  
 Rob & Nancy Bond

## Church Council Happenings. . .

### Council Members and duties:

Rodney Dickschat, President (2022-2023)  
 Ron Werchan, Vice President (2021-2022)  
 Cindy Walkoviak, Treasurer (2022-2023)  
 Marsha Wellmann, Secretary (2022-2023)  
 Sandra Antill, Church Clerk (2022-2023)

John Barton, Envelope Clerk (2022-2023)  
 Don Kolkhorst (2022-2023)  
 Jim Latham (2022-2023)  
 Monica Martin (2022-2023)  
 Russell Borgstedte (2022-2023)

### Church Council Work Schedule 2021

|             |                    |                 |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| January 2   | John Barton        | Cindy Walkoviak |
| January 9   | Marsha Wellmann    | Don Kolkhorst   |
| January 16  | Rodney Dickschat   | Jim Latham      |
| January 23  | Russell Borgstedte | Monica Martin   |
| January 30  | Sandra Bosse       | Ron Werchan     |
|             |                    |                 |
| February 6  | John Barton        | Cindy Walkoviak |
| February 13 | Marsha Wellmann    | Don Kolkhorst   |
| February 20 | Rodney Dickschat   | Jim Latham      |
| February 27 | Russell Borgstedte | Monica Martin   |

### 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

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. . .

The Sunday School held their Christmas program “**Recipe for a Merry Christmas**” on December 19<sup>th</sup> and the program was so enjoyed by all and especially all the homemade pies. Thank you to Amanda Stolz, Stacey Becker, Lindsey Eckert, and Ashley Wilson and the SS moms for putting together the Christmas program this year.



## 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.*

## Thank you to the Choir Cantata ...

Friedens Church Choir held their **"Festival of Scripture & Songs Cantata"** on December 12<sup>th</sup> and it was such a beautiful event.

Members of the church choir include Dianne Latham-Director, Sandra Antill, Becky Barton, Katie Becker, Sandra Bosse, Betty Dickschat, Raymond Dickschat, Brian Dickschat, Donna Holle, Vivian Kolkhorst, Flora Mason, Bonnie Mohr, Kathy Pawlowski, and Thresia Schlabach. Narrator for the event was Jim Latham and pianist was Susan Russell LaPeyre and Instrumentalist was James LaPeyre.



**Upcoming Events are marked on your calendars  
(see attached January and February).**

**Friedens Church of Washington**

**January**

| <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 Epiphany Sunday</b><br>Refreshments (by Council)<br>& Fellowship prior to<br>Worship, Communion,<br>Choir singing<br>L-Becky Barton<br>A-Brooklynn Stolz<br>G-Shelly & Chris Addison | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b>                                | <b>5 UCC Mtg at</b><br>6:00 pm                                                       | <b>6 Bible Study 10 a.m</b><br>Confirmation Class<br>at 6 pm                                                     | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b>   |
| <b>9 Installation of Officers</b><br>and various church<br>organizations<br>*Remove all Christmas<br>L-Jim Burke<br>A-Quinn Schulze<br>G-Jan & Jon Anastasiades                           | <b>10</b>  | <b>11 Council Meeting</b><br>at 7:00 pm | <b>12 *Annual Reports</b><br>and Books are due in<br>the church office for<br>Audit. | <b>13 Bible Study 10 a.m</b><br>Confirmation Class<br>at 6 pm                                                    | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b>  |
| <b>16</b><br>L-John Walkoviak<br>A-Mitchell Schlabach<br>G-Jenna & Jacob<br>Anastasiades                                                                                                  | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b>                               | <b>19</b>                                                                            | <b>20 Bible Study 10 a.m</b><br><b>Women's Fellowship</b><br>Meeting at 2:15 pm<br>Confirmation Class<br>at 6 pm | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b>  |
| <b>23</b><br>L-Ashley Wilson<br>A-Bailee Wilson<br>G-Sandra Antill & Frances<br>Anderson                                                                                                  | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b>                               | <b>26</b><br>Fun & Fellowship 2:00<br>pm                                             | <b>27 Bible Study 10 a.m</b><br>Confirmation Class<br>at 6 pm                                                    | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>  |
| <b>30 Congregational</b><br>Meeting after worship.<br>L-Russell Borgstede<br>A-Lila Ray Kennedy<br>G-Kevin & Jacque Bartol                                                                | <b>31</b>  |                                         |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                  |            |            |

**2022**

Food Pantry item for January is "Bring what you want".  
The calendars are continually being updated so be sure to replace your current calendar when you receive your current newsletter.

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## February

| <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> UCC Mtg. 6:00 pm                | <b>3</b> Bible Study at 10:00 am<br>Confirmation Class<br>6 pm                                          | <b>4</b> Chili & Stew<br>Supper 4:30 to 6:30 pm | <b>5</b>   |
| <b>6</b><br>L-Sandra Bosse<br>A-Katie Becker<br>G-John & Becky Barton                                             | <b>7</b>                     | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b>                                 | <b>10</b> Bible Study at 10:00 am<br>Confirmation Class<br>6 pm                                         | <b>11</b>                                       | <b>12</b>  |
| <b>13</b> Sunday School<br>Valentine's party<br>L-Vivian Kolkhorst<br>A-Brooklyn Stolz<br>G-Brady & Stacey Becker | <b>14</b><br>Valentine's Day | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b>                                | <b>17</b> Bible Study at 10:00 am<br>Women's Fellowship<br>Mtg at 2:15 pm<br>Confirmation Class<br>6 pm | <b>18</b>                                       | <b>19</b>  |
| <b>20</b><br>L-Flora Mason<br>A-Quinn Schulze<br>G-Brenda Blesinger & Sue Vierus                                  | <b>21</b>                    | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b> Fun & Fellowship at<br>2:00 pm | <b>24</b> Bible Study at 10:00 am<br>Confirmation Class<br>6 pm                                         | <b>25</b>                                       | <b>26</b>  |
| <b>27</b> Choir Practice<br>after worship.<br>L-Heather Fuller<br>A-Mitchell Schlabach<br>G-Rob & Nancy Bond      | <b>28</b>                    |            |                                          |                                                                                                         |                                                 |            |

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