

Message from the Pastor

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As We Enter The Lenten Season!

I'm excited about Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd and the reinstatement of our weekly Lenten dinners and study throughout this very special season. This year our video study will be <u>The Walk</u> by Adam Hamilton illustrating 5 essential practices of the Christian life. It is my hope that we can sit down and break bread together as a loving family of God and learn how we can grow closer to Him.

We generally think of the Lenten Season in the context of Jesus' 40 days spent fasting in the wilderness prior to being tempted by Satan (Matthew 4:1-11) and we draw a parallel with our own time of fasting or giving something up for Lent. Of course, that never seems to work out as intended as an experience to draw us closer to Christ.

So this year I thought that we could focus on some other disciplines to achieve this goal.

Come near to God and he will come near to you. – James 4:8a –

The Fishermen of Friedens will be hosting a Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 1 at 6 pm before we begin Lent the following day beginning with Ash Wednesday. The following Wednesday we will sit down to break bread together in the fellowship hall for a Lenten meal at 6 followed by a brief video session with questions and answers at the end. We'll conclude our weekly Wednesday dinner and services on March 6th.

The following week we'll wrap up the Lenten season with The Living Last Supper Passion play on Maundy Thursday (March 14) and our traditional Good Friday service the following evening. Again, it's good to be coming back together as a congregation to celebrate the Lenten season as has been our tradition in years past.

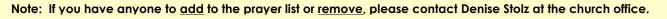
I hope that you are as excited as I am and will plan to be a part of this celebration of the most holy time of the year.

In His love, Pastor Eric

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In our prayers we remember. . .

Judy Burke, Shirley Finke, Kay Crawford, Collin Smith, Rob Bond, Johnnie Ferguson, Jeanine Falgout, Mary Lee Lewis, Buddy May, Beatrice Stewart, Paul Bellard, Ben Carbo, Christina Holloway, Madeline Almquist, Pat Beirute, Dorothy Hughes, May Dell Lanham, Sylvia Budraitis, Crew Kolkhorst, Risa LaFountain, Pastor Eric, Terry Schoonover, Larry Kopecky, Georgia Foster, Terry Humphreys.



News, Events and Updates...

- If you would like to add someone to the prayer list OR if you are aware of a praise report and need someone removed from the prayer list, please contact the office.
- <u>Confirmation Classes</u> have been moved to Tuesday's at 6:00 pm.
- **Chili/Stew Supper** We want to thank everyone that so generously supported this year's annual chili/stew supper. It was another huge success!! Thanks to everyone that braved the nasty weather to prepare the vegetables, cooked and served. Also, to those that donated chickens, made a monetary donation and to the Sunday school for delivering the food to the vehicles. We appreciate all the time and effort that everyone contributed we could not have done any of this without you and your dedication to this church. Again, **a big thank you**!!!!
- **Pancake Supper** scheduled for March 1, 2022 at 6:00 pm provided by Fisherman of Friedens.
- Ash Wednesday will be on March 2 at 7:00 pm. Happy to report we will be having Lenten Service on Wednesdays and it will include a meal prior to service. If you would like to prepare a Lenten meal, please contact the church office @ 936-878-2523.
- Mark your calendars:
 - Palm Sunday April 10th at during worship the Sunday School will have a Easter program.
 - Maundy Thursday Breakfast April 14th at 8:30 a.m. (Women's Fellowship to provide breakfast) Maundy Thursday Service on April 14th at 7:00 p.m. (Living Last Supper Presentation).
 - Good Friday Service on April 15th at 6:00 p.m.
 - Easter Sunrise Service on April 17th at 7:00 a.m. and
 - -Easter Service on April 17th at 10:15 a.m.,

Monthly Reminders:

- UCC Women meet every first Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Except for this March, June,
- 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 starting the study of the book of Revelation. 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.





FRIEDENS CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

Needing Volunteers

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

Food Pantry Items Needed

March – Canned Meat (Spam, Tuna, chicken) April – Died Beans & Peas May – Dry Cereal June – Canned Fruit and canned vegetables July – Meal Kits such has Hamburger Helper, etc August – Rice and Pasta September - Biscuit Mix and pancake mix October – Flour, Sugar & artificial sweetener November -Stuffing mix, canned sweet potatoes & corn bread

December – Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Bottled Juice

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.



March 6 – Open March 13 – Ann & Arnold Weghorst March 20 – Open March 27 – Clint & Sandra Bosse's 50th Annv.

April 3 – Open April 10 – Open April 17 – Open April 24 – Open

Children's Sermons

The following individuals are scheduled to lead Children's sermons during worship. March 6 – Heather Fuller

March 13 – Flora Mason March 20 – Betsy Bosse March 27 – Lou Ann Canatella April 3 – Becky Barton April 10 – Sandra Bosse April 17 – Kameron Stolz April 24 – Heather Fuller May 1 – Betsy Bosse May 8 – Flora Mason May 15 – Lou Ann Cantella May 22 – Becky Barton May 29 – Sandra Bosse



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

Liturgist	Acolytes	Ushers/Greeters
March 6 – Wesley Stolz	Bailee Wilson	Dale Borgstedte & Christine Borgstedte
March 13 – Jim Latham	Lila Ray Kennedy	Donald & Helen Borgstedte
March 20 – Becky Barton	Katie Becker	Homer & Joan Borgstedte
March 27 – Jim Burke	Brooklynn Stolz	L.E. & Carol Borgstedte
April 3 – John Walkoviak	Mitchell Schlabach	Russell & Mary Borgstedte
April 10 – Ashley Wilson	Lila Ray Kennedy	Ted & Linda Borgstedte
April 14 – Moundy Thursday	(Living Last Supper Performed)	
April 17 – EASTER -Vivian Kolkhorst	Katie Becker	Betsy Bosse and Eddie Bosse
April 24 – Heather Fuller	Mitchell Schlabach	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 Lathem (2022-2023) Monica Martin (2022-2023) Russell Borgstedte (2022-2023)

Church Council Work Sche	edule 2021	
March 6	John Barton	Don Kolkhorst
March 13	Marsha Wellmann	Jim Latham
March 20	Rodney Dickschat	Monica Martin
March 27	Russell Borgstedte	Ron Werchan
April 3	Sandra Antill	Cindy Walkoviak
April 10 (Palm Sunday)	John Barton	Don Kolkhorst
April 14 (Moundy Thursday)	Marsha Wellmann	Jim Latham
April 17 (Easter)	Rodney Dickschat	Monica Martin
April 24	Russell Borgstedte	Ron Werchan

Information from council meeting:

The Church and Council have completed several projects and are still working on many. Painting the church, auto door opener by carport, night lights repaired, driveway and parking lot tree trimming, along with others have been completed. We still have many items that are in progress or under advisement. Thanks to all that have helped work on these items. If you have items that need addressing or concerns, please talk to a Council Member. This will be a challenging year with the health of the Church and key members in the forefront. Let us all work together to make it a positive year. Rodney Dickschat

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

March 6 – UCC Women April 3 – Sunday School May 1 – Council June 5 – Women's Fellowship July 3 – UCC Women August 7 – Sunday School September – Council October – Women's Fellowship November – UCC Women December – Sunday School



Sunday School Happenings...

Mark your calendars – The Sunday School **Easter program** has been scheduled for Palm Sunday, April 10th during children's moment. Practice will be at 10:00 a.m. on the Saturday before (4/9) with an egg hunt to follow. Kids will need to bring six candy filled plastic eggs.

New Borns...

Charlie Faye Marek proud parents are Candace & Cory Marek. She was born December 14 at 1:11 weighing 7lbs 2 ozs 19-1/2" long. Grandparents are Tracy and Effie Wellmann and Mary and Thomas Marek.

New Members...

Please welcome our new members:

- Douglas Buck of 4858 C.R. 139 Loop, Burlington, Texas 76519 joined Friedens on January 16, 2022.
- Risa LaFountain of PO Box 1333, Navasota, Texas 77868 joined Friedens on February 6, 2022.

REMINDER: Another option for providing your offerings to Friedens!

To use this service:

- You can log on to the church website at <u>www.friedens.com</u>, 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.
- Also, You can go to the Apple app store or Google Play app store and download the Tithley app (<u>Not the Tithely Pay app*</u>). 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.

Upcoming Events are marked on your calendars (see attached March and April).



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Friedens Church of Washington			Thu	3 Bible Study at	10:00 a.m.	
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Sum	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Pancake Supper 6:00 pm by Fisherman of Friedens Confirmation Class 6 pm	2 Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm No UCC Women's mtg.	3 Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.	4	S
6 Refreshments (by UCC Women) & Fellowship prior to Worship. Communion, Choir singing L-Wesley Stolz A-Balle, Wilson G-Dale Borgstedte & Christina Borgstedte	7	8 Council <u>Mtg</u> at 7:00 pm Confirmation Class 6 pm	9 Lenten Meal at 6:00 pm & Service at 7:00 pm (Council to provide meal)	10 Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.	11	12
 13 Daylight Savings Time(spring forward one hour) L-Jim Latham A-Lila Ray Kennedy G-Donald & Halen Borgstedte 	14	15 Confirmation Class 6 pm	16 Lenten Meal at 6:00 pm & Service at 7:00 pm	17 St. Patricks Day. Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Mtg 2:15 pm	18	19 UCC Women's Anniversary Dinner
20 L-Becky Barton A-Katie Becker G-Homer & Joan Borgstedte	21	22 Confirmation Class 6 pm	23 Lenten Meal at 6:00 pm & Service at 7:00 pm Fun & Fellowship at 2 pm	24 Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.	25	26
27 Choir practice after worship. L-Jim Burke A-Brooklynn, Stolz G-LE & Carol Borgstedte	28	29 Confirmation Class 6 pm	30 Lenten Meal at 6:00 pm & Service at 7:00 pm	31 Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.		2022

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	1	Sun		3 Refreshments (by Sunday School) & Fellowship prior to Worship. Communion, Choir singing L-John Walkoviak A-Mitchell Schlabach G-Russell & Mary Borgstedte	10 Palm Sunday Sunday School Easter Program during childrens moment. L-Ashley Wilson A-Lila Ray Kemedy G-Ted & Linda Borgstedte	17 Easter Sumries Service at 7:00 a.m. Easter Service at 10:15 a.m. L-Vivian Kolkhorst A-Katie Becker G-Betsy Bosse & Eddie Bosse	24 Choir Practice L-Flora Mason A- Brooklyn Stolz G- Wallace & Bernice Bosse

The calendars are continually being updated so be sure to replace your current calendar when you receive your current newsletter.