

APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, UCC

Message from the Pastor

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#### As We Enter The Lenten Season!

On the morning of March 8<sup>th</sup> I climbed in the car with Pastor Andrew Keuer of Lyons Evangelical Church and we traveled to Camp Lost Pines in Warda, about 8 miles south of Giddings. There, with three other Evangelical Association pastors, we toured the facilities and buildings as a possible site for a cooperative summer camp serving our combined churches. As these other churches have left the UCC and Slumber Falls is no longer an option Camp Lost Pines presents a central location for all of our churches to utilize.

**“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”** – Matthew 19:14 –

I reflect on Jesus’ words recorded in Matthew’s gospel a lot. It causes me to contemplate how effective I am (or not) as a pastor to our young disciples at Friedens Church. Knowing Jesus’ emphasis on children I am troubled that our Sunday School is struggling and we haven’t sent kids to summer camp in some time.

**“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”** – Mark 9:37 -

Caring for the children in Jesus’ name, specifically those who have been entrusted to us, is a sacred responsibility – we honor God the Father when we do this. It seems to me that we, as a congregation, can engage ourselves in no greater enterprise than caring for the children of our church and encouraging their journey of faith with any means available and at every opportunity. I believe that the Lord has already entrusted us with all the means necessary; we just need to do it.

**“In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.”** – Matthew 18:14 -

Jesus was emphatic about the spiritual welfare of children, and as the Church of Jesus Christ, we should be too. I will be making appeals to the congregation for volunteers to help staff the summer camp scheduled August 4-6 and help develop a successful children’s ministry for our church in the coming weeks. I hope that you will take Jesus’ words (above) to heart as I do and respond with a passion to do His work. I can assure you that if you do, great will be your reward in heaven.

In His love,  
Pastor Eric

## In our prayers we remember. . .

Linda Oberhoff, Judy Burke, Shirley Finke, Collin Smith, Johnnie Ferguson, Mary Lee Lewis, Buddy May, Beatrice Stewart, Paul Bellard, Ben Carbo, Madeline Almquist, Pat Beirute, May Dell Lanham, Sylvia Budraitis, Pastor Eric, Terry Schoonover, Georgia Foster, Terry Humphreys, Leigh Weld, Glenda Westbrook, Joy & John Adkins and the family of Rob Bond.



**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. . .



- 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.
- **Confirmation Classes have been moved to Tuesday's at 6:00 pm.**
- **A Church Clean-up day** has been scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m. A pancake breakfast will be prepared prior to clean-up at 8:00 a.m.
- **Mark your calendars:**
  - **Palm Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> at during worship** the Sunday School will have a Easter program.
  - **Maundy Thursday Breakfast April 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. (bring a dish and bring a friend.)**
  - **Maundy Thursday Service on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Living Last Supper Presentation).**
  - **Good Friday Service** on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
  - **Easter Sunrise Service** on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. and
  - **Easter Service** on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m.
- **Graduate and Confirmand Pot Luck dinner** is scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup> after worship. If you have someone or know of someone that is graduating from high school or college, please let LaNell Langford know at 936/878-2942 or [lanell@embarqmail.com](mailto:lanell@embarqmail.com). (This event held by Women's Fellowship).
- **UCC Women** announcements:
  - April 6 UCC Women will serve the Lenten supper.
  - May 4 – Don Koester will speak at the regular meeting. He will be speaking on what we can expect concerning growth in our area. Anyone is welcome, even if you're not a member.
- **Women's Fellowship** announcements:
  - **Easter cards** for nursing homes due Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>
  - **Easter Lily sign-up sheet** will be on the bulletin board – Due by April 10<sup>th</sup>
  - **Women's Fellowship Luncheon** on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Place to be announced.
  - **Fun and Fellowship** – April 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm
- **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. However, for EASTER, the choir is practicing every Sunday until 4/10 and practicing on Sunday 4/17 prior to 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

April – Dried Beans and Peas  
 May – Dry Cereal  
 June – Canned Fruit and canned vegetables  
 July – Meal Kits such as 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.



April 3 – John & Cindy Walkoviak Annv.  
 April 10 – Open  
 April 17 – Open  
 April 24 – Open  
 May 1 – Mia Martin's 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
 May 8 – Open  
 May 15 – Open  
 May 22 – Open  
 May 29 – Rodney & Celeste Dickschat's Annv.

## Children's Sermons

The following individuals are scheduled to lead Children's sermons during worship.

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 Canatella  
 May 22 – Becky Barton  
 May 29 – Sandra Bosse  
 June 5 – Kameron Stolz  
 June 12 – Heather Fuller  
 June 19 – Flora Mason  
 June 26 – Betsy Bosse



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

### Liturgist

### Acolytes

### Ushers/Greeters

April 3 – John Walkoviak  
 April 10 – Ashley Wilson  
 April 14 – **Mouney Thursday**  
**April 15 – Good Friday**  
 April 17 – **EASTER** -Vivian Kolkhorst  
 April 24 – Flora Mason

Mitchell Schlabach  
 Lila Ray Kennedy  
**(Living Last Supper Performed)**  
 Sandra Bosse  
 Katie Becker  
 Brooklynn Stolz

Russell & Mary Borgstedte  
 Ted & Linda Borgstedte  
 Sandra & Clint Bosse  
 Betsy Bosse and Eddie Bosse  
 Wallace & Bernice Bosse

May 1 – Heather Fuller  
 May 8 – Jim Latham  
 May 15 – Becky Barton  
 May 22 – Jim Burke  
 May 29 - John Walkoviak

Quinn Schulze  
 Mitchell Schlabach  
 Bailee Wilson  
 Lila Ray Kennedy  
 Katie Becker

Wayne & JoAnne Bosse  
 Edward & Bobbie Broussard  
 Nelda Buck and Lauren Bush  
 James & Judy Burke  
 Debra Busa and Patrick Wade Busa

## 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

|                            |                    |                 |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 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     |

## 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

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 10<sup>th</sup> during children's moment. Practice will be at 10:00 a.m. on 4/9 prior to the egg hunt. Kids will need to bring six candy filled plastic eggs.

If you are able to help with supplying candy for the Easter eggs, please bring to Theresia Schabach. Candy will need to be small enough to fit in Easter eggs. Thank you!

## Baptized . . .

**Skylar Stolz** was baptised on February 27, 2022, at Friedens Church of Washington by Pastor Glen Schoeneburg. Parents are Jim and Brittany Stolz of Washington, Texas. Sponsors are Bailee Wilson, Tami Mitz and Will Stolz. Grandparents are James and Linda Stolz of Washington and Sara Roberts. Happy to announce 2 more planned baptisms on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

## New Borns. . .

Welcome **Preston Gaines Northrup**, son of Buddy and Samantha Northrup of Burton, Tx. He was born on December 24, 2021, weighed 7 lbs 11 oz. Grandparents are Preston Northrup, Chris & Shelley Addison, and Michael & Lois Schluens. Great-grandparents are Claude and Mary Schluens and Paula Weyel.



Welcome **Gabriel James Nayeri**, son of Arash and Rebecca Wellmann Nayeri. He was born on March 1, 2022 at 1:03 pm at Ronld Reagan UCLA Medical Center weighing 8 lbs 6 oz. Grandparents are Craig and Cindy Wellmann of Washington, Texas.



## Loss of Loved Ones. . .

**Robert Owen Bond** passed away on March 11, 2022 at 62 years old, peacefully at home surrounded by his family. Rob was born June 6, 1959 at the hospital in Navasota to Mary Beth and James Bond. He was baptized at the First Baptist Church of Navasota by Pastor Robin Guess. He graduated from Navasota High School in 1977 and later graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics from Texas A&M University in 1981.

Visitation was held from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, on Thursday, March 17, 2022, at Klein Funeral Home CyFair Northwest at 9717 Wortham Blvd, Houston, TX 77065.

A Celebration of Life was held at 11:00 am on Friday, March 18, 2022, at Friedens Church of Washington at 20301 FM 1155E, Washington, TX 77880 with a graveside service to follow. Reception followed at the Friedens Activity Center. In lieu of flowers, his surviving family encourages memorial gifts to the Robert O. Bond 81' Endowed Memorial Scholarship in Economics, c/o Texas A&M Foundation, 401 George Bush Drive, College Station, Texas 77840.

## Church Member Address Updates. . .

Don Wayne Roese - Cell (936) 727-1237 and email: [hammer4tx@gmail.com](mailto:hammer4tx@gmail.com)

(delete the home phone (936) 878-2269)

## Summer Camp Opportunities. . .

### Sandy Creek Bible Camp:

| Camp           | Dates          | Age        | Type  | Cost  |
|----------------|----------------|------------|-------|-------|
| Staff training | June 3-5       | 14-college | Co-ed | \$350 |
| Co-ed          | June 19-25     | 8-12       | Co-ed | \$350 |
| Jr. Varsity    | June 26-July 2 | 12-14      | Co-ed | \$350 |
| Varsity Edge   | July 3-9       | 14-17      | Co-ed | \$350 |
| Boys           | July 10-16     | 8-12       | Boys  | \$350 |
| Girls          | July 17-23     | 8-12       | Girls | \$350 |
| Varsity Next   | July 24-30     | 15-18      | Co-ed | \$350 |

### Camp Lost Pines:

| Camp  | Dates    | Age   | Type  | Cost  |
|-------|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| Co-ed | Aug. 4-6 | 12-17 | Co-ed | \$125 |

## 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 **Tithely** 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.*

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

# Friedens Church of Washington

## April

| <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>3 Refreshments</b> (by Sunday School) & Fellowship prior to Worship. Communion, Choir singing<br>L-John Walkowiak<br>A-Mitchell Schlabach<br>G-Russell & Mary Borgstedte | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b><br>Confirmation Class 6 pm                                            | <b>6</b> Lenten Meal at 6:00 pm & Service at 7:00 pm (UCC Women to provide meal) | <b>7</b>                                                                                                                             | <b>8</b>                                                                      | <b>9 ****Church Clean-up day at 9 a.m.</b><br>-----<br>Sunday School practice at 10:00 a.m and Easter Egg hunt following. Bring 6 filled eggs. |
| <b>10 Palm Sunday</b><br>Sunday School Easter Program during childrens moment.<br>L-Ashley Wilson<br>A-Lila Ray Kennedy<br>G-Ted & Linda Borgstedte                         | <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b><br>Confirmation Class 6 pm<br>Trustee Mtg 6:30pm<br>Council Mtg 7 pm | <b>13</b><br>Rehearsal for the Last Supper Presentation at 7 pm                  | <b>14 Maundy Thursday</b><br>Breakfast 8:30 a.m. (by Women's Fellowship)<br>Maundy Thursday Service w/ Last Supper Presentation 7 pm | <b>15 Good Friday</b><br>Service at 6:00 pm<br>Greeters: Clint & Sandra Bosse | <b>16</b>                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>17 Easter</b><br>Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.<br>Easter Service at 10:15 a.m.<br>L-Vivian Kolkhorst<br>A-Katie Becker<br>G-Betsy Bosse & Eddie Bosse                     | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b><br>Confirmation Class 6 pm                                           | <b>20</b>                                                                        | <b>21</b>                                                                                                                            | <b>22</b>                                                                     | <b>23</b>                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>24 Choir Practice</b><br>2 Baptizms<br>L-Flora Mason<br>A-Brooklyn Stolz<br>G-Wallace & Bernice Bosse                                                                    | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b><br>Confirmation Class 6 pm                                           | <b>27</b><br>Fun & Fellowship at 2pm                                             | <b>28</b>                                                                                                                            | <b>29</b>                                                                     | <b>30</b>                                                                                                                                      |

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## May

| <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> Refreshments (by Council) & Fellowship prior to Worship. Communion, Choir singing<br>L-Heather Fuller<br>A-Quinn Schulze<br>G-Wayne & JoAnn Bosse | <b>2</b>                          | <b>3</b><br>Confirmation Class 6 pm                      | <b>4</b> UCC Meeting at 6 pm - Don Koester to speak - everyone welcome! | <b>5</b><br>Bible Study at 10 a.m.                                    | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>   |
| <b>8</b><br>L-Jim Latham<br>A-Mitchell Schlabach<br>G-Edward & Joyce Broussard                                                                             | <b>9</b>                          | <b>10</b><br>Confirmation Class 6 pm<br>Council Mtg 7 pm | <b>11</b>                                                               | <b>12</b><br>Bible Study at 10 a.m.                                   | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b>  |
| <b>15</b><br>L-Becky Barton<br>A-Bajjige Wilson<br>G-Nelda Buck & Lauren Bush                                                                              | <b>16</b>                         | <b>17</b><br>Confirmation Class 6 pm                     | <b>18</b>                                                               | <b>19</b><br>Bible Study at 10 a.m.<br>Women's Fellowship Mtg 2:15 pm | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b>  |
| <b>22</b><br>L-Jim Burke<br>A-Lila Ray Kennedy<br>G-James & Judy Burke                                                                                     | <b>23</b>                         | <b>24</b><br>Confirmation Class 6 pm                     | <b>25</b>                                                               | <b>26</b><br>Bible Study at 10 a.m.                                   | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>  |
| <b>29</b> Graduate & Confirmnad Pot Luck<br>L-John Walkoviak<br>A-Katie Becker<br>G-Debra Busa & Patrick Busa                                              | <b>30</b><br>Memorial Day Holiday | <b>31</b><br>Confirmation Class 6 pm                     |                                                                         |                                                                       |            |            |

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