

# MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

## FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, UCC

### Message from the Pastor

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Prayer is important. I know from first-hand experience that it can change a life and even save a life. Following your prayers for me for much of the past year I received an "all clear" from the oncologist treating my stage four cancer last month. As I have shared from the pulpit on more than one occasion the victory won over this deadly condition is not mine alone, but yours as well. Your prayers were answered as God sent His healing mercies into my life. Through your actions you have been given a victory as well.

**And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. – James 5:16 -**

I believe that prayer can not only change lives but also can affect national and world events. Fortunately, I am not alone in this belief; there are thousands of others spread across our nation who are passionate about lifting our nation and the world up in prayer before the Lord.

All across America the voices of the people who are committed to Christ and fervent in their faith will join together at noon on the first Thursday in May (5<sup>th</sup>) in a nation-wide event known as The National Day of Prayer.

Observances will be held in small communities like Chappell Hill and larger ones like Brenham as well as a little closer to home in Washington. As has become a tradition we will host our community's observance under the pavilion overlooking our cemetery on that day.

This year's theme for the observance is:  
**'EXALT THE LORD, WHO HAS ESTABLISHED US'** based on Colossians 2:6-7.

Come join your community as it comes together united in prayer for your country this year and prepare to witness another victory. May God richly bless all those who seek Him in prayer.

In His love,  
Pastor Eric

## In our prayers we remember. . .

RoseLee Lohmeyer, Cathy Coronet, 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, Terry Schoonover, Terry Humphreys, Leigh Weld, Glenda Westbrook, Joy & John Adkins, Elroy Stolz, Harvey Steinhagen and Delwin Rettig.



**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. . .



- **Please be advised that communion has been moved to May 8<sup>th</sup>** (not May 1<sup>st</sup>) due to Pastor's vacation from 4/28 to 5/2.
- **National Day of Prayer** will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> under the Friedens Pavilion at noon, (12:00 pm) with a meal to follow.
- **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).
- **Confirmation Sunday is June 5<sup>th</sup>**. Our 2022 Confirmands are Dilan Finke, Shelby Moreno, Mitchell Schlabach and Brooklynn Stolz.
- **UCC Women** announcements:
  - May 4 at 6:00 pm– 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.
  - June 1 – No Meeting
- **Women's Fellowship** announcements:
  - May 19<sup>th</sup> – Women's Fellowship Meeting at 2:15 pm
  - May 25<sup>th</sup> – Fun and Fellowship at 2:00 pm
  - Graduate and Confirmand Pot Luck (see more information above).
- **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.

## Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

### Needing Volunteers

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

## Food Pantry Items Needed

- 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.



- May 1 – Mia Martin's 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- May 8 – People of Ukraine
- May 15 – Open
- May 22 – Memory of Arthur L. Steele and Ted & Thekla Borgstete
- May 29 – Rodney & Celeste Dickschat's Annv.
- June 5 – In honor of Confirmands
- June 12 – Open
- June 19 – Memory of Lillian Wellmann
- June 26 – Dilan Finke's 13<sup>th</sup> Birthday

## Children's Sermons

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

- 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

- May 1 – Heather Fuller
- May 8 – (Mother's Day) 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

- June 5 – (Pentecost) Ashley Wilson
- June 12 – Russell Borgstedte
- June 19 – (Father's Day) Sandra Bosse
- June 26 – Vivian Kolkhorst

- Brooklynn Stolz
- Quinn Schulze
- Mitchell Schlabach
- Bailee Wilson

- Terry Campbell and Reba Corley
- Charlie & Lou Ann Canatella
- Eric & Lori Dehmer
- Betty Dickschat and Doris Hinton

## Church Council Happenings. . .

**Council Members and duties:** (In parenthesis is the term on council).

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

John Barton, Envelope Clerk (2022-2023)  
 Don Kolkhorst (2021-2022)  
 Monica Martin (2021 -2022)  
 Jim Latham (2021-2022)  
 Russell Borgstedte (2022-2023)

### Church Council Work Schedule 2021

|                    |                    |                 |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| May 1              | Sandra Antill      | Cindy Walkoviak |
| May 8              | John Barton        | Jim Latham      |
| May 15             | Marsha Wellmann    | Monica Martin   |
| May 22             | Rodney Dickschat   | Ron Werchan     |
| May 29             | Russell Borgstedte | Cindy Walkoviak |
| June 5 (Pentecost) | Sandra Antill      | Don Kolkhorst   |
| June 12            | John Barton        | Jim Latham      |
| June 19            | Marsha Wellmann    | Monica Martin   |
| June 26            | Rodney Dickschat   | Ron Werchan     |

The church and Council have completed several projects and are still working on many. Automatic door openers are complete at both carport and back door entrances. Ceiling fans have been installed in the fellowship hall. Restoration has begun on the entrance doors at the Activity Center. Termites were found during this work and they have been treated. Contractors have been contacted to investigate work on steeple and lighted cross restoration. The April 9<sup>th</sup> workday was a success. Much cleaning and organizing was done in the Church along with garden area cleaning, trimming trees around the church and Activity Center, repair of back parking lot entrance pavement, plumbing repairs, mowing ditches along with other items. **Thanks to all who helped during the cleanup day and all who have helped during the 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. Please come join us.

### **Schedule for Refreshments**

May 8 – Council  
 June 5 – Women's Fellowship  
 July 3 – UCC Women  
 August 7 – Sunday School  
 September 4 – Council  
 October 2 – Women's Fellowship  
 November 6 – UCC Women  
 December 4 – Sunday School



## Baptized . . .

**Charlie Faye Marek** was baptized on April 24, 2022, at Friedens Church of Washington by Pastor Eric Dehmer. Parents are Candace and Cory Marek of Washington, Texas. Sponsors are Amanda Easley, Marsha Wellmann Murrell, T.J. Marek and Chad Marek. Grandparents are Tracy & Effie Wellmann of Washington, Texas and Tommy & Mary Marek of Navasota, Texas.

**Willow Jane Mae Wellmann** was baptized on April 24, 2022, at Friedens Church of Washington by Pastor Eric Dehmer. Parents are Dalton Wellmann and Torrye Poldo of Plantersville, Texas. Sponsors are Josh & Bobbye Griffith, Timothy Poldo and Jacob Anastasiades. Grandparents are Tracy & Effie Wellmann of Washington, Texas and Josh & Bobbye Griffith, Tim & Bonnie Poldo.

## Thank You . . .

I would like to thank everyone that sent cards, prayers for my healing, and prepared meals during my time of illness. It lifted my spirits each time I thought of your kindness and thoughtfulness and I miss you all.

Sincerely,  
Mae Dell Lanham

## Thank You . . .

A big **THANK YOU** to those that prepared meals during Lenten Wednesdays. The church is so very appreciative of your support.

- Council
- Women's Fellowship
- Office Staff
- Thursday Bible Study Group
- UCC Women's Group

## “The Living Last Supper”

On Maundy Thursday, April 14 “The Living Last Supper” presentation was performed and enjoyed by all! Thank you!! Participants: (LtoR) Travis Eckert, Rodney Dickschat, Pastor Eric Dehmer, Don Kolkhorst, Ron Werchan, Jim Latham, Joseph Milborn, Bill Kennedy, Jeff Stolz, John Walkoviak, Dusty Kennedy, Russell Borgstedte, Billy Ray Jensen and Ashley Wilson (Narrator).



## Sunday School Easter Program

Thank you to all that participated in the 2022 Easter Program held on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. It was enjoyed by all.



# Friedens Sunday School

## May 2022

### DATES TO REMEMBER

May 8, 2022: Mother's Day

May 22, 2022: Joyful Noise Sunday in Church

Cool shade Sunday. Wear your sunglasses.

Sunday School teachers meeting.

June 19, 2022: Father's Day

June 26, 2022: Joyful Noise Sunday in Church

### SAVE THE DATE

July 31, 2022 - August 4, 2022

VBS

### JOYFUL NOISE SUNDAY

Fourth Sunday on the Month

We are asking all kids to come to Sunday School and Church.

Praise Songs & Kid friendly songs.

Bring your coins for the offering.

(Noisy offering)

### MOTHERS DAY

All mothers, grandmothers are invited to Mother's  
Day Sunday School Breakfast.

May 8, 2022

9:30

### The Jesus Squad

### Birthdays

|               |        |
|---------------|--------|
| Mia Martin    | May 3  |
| Beau Becker   | May 8  |
| Bailee Wilson | May 10 |
| Ella Marek    | May 12 |



### ACOLYTES

|              |                    |
|--------------|--------------------|
| May 1, 2022  | Quinn Schulze      |
| May 8, 2022  | Mitchell Schlabach |
| May 15, 2022 | Bailee Wilson      |
| May 22, 2022 | Lila Ray Kennedy   |
| May 29, 2022 | Katie Becker       |

We will be having  
Sunday School  
during the  
summer!!

Anyone interested in serving as a teacher, or substitute teacher is asked to contact anyone with the Sunday School.

All members of the congregation are welcome and encouraged to participate in the Sunday School department.



*Katie Becker*


**MAKE SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUR  
EXCUSE FOR MISSING EVERYTHING ELSE.**

**Upcoming Events are marked on your calendars  
(see attached May & June).**



# Friedens Church of Washington

## May

| <i>Sun</i>                                                                                                                                                                                       | <i>Mon</i>                     | <i>Tue</i>                                            | <i>Wed</i>                                                              | <i>Thu</i>                                                                         | <i>Fri</i> | <i>Sat</i> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| <b>1</b> Refreshments (by Council) & Fellowship prior to Worship. Choir singing. <b>NO Communion.</b><br>L-Heather Fuller<br>A-Quinn Schulze<br>G-Wayne & JoAnn Bosse                            | <b>2</b>                       | <b>3</b> Confirmation Class 6 pm                      | <b>4</b> UCC Meeting at 6 pm - Don Koester to speak - everyone welcome! | <b>5</b> National Day of Prayer at Friedens Pavilion at 12 pm with meal to follow. | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>   |
| <b>8</b> Communion today. Mother's Day <br>L-Jim Latham<br>A-Mitchell Schlabach<br>G-Edward & Joyce Broussard | <b>9</b>                       | <b>10</b> Confirmation Class 6 pm<br>Council Mtg 7 pm | <b>11</b>                                                               | <b>12</b> Bible Study at 10 a.m.                                                   | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b>  |
| <b>15</b><br>L-Becky Barton<br>A-Bailee Wilson<br>G-Nelda Buck & Lauren Bush                                                                                                                     | <b>16</b>                      | <b>17</b> Confirmation Class 6 pm                     | <b>18</b>                                                               | <b>19</b> Bible Study at 10 a.m.<br>Women's Fellowship Mtg 2:15 pm                 | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b>  |
| <b>22</b> Cool Shades Day<br>SS Teachers Mtg<br>L-Jim Burke<br>A-Lila Ray Kennedy<br>G-James & Judy Burke                                                                                        | <b>23</b>                      | <b>24</b> Confirmation Class 6 pm                     | <b>25</b> Fun and Fellowship at 2 pm                                    | <b>26</b> Bible Study at 10 a.m.                                                   | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>  |
| <b>29</b> Graduate & Confirmand Pot Luck<br>L-John Walkoviak<br>A-Katie Becker<br>G-Debra Busa & Patrick Busa                                                                                    | <b>30</b> Memorial Day Holiday | <b>31</b> Confirmation Class 6 pm                     |                                                                         |                                                                                    |            |            |

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Food Pantry item for May is "Dry Cereal".  
The calendars are continually being updated so be sure to replace your current calendar when you receive your current newsletter.

# Friedens Church of Washington

## June

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Mon       | Tue                                                       | Wed                          | Thu                                                                        | Fri                              | Sat       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |           |                                                           | <b>1</b> No UCC Women's Mtg. | <b>2</b> Bible Study at 10 a.m.                                            | <b>3</b>                         | <b>4</b>  |
| <b>5</b> Pentecost Refreshments (by Women's Fellowship) & Fellowship prior to Worship. Choir singing Communion.<br><b>Confirmation Sunday</b><br>L-Ashley Wilson<br>A-Brooklyn Stolz<br>G-Terry Campbell and Reba Corley | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>                                                  | <b>8</b>                     | <b>9</b> Bible Study at 10 a.m.                                            | <b>10</b>                        | <b>11</b> |
| <b>12</b><br>L-Russell Boggs<br>A-Quinn Schulze<br>G-Charlie & Lou Ann Canatella                                                                                                                                         | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br>Trustee's Mtg 6:30 pm<br>Council Mtg 7:00 pm | <b>15</b>                    | <b>16</b> Bible Study at 10 a.m.<br>-----<br>Women's Fellowship at 2:15 pm | <b>17</b>                        | <b>18</b> |
| <b>19</b> Father's Day<br>L-Sandra Bosse<br>A-Mitchell Schlabach<br>G-Eric & Lori Dehmer                                                                                                                                 | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>                                                 | <b>22</b>                    | <b>23</b> Bible Study at 10 a.m.                                           | <b>24</b> Pastor Eric's Birthday | <b>25</b> |
| <b>26</b> Joyful Noise Sunday<br>L-Vivian Kolkhoyst<br>A-Ballee Wilson<br>G-Betty Dickschat and Doris Hinton                                                                                                             | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>                                                 | <b>29</b>                    | <b>30</b> Bible Study at 10 a.m.                                           |                                  |           |

2022

Food Pantry item for June is canned Fruit and vegetables. The calendars are continually being updated so be sure to replace your current calendar when you receive your current newsletter.