

# AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER

## FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON

### Message from the Pastor

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On June 8 there was an Open Forum held in the Fellowship Hall at 7 pm to discuss growing our church. Our Council President, Sunday School Superintendent, and pastor all made presentations and then opened up the floor for questions and discussion. Questionnaires were passed around to each table group to discuss and answer. Here are the results that were turned in from those participating:

100% agreed that we need to grow the church, and 80% agreed that we need to invest (be in mission) to our community. 80% also agreed that they were willing to accept changes needed in the church to attract younger families, especially younger church members. Then the question was asked for ideas of what we could do to appeal to a younger crowd and here are the suggestions that were offered:

- Mother's Day Out
- Teen Sunday School Class
- Church Picnic
- Contemporary Service
- Youth Activities
- Quilt Show
- Outdoor Service
- Worship services in the schoolhouse

All of these are good ideas and will require a fair number of volunteers to accomplish. Is there anything in this list that appeals to you and that you'd like to help out in making it happen? If so, let me know and we'll see if we can round up a number of like-minded volunteers who are willing to do the same.

**From Him the whole body, fitted and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love through the work of each individual part.** – Ephesians 4:16 –

We are all individual members of the Body of Christ, the church, and we each have a vital role to fill in order to make the whole body work effectively together. This is especially true as we each put our efforts together to build up the church.

Finally, I want to encourage you to pray for your church. Pray that the Lord will send new people to our worship services and they "put down roots" here. Please pray that among our membership there would be those who would step up to volunteer in the kinds of things listed above which attracts young families. With your help and God's blessing we are assured success in growing our church.

In His love,  
Pastor Eric

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## In our prayers we remember. . .

Larry Hargrave, Joey Nelms, Kelley Ragusa, Dorothy Hughes, RoseLee Lohmeyer, Cathy Coronet, Judy Burke, Mary Lee Lewis, Buddy May, Beatrice Stewart, Paul Bellard, Ben Carbo, Madeline Almquist, Pat Beirute, Sylvia Budraitis, Francis Ramsey, Terry Humphreys, Glenda Westbrook, Frank Gurrola, Joy & John Adkins, Betty Dickschat, John Barton, Brian Smith, the family of Ora Nell James and the family of Wayne Bosse.



## News, Events and Updates. . .



- **UCC Women** announcements:
  - August 3<sup>rd</sup> - UCC Women monthly meeting at 6 pm.
- **Women's Fellowship** announcements:
  - August 18th - Women's Fellowship monthly meeting at 2:15 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 studying the book of Daniel. Please check the calendars for dates of no Bible Study due to holidays.
- **Choir** sings during worship every first Sunday of the month and practice after worship every last Sunday of the month.
- **Sunday School**
  - July 31 - August 4 - VBS from 5:30 - 8 pm.
  - August 7 begins a new fall schedule at 9 am every Sunday morning.
  - August 28 at the 10:15 worship service - Joyful Noise/School Color Day

### SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

July 31- No Sunday School

July 31- August 4, 2022: Vacation Bible School

August 7- Start of Fall Sunday School 9:00 am

August 7- Blessing of the Backpacks

August 28- Joyful Noise Sunday/School Color Day

September 11- Blessing of the animals

## Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

### *Needing Volunteers*

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

## Food Pantry Items Needed

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.



Aug. 7 – In memory of Raymond Finke  
 Aug. 14 – Open  
 Aug. 21 – Open  
 Aug. 28 – Open  
 Sept. 4 – Open  
 Sept. 11– Open  
 Sept. 18 – Open  
 Sept. 25 – Open

## Refreshments & Fellowship prior to Worship ..

August 7 – Sunday School  
 September 4 – Council  
 October 2 – Women’s Fellowship  
 November 6 – UCC Women  
 December 4 – Sunday School



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

Liturgist	Acolytes	Ushers/Greeters
August 7 – Amanda Stolz	Bailee Wilson	Amanda and Jace Easley
August 14 – John Walkoviak	Lila Ray Kennedy	Travis and Lindsey Eckert
August 21 – Ashley Wilson	Katie Becker	Roger and Sheri Finke
August 28 – Russell Borgstedte	Brooklynn Stolz	BJ and Brandi Fowler
Sept 4 – Sandra Bosse	Quinn Schulze	Brett and Becky Fowler
Sept 11 – Vivian Kolkhorst	Mitchell Schlabach	Heather Fuller and Flora Mason
Sept 18 – Flora Mason	Teagyn Wilson	Susan Gendolfe
Sept 25 – Heather Fuller	Emma Milborne	Lena Mae and Carl Goessler

## 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**

August 7	Russell Borgstedte	Don Kolkhorst
August 14	Sandra Antill	Jim Latham
August 21	John Barton	Monica Martin
August 28	Marsha Wellmann	Ron Werchan
Sept. 4	Rodney Dickschat	Cindy Walkoviak
Sept. 11	Russell Borgstedte	Don Kolkhorst
Sept. 18	Sandra Antill	Jim Latham
Sept. 25	John Barton	Ron Werchan

- Church Council has revisited the option of exiting the UCC due to results of the last Congregational Meeting regarding this issue and continued membership feedback. A phone committee has been formed to contact all members to give them the opportunity for input directly. A Congregational Meeting date will be set to vote on changes to the Constitution and discussion on exiting the UCC. You should expect to be contacted by one of the committee members below:

Russell Borgstedte - 979-203-0615  
 Rodney Dickschat – 979-421-3670  
 Cindy Walkoviak 979-229-6710

Marsha Wellmann – 512-507-7678  
 Denise Stolz – 979-830-7987  
 Ron Werchan – 979-451-1810

You may contact any committee member directly with your input or any questions you may have. Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this matter.

Rodney Dickschat  
 Friedens Church Council President

- The church is in need of a secretary. If you are interested, please contact church council president, Rodney Dickschat, or the pastor.
- New timers have been installed for the parking lot lighting. Thanks go to Ron Werchan for heading up this project.
- Work continues for steeple and cross upgrades and piano repair/replacement.

### Loss of Loved One . . .

**Ora Nell James** passed away at The Waterford in College Station on June 25, 2022. Visitation was from 5:00 – 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 29th at Nobles Funeral Chapel. Funeral services were at 10:00 am, Thursday, June 30th at Friedens Church of Washington with interment following in the church cemetery. Rev. Eric Dehmer and Rev. Glen Schoeneberg officiated.

She was preceded in death by husband of 56 years, Clifford H. James; parents, Otto F. Kolkhorst and Olga Bosse Kolkhorst; in-laws William G. James, Sr. and Elsie Miller James; sister, Mildred Kolkhorst Breedlove and husbands Ervin Schaefer and Larry Breedlove; sister, Thekla “Babe” Kolkhorst Riechers and husband Ervin Riechers; brother-in-law, William G. James Jr. and wife Doris.

Ora Nell is survived by her son, Michael James; daughter in law, Shelli James; granddaughter, Lauren Nettles and husband Matt; grandson, Spencer James and wife Ashley; great granddaughter, Raeleigh James Nettles; sister-in-law, Mary K. Mitchell; and a great number of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

### Loss of Loved One . . .

Wayne Bosse, 79 of Washington, passed away Thursday, July 14th at CHI St. Joseph Regional Hospital in Navasota, Texas. Visitation was from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Monday, July 18th at Nobles Funeral Chapel. Funeral services were held at 10:00 am, Tuesday, July 19th at Friedens Church of Washington, U.C.C. in Washington, Texas with interment following in the church cemetery. Rev. Glen Schoenberg and Rev. Eric Dehmer officiated.

Wayne is survived by his loving wife, JoAnn Bosse; daughters Sally Stroeck (Rod Fearon) and Susan Gendolfe (Mike); grandchildren Travis Eckert (Lindsey), Sara Williams (Daryl), and Cody and Hailey Gendolfe; great-grandchildren Wayne and Molly Eckert and Brynlee and Cade Williams; sisters-in-law Betsy Bosse, Joyce Broussard (Bill) and Jan Anastasiades (Jon) and brothers-in-law Darryl (Anita) and Ron Stegemoller and numerous other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Pallbearers were Jacob Anastasiades, Eddie Bosse, Kevin Bosse, Edward Broussard, Greg Browning, Charles Leiber, Zach Murski, and Tracy Wellman. Serving as honorary bearers are Clinton Bosse, Gene Bosse, Wallace Bosse, Ted Borgstedte, Douglas Buck, Ralph Holle, Edward Kolkhorst, James Schroeder and Terrance Warmke.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Neal and Ben Allen.



Dilan Ray Finke Shelby Louise Moreno Brooklynn Paige Stolz Mitchell Lyn Schlabach  
Pastor Eric Dehmer  
Friedens Church of Washington, TX Confirmation Class of 2022

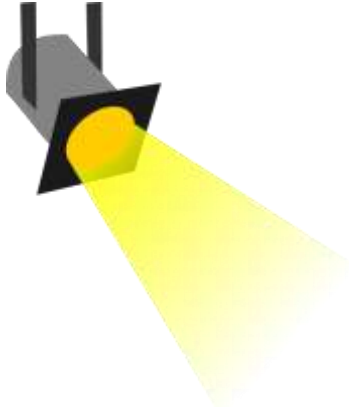
### Thank you . . .

On Pentecost Sunday, June 5, our church's four confirmands of Class 2022 were received into membership and shared their first communion. This year we returned to the study of the Heidelberg Catechism as the basis of our instruction in the Christian life. The confirmands helped the pastor in leadership roles during the service and demonstrated their readiness as the future leaders of our church. None of this could have happened without the love and support of their own families and their church family, as well.

Thank you for sharing your Christian witness while raising up the next generation of membership of Friedens Church of Washington. May God richly bless our church in the days to come.

### Thank you . . .

On Tuesday, June 28 the Schoolhouse Quilting Ladies invited the pastor to lunch and presented him with a beautiful quilt designed by Sandra Antill. This wonderful gift was both unexpected and unbelievable in its beauty. You can be assured the pastor and his wife will cherish this gift as a reminder of the great love of Friedens Church all the rest of their days. Thank you to all the willing hands who contributed to this wonderful work of art.



# Spotlight on Quilters

by the Frieden's Roving Reporter



L-R: Joyce Boehm, Sis Renn, Rose Lee Lohmeyer, Terry Campbell, Sandra Antill



L-R: La Nell Langford, Sis Renn (again!) Bobby Broussard

Friedens Church is blessed with not just one, but two quilting groups. The Tuesday quilters meet in the schoolhouse and the Wednesday group meets in the parsonage. Both groups are very dedicated to their craft and produce some magnificent work. They meet around 8-9 am on their prospective days and work until mid-afternoon after sharing lunch together. Guests are welcome as the pastor can attest as he is a regular attendee for lunch!

Both groups have historically contributed to the church and the Washington VFD through the donation of quilts which are raffled off and the proceeds given to the church or VFD respectively. Thousands of dollars have been raised this way for many years and we are grateful to have such willing volunteers using their gifts and craft which benefits the church and community. The pastor routinely thanks both groups for their efforts, particularly just after he's finished the lunch they prepared that day...

May God continue to bless the work of their hands just as they are a blessing to our church.

# August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>1</b> VBS in Activities Center 5:30-8 pm.	<b>2</b> Washington VFD Meeting @ 7 pm.	<b>3</b> UCC Women Meeting @ 6 pm.	<b>4</b> Bible Study @10 am.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Refreshments (by Sunday School) and Fellowship @ 9-45 am. Choir sings. L-Amanda Stolz A-Bailee Wilson G-Amanda & Jace Easley	<b>8</b> Fishermen of Friedens deliver for Bread Partners @ 6 am	<b>9</b> Trustees @ 6:30 pm Church Council @ 7 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Bible Study @10 am.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> UCC Women takeout meal after church L-John Walkovjak A-Lila Ray Kennedy G-Travis and Lindsey Eckert	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Bible Study @10 am. Women's Fellowship Meeting @ 2:15 pm.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> L-Ashley Wilson A-Katie Becker G-Roger & Sheri Finke	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Bible Study @10 am.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> L-Russell Borgstede A-Brooklyn Stolz G-BJ & Brandi Fowler	<b>29</b> Fishermen of Friedens deliver for Bread Partners @ 6 am	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

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