

SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON

Message from the Pastor

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Just over 10 hours after wrapping up our Vacation Bible School program for this year (more on that in the following pages) I picked up Denise Stolz at 6 am and we traveled to Camp Lost Pines in Warda, Texas. We were there to volunteer at the EA Teen Summer Camp sponsored by Texas-area Evangelical Association churches and pastors, of which I am one.

We got there in time to serve breakfast to the campers and councilors as they passed through the food line, clean the tables after they all ate, (including us) and then to the chapel for morning prayer. Worship followed and then yours truly delivered the morning message based on John 15:5-6.

5I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. – John 15:5 –

Like us, sending kids to Slumber Falls is no longer an option for these churches. So the EA church pastors got together to provide another camp opportunity for kids in a wholesome environment staffed by pastors and members of their own churches. That's what Denise and I were doing there on Friday morning – providing Christian support - even though we didn't have any kids from Friedens there (maybe next year!)

Just like our Vacation Bible School this year, the Teen Camp was a success due in part to all those who staffed, supported, and undergirded it in prayer – thank you all. Throughout both of these endeavors this summer we have proven ourselves to be fruitful in the ways that we are actively investing in young lives.

Even though summer is now over we should not be content to bask in our recent success as there is still much fruit to be borne throughout the school year. We need to continue invest in young lives through weekly children's Christian education through Sunday School. Please contact Debbie Wellmann if you'd like to help bear fruit in that regard.

6Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. – John 15:6 –

May we all seek to be faithful branches with a firm attachment to the One True Vine – Jesus Christ our Lord.

In His love,
Pastor Eric

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## In our prayers we remember. . .

Larry Hargrave, Dorothy Hughes, Rose Lee Lohmeyer, Cathy Coronet, Judy Burke, Mary Lee Lewis, Paul Bellard, Ben Carbo, Madeline Almquist, Pat Beirute, Sylvia Budraitis, Francis Ramsey, Terry Humphreys, Glenda Westbrook, Frank Gurrola, Joy & John Adkins, Brian Smith, Douglas Buck, Kelly, Ruth and Kenzie Garrett, Jon Anastasiades, farmers and ranchers, firefighters, rain.



**Note:** If you have anyone to add to the prayer list or remove, please contact the church office.

## News, Events and Updates. . .

- **UCC Women** announcements:
  - September 7th - UCC Women Game Night at 6 pm.
- **Women's Fellowship** announcements:
  - September 15th – 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:** During fall schedule Sunday School is at 9 am every Sunday morning.
- **911 Remembrance Service:** Sunday, September 11 @ 6 pm in the sanctuary

**Upcoming Events are marked on your calendars  
(see attached calendar for September).**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

September 11- Blessing of the animals

September 25th at the 10:15 worship service – Joyful Noise

### Wreaths Across America Day

December 17, 2022 - 11 AM

To sponsor a wreath for \$15.00

contact

Coordinators John Barton or Sandra Antill

## Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

### *Needing Volunteers*

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

## Food Pantry Items Needed

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.



Sept. 4 – Charlie and Lou Ann Canatella  
 Sept. 11– Open  
 Sept. 18 – Open  
 Sept. 25 – Open  
 Oct. 2 -- Open  
 Oct. 9 – Amy Stolz  
 Oct. 16 – Open  
 Oct. 23 – Scott & Monica Martin  
 Oct. 30 – Keith & Thresia Schlabach

## Refreshments & Fellowship prior to Worship ..

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                |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Sept 4 – Sandra Bosse      | Beau Becker    | Brett and Becky Fowler         |
| Sept 11 – Vivian Kolkhorst | Katie Becker   | Heather Fuller and Flora Mason |
| Sept 18 – Flora Mason      | Lila Kennedy   | Susan Gendolfe                 |
| Sept 25 – Heather Fuller   | Brody Parsons  | Lena Mae and Carl Goessler     |
| Oct 2 – Wesley Stolz       | Brooks Parsons | Derrol & Arleen Herzog         |
| Oct 9 - Jim Latham         | Quinn Schulze  | Ralph & Donna Holle            |
| Oct 16 - Becky Barton      | Bailee Wilson  | Susan and Lois Holle           |
| Oct 23 - Jim Burke         | Teagyn Wilson  | Billy Ray & Larry Jensen       |
| Oct 30 - John Walkoviak    | Beau Becker    | Autumn & Julie Kelly           |

## 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 2022

|          |                    |                 |
|----------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Sept. 4  | Rodney Dickschat   | Cindy Walkoviak |
| Sept. 11 | Russell Borgstedte | Don Kolkhorst   |
| Sept. 18 | Sandra Antill      | Jim Latham      |
| Sept. 25 | John Barton        | Ron Werchan     |
| Oct. 2   | Marsha Wellmann    | Cindy Walkoviak |
| Oct. 9   | Rodney Dickschat   | Don Kolkhorst   |
| Oct. 16  | Russell Borgstedte | Jim Latham      |
| Oct. 23  | Sandra Antill      | Monica Martin   |
| Oct. 30  | John Barton        | Ron Werchen     |

A congregational meeting will be called on Sunday, October 16, 2022 for the purpose of voting on changing the number required to constitute a quorum to affect changes in our constitution. The vote would allow changing Section 3, paragraph A from two-thirds to one-third of the congregation voting members at a regularly called meeting to constitute a quorum.

FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, UCC  
WASHINGTON, TEXAS  
CONSTITUTION  
ARTICLE II.

#### Section 3. Affiliation

*This congregation is and shall be a member of the South Central Conference of the United Church of Christ until two-thirds one-third of the congregation voting members at a regularly called meeting vote for its withdrawal from same.*

Any questions concerning this proposed change can be addressed to any member of council or the pastor.

A catered meal for all will follow in the Activities Center. Then, activities for both adult and children will be available for family fun. As mentioned in the last newsletter, a call committee has been formed to contact members on the above issue and encourage participation at the October meeting. You should expect to be contacted or you may contact any committee member directly with your input or any questions you may have. Committee members are listed 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

Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this matter.

Rodney Dickschat

Friedens Church Council President

## Thank you . . .

Our family was overwhelmed by the love and support shown by this congregation, friends, neighbors and relatives after Wayne's tragic accident.

For the many expressions of caring and sympathy, by bringing food to our home and the church meal, the memorials to our church, the beautiful florals, cards and notes, calls and prayers; we thank you.

To Pastors Dehmer and Schoeneberg, please know that your words of comfort will always remain in our hearts.

We are so blessed to live in this beautiful, caring region of Texas. The outpouring of care and sympathy you have shown reflects why Wayne so loved our church and community.

JoAnn Bosse and Family

## 911 Remembrance Service

We will be those fallen in the Twin Towers disaster and recognizing our own first responders on Sunday, September 11 in a short service at 6 pm in the sanctuary. Refreshments will follow in the fellowship hall. We plan to have members of our community as well as many of our Washington County first responders there for you to meet. All are welcome so please plan to attend and bring a friend or neighbor.

## Samaritan's Purse

The Women's Fellowship has voted to support the Franklin Graham Samaritan's Purse Program. After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said "Go and do likewise." That is the mission of Samaritan's Purse—to follow the example of Christ by helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the Gospel. Samaritan's Purse goes to the aid of the world's poor, sick, and suffering, helping meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ.

They were there to help those after the Uvalde shooting, praying, and supporting those families that lost loved one or anyone that needed counseling, prayer, etc. They are with those that are suffering when a tornado hits or flooding, any devastating disaster when people need hope to know that God is there with them. They also provide workforce to help clean up after such disaster. We feel this is a great cause to support financially. We want to encourage others to support this project with a monthly/ annual monetary donation if you feel it in your heart to do so. Please make your check/ donation to Friedens Church, enclose in an envelope located in the pew or just drop it in the offering plate with a note designating it to go to Samaritan's Purse.

Thanking you in advance for your support and donation.



## Thank you . . .

The Sunday School would like to thank everyone that help make this year's VBS a great success. We apologize if we missed anyone.

VBS Opening: Thesia Schlabach & Debbie Wellmann

Bible Story: Pastor Eric Dehmer & Mitchell Schlabach

Music: Kasey Kennedy & Lindsey Eckert

Recreation: Sheri & Dilan Finke, Mitchell & Hunter Schlabach & Jakob Davis

Crafts: Debbie Wellmann & Thesia Schlabach

Helpers: Stacey Becker, Monica Martin, Kaylee Parson, Bridgette Schulze, Ashley Stolz,

Lillia, Julia & Carolina Crawford

Kitchen Help: Lou Ann Canatella, Joy Dickschat, Patsy Molitor & Linda Oberhoff

Evening Meals: Lindsey & Travis Eckert, Jeff & Amanda Stolz, Sandra Bosse,

Celeste & Rodney Dickschat, Charlie & Lou Ann Canatella

Cookies/Sweets: Sandra Antill, Sandra Bosse, Charlie & Lou Ann Canatella, Joy Dickschat, Kasey Kennedy,

LaNell Langford, Bonnie Mohr, Patsy Molitor

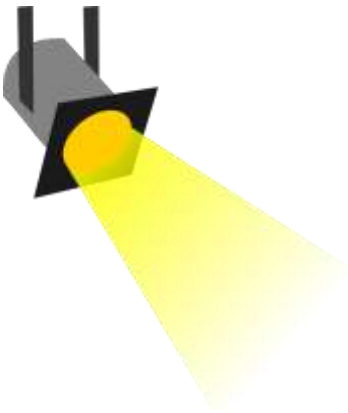
Ice Cream Sundaes: Betsy Bosse

Ice: Ashley Stolz

Drinks: Betty Dickschat, Celeste Dickschat, Kasey Kennedy, Rosa Lee Lohmeyer, Amy Stolz and Debbie Wellmann

Paper Goods: Jan & Jenna Anastasiades, Judy Burke, Charlie Canatella, Flora Mason & Debbie Wellmann

Cash Donations: Lena Mae Goessler



## Spotlight on UCC Women

by the Friedens Church Roving Reporter



Frieden's UCC Women are a group dedicated to their church in a variety of ways. They collect and fill shoeboxes for Samaritans' Purse Operation Christmas Child and financially support Washington VFD, Bread Partners of Washington Co., Navasota Food Pantry, and the church's Emergency Relief Fund. They are also busy around the church serving first Sunday refreshments, sending greeting cards to members who are homebound or in nursing homes, organizing the printing and sale of church birthday calendars, and much, much more.

The UCC Women raise funds for the benevolences they support chiefly from their bi-annual takeout dinner sales which is eagerly anticipated by the congregation. They also know how to have fun and celebrate with luncheons together throughout the year. The UCC Women have scheduled meetings on the first Wednesday of the month and often have speakers address the group with an informative program.

We appreciate all that our UCC Women do for our church with their many ministries. Thank you all for your Christian service to both our church and our community. Well done UCC Women!

# September

| Sun                                                                                                                       | Mon                                                              | Tue                                | Wed                                        | Thu                                                                 | Fri       | Sat       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                                                                                                           |                                                                  |                                    |                                            | <b>1</b><br>Bible Study – 10 am                                     | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>4</b> Communion Sunday<br>Refreshments -<br>Council<br>L - Sandra Bosse<br>A - Beau Becker<br>G - Brett & Becky Fowler | <b>5</b><br>Labor Day                                            | <b>6</b>                           | <b>7</b><br>UCC Women Game Night -<br>6 pm | <b>8</b><br>Bible Study – 10 am                                     | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b> |
| <b>11</b><br>L - Vivian Kolkhorst<br>A - Katie Becker<br>G - Heather Fuller & Flora<br>Mason<br>911 Remembrance – 6 pm    | <b>12</b>                                                        | <b>13</b><br>Church Council – 7 pm | <b>14</b>                                  | <b>15</b><br>Bible Study – 10 am<br>Women's Fellowship –<br>2:15 pm | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b> |
| <b>18</b><br>L - Flora Mason<br>A - Lila Kennedy<br>G - Susan Gendolfe                                                    | <b>19</b>                                                        | <b>20</b>                          | <b>21</b>                                  | <b>22</b><br>Bible Study – 10 am                                    | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b> |
| <b>25</b><br>L - Heather Fuller<br>A - Brody Parsons<br>G - Lena Mae & Carl<br>Goessler                                   | <b>26</b><br>Fishermen of Friedens<br>deliver for Bread Partners | <b>27</b>                          | <b>28</b>                                  | <b>29</b><br>Bible Study – 10 am                                    | <b>30</b> |           |

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