

OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON

Message from the Pastor

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I'm excited about the things I see happening in our church and the month of October holds a number of promises for our congregation, as well. I'll be headed off to the Walk to Emmaus on the 7th through the 9th where I know from previous experience my soul will be replenished on an awesome spiritual journey.

Our church is also on a journey of faith as we come together on the 16th for a congregational meeting which will include voting on our constitution and a shared meal on Homecoming Sunday. We'll come together for a meal after church again on the 30th, Heritage Sunday. How essential is it to sit down and "break bread" together as a congregation? In Acts 2:24 we learn that this was a daily practice in the early church:

And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts.

The early church established practices of coming together not only in worship but also to sit down and eat with one another in fellowship. Here at Friedens Church this is something we do quite well as we have a number of great cooks! Fellowship outside of worship (with or without a meal) is an essential element of the Christian life.

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. – Proverbs 27:17 –

We need one another on the Christian journey, so coming together in mutual pursuit of growing in faith is essential. We are called to travel as a community along our journey of faith, not just individually. That's why it is so important for us to seize every opportunity to come together as the 1st century Christians did. The great saints of our church knew this and we can all recall stories of those who came to church "any time the doors were open."

Of course, the reality is that we are the church, the people, not the steeple. I look forward to each week I spend at our campus, visiting with the Tuesday quilting group as well as our Wednesday quilters, interacting with our Thursday Bible Study folks, projects with the Fishermen of Friedens, and anyone else who happens to pop by the office for a visit.

The bottom line is we need each other. With great fellowship, great food, and plenty of opportunities to come together, there is no reason for us to "go it alone" in this church. Your church needs you, and believe it or not, you need your church.

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, Joy & John Adkins, Brian Smith, Douglas Buck, Kelly, Ruth and Kenzie Garrett, Herb Kammel, Elroy Stolz, Frank Gurrola, Harris Lohmeyer, Erin Schwamyer, Dan Mohr



**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:
  - October 5th - UCC Women Meeting at 6 pm.
- **Women's Fellowship** announcements:
  - October 20th – 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.
- **Fishermen of Friedens** deliver food for Washington County Bread Partners every third Monday and unload the food bank truck at the Navasota Pantry every other Friday.

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

### Wreaths Across America Day

**December 17, 2022 - 11 AM**

**To sponsor a wreath for \$15.00**

**Coordinators John Barton or Sandra Antill**

**Dueling Harps Concert at St. Thomas Episcopal Church**

**906 George Bush Drive College Station, Texas**

**October 30 – 7 pm.**

**Featuring former Friedens Pianist Susan Russell-Lapeyre**

## Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

### *Needing Volunteers*

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

## Food Pantry Items Needed

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.



Oct. 2 – Kennedy Family  
 Oct. 9 – Amy Stolz  
 Oct. 16 – **Open**  
 Oct. 23 – Scott & Monica Martin  
 Oct. 30 – Keith & Thresia Schlabach

## Refreshments & Fellowship prior to Worship ..

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

Oct 2 – Wesley Stolz  
 Oct 9 - Jim Latham  
 Oct16 - Becky Barton  
 Oct 23 - Jim Burke  
 Oct 30 - John Walkoviak

Brooks Parsons  
 Quinn Schulze  
 Bailee Wilson  
 Teagyn Wilson  
 Beau Becker

Derrol & Arleen Herzog  
 Ralph & Donna Holle  
 Susan and Lois Holle  
 Billy Ray & Larry Jensen  
 Autumn & Julie Kelly

Nov 6 – Ashley Wilson  
 Nov 13 – Russell Borgstedte  
 Nov 20 – Sandra Bosse  
 Nov 27 – Vivian Kolkhorst

Katie Becker  
 Lila Kennedy  
 Brody Parsons  
 Brooks Parsons

Dusty and Kasey Kennedy  
 Kaden Kennedy and Kameron Stolz  
 Don and Vivian Kolhorst  
 Harry and Barbara Kolkhorst

## 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

|         |                    |                 |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 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  
CONSTITUTION ARTICLE II.

### Section 3. Affiliation

(A) 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

An open forum discussion will be held on October 5 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. I would like to encourage all of you to put these dates on your calendars. These decisions need to be made by the majority of our members, so I encourage all to attend.

**October 5 - Open Forum 6 pm**

**October 16 - Congregational Meeting**

Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this matter.

Rodney Dickschat, Friedens Church Council President

## Thank you . . .

To the Thursday Morning Bible Study Group and others who donated food and their time to make our 9-11 Remembrance Service and reception such a blessed event. Heartfelt thanks also go out to our elected officials who addressed those at the event and presented awards to our 50-year veteran first responders: State Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Washington County Judge John Durrenberger, and Washington County Commissioner Don Koester. Thanks also go to Washington County EMS Director Kevin Deramus, Washington and those in his department including the Washington County EMS personnel who attended, and especially the helicopter crew who landed on the field next to the schoolhouse for the event. God's richest blessings to you, each and every one, in your pursuit of duty to our county and beyond.

## Thank you . . .

On behalf of the Washington, TX Volunteer Fire Department, we would like to extend thanks to Friedens Church for hosting the 9-11 service. This is a great service to the community to recognize the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fire department and honor the 50 year veterans for their service. The food at the reception was great, as always.

Blessings,  
Linda Oberhoff



## Thank you . . .

Lewis Pelley, shown here mowing the new section of the cemetery, is a frequent volunteer with the Fishermen of Friedens. Even though he's not a member of the church, he does quite a bit to help it, like digging up all the hysache in the field next to the schoolhouse after Clyde Miller mowed it. We are very blessed to have good neighbors like Lewis and his wife Joyce.

## October 5<sup>th</sup> Open Forum

There will be an Open Forum in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of discussing the upcoming congregational vote concerning a change to the constitution on October 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions about the upcoming vote, this would be the place to get answers as church council representatives will be on hand to address them. We all need to be informed to make good decisions concerning the future of our church, so please plan to attend.

## What About You?

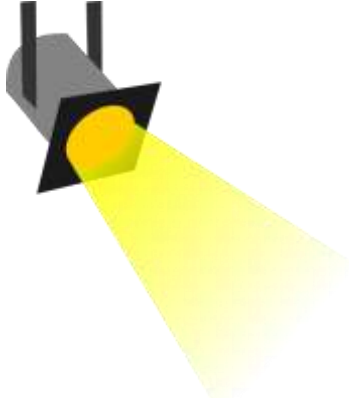
Do you have a desire to serve your church but haven't figured out how best to do so? Do you want to make a difference for your church to help it grow for the future? One way you can achieve your goal is to volunteer to serve on Church Council. We are currently seeking those who want to make a difference for next year's council. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex where you can register for consideration to serve. Please pray about volunteering today – your church needs your participation.

## Seasonal Missions of Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship is still collecting school and hygiene supplies. The school supplies will be delivered to local schools later when these items will be needed to complete the school year. Hygiene supplies will be delivered to the local nursing homes or the Senior Center in Brenham. The boxes are in the narthex.

We also voted to start collecting items to be delivered to the local nursing homes for bingo prizes. Items that are being collected include: snacks, (prepackaged crackers, puddings, popcorn, goldfish, pretzels), drinks, (flavored water, diet drinks, Gatorade); coloring books, word find books, notepads, magazines, color pencils, markers, etc. and miscellaneous items such as purses, wallets, scarves, and costume jewelry. A list of the items needed will be posted on the bulletin board.

We will be sponsoring the Christmas Ornament Exchange Program for the Brenham State Supported Living Center again this year. A sign-up sheet with names and items wanted will be posted in the Narthex later when it becomes available. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Women's Fellowship.



# Spotlight on Washington Volunteer Fire Department

by the Friedens Church Roving Reporter



Front row left-right: Chief Clyde Miller, President Don Hinze, Capt. Robert Jensen, Firefighter Billy Ray Jensen

Second row left-right: Wash. Co. EMS Director Kevin Deramus, State Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Pastor Eric Dehmer, Wash. Co. Judge John Durrenberger

During the Remembrance Service on September 11th of those fallen first responders at the Twin Towers 21 years ago our local first responders were also recognized for 50 years of service to the Washington community at Friedens Church. Just as when the fire department first started in 1972, all are members of our church and have served since a few of them stood on the roof to try and quench the flames that eventually claimed our old church that same year. Additionally, the Navasota Fire Department protected our parsonage from being consumed in that blaze 50 years ago and they were also represented by a fire truck and personnel for this event.

The ties between the church and the Washington Volunteer Fire Department continue today right down to the pastors - just as Rev. D. L. R. McDougale was a charter member in 1972 our current pastor serves as a firefighter with the department today. The efforts of extraordinary leadership through the years has produced a Fire Department, grown from the humble beginnings of Station No. 1 erected across the street from the church in 1976, to a state-of-the-art facility on SH 105 (Station No. 2) which also houses District 5 EMS personnel and our county EMS helicopter.

Recognized for 50 years of faithful service include: Chief Clyde Miller, President Don Hinze, Capt. Robert Jensen, Firefighter Billy Ray Jensen, and auxiliary members Kitty Miller and Linda Oberhoff. Thank you each and every one for your dedicated service. May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you safe as you continue to work protecting our community.

# October

| <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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| 2 Refreshments & Fellowship before Worship. (Women's Fellowship) Communion; Choir sings<br>L: Wesley Stolz<br>A: Brook Parsons<br>G: Dargol & Arlene Herzog | 3                                                      | 4                                                 | 5<br>UCC WOMEN'S Meeting @ 6PM | 6<br>Bible Study - 10 am<br>Men's Walk to Emmaus                                    | 7          | 8          |
| 9<br>L: Jim Latham<br>A: Quinn Schulze<br>G: Ralph & Donna Hollie                                                                                           | 10<br>Columbus Day                                     | 11<br>Trustees - 6:30 pm<br>Church Council - 7 pm | 12                             | 13<br>Bible Study - 10 am                                                           | 14         | 15         |
| 16<br>Homecoming Sunday - Meal Provided by Church<br>L: Becky Barton<br>A: Bailee Wilson<br>G: Susan & Lois Hollie                                          | 17<br>Fishermen of Friedens deliver for Bread Partners | 18                                                | 19                             | 20<br>Bible Study - 10 am<br>Women's Fellowship - 2:15 pm<br>Women's Walk to Emmaus | 21         | 22         |
| 23<br>L: Jim Burke<br>A: Teagyn Wilson<br>G: Billy & Larry Jensen                                                                                           | 24                                                     | 25                                                | 26                             | 27<br>Bible Study - 10 am                                                           | 28         | 29         |
| 30<br>Heritage Sunday - Pot Luck<br>Bring a dish to share<br>L: John Walkovjak<br>A: Beau Becker<br>G: Autumn & Julie Kelly                                 | 31                                                     |                                                   |                                |                                                                                     |            |            |

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