

DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON

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### Message from the Pastor

If you were to come over to our house during Christmas you wouldn't find any tree, presents, or decorations that our culture typically identifies as necessary for celebrating the season. What you would find, however, is a couple who give thanks every day of their lives for the wonderful gift we were given in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"**

- John 3:16 -

Born of a human mother, having come to earth for the reconciliation of all people unto their Creator - Christ's arrival is the most remarkable thing which has ever occurred in human history. For Lori and I, no amount of indulging in our culture's commercialization of this celebration will bring added meaning to the event or to the significance of God's greatest gift unto all mankind.

Lori and I realize that our views are not in keeping with the times, particularly in our increasingly secularized society, but we prefer to celebrate Christ's birth through worship. Ironically, Christmas this year falls on Sunday (how fitting!) and I can think of no better way to honor Him this year.

**I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.** - Psalm 86:12 -

For me, every day is Christmas, filled with new "presents" or blessings, from the Lord. So, instead of focusing on gifts I can give others during one season at the end of the year I instead center my thoughts on what I can devote to Him every day of the year.

As we begin the New Year wouldn't it be a good time to make a new year's resolution for Christ? After all that He has done for us perhaps we can find it in our hearts to give Him the honor that He deserves.

**"If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him."**

- John 12:26 -

In His love,

Pastor Eric

## In our prayers we remember. . .

Larry Hargrave, Dorothy Hughes, Rose Lee Lohmeyer, Judy Burke, Mary Lee Lewis, Paul Bellard, Ben Carbo, Madeline Almquist, Pat Beirute, Sylvia Budraitis, Francis Ramsey, Terry Humphreys, Joy & John Adkins, Douglas Buck, Kelly, Ruth and Kenzie Garrett, Herb Kammel, Elroy Stolz, Frank Gurrola, Erin Schwamyer, Wallace Bosse, Maria Jiminez and family, Shirley Finke, Victor, Victoria and Alvin Young, Marla Casada, the family of Leon Vasek, the family of Jack Taylor, Diane Latham



**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:

- o Our Christmas luncheon is Dec. 4 after church at Bever's Kitchen in Chappell Hill.
- o No meeting until January 4, 2023.

- **Women's Fellowship** announcements:

We will be having our Christmas Party at 11 on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and everyone is invited. If you are interested in playing keno, please bring a wrapped Christmas ornament.

- **Bible Study:**

We meet 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 currently studying 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians. Please check the calendars for dates of no Bible Study due to holidays (Thanksgiving).

- **Choir:**

We sing during worship every first Sunday of the month and practice after worship every last Sunday of the month.

- **Sunday School:**

We will be practicing for our program at the 6 pm Christmas Eve service during Sunday School this month.

- **Fishermen of Friedens:**

**We** deliver food for Washington County Bread Partners every third Monday and unload the food bank truck at the Navasota Pantry every other Friday. See the pastor for more information if you'd like to help.

## Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

### Needing Volunteers

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

## Food Pantry Items Needed

**December** – Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Bottled Juice

**January** – Canned Soup (chicken noodle, chicken & rice & vegetable beef) & Canned Chili

**February** – Hot cereals Oatmeal, Cream of Wheat, Cream of Rice, Grits

**March** – Canned meat (spam), Tuna, Chicken

## Altar Flowers

Flowers can be placed in church in memory/honor of loved one(s) or special occasions. See sign-up sheet on the hall bulletin board.



- Dec. 4 - Open
- Dec. 11 – Dale Borgstedte in memory of Trish Borgstedte  
Charlie & Lou Canatella in honor of Rose Lee Lohmeyer's 92nd birthday
- Dec. 18 - Amy Stolz in memory of David J. Stolz
- Dec. 25 - Charlie & Lou Canatella in memory of Willie Dell Lohmeyer & Minnie Canatella Crouch

## Refreshments & Fellowship prior to Worship

December 4 – Sunday School

January 1 - Council

February 5 - Women's Fellowship

March 5– UCC Women

April 2 – Sunday School



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

### Liturgist

### Acolytes

### Ushers/Greeters

Dec. 4 – Flora Mason  
Dec. 11 – Heather Fuller  
Dec. 18 – Wesley Stolz  
Dec. 25 – Becky Barton

Quinn Schulze  
Bailee Wilson  
Teagyn Wilson  
Beau Becker

Jim and Lois Kolkhorst  
Mark and Jane Krause  
Eric & Lori Dehmer  
Charles and Tammy Lieber

Jan. 1 – Jim Burke  
Jan. 8 – John Walkoviak  
Jan. 15 – Ashley Wilson  
Jan. 22 – Russell Borgstedte  
Jan. 29 – Sandra Bosse

Quinn Schulze  
Mitchell Schlabach  
Bailee Wilson  
Lila Ray Kennedy  
Katie Becker

Eden Harris & Vivian Kolkhorst  
Derrol & Arlene Herroz  
Doris Hinton & Sally Stolz  
Ralph & Donna Holle  
Billy Ray & Larry Jensen

**Upcoming Events are marked on your calendars**

## 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

|             |                    |                 |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| December 4  | John Barton        | Cindy Walkoviak |
| December 11 | Marsha Wellmann    | Don Kolkhorst   |
| December 18 | Rodney Dickschat   | Jim Latham      |
| December 24 | Russell Borgstedte | Monica Martin   |
| December 25 | Sandra Antill      | Ron Werchen     |

- A Congregational meeting is scheduled for December 4 to elect new council members and approve the 2023 Budget.
- A presentation will be made at that time on the purchase of a new electronic sign for the church.

### Those honored at Totenfest 11/20/2022

Rob Bond - 6/6/59 - 3/11/22

May Dell Lanham - 5/19/22 - 5/20/22

Ora Nell James - 8/8/32 - 6/25/22

Wayne Bosse - 11/6/42 - 7/14/22

Jon Anastasiades - 9/5/59 - 8/23/22

Francis Roese - 10/5/29 - 10/29/22

Shelley Addison - 1/9/61 - 10/8/22

### 2022 Memorials

Hilbert Goessler – Fellowship Hall ceiling fans and stainless steel serving cart

Arthur Steele – Pavilion bench

# This space for rent

## Thank you . . .

To Kasey Kennedy who stepped up to serve as our Sunday School Superintendent. While Kasey is quick to point out that the leadership of Children's Department is really a shared group effort with the other moms/teachers involved we nonetheless appreciate her willingness to take on the responsibility for the sake of our "young disciples."

## Thank you . . .

To our outgoing five church council members who served the last two years (2021-2022) Don Kolkhorst, Jim Latham, Monica Martin, Cindy Walkoviak and Ron Werchan. You have all contributed greatly in your service to the Lord through your work in the church. Thank you for your service.



## Thank you . . .

To all those who came on Saturday morning to erect the trees, string the lights, hang the wreaths, and join in the work to decorate the church. The fruits of your labor is absolutely magnificent in its splendor – truly a job well done!



## In Remembrance...

Melvin Henry Loesch, Jr., of Sweeny, TX passed away on November 8, 2022. A memorial service celebrating his life was held on Sunday, November 20, 2022, at 1:00 pm at Memorial Oaks Chapel. Jack Taylor passed away on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, while in Kruse Village in Brenham, Texas. A Celebration of Life Service was held at the Cowboy Church on Sunday, November 27, 2022, just after the church service.

## Want to Watch Sunday Worship from Home?

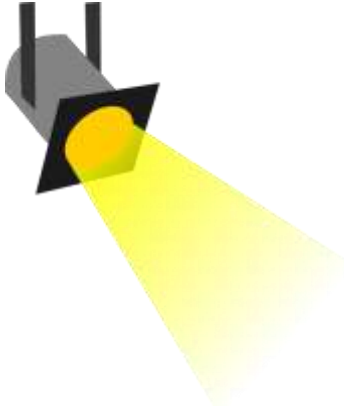
We are now streaming our Sunday services on Face Book Live so that anyone can be a part of our worship services, whether they are sitting in a pew or not. Just go to the "Friedens Church of Washington" page on Face Book and click on the arrow of the picture posted that Sunday morning and you can stream the service. We'd love to see you in person, but hope that you can still feel "connected" via the web. Happy viewing!

## 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 is posted in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Women's Fellowship.



## Spotlight on Fishermen of Friedens

by the Friedens Church Roving Reporter

When Jesus called his disciples from their fishing boat he said, “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” (Matthew 4:19) In much the same way the Fishermen of Friedens serve as followers of Christ while helping others. How do they walk out their discipleship to Jesus?

They help our community by distributing food for Washington County Bread Partners every third Monday. They help in neighboring Grimes County by unloading a shipment from Brazos Valley Food Bank at the Navasota Christian Community Center food pantry every other Friday. In addition, they take on repair and many, many service projects around the church.



John Barton paints marquee sign in front of the church.



Food Bank truck at Navasota Pantry.

## Wreaths Across America Day

### December 17, 2022 - 11 AM

We will assemble under the pavilion if the weather is conducive for a remembrance service honoring our veterans buried in the cemetery and the placing of wreaths on their graves. In the event of inclement weather we will meet in the sanctuary instead. Those we are honoring include:

|                                |                                     |                                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Ewald Benker                   | Arthur B. Grebe                     | Joe E. "Mickey" Renn              |
| Valgene "Gene" Benker          | Albert W. Hartstack, Sr.            | Ervin Riechers                    |
| Albert Boenker                 | Clyde C. Hensley                    | Robert R. Roese                   |
| Marius Boenker                 | Lewis E. Heuvel                     | Arnold "Bubba" Roese              |
| Robert Boenker                 | Dennis Holle                        | Wilbert W. "Peanut" Roese         |
| Kenneth Borgstedte             | Clifford Henry James                | Melvin Roese                      |
| Keith Borgstedte               | Henry W. Jensen                     | Franzicka Regina Roese            |
| Wilhelm "William" Borgstedte   | William A. "Bill" Jensen            | Glenn Roese                       |
| Robert W. Bosse                | Bennie Otto Wilhelm Jensen          | Bernard "Bennie" Roese            |
| Edward H. Bosse                | Paul Ketelhohn                      | Alfred Schroeder                  |
| Wayne Bosse                    | Emil Gustav Kiel                    | Raymond Schroeder                 |
| Herbert F. Bosse               | Fred Koester                        | Charles W. Schulze                |
| R.T. Buck                      | Henry C. Kolkhorst                  | Clarence Earl Skrove              |
| Fritz William Buck             | James "Bubba" Kolkhorst             | Arthur Lawrence Steele            |
| Travis Henry Buck              | Raymond C. Lauter                   | Gus A. Stegemoller                |
| Robert Melvin Buck             | Arnold H. Lauter                    | Charlie Louis Stegemoller         |
| Bennie F. Buck                 | Guy Vernon Layton                   | Charlie "Johnny" Stegemoller, Jr. |
| Fred W. "Bubba" Dickschat, Jr. | Henry Friedrich "Buddie" Lehde      | Harry A. Stolz                    |
| Otto Fritz Dickschat           | Lee Roy William Lehrmann            | Herbert Wym "Skeeter" Stolz Sr.   |
| William H. Dickschat           | Lugene Lohemyer                     | Oscar Stolz                       |
| Fritz Julius Dickschat         | Harris H. Lohemyer                  | Thomas Douglas Teel               |
| Charlie Dickschat              | Clarence W. Lohemyer                | Leonard "Red" Olen Turner         |
| Joe W. Dickschat               | Donald L.R. McDougle                | Fritz W. Wellmann                 |
| Leonard "Shim" Dickschat       | Roger Mohr                          | Edward "Ed" Wellmann              |
| Normand E. Dufilho, Jr.        | Douglas B. Newman                   | James Coleman Wellmann            |
| Marvie A. Dunn, Sr.            | Bobbie Lyn Oberhoff                 | William "Pete" Wellmann           |
| Kennard Finke                  | Eldred Osborne "Jack" Phillips, Jr. | Fritz W. Wellmann, Jr.            |
| Fritz Graeber, Jr.             |                                     | Bernard Henry "Bennie" Wellmann   |
| R.T. Graeber                   |                                     | Melvin Hermann Wellmann           |

Many thanks go to John Barton and Sandra Antill for planning and organizing this important event. Our church appreciates the opportunity to remember those who have given their service to God and country. May we never forget them or their sacrifice.



# December

| <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><br>10 am - Bible Study<br>11 am - Women's Fellowship<br>Christmas Party<br>Ornament Exchange | <b>2</b>                                                                | <b>3</b>                                     |
| <b>4 Holy Communion</b><br>Choir Sings During Worship<br>A: Quinn Schuze<br>G: Jim & Lois Kalkrost<br>L: Flora Mason | <b>5</b>                                                              | <b>6</b><br>9 am - Tuesday Quilters @<br>school house<br>7 pm - Fire Dept. Christmas<br>Dinner @ Station 2              | <b>7</b><br>9 am - Wednesday Quilters @<br>Parsonage<br>6 pm - UCC Women Meeting | <b>8</b><br>10 am - Bible Study                                                                       | <b>9</b><br>10 am - Fishermen of Friers<br>work at Navasota food pantry | <b>10</b>                                    |
| <b>11</b><br>A: Bailee Wilson<br>G: Mark & Jane Krause<br>L: Heather Fuller                                          | <b>12</b>                                                             | <b>13</b><br>9 am - Tuesday Quilters @<br>school house<br>6:30 pm - Trustee Meeting<br>7 pm - Church Council<br>Meeting | <b>14</b><br>9 am - Wednesday Quilters @<br>parsonage                            | <b>15</b><br>10 am - Bible Study                                                                      | <b>16</b>                                                               | <b>17</b>                                    |
| <b>18</b><br>A: Teagyn Wilson<br>G: Eric & Lori Denner<br>L: Wesley Stolz                                            | <b>19</b><br>6 am - Fishermen of Friers<br>deliver for Bread Partners | <b>20</b><br>9 am - Tuesday Quilters @<br>school house                                                                  | <b>21</b><br>9 am - Wednesday Quilters @<br>parsonage                            | <b>22</b><br>10 am - Bible Study<br>2:15 - Women's Fellowship                                         | <b>2</b><br>10 am - Fishermen of Friers<br>work at Navasota food pantry | <b>24</b><br>6 pm - Christmas Eve<br>Service |
| <b>25 Christmas Day</b><br>A: Beau Becker<br>G: Charles & Tammy Leibler<br>L: Becky Barton                           | <b>26</b>                                                             | <b>27</b><br>9 am - Tuesday Quilters @<br>school house                                                                  | <b>28</b><br>9 am - Wednesday Quilters @<br>parsonage                            | <b>29</b><br>10 am - Bible Study                                                                      | <b>30</b>                                                               | <b>31</b><br>New Year's Eve                  |

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