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FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON

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The Different Types of Love by Susan Holle

Valentine's day is nearly here. Some people love the holiday, some dread the day because they don't have someone special, and others are indifferent.

Truth be known, I have a love-hate feeling toward the holiday. As a hopeless romantic, I love seeing people in love and the idea of being in love.

Unfortunately, not everyone is so lucky.

When I get lonely and sad, I remember when I heard a pastor give a four-part sermon about the four Greek words for different kinds of love a few years ago. He wanted to impress upon us that Valentine's Day isn't just about Eros (the romantic type of love and the Greek god of love) but for philia, storge, and agape.

Philia is love based on mutual respect, shared devotion, joint interests, and common values. It is the love people have for their dear friends and neighbors.

Storge is the familial type of love. It's naturally formed through family ties.

The best examples are parents' deep connection with their children and vice versa and people's love for their siblings.

Agape is the love that our God has for us, His children. A selfless, sacrificial unconditional love. The Lord showed His love, mercy, grace, and forgiveness throughout the Bible. Especially in the new testament when God sent His only son to the world to save everyone.

Jesus willingly sacrificed His life on the cross on Calvary and paid for our sins with His blood so that we can have everlasting life. Yes, that's the essential kind of love. Without our Father's love, mercy, and grace, we won't know what it is like to experience all types of love.

The ancient Greeks believed that Eros was the god of love, but our God is the real God of love.

In our prayers we remember. . .

Larry Hargrave, Dorothy Hughes, Rose Lee Lohmeyer, Mary Lee Lewis, Paul Bellard, Ben Carbo, Madeline Almquist, Pat Beirute, Sylvia Budraitis, Francis Ramsey, Terry Humphreys, Joy & John Adkins, Douglas Buck, Ruth and Kenzie Garrett, Herb Kammel, Erin Schwamyer, Shirley Finke, Lisa Latham, Ted Borgstedte III, Zachary Schmalreide, Bonnie Mohr, Hollis Lehrmann.



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

News, Events and Updates...

• Frieden's Women announcements:

- We have a new name: **Frieden's Women**, and a new meeting time is 4:30 pm.
- Our take-out meal will be served after church on Sunday, February 19.
- We will sponsor the Lenten meal on Wednesday, March 1.

• Women's Fellowship announcements:

This month's meeting will be on February 16th in the Fellowship Hall at 2:15 pm. All are invited. We still have Birthday Calendars available, please see Sis Renn to purchase. The donation box and pamphlets for the Brenham Pregnancy Center is in the Narthex if you'd like to donate. Information about the Pottery Lady is posted on the bulletin board.

• Bible Study:

The Chili/Stew work list is included in this newsletter. Not everyone has been included to work, but please feel free to come help....no volunteer help will be denied!!! We are trying to simplify the process and make it easier to serve those that are eating in and/or taking out, so therefore, we will not need as many helpers/workers, but again NO one will be turned away.

We are asking for donations of cooked, deboned chicken with broth in a separate container and/or monetary donations to help defray the cost of chili meat, veggies, etc. Please contact LaNell Langford (936/878-2942) if you are willing to donate. Please have your chicken(s) at the activity center no later than 12 noon on . Also, this year we are asking each lady of the church to bring one (1) pie to be served for the sit-down meal. Serving will be from 4:30-6:30. Your chairperson will contact you to set up a time for you to work. Thank you for all your support in this annual event!!

Choir:

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

• Sunday School:

The children will have a Valentines party during Sunday School on February 12th.

• 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

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

March – Canned meat (spam), Tuna, Chicken

April – Dried beans and peas

May - Dry cereal (Corn Flakes, Rice Krispies, Cheerios, etc.) Peanut butter and Jelly June - Canned fruit & canned vegetables

(Green beans, peas, corn, carrots, etc.)

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.

Feb. 5 – Marsha & Wesley Murrell in memory of Carolyn Wellmann

Feb, 12 - Open at time of this printing

Feb. 19 - Open at time of this printing

Feb. 26 – Keith & Thresia Schlabach in honor of Hunter's 18th birthday

Refreshments & Fellowship prior to Worship

Feb. – Women's Fellowship March 5 – Frieden's Women

April 2 – Altar Guild

May 7 - Council

June 4 - Women's Fellowship

July 2 - Frieden's Women

August 7 – Altar Guild

September – Church Council

October - Women's Fellowship

November – Frieden's Women

December - Altar Guild



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

Liturgist	Acolytes	Ushers/Greeters
Feb. 5 – Vivian Kolkhorst	Brooklynn Stolz	Autumn Kelley & Julie Kelley
Feb. 12 – Flora Mason	Beau Becker	Dusty & Kasey Kennedy
Feb. 19 – Heather Fuller	Quinn Schulze	Bill & Kathy Kennedy
Feb. 26 – Wesley Stolz	Mitchell Schlabach	Mark & Jane Krause
Mar. 5 – Jim Latham	Bailee Wilson	Jim & Diane Latham
Mar. 12 – Becky Barton	Lila Ray Kennedy	Hollis & Elizabeth Lehrman
Mar. 19 – Jim Burke	Katie Becker	Homer & Joan Borgstedte
Mar. 26 – John Walkoviak	Brooklyn Stolz	L.E. & Carol Borgstedte

Lenten Meal Schedule

March 1: Frieden's Women March 8: Women's Fellowship

March 15: Open at time of this printing

March 22: Thursday Bible Study

March 29: Sunday School

This year's Lenten Study will be a video series entitled "The Lent Experience" by Eric Ferris. We will learn the essentials of what it means to authentically embrace the season as a devoted follower of Christ.

Church Council Happenings...

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

Rodney Dickschat, President (2022-2023)
Russell Borgstedte, Vice President (2022-2023)
Marsha Wellmann, Treasurer (2022-2023)
Laura Hargrave, Secretary (2023-2024)
John Barton, Envelope Clerk (2022-2023)

Denise Stolz, Church Clerk (2023-2024) Sandra Antill (2022-2023) Linda Werchan (2023-2024) Sheri Finke (2023 -2024)

Jim Burke (2023-2024)

Church Council Work Schedule 1st Quarter 2023

Sunday	Council 2023	Council 2022
2/5/2023	Denise S.	John B.
2/12/2023	Jim B.	Marsha
2/19/2023	Laura H.	Rodney
2/22/2023	Linda W.	Russell
2/26/2023	Sheri F.	Sandra
3/5/2023	Jim B.	John B.
3/12/2023	Laura H.	Marsha
3/19/2023	Linda W.	Rodney
3/26/2023	Sheri F.	Russell
4/2/2023	Denise S.	Sandra
4/6/2023	Jim B.	John B.
4/9/2023	Laura H.	Marsha
4/16/2023	Linda W.	Rodney
4/23/2023	Sheri F.	Russell



Welcome Aboard!

Council members and church organization officers were installed on Sunday, January 15 during the worship service. Thank you for all those who stepped up this year to lead our church with your enthusiasm and vision forward to the future. May God richly bless you in all your undertakings and endeavors for Him.

Spring Walks to Emmaus – Men's March 30-April 2/Women's April 13-16

See Pastor for details and registration

Community News

from Washington Co. News Source Services

Graball Mayor Appoints Illegal Dumping Task Force

Inside sources to the Graball City Mayor's office have indicated that Her Honor, the Mayor Sis Renn became incensed over the recent discovery of illegal dumping along Buck Road and appointed a joint task force to address the problem. Three officers of the undercover division of the Graball Police Dept. will work in conjunction with two officials of the city's Code Enforcement Division of the Health and Human Services Dept. Together, this joint task force's target is to eradicate the current wave of illegal dumping within the Graball city limits. The mayor was quoted as saying, "Graball has a zero-tolerance policy."



Disclaimer: Some facts of this story remained unsubstantiated at the time of publication. We apologize in advance for any misconceptions which may arise as result.

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!

Thank you . . .

Many thanks to the Women of Friedens for underwriting the refurbishment of the Activities Center doors. Don't they look great? The doors do too...



Thank you...

The Women's Fellowship would like to say a BIG Thank You to everyone that so generously donated to our mission projects this past year. We delivered 252 Christmas cards to our local nursing homes in Navasota and Brenham. We also, had several boxes of goodies for bingo prizes that was delivered to the Navasota Nursing Home...they were so appreciative of all the nice items. Hygiene supplies and school supplies are currently being delivered to different schools and senior centers. Because of everyone that have been so thoughtful and giving we were able to meet our mission project goals for 2022. We will continue with these projects so if you are able and willing to donate, please place your donation into the containers located in the narthex. Again, thank you!!

CHILI/STEW SUPPER

February 3, 2023 4:30-6:30 PM

Publication – Betsy Bosse Kitchen Help

Linda Oberhoff, Ch.
Cashier's Sandra Bosse

Becky Barton Vivian Kolkhorst

Thresia Schlabach Flora Mason Heather Fuller

Jane Krause

Cook Chili/Stew and Debra Busa
Take-out Nelda Buck

Thursday Bible Study
Any/all Volunteers

Help w/roasters
John Waloviak, Ch.

Serve Chili/Stew -in houseWesley MurrellJoAnn Bosse, Chr.Keith SchlabachBetty DickschatRodney DickschatMarsha WellmannDon Kolkhorst

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Elaine Warmke Mark Dickschat
Ginger Scott Steve Pawlowski

Kathy Pawlowski Lori Dehmer

Tammy Leiber Wait Tables/ Workers

Sunday School

Cut/Serve Pies

Sally Stolz, Chr. Cleanup
Linda Stolz Sunday School

Linda Werchan Mary Borgstedte Debbie Wellmann

Celeste Dickschat We are asking all ladies to bring one (1) pie to be served with the meal. Thank you!

Make/serve Tea & Coffee

Arlene Herzog, Chr.
Carol Borgstedte
Julie Kelley
Sandra Antill
Linda Jurecka
Cindy Walkoviak
Kathy Kennedy

Kelli Lara Tanya Parsons

	26 Choir practice after worship. L-Wesley Stole A-Baille Wilson G-Mark & Jane Krause	19 I-Hearth Fuller A-Quant Schulze G-Bill & Kathy Kemedy Preder's Women take out meal served after Church	Valentines Party L-Flora Mason A-Beau Becker G-Dusty & Kasey Kennedy	Choir sings during worship L-Wivian Kolkhorst A-Brooklyn Stole G-Autumn Kelly & Julie Kelley 12 Sunday School		Sun Sun
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	28	21	Trustee Mtg at 6:30 pm Council Mtg at 7:00 pm	7 14 Valentines Day		Tue
		22 Ash Wednesday Service at 6 pm.		15	1 Frieden's Women Meeting, @ 4:30	₩ed
		23 Bible Study 10 a.m	Bible Study 10 a.m Women's Fellowship Meeting at 2:15 pm	Bible Study 10 a.m	2 Bible Study 10 a.m	T/ nu
5		24		10	Chili & Stew supper at 4:30 to 6:30	Firi
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Food Pantry item for February is "Hot & Cold Cereal".

The calendars are continually being updated so be sure to replace your current calendar when you receive your current newsletter.