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FRIEDENS CHURCH OF WASHINGTON

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### The Importance of Lent by Susan Holle

Easter is the holiest day of Christianity. Jesus' resurrection is the cornerstone of our faith because, without it, Jesus would have been known as just a wise man, spreading His teachings of love, forgiveness, and being servants to God. As important as Easter is, we need the Lenten season to prepare mentally and spiritually for it and Jesus' second coming.

The forty days leading up to Easter are vital because it's a time for us Christians to set aside to praise and worship the Lord, to read the Bible more, and to pray more often. Lent is also a time for inner reflection, self-sacrifice, denial, and repentance. We'll have a deeper intimacy with the Lord by doing these things.

Unfortunately, we can get busy living our lives and forget to read the Bible and pray daily. However, we can carve ten minutes out of our day to be in the Word, meditate on what we read, and pray. Maybe do it early in the morning or right before going to bed.

As for giving up something during Lent, that is for us to remember how Jesus fasted for forty days and nights in the desert. Satan tempted Jesus three times when He was hungry, weak, and thirsty. We can't fast as Christ did, but we can give up something we love. If we give up sinful behavior and don't return to it, we will be better off. Satan would hate that. He wants to lead us away from God by using our desires and temptations of this fallen world. The devil hates God and all His creations.

As Christians, we must resist temptations and stand firm in our relationship with our Lord.

## 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, Denise & Elroy Stolz, Erin Schwamyer, Nicolas Hrechko, Shirley Finke, Lisa Latham, Ted Borgstedte III, Zachary Schmalreide, Bonnie Mohr, Cindy Wellmaker, Ben Bosse, Jackie Wood, family of Nancy Holle, and the family of Terry Humphreys.



**Note:** If you have anyone to add to the prayer list or remove, please contact the church office or email the Church prayer email: [friedenschurchof Washington@gmail.com](mailto:friedenschurchof Washington@gmail.com)

## News, Events and Updates. . .

### Frieden's Women announcements:

- No meeting on Wednesday, March 1 due to Lenten meal.
- We will sponsor the Lenten meal on Wednesday, March 1.
- We will provide the first Sunday refreshment on Sunday, March 5.
- Our take-out meal will after church on Sunday, March 12 and will include barbecue chicken, sausage, pinto beans, cole slaw and dessert. Please see any member for tickets.
- Our anniversary luncheon will be at the Red Board in Navasota on Friday, March 31 at 11:30.

### Women's Fellowship announcements:

- Next meeting March 16th at 2:15.
- Easter Lilies – a signup sheet is located on the hall bulletin board. Deadline is April 2nd.
- Graduate Luncheon - If you have or know of a student that is graduating from high school or college, please contact LaNell Langford by April 2nd.

### Mission Projects:

- This year instead of collecting school supplies, the organization decided to sponsor the Brenham Pregnancy Center in Brenham. If you are interested in donating, a brochure of the items needed is posted on the bulletin board and in the narthex along with a box where you can place your donation(s).
- We are continuing to collect hygiene supplies to be distributed to the Senior Center, Phoebe's Home and/or local nursing homes. We are also still collecting bingo prizes for the Navasota Nursing Home. Boxes are labeled in the narthex for your donations.
- If you would like to send an Easter card(s) to the residents in the nursing homes a box is in the narthex where you can place your card(s) in. Cards will be delivered the week of Easter. Deadline for bringing cards is Sunday, April 2nd. Thank you for supporting these organizations and the Women's Fellowship.
- **Bible Study:**  
We meet in the Fellowship Hall 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 the Book of Exodus. Please check the calendars for dates of no Bible Study due to holidays.

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

**Sunday School:** Sunday School will be out for Spring Break on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

### Needing Volunteers

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

## Food Pantry Items Needed

**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.)

**July** – Meal Kits (Hamburger helper, spaghetti sauce, Tuna helper, 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.



Mar. 5 - Open

Mar. 12 - Open

Mar. 19 - Open

Mar. 26 – Clint & Sandra Bosse in honor of their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary

## Refreshments & Fellowship prior to Worship

March 5 – Friedens Women

April 2 – Altar Guild

May 7 – Council

June 4 – Women's Fellowship

July 2 – Friedens Women

August 7 – Altar Guild

Sept. 3 – Council

Oct 1 – Women's Fellowship

Nov 5 – Friedens Women

Dec 3 – Altar Guild



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

### Liturgist

### Acolytes

### Ushers/Greeters

Mar. 5 – Jim Latham

Mar. 12 – Becky Barton

Mar. 19 – Jim Burke

Mar. 26 – John Walkoviak

Apr. 2 – Ashley Wilson

Apr. 9 – Russell Borgstedte

Apr. 16 - Sandra Bosse

Apr. 23 – Vivian Kolkhorst

Bailee Wilson

Lila Ray Kennedy

Katie Becker

Quinn Schulz

Teagyn Wilson

Quinn Schulze

Brooks Parsons

Lila Ray Kennedy

Jim & Diane Latham

Hollis & Elizabeth Lehrman

Homer & Joan Borgstedte

L.E. & Carol Borgstedte

Russell & Mary Borgstedte

Ted & Linda Borgstedte

Thomas & Lois Holle

Clint & Sandra Bosse

### Lenten Meal Schedule

March 1: Frieden's Women

March 8: Women's Fellowship

March 15: Church Council

March 22: Bible Study

March 29: Sunday School

### Lenten Study

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.

## Upcoming Events are marked on your calendars

### Church Council Work Schedule 1<sup>st</sup> & 2nd Quarter 2023

| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>Council 2023</u> | <u>Council 2022</u> |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 3/5/2023      | Jim B.              | John B.             |
| 3/12/2023     | Laura               | Marsha              |
| 3/19/2023     | Linda               | Rodney              |
| 3/26/2023     | Sheri               | Russell             |
| 4/2/2023      | Denise              | Sandra              |
| 4/6/2023      | Jim B.              | John B.             |
| 4/9/2023      | Laura               | Marsha              |
| 4/16/2023     | Linda               | Rodney              |
| 4/23/2023     | Sheri               | Russell             |
| 4/30/2023     | Denise              | Sandra              |
| 5/7/2023      | Laura               | John B.             |
| 5/14/2023     | Linda               | Marsha              |
| 5/21/2023     | Sheri               | Rodney              |
| 5/28/2023     | Denise              | Russell             |

**Your Church Council is currently working on multiple projects throughout the church and have designated Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> as our Spring Work Day.**



#### **In Remembrance...**

Nancy Bosse, spouse of Dennis Holle passed away on February 5, 2023. A graveside service was held in the Friedens Church cemetery on February 18th at 2 pm and officiated by Pastor Eric.



#### **In Remembrance...**

Terry Humphreys, spouse of Barbara Humphreys passed away on February 16, 2023. A graveside service was held in the Friedens Church cemetery on February 20th at 2 pm and officiated by Pastor Eric.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

You are invited to help us say Happy 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary and farewell to Bonnie & Dan Mohr as they start their new adventure in Florida.  
Saturday March 11, 2023 we will be hosting a "Come and Go OR Come & Stay" reception for them in the Friedens Activity Center from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

# Community News

from Washington Co. News Source Services

## Farmers Market and Plant Swap @ Washington on the Brazos SHS

Mar. 18, 2023 - 10:00am to 2:00pm - Washington on the Brazos Visitor Center Lawn



Join us from 10 am to 2 pm under the Live Oaks on the front lawn of the Visitor Center for our Farmers Market and Plant Swap. Come shop with local vendors or bring a plant, cuttings or seeds to swap and share with others.

23400 Park Road 12  
PO Box 305  
Washington,, TX 77880

## New Mission of Women's Fellowship



Because there are numerous organizations providing school supplies to the Salvation Army, Women's Fellowship has shifted their mission focus to helping Brenham Pregnancy Center with item's needed by infants and their new mothers. If you'd like to contribute please place your donated items in the labeled box located in the narthex. Current high need items include: crib sheets, shampoo/baby wash, baby wipes, sippy cups, baby bath toys.

## Thank you . . .

In 1949 our mothers and grandmothers belonging to the Women's Fellowship began holding a chili supper to raise money for the church and provide fellowship. Later stew was added and the attendance grew to become one of the most popular traditions of our church. In 2021, because of COVID, the Women's Fellowship chose not to hold the chili/stew supper.

Not wanting to lose an important tradition, the Bible study group decided to hold a takeout supper. We did all the cooking with the help of Tracy and Effie Wellmann along with a few other people. The Sunday school children and parents helped take the food out to cars as people dropped by for their food. Not having a clue as to whether the food would sell or not, we cut back on the amount sold. To our surprise, we sold out in one hour!

Last year we went back to making the same amount of stew and chili and sold most of it again and used the left-over's to serve at a Lenten meal. This year we decided to hold the traditional chili/stew supper so people could once again enjoy socializing with each other. Since this is a church-wide event, many people were given a job to help serve and clean up on Friday night. Thank you to all who stepped up and helped and to those who brought pies, donated money for meat and cooked chicken.

The Sunday school children and their parents helped with clearing tables and selling tickets. Mitchell Schlabach jumped in and helped with transporting takeout food. We especially want to recognize these people for coming out on Thursday and Friday to cook food and clean up as we went: Betsy Bosse, Amy Stolz, Lanell Langford, Sandra Bosse, Betty Dickschat, Effie Wellmann, Patsy Molitor, Linda Oberhoff, Lynda Jureka, Arlene Herzog, Sis Rinn, Judy Burke, Laura Hargrave, John Barton, and Jim Latham. Lou Ann Canatella decorated the tables in the auditorium.

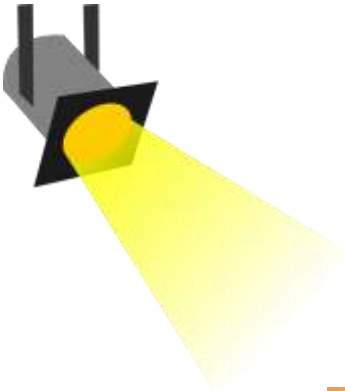
Those who ate in the auditorium, some from Brenham and Navasota, enjoyed the food and fellowship. We look forward to another successful event next year and hope more people will enjoy the fellowship as we eat together. **Becky Barton**

## Thank you . . .

Many thanks to Sandy & Kenny Wellbrock (Theresa Schlabach's aunt & uncle) for the wonderful donation of the 2 PowerAid coolers. They will definitely be used by the Church for its many functions. Thank you so much for thinking of us!

## THANK YOU!!!

The Thursday Bible Study and the Sunday school would like to thank everyone that came out and supported us again this year for a very successful annual chili/stew supper. We are so grateful for all your support....to those that made a monetary donation, donated chicken(s), pies and/or helped in preparing/serving the food. We could not do this without all your love and support so again thank you!!



## Spotlight on Friedens Altar Guild

by the Friedens Church Roving Reporter



Not pictured are Celeste Dickschat and Kelli Stolz-Lara

The Friedens Altar Guild is a group of dedicated volunteers who work behind the scenes to insure that we have important things for worship on Sunday morning. These ladies change the paraments, keep the oil in the candles topped off, polish the brass candlesticks, and set up communion every first Sunday. Additional duties occur on special holidays requiring alternate altar settings. The key is knowing what goes where each Sunday throughout the liturgical year. Fortunately, these ladies have the knowledge and expertise to keep us on track. Currently, serving are Celeste Dickschat, LaNell Langford, Patsy Molitor, Amy Stolz, Dorothy Stolz and Kelli Stolz-Lara. Thank you ladies for your service to our church!

### 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!

# MARCH

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| <b>5</b> Communion<br><i>Choir Sings during Church</i><br>L-Jim Latham<br>A-Bailee Wilson<br>G-Jim & Diane Latham<br><b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b>                                                                                  |                                                                   |                                                    |                                                            | <b>1</b> Frieden's Women -<br>No Mtg due to Lenten Meal<br>Lenten Meal @ 5:30<br>Provided by Frieden's Women | <b>2</b> Bible Study 10 a.m.<br><b>Book of Exodus</b>                                              | <b>3</b> World Day of Prayer                                                                             | <b>4</b> Reception for Bonnie and Dan Mohr<br>2:00 pm - 4:pm<br>Friedens Activity Center |
| <b>12</b> <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i><br>3rd Sunday in Lent<br>No Sunday School - Spring Break<br>L-Bobby Barton<br>A-Lisa Kay Kennedy<br>G-Hobbs & Elizabeth Lehmann<br><i>Frieden's Women To go meal after church</i> | <b>13</b>                                                         | <b>14</b> Trustee Mtg @ 6:30<br>Council Mtg @ 7:00 | <b>15</b> Lenten Meal @ 5:30<br>Provided by Church Council | <b>16</b> Bible Study 10 a.m.<br><b>Book of Exodus</b><br>Women's Fellowship Mtg @ 2:15                      | <b>17</b> St Patrick's Day                                                                         | <b>18</b> Farmers Market & Plant Swap @ Washington-on-the-Brazos Visitor Center Lawn<br>10 a.m. - 2 p.m. |                                                                                          |
| <b>19</b> 4th Sunday in Lent<br>L-Jim Burke<br>A-Katie Becker<br>G-Homer & Joan Borgstede                                                                                                                                       | <b>20</b> Fishermen of Friedens deliver for Bread Partners @ 6 am | <b>21</b>                                          | <b>22</b> Lenten Meal @ 5:30<br>Provided by Bible Study    | <b>23</b> Bible Study 10 a.m.<br><b>Book of Exodus</b>                                                       | <b>24</b>                                                                                          | <b>25</b> Annunciation of the Lord                                                                       |                                                                                          |
| <b>26</b> Choir Practice after worship<br>L-John Walkowiak<br>A-Quinn Schilze<br>G-LE & Carol Borgstede<br>5th Sunday in Lent                                                                                                   | <b>27</b>                                                         | <b>28</b>                                          | <b>29</b> Lenten Meal @ 5:30<br>Provided by Sunday School  | <b>30</b> Bible Study 10 a.m.<br><b>Book of Exodus</b>                                                       | <b>31</b> Frieden's Women Anniversary Luncheon @ Red Board in Novusola Friday, March 31 @ 11:30 am |                                                                                                          |                                                                                          |

Food Pantry item for March is canned meat (Spam, tuna, chicken, etc)  
The calendars are continually being updated so be sure to replace your current calendar when you receive your current newsletter.

# 2023