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## Celebrating Pentecost

by Susan Holle

As wonderful, joyous, and miraculous Easter is to us Christians, Pentecost should also be remembered. It's the completion of the Holy Trinity: Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and it was the start of the apostles' mission to spread the words and teachings of Jesus to the world.

After Jesus' resurrection, He spent forty days preparing the disciples for his ascension to heaven, telling them He would send the Holy Spirit to comfort and guide them. Jesus also commanded the disciples to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit and be witnesses to Him everywhere.

Then the disciples saw Jesus ascend to heaven on a cloud. Afterward, they returned to the upper room, praying and waiting for ten days. In Act 2, the Bible says:

**When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly, there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.**

So over 2000 years later, Christians are still continuing to follow the Great Commission to spread the gospel worldwide, as the disciples did at Jesus' instruction.

## 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, Joy & John Adkins, Ruth and Kenzie Garrett, Herb Kammel, Erin Schwamyer, Shirley Finke, Ted Borgstedte III, Jenny Fritz, Rachel Brieno, Ben Bosse, Jackie Wood, Michael Canatella, Elroy Stolz, Mary Smith and Cindy Wellmaker, Lindsey Eckert, and Bill Newsom.



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

## News, Events and Updates. . .

### **Frieden's Women announcements:**

Friedens Women will meet at 4:30 on May 3rd. Our speaker will be Katherine Van der Pool. She will speak on Christianity and our faith. Please come and support our speaker. Anyone interested may come even if you do not belong to Friedens Women.

### **Women's Fellowship announcements:**

- **Graduate Luncheon** will take place in the Fellowship Hall on May 7 after church. A list of graduates can be found on page 5.
- **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.

### **Bible Study announcements:**

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 Daniel. Please check the calendars for dates of no Bible Study due to holidays.

### **Choir announcements:**

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

### **Sunday School announcements:**

We will have a Summer Party on the last day of Sunday School on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Upcoming Events are marked on your calendars**

## Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

### *Needing Volunteers*

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

### Food Pantry Items Needed

- 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.)
- August** – Rice & pasta
- Sept.** – Biscuit mix & pancake mix
- Oct.** – Flour, sugar, & artificial sweetener
- Nov.** – Stuffing/cornbread mix, canned sweet potatoes
- Dec.** – Coffee, tea, cocoa, bottled fruit juice

### 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.

- May 7 – John & Becky Barton
- May 14 – open
- May 21 – Tracy H. Stolz
- May 28 – open

### First Sunday Refreshments & Fellowship prior to Worship

- 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

- May 7 – Heather Fuller
- May 14 – Jim Latham
- May 21 – Becky Barton
- May 28 – Jim Burke

#### Acolytes

- Teagyn Wilson
- Bailee Wilson
- Beau Becker
- Brody Parsons

#### Ushers/Greeters

- JoAnne Bosse
- Edward & Joyce Broussard
- Lauren Bush
- Jim & Judy Burke

### Church Council Work Schedule For May 2023

| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>Council 2023</u> | <u>Council 2022</u> |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 5/7/2023      | Laura Hargrave      | John Barton         |
| 5/14/2023     | Linda Werchan       | Marsha Wellmann     |
| 5/21/2023     | Sheri Finke         | Rodney Dickschat    |
| 5/28/2023     | Denise Stolz        | Russell Borgstedte  |

### Help Wanted – Church Secretary

Looking for a part-time job with flexible hours in a Christian environment? Friedens needs a church secretary. Applicant should be fluent in Microsoft Word and Excel. If interested, please see Council President Rodney Dickschat or Pastor Eric for details.

### Help Wanted – Sign Committee Member

A church council committee is currently researching the possibility of erecting a new, electronic sign for our campus and would like to offer any member interested in this project to participate in the process. If interested, please see Council President Rodney Dickschat or Pastor Eric for details.

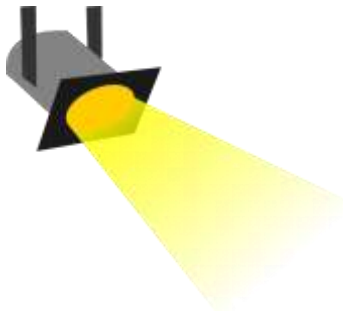
# Thank you...

Volunteers descended on the church grounds for the April Fools Day church cleanup organized by church council on Saturday morning. Though not yet a member, Lewis Pelley cleaned the gutters while Don Kolkhorst cleaned up overgrowth around the parsonage. Denise Stolz eradicated wasps nests on all the building exteriors while many of our church women cleaned the building interiors.

A lot of stuff was going on behind the scenes, even in the schoolhouse where the windows were cleaned. Sandra Bosse pulled weeds in the children's playground while Clint drove around in his Mule with "Wild Bill" Kennedy riding shotgun loading brush and limbs cut down. It was a great team effort and the church buildings and grounds look all the better for it. To all our volunteers - thank you for your service to your church and may God richly bless you for your efforts!



Mitchell Schlabach is behind the wheel of Church Council President Rodney Dickschat's truck as he stands in the bed cutting off branches with a pole saw in the cemetery. Behind the truck Charlie Canatella uses his tractor to haul limbs to the burn pile as Wesley Murrell and John Walkoviak help load.



# Spotlight on Children's Sunday School

by Friedens Roving Reporter



We are most blessed by the beautiful children we have at Friedens Church and their love for the Lord. On Easter Sunday our young disciples presented their Easter program during the worship service with 151 present in the sanctuary and they did a great job. Thanks also go to our Sunday School Superintendent and her capable group of mothers/teachers who helped the children practice and supported their efforts during the program. Our Easter blessings abound through their combined efforts. God bless you all!

## Church Council Retreat

Our church council is going on a retreat? What kind of retreat? Is it a spiritual retreat or some kind of recreational retreat? Actually, our church leadership will embark on an all-day working session to do strategic planning and set goals to propel our church forward for the future.

On Saturday, May 6 the church council will meet in the training room at Washington Fire Station # 2 on Hwy. 105 to examine ways we can embrace our future and grow as a congregation. Please pray for your church leadership, that God would inspire and guide them, as they grapple with the current issues facing our church.



## **Congratulations Graduates of 2022/2023**

**Autumn Kelley** 2023 Graduate of Brenham High School

She is the daughter of Julie Kelley of Washington, Texas and Michael James Kelley

Autumn will continue taking classes at Blinn College. She plans to transfer to Texas A&M University and to major in Education.

**Kaden Kennedy** 2023 Graduate of Brenham High School

She is the daughter of Dusty and Kasey Kennedy of Washington, Texas

Kaden will be attending Texas A&M University. She would like to be a physical therapist with a major in kinesiology. She would like to work with special needs kids or the elderly.

**Carson Lauter** 2023 Graduate of Burton High School

He is the son of Ray Lauter of Washington, Texas and Lani Lauter

**Kylie Maxson** 2023 Graduate of Navasota High School

Kylie is graduating as Valedictorian of her class

She is the daughter of Tex and Stephanie Maxson of Navasota, Texas

Kylie has been accepted to the Mays Business College at Texas A&M University.

**Raelynn Maxson** 2022 December Graduate of Texas A&M University. She majored in Agricultural Economics with a minor in the Weston AgriFood Sales Program.

She is the daughter of Tex and Stephanie Maxson of Navasota, Texas

Raelynn is currently an Associate at Stafford Barrett Commercial Brokerage in College Station.

**Emily Moreno** 2023 Graduate of College Station High School

She is the daughter of Guada and Britney Moreno of College Station, Texas

Emily will be attending Blinn College. She plans to transfer to Sam Houston University where she would like to major in Broadcasting.

**Kayci Robinson** 2023 Graduate of College Station High School

She is the daughter of Amanda Smith of Millican, Texas and Phillip Robinson

Kayci will be attending Blinn College. She would like to pursue a degree in accounting.

**Hunter Schlabach** 2023 Graduate of Brenham High School

He is the son of Keith and Thresia Schlabach of Brenham, Texas

Hunter will be attending Blinn College. He would like to pursue an education and certification in their welding program.

**Kameron Stolz** 2023 Graduate of Brenham High School

Kameron ranks 16 in her class

She is the daughter of Jeff and Amanda Stolz of Washington, Texas

Kameron has been accepted to the Mays Business College at Texas A&M University.

# Frieden's Church of Washington

# May

| <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>Fishermen of Friedens<br>deliver for Bread<br>Partners @ 6 am   | <b>2</b>                                                               | <b>3</b><br>Friedens Women<br>meeting at 4:30 pm | <b>4</b><br>National Day of<br>Prayer at Friedens<br>Pavilion at 12 pm<br>with a meal to follow. | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b>   |
| <b>7</b><br>Communion, Fellowship<br>Breakfast (Council),<br>Potluck Graduate<br>Luncheon, Choir sings<br>L-Heather Fuller<br>A-Teagyn Wilson<br>G-JoAnne Bosse | <b>8</b>                                                                    | <b>9</b><br>Trustees Meeting<br>@ 6:30 pm<br>Council Meeting<br>@ 7 pm | <b>10</b>                                        | <b>11</b><br>Bible Study<br>@ 10 a.m.                                                            | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b>  |
| <b>14</b> Mother's Day<br>L-Jim Latham<br>A-Bailee Wilson<br>G-Edward & Joyce<br>Broussard                                                                      | <b>15</b>                                                                   | <b>16</b>                                                              | <b>17</b>                                        | <b>18</b><br>Bible Study<br>@ 10 a.m.<br>Women's<br>Fellowship Meeting<br>@ 2:15 pm              | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b>  |
| <b>21</b><br>L-Becky Barton<br>A-Beau Becker<br>G-April Duch &<br>Lauren Bush                                                                                   | <b>22</b><br>Fishermen of Friedens<br>deliver for Bread<br>Partners @ 6 am. | <b>23</b>                                                              | <b>24</b>                                        | <b>25</b><br>Bible Study<br>@ 10 a.m.                                                            | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b>  |
| <b>28</b> Pentecost Sunday<br>L-Jim Burke<br>A-Brody Parsons<br>G-James & Judy<br>Burke                                                                         | <b>29</b> Memorial Day                                                      | <b>30</b>                                                              | <b>31</b>                                        |                                                                                                  |            |            |

# 2023

Food Pantry item for May is "dry cereal (frosted flakes, ~~Chex~~ peanut butter & jelly".  
The calendars are continually being updated so be sure to replace your current calendar when you receive your current newsletter.

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