



June 2023 Newsletter

Friedens Church of Washington

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Honoring Mothers and Fathers

by Susan Holle

In America, Mother's Day is on the second Sunday in May, and Father's Day is on the third Sunday in June, but God commands us to honor our fathers and mothers every day. Unfortunately, in today's society, we're told the nuclear family, having a mom and dad, aren't important anymore, but our Father didn't plan it to be that way. Families are a crucial part of God's plan for us.

After God created Adam, He made Eve to be a suitable helpmate for Adam and told them to be fruitful and multiply. Our Father wants parents to raise their children to teach them gratitude to be loving and hard working. Also, God wants fathers and mothers to enable their kids to grow in stature, wisdom, and grace. In return, our Lord commands us to honor our fathers and mothers.

“Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the Lord your God is giving .”

- Deuteronomy 5:16 -

According to God's law, children's relationship with their parents is inextricably linked to God's kingdom promises and their own personal welfare. Honoring one's parents is meant to be a way to sustain the good life of God's people in God's place under God's rule. Disobedience and dishonor are a particular evil that would lead to the fall of the nation - Deuteronomy 28:15.

The Father created us to have a relationship with Him and each other, especially between parents and their children. A parent's job is to mold and lead their children to God and to become positive influences on those they come into contact with, and for their children to pass God's and their parent's lessons down to their children.

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, Jenny Fritz, Rachel Brieno, Ben Bosse, Jackie Wood, Michael Canatella, Elroy Stolz, Mary Smith and Cindy Wellmaker, Lindsey Eckert, Bill Newsom, Ralph Holle, Melanie DeAeth, Leah Weld, Judy Burke, the family of Franklin Roese.



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

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:

Save the Date: July 21 st !!! The Women's Fellowship will have their annual Salad Supper. We will be given away door prizes, have entertainment, and of course good food. Please bring a friend, spouse or your whole family and join us at 6:30 PM. All are welcome!

Each year the Women's Fellowship makes a donation in honor of all the Mother's and Father's on their special day in May and June. This year our donation of \$1,000 was given to the Friedens Disaster/Relief fund. As tradition we also recognized all mothers including the oldest, youngest and the one with the most descendants present on that day. Sis Renn was recognized as the oldest with Kacie Kennedy as the youngest and with the most descendants present. Congrats to these two ladies!!! The Sunday School department also recognized each "MOM" with a rose.

At our last meeting we voted to donate \$2,500 to the renovation of the Activity Center restrooms.

Bible Study announcements:

We meet in the Fellowship Hall every Thursday beginning at 10:30 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:

- Sunday School is on vacation for the summer and will resume in August when school starts.
- Vacation Bible School is Monday, July 31st through Wednesday, August 2nd, at 5 PM.

Biblical Citizenship Class

Kathrine Vander Pool is teaching an 8 week class on the Biblical values found in the framing of the Declaration of Independence by our country's founding fathers and what that means to us today. The classes are on Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall. Come join us!

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

- 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.

- June 4 – Rodney & Celeste Dickschat
June 11 – open
June 18 – Betsy Bosse
June 25 – Roger & Sheri Finke

First Sunday Refreshments & Fellowship prior to Worship

- 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

- June 4 – John Walkoviak
June 11 – Ashley Wilson
June 18 – Russell Borgstedte
June 25 – Vivian Kolkhorst
July 2 – Flora Mason
July 9 – Heather Fuller
July 16 – Wesley Stolz
July 23 – Jim Latham

Acolytes

- Quinn Schultze
Bailee Wilson
Brooks Parsons
Teagyn Wilson
Katie Becker
Lila Ray Kennedy
Brody Parsons
Quinn Schulze

Ushers/Greeters

- Debra & Patrick Busa
Terry Campbell & Reba Corley
Charlie & Lou Ann Canatella
Eric & Lori Dehmer
Betty Dickschat & Doris Hinton
Brian & Mark Dickschat
Raymond & Joy Dickschat
Rodney & Celeste Dickschat

In Remembrance...



Franklin Roese passed away in Tomball on May 21st at age 88. His graveside service was held at Friedens Church Cemetery on Thursday, May 25th at 11 am with Pastor Eric officiating. A reception with a light meal was provided by Women's Fellowship following the service. Our deepest condolences are Extended to the family

Church Council News

A Council retreat was held on May 6 at WVFD#2 meeting room. Thanks to all who attended this event and thanks to the Fire Department for allowing us to use their facility.

News from the retreat:

- Reviewed where we are as a church and where we want to go.
- Set goals and beginnings of action items.
- Updated church mission statement and created vision statement.

A Search Committee has been formed. We have completed our profile and it is now posted on several websites. We have had a few responses which is encouraging. More news to follow.

<u>Church Council Work Schedule For June 2023</u>		
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Council 2023</u>	<u>Council 2022</u>
6/4/2023	Jim Burke	Sandra Antill
6/11/2023	Laura Hargrave	John Barton
6/18/2023	Linda Werchan	Marsha Wellmann
6/25/2023	Sheri Finke	Rodney Dickschat

Thank you...

To Ron Werchan for getting our evangelism postcards printed as well as our banner in front of the activities center. Your feedback to any councilmember is appreciated in regard to the banner location as a possible site for the proposed new church sign.

Help Wanted – Sign Committee Member

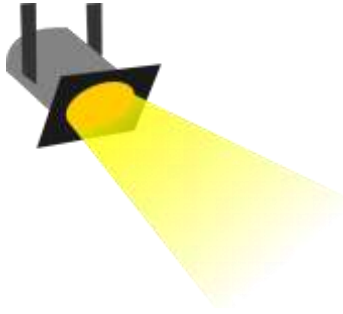
A church council committee is currently researching the possibility of erecting a new, electronic outdoor sign for our campus and would like to offer any member interested in this project to participate in the process. If interested, please see Council President Rodney Dickschat or council committee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

Cemetery Clean-up Day

Many of our memorial markers or tombstones are in need of cleaning. It was suggested that perhaps we could set up a workday and ask for volunteers to assist with this project. The date of June 10th was decided on and if you can help, please bring a pail, soft brush, and a large rag. A cleaning solution or Dawn soap will be provided. We will start around 8 am. If you would like to participate but are unable to on the 10th, please feel free to help at your convenience. All help will be appreciated.

Welcome Aboard!

We warmly welcome Cindy Walkoviak as our new church secretary and look forward to her presence in the church office as our day-to-day representative while handling the myriad of administrative and clerical duties required by the position. Welcome aboard Cindy!



Spotlight on Our Graduates

by Friedens Roving Reporter



On Sunday, May 7 many of our graduates who include Autumn Kelley, Kaden Kennedy, Carson Lauter, Kylie Maxxon, Raelynn Maxxon, Victoria (Tori) Bosse McElreath, Emily Moreno, Kayci Robinson, Hunter Schlabach and Kameron Stolz shared their story with the young disciples in our church. Following the worship service everyone enjoyed a graduation dinner in the fellowship hall. May God richly bless our graduates as they enter the next part of their life's journey.



Welcome!

Ray Duch joined our church through profession of vows on Sunday, May 21. Ray, who is married to April and father to Ryan, grew up as a member of Salem Lutheran Church and is now happy to call Friedens his church home. We welcome Ray into the warm, caring fellowship of the Friedens Church family and look forward to many years of sharing in worship together.

SUSAN RUSSELL – LAPEYRE and ST. THOMAS MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS

MUSIC

FROM THOSE AROUND US

7:00 PM FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION

A SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

JUNE 2
JUNE 9
JUNE 16
JUNE 23
JUNE 30

Throughout the month of June, St. Thomas will be putting on a series of free intimate weekly concerts around the theme “Those Around Us.”

You’ll have a chance to hear some music and some musicians from our community that you don’t get to hear often enough saying things through music that we as a community don’t often get to hear. It will be filled with both laughter and learning, and explore through music the tapestry that is St. Thomas. Our first concert (just to get things rolling) will be on Friday, June 2, 7PM, and will feature our own wonderful choir familiar guests digging into some music that we don’t get a chance to do on Sunday mornings. Set aside your Friday nights in June and come hear something fresh!

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH – 906 GEORGE BUSH DRIVE – COLLEGE STATION
Contact Susan Laypeyre for details at: 979-696-1726 or musitec@stthomasbcs.org



June

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
4 Communion, Fellowship Breakfast, (WF) Chor sings L- John Walkoviak A-Quinn Schultze G-Debra Busa & Patnck Busa	5	6	7 Biblical Citizenship Class @ 10 am Friedens Women no meeting (Group trip)	8 Bible Study at 10:30 am	9 Fishermen of Friedens unload food truck @ Navasota Pantry	10 Church Cemetery Clean-up Day - 8 am
11 L- Ashley Wilson A- Bailee Wilson G- Terry Campbell and Reba Corley	12	13 Council Mtg: 7:00 pm	14 Flag Day movie "Monumental" in fellowship hall @ 10 am	15 Bible Study at 10:30 am Women's Fellowship Mtg 2:15 pm (Ice Cream Social)	16	17
18 Father's Day L- Russell Borgstede A- Brooks Parson G- Charlie & Lou Ann Canarella	19 Fishermen of Friedens deliver for Bread Partners @ 6 am	20	21	22 Bible Study at 10:30 am	23 Fishermen of Friedens unload food truck @ Navasota Pantry	24
25 L- Vivian Kolkhorst A- Teagyn Wilson G- Eric & Lori Dehmer	26	27	28 Biblical Citizenship Class @ 10 am	29 Bible Study at 10:30 am	30	

Food Pantry item for June is "canned fruit and canned vegetables (green beans, corn, carrots, spinach and peas".
The calendars are continually being updated so be sure to replace your current calendar when you receive your current newsletter.

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