

# July-August 2023 Newsletter



## Friedens Church of Washington

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#### Pastor's Letter

While serving as your pastor these past 4½ years we have faced many challenges together, not the least of which was walking through my journey with cancer. As a member of our congregation, your prayers have made a difference in the healing mercies I received and my spiritual wellbeing during that difficult time. I'm immensely grateful to be a part of such a loving congregation which genuinely cares for one another. Our Lord favors those who pull together in the family of faith.

**God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.**

- Hebrews 6:10 -

I also want to convey my heartfelt gratitude to Susan Holle who has been providing insightful letters in this space for the last few months as well as writing the call to worship and offertory prayers for most of this year. I also want to thank Cindy Walkoviak for accepting the position of church secretary, a position I had been trying to fulfill myself for the better part of a year with marginal success. So, I give thanks to the Lord for answering our prayers in the form of both of these ladies and for their skills and willingness to serve Him.

**Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.** – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 –

Additionally, I am conscience of the servant's heart possessed by our three church musicians, Lois Holle, Dean, and Dickie Dickschat - where would we be without them? I'm also thankful for our church council and the good work that they have done this past year as well as the ongoing efforts of our two women's groups, Friedens Women and Women's Fellowship as well as the Fishermen of Friedens.

**Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.** – Hebrews 13:1-2 –

I rejoice over the fact that I belong to such a vibrant church with those who seek to do the Lord's work in so many different aspects, as Dean Dickschat and John Walkoviak do. I hope that you share my joy and will join with me in singing His praises for the wonderful blessings we have received as a church that seeks to serve Him. In His love,  
Pastor Eric

## In our prayers we remember. . .

Larry Hargrave, Dorothy Hughes, Rose Lee Lohmeyer, Mary Lee Lewis, Paul Bellard, 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, Jackie Wood, Michael Canatella, Elroy Stolz, Cindy Wellmaker, Lindsey Eckert, Bill Newsom, Ralph & David Holle, Melanie DeAeth, Leah Weld, Judy Burke, Raymond Dickschat and David and Kenney McAlpine and the Family of Ben Carbo.



**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:**

There will be no meeting in July. In August there will be a takeout lunch.

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

Save the Date: July 21st !!! 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. There will be door prizes. 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 Kacey 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. Blessings of the Backpacks will be August 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 10 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.*

### 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.

July 2 – Henry J Roesse Family  
July 9 – open  
July 16 – open  
July 23 – open  
July 30 – open  
August 6 - Rodney & Celeste Dickschat  
August 13 - open  
August 20 - open  
August 27 - open

### Food Pantry Items Needed

**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

### First Sunday Refreshments & Fellowship prior to Worship

July 2 – Friedens Women  
Aug. 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

July 2 – Jim Latham  
July 9 – Flora Mason  
July 16 – Heather Mason  
July 23 – Wesley Stolz  
July 30 – Becky Barton  
August 6 – Amanda Stolz  
August 13 – John Walkoviak  
August 20 – Ashley Wilson  
August 27 – Russell Borgstedte

#### Acolytes

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

#### Ushers/Greeters

Betty Dickschat & Doris Hinton  
Brian & Mark Dickschat  
Raymond & Joy Dickschat  
Rodney & Celeste Dickschat  
Trevor Dickschat  
April and Ray Duch  
Amanda Smith & Jace Easley  
Travis and Lindsey Eckert  
Roger and Sheri Finke

### Wednesday Matinee

Beginning July 26 we will be featuring Christian movies in the Fellowship Hall following the conclusion of our Biblical Citizenship Class on the 19<sup>th</sup>. We have already enjoyed *Monumental* and *Paul, Apostle of Christ* in June and will be viewing *Heaven is for Real*, *The Shack*, and many more following. Come join us on Wednesdays at 10 am and enjoy the popcorn at the movie with us.

# Church Council News

The Search Committee has been interviewing prospective candidates and we will have a Pastor candidate visit our church on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. He will not be preaching. The purpose of this visit is for an in person interview and an opportunity for him and his family to see what we are about. So please come out to Sunday service and show our candidate that good Frieden's welcoming spirit.

<u>Church Council Work Schedule For July 2023</u>		
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Council 2023</u>	<u>Council 2022</u>
7/2/2023	Denise Stolz	Russell Borgstedte
7/9/2023	Jim Burke	Sandra Antill
7/16/23	Linda Werchan	John Barton
7/23/23	Sheri Finke	Marsha Wellmann
7/30/23	Denise Stolz	Rodney Dickschat
8/6/23	Jim Burke	Russell Borgstedte
8/13/23	Laura Hargrave	Sandra Antill
8/20/23	Linda Werchan	John Barton
8/27/23	Sheri Finke	Marsha Wellmann

## **Thank you...**

To everyone that came for the Cemetery clean-up day. The headstones look great and are greatly appreciated. The cemetery committee would also like to thank Bobbie (Joyce) Broussard and friend for cleaning headstones on May 30<sup>th</sup> and also to Lewis and Joyce Pelley for placing flags on veteran's graves in commemoration of Memorial Day.

## **Thank you...**

To Lois Holle who has stepped in to fill the musical breach for our worship services during Dickie's recovery. Thanks for Lois for providing your musical talents on the piano to Friedens Church.

## **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.

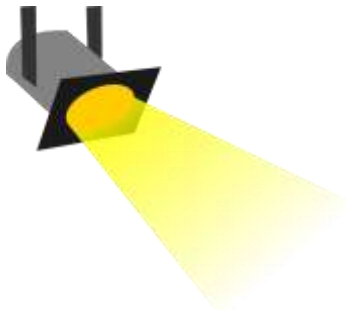
## **Wreaths Across America**

This year's observance will be held on Saturday, December 16 at 11 am under the pavilion unless there is inclement weather in which case it will take place in the sanctuary. Wreaths will be placed in honor of each branch of service to our country and volunteers who served are encouraged to contact Linda Jurecka to do so. Wreaths can also be ordered by Linda and the cost is \$17 for two.



## **Congratulations!**

**Wesley and Amanda Stolz and brother Riggs welcomed Rhett Lee Stolz on June 1, 2023 at 6:54 am weighing 7lbs 11oz. and 21 inches. Proud grandparents are Elroy and Denise Stolz.**



# **Spotlight on Church Cemetery**

**by Friedens Roving Reporter**



From left to right: John Barton presenting his best side, Flora Mason, Lewis Pelley, Roger Finke, and Ray Stolz

JoAnn Bosse organized a church cemetery clean-up for Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and almost two dozen people came out to clean headstones and gravesites. Don Kolkhorst was the deemed “Hero of the Day” when he showed up with a pressure washer which made the cleaning efforts go much faster. Many hands made for quick work and the results speak for themselves. Thanks go to all who participated to make the cemetery a beautiful and sacred space.

# July

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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>
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<b>2</b> Epiphany Sunday Refreshments (by Friedens's Women) & Fellowship prior to Worship. Communion, Choir singing L-Jim Latham A-Katie Becker G-Betsy Dickschat & Doris Hinton	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Biblical Citizenship 10:00 am Frieden's Women Mtg at 4:30 pm	<b>6</b> Bible Study 10 a.m	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> L-Flora Mason A-Lila Ray Kennedy G-Brian & Mark Dickschat	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Council Meeting at 7:00 pm	<b>12</b> Biblical Citizenship 10 am	<b>13</b> Bible Study 10 a.m	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> L-Heather Mason A-Brody Parsons G-Raymond & Joy Dickschat	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Biblical Citizenship 10 a.m	<b>20</b> Bible Study 10 a.m	<b>21</b> Salad Supper 6:30	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> L-Wesley Stolz A-Quinn Schulte G-Rodney & Celeste Dickschat	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Movie Matinee 10 am	<b>27</b> Bible Study 10 a.m	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Pot Luck Dinner L-Becky Barron A-Railee Wilson G-Trevor Dickschat VBS @ 5 pm	<b>31</b> VBS @ 5 pm					

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# August

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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>
		1 VBS at 5 pm	2 Weds. Matinee 10 am VBS at 5 pm	3 Bible Study at 10 am	4 Fishermen of Friedens work @ Navasota Food Pantry	5
6 Refreshments and Fellowship prior to Worship, Communion, Choir singing L- Amanda Stolz A- Brooks Parson G- Ray and April Duch	7	8 Council Mtg. at 7 pm	9 Weds. Matinee 10 am	10 Bible Study at 10 am	11 Fishermen of Friedens work @ Navasota Food Pantry	12
13 L- John Walkowiak A- Beau Becker G- Amanda Smith & Lace Easley	14	15	16 Weds. Matinee 10 am	17 Bible Study at 10am Women's Fellowship Mtg 2:15 pm	18 Fishermen of Friedens work @ Navasota Food Pantry	19
20 L- Ashley Wilson A- Teagyn Wilson G- Travis and Lindsey Eckert	21 Fishermen of Friedens deliver for Bread Partners of Washington County	22	23 Weds. Matinee 10 am	24 Bible Study at 10 am	25	26
27 L- Russell Borgstedt A- Katie Becker G- Roger and Sheri Finke	28	29	30 Weds. Matinee 10 am	31 Bible Study at 10 am		

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

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