

October 2023 Newsletter



Friedens Church of Washington

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Celebrating Oktoberfest

by Susan Holle

Oktoberfest began on October 12, 1810, in Munich, Bavaria, when the crown prince, Ludwig, later King Ludwig I, married Princess Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen. The Munich citizens were invited to attend the festivities held on the fields in front of the city's gates to celebrate the royal event. The biggest attraction was the horse races. Due to Bavaria's involvement in the Napoleonic wars, Oktoberfest was canceled in 1813. After that, the festival grew every year. Tree climbing, bowling alleys, swings, and other attractions accompanied the horse races. Carnival booths made their appearance in 1818. The prizes were silver, porcelain, and jewelry.

The following year, Oktoberfest became officially an annual festival after the city's leaders assumed responsibility for festival management. Though they only had a parade to celebrate the marriage of Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese, in 1850, the organizers of Oktoberfest brought it back. Since then, the parades have become an essential component of the festival. In 1880, electric light illuminated more than 400 booths and tents. In 1881, they began selling Bratwurst at booths, and the first beer was served in glass mugs in 1892.

Today, many U.S. cities with large German-American populations hold Oktoberfests modeled on the original in Munich. However, people in cities aren't the only people who celebrate Oktoberfest. In Washington, Texas, the birthplace of Texas, members of Frieden's Church and the community commemorate Oktoberfest. We had a two-day festival in the 1980s until 1993 every year. I was young when we had those festivals, and I have vague memories. So, as a good writer who can't research about them on the Internet, I went on my Facebook page and asked my family and friends what they remembered about the Oktoberfest festivals.

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In our prayers we remember. . .

Larry Hargrave, Rose Lee Lohmeyer, Elroy Stolz, Judy Burke, Joey Helms, Ralph and David Holle, Dorothy Hughes, 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, Cindy Wellmaker, Bill Newsom, Melanie DeAeth, Leah Weld, David and Kenney McAlpine, Taylor Willis, Nichole Brooks and Troy Weigand.



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 have their meeting October 4th at 4:30pm.
- Frieden's Women had hoped to have 20 boxes to send to Samaritan's Purse but happily we will have at least 30. The boxes are due by the 8th of October.
- Friedens Women will help with the Sunday School hayride after the pot luck lunch on October 29. That is always a fun time for the children and adults involved.

Women's Fellowship announcements

- There is a take-out meal being planned. Watch this space for further announcements.
- The next meeting will be on October 19th.
- We will be taking orders for birthday calendars again this year. Calendars are \$5 ea. Orders, any additions/ deletions/ corrections must be submitted by Nov 5th to LaNell Langford.
- Women's Fellowship will be providing refreshments following the Saturday Dec. 16th Wreaths Across America service at 10 am.

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 Revelation. 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:

- A children's hayride will follow the 5th Sunday covered dish luncheon on October 29.
- Sunday School will be assembling 6 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse which are due on Oct. 8th.

Confirmation

The 2024 confirmation class will begin Wednesday, October 4 at 5 pm in the fellowship hall. The class will include Katie Becker, Lila Ray Kennedy, and Bailee Wilson. Stacey Becker will be on hand with Pastor Eric teaching the class.

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

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.

October 1 --Open

October 8--Open

October 15—Amy Stolz

October 22—Open

October 29 -- Open

First Sunday Refreshments & Fellowship prior to Worship

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

October 1 – Jim Latham

October 8 – Dale Borgstedte

October 15 – Becky Barton

October 22 – Jim Burke

October 29 – John Walkoviak

Acolytes

Brooks Parson

Beau Becker

Teagyn Wilson

Katie Becker

Lila Ray Kennedy

Ushers/Greeters

Lena Mae & Karl Goessler

Derrol & Arlene Herzog

Ralph & Donna Holle

Susan & Lois Holle

Billy Ray & Larry Jensen

Wreaths Across America

This year's observance will be held on Saturday, December 16 at 10 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 one but if you buy two, you get the third one free. We are asking that you submit one picture of each of your family members living or deceased who have served or are currently serving in the military. Do not send your photo by text or a picture you have taken with your cell phone. lcanatella55@gmail.com or lindajureck@att.net

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I got great information, and I'm truly grateful. Everything in the following two paragraphs is a composite of things they told me.

The Oktoberfest festival usually started with the parade, which meant all the kids getting in the beds of trucks and going down Washington's main street. The Women's Fellows sold sausages and sauerkraut on buns and baked goods. Next to them, Washington's Volunteer Fire Department sold sausages on a stick. The kids in 4-H sold Blue Bell ice cream. For a while, there was a chili cook-off. The women of the community had butter-making and quilting demonstrations. There was also a Little Miss Oktoberfest contest. In the center, they put up a big tent for entertainment, where the one-man band played polka music and novelty tunes. A kids' singing group called the Shoestring Kids also sang their songs there every year. They stayed and signed autographs. There were many craft booths where people sold things from German halos to baby bags. They had games, such as bingo and ring toss.

In the latter years, they added a volleyball tournament to the Oktoberfest festival. In the evening, they held a dance behind the post office on a large concrete slab. Everyone loved the annual Oktoberfest festival, but it ended in 1993 because, allegedly, someone got injured playing in the volleyball tournament and sued. The liability insurance had gotten to be too expensive or unattainable. Everyone who commented and shared stories and experiences had fond and nostalgic memories of an important portion of their lives.

Now, Friedens church has a homecoming. After service on a Sunday in October, the church has a German-style meal at the old school house. They play German songs while people eat their food and talk. Whether it's a festival or a meal, as a church family, we gather to enjoy each other's company and thank God that we still have our church and community.

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As attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have a community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping on your sofa.

Christians aren't consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together.

The church needs you.

And you need the church.

- Michael Carl -

Church Council News

- The Search Committee continues their work regarding prospective ministerial candidates.
- We had a good visit with prospective candidate on September 17. Steve Dennis and his family visited during church and met with the search committee after church. We are still in communication with Pastor Dennis and continue to search for our next pastor and review candidates.
- The parsonage windows were replaced on Tuesday, August 15.
- The Fellowship Hall a/c was replaced on Thursday, August 17.
- The women’s restroom upgrades have been completed in the Activity Center.
- Thank you to all who helped in these efforts. We are moving forward with additional enhancements in the parsonage.
- We are getting closer to completion of the Constitution and By-Laws updates.
- If you are interested in serving on council, please sign up or contact a council member.

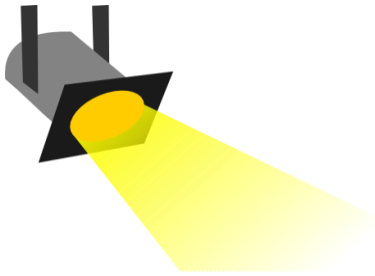
Church Council Work Schedule For July 2023		
Sunday	Council 2023	Council 2022
10/1/2023	Denise Stolz	Marsha Wellmann
10/8/2023	Jim Burke	Rodney Dickschat
10/15/23	Laura Hargrave	Russell Borgstedte
10/22/23	Linda Werchan	Sandra Antill
10/29/23	Sheri Finke	John Barton

Thank you...

Friedens Women want to thank everyone for their support of the Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoe Box Ministry. They would also appreciate monetary donations to help pay for handling and postage for the shoe boxes assembled by the women’s group and the Sunday School children. Each shoe box costs \$10.00 in mailing fees. Any donation amount will be used for these services and is greatly appreciated.

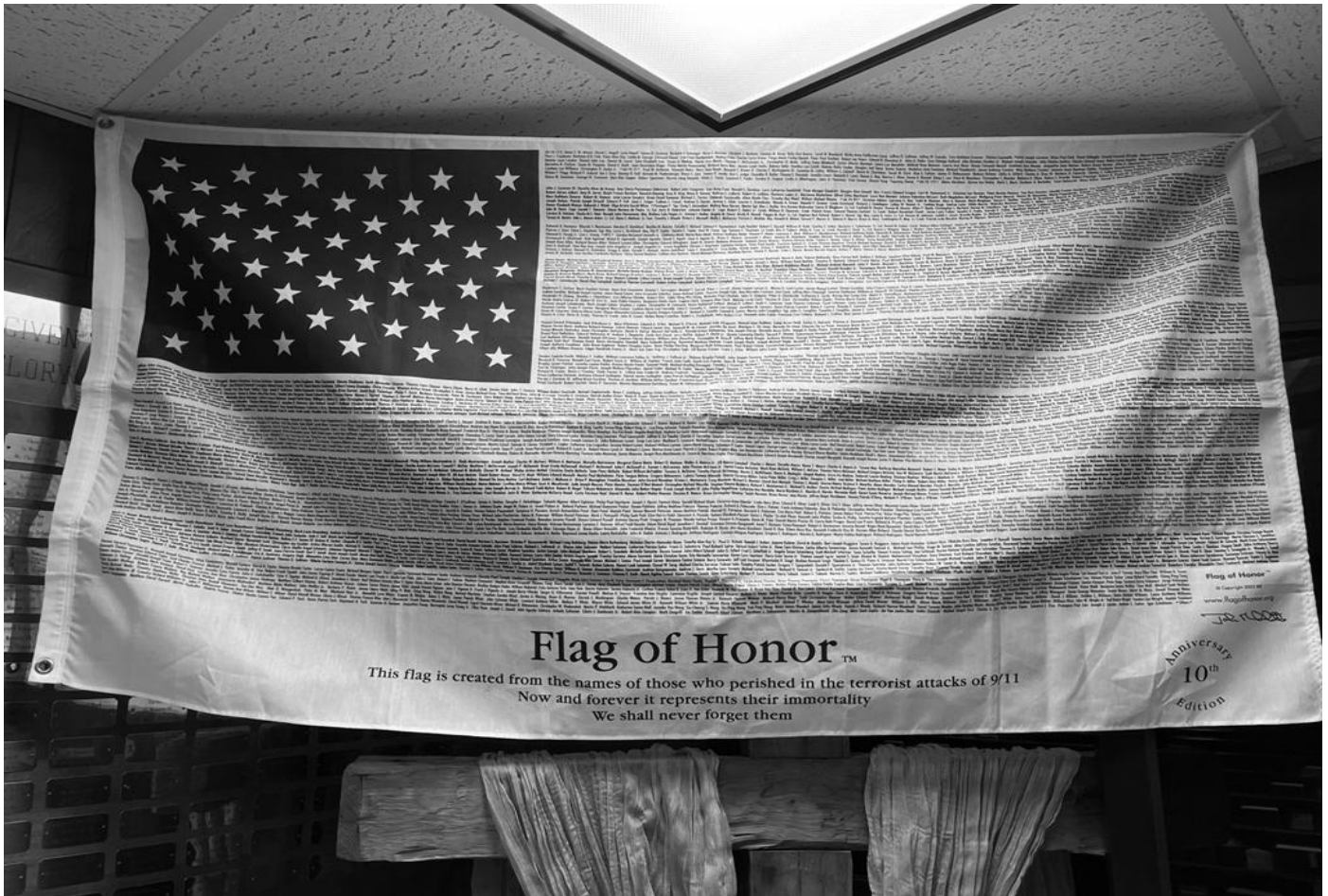
Thursday Matinee

Bring your brown bag lunch and join us after Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall for a Christian movie matinee. We have already enjoyed *Monumental* and *Paul, Apostle of Christ* and the *Left Behind Trilogy* and will be viewing *Heaven is for Real, The Shack*, and many more following. Come join us on Thursdays at noon and enjoy the popcorn at the movie with us.



Spotlight on Patriot Day

by Friedens Roving Reporter



40 people were in attendance including members from 3 fire departments and Washington County EMS as our church continued its tradition of remembering the fallen victims and first responders on 9/11 as well as recognizing our own. Kathryn van der Pol provided the flags of honor which adorned our narthex for the service (pictured above) and served as our keynote speaker reminding us of why we remember. Washington County Precinct 1 Commissioner, Don Koester was on hand to praise our local first responders in their efforts to protect and serve our community. The Washington County Public Safety Color Guard provided a beautiful flag ceremony and Women's Fellowship made sure everyone had more than enough refreshments following the service. It was a wonderful event that demonstrated to our community that Friedens Church cares and supports those who put their lives on the line for our sakes each and every day. May God bless them, each and every one.

October

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 Holy Communion L-Jim Latham A-Brooks Parson G-Lena Mae & Karl Gossler 9:45 Fellowship Choir Sings during Worship		Washington VFD Meeting @ 7 pm.	UCC Women Mtg. at 4:30 pm. Confirmation @ 5	Bible Study @ 10:30 a.m Movie Matinee	10 am - Fishermen of Friedens work at Navasota food pantry	
8 L-Dale Borgstedt A-Beau Becker G-Derryl & Arlene Herzog	9 6 am - Fishermen of Friedens deliver for Bread Partners	10 Council Mtg at 7:00pm	11 Confirmation @ 5	12 Bible Study @ 10:30 a.m Movie Matinee	13 10 am - Fishermen of Friedens work at Navasota food pantry	14
15 L-Becky Barton A-Jessy Wilson G-Ralph & Donna Holle	16	17	18 Confirmation @ 5	19 Bible Study @ 10:30 a.m Movie Matinee Women's Fellowship Meeting at 2:15 pm	20	21
22 L-Jim Burke A-Katie Becker G-Susan & Lois Holle	23	24	25 Confirmation @ 5	26 Bible Study @ 10:30 a.m Movie Matinee	27	28
29 L-John Waskowiak A-Lila Ray Kennedy G-Billy Ray & Larry Jensen Pot Luck & Hayride	30 6 am - Fishermen of Friedens deliver for Bread Partners	31				

The calendars are continually being updated so be sure to replace your current calendar when you receive your current newsletter.
 Food Pantry Item for October is Flour, Sugar and Artificial Sweetner

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