

† *Friedens Church of Washington, UCC* †

“A Country Church with an Open Door”

January 2011 Newsletter



The Pastor's Page

RESOLUTIONS --- REVOLUTIONS

Over the Christmas holiday time, I read an article by Rev. Mike Cole about New Year's and was reminded how I misunderstood the title words in my younger days.

When I heard the grown-ups talking about making their New Year's resolutions, I thought the word was *revolutions*. I had just been learning about the American Revolution and really could not understand why the grown-ups wanted to do such a thing again.

Looking back and pondering these two words today, I think, "What kind of revolution am I expecting this new year?"

First of all, I think about it on a personal level. I need a revolution of self. I need to not be as self-centered and selfish as I have been. I need to think of others more instead of me so much. I need to give more time to my family and friends and less to the TV and the computer. I could also use less time filling my mouth and stomach with snacks as I pursue these pastimes.

More importantly, I need to allow my life to revolve around God more than I have.

I know you're probably thinking the preacher has to revolve around God. That's true but I feel in my heart that my life and actions could be more God-centered than they have been.

I also expect there to be revolutions here at Friedens. (Not the kind you are thinking of.) I pray for revolutions of the *SPIRIT* to fill all with renewed hope and joy as we journey together into a new year. There will be changes, there always are. We will embrace and work through them together, along with the Holy Spirit.

There is a lot in store for this church and I see only good things. Let's bring on a revolution of care and healing for everyone, through our words and worship, our participation and prayer, our hugs and humility, our faith and friendship, and our love.

I plan to revolve my life and ministry around the future and not the past.
Let's do it together!

Christ's servant and yours,

Pastor Greg





Please keep these folks in your prayers:

Clara Benker, Billy Boenker, Ella Mae Borgstedte, Evelyn "Puddin" Hartstack, Lois Holle, Olga Holle, Donna Jensen, Pat Roese, Dorothy Wellmann, Mae Belle Boenker, Babe Riechers, Trey Krause, Keith Schlabach, and Laverne Lehrmann. Let us also remember in prayer Morris Eickenhorst, Kenneth Hensley, Teresa (Franklin) Roese, Ann Knittel and Joe Hinton.



First Sunday Fellowship:
On the first Sunday of each month, the congregation is invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments before the worship service. Please join us !

Sound System Help

Thank you to Linda Werchan who has volunteered to assist in the sound system duties. We are, however, still in need of several substitute persons to help with the sound system for Sunday services. It is a very simple job and will not be a weekly commitment, but only a fill in position. Please call Linda Oberhoff, 878-2247. She would greatly appreciate it.



Sunday School

Classes start January 9th and are split into three age groups:

Nursery thru 1st grade, 2nd thru 6th grade, and the Youth Class, 7th thru 12th grade. We have some great teachers and some awesome new lessons planned!

This month, the younger children will be learning about childhood Baptism and John the Baptist.

The 2nd thru 6th grader's lessons will be: Wise Men worship Jesus, John introduces Jesus, Moses and his family, and escape from Egypt.

We would love to see you there as we study God's word together!

Sunday School starts at 9:00 am.



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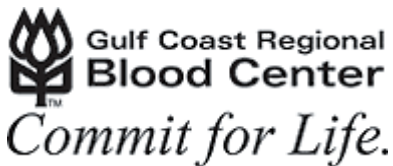
If your address or phone number has changed, or if someone is not receiving the newsletter and should be, please let Kim at the church office know. Thanks!

Friedens Church Continues its' Mission: "Adopt a Soldier"



We are still collecting donations to send to the soldiers abroad. We sent out seven boxes to Afghanistan for the holidays, and we are preparing to send out the next shipment. We urge you to help us continue this mission for as long as we can, as they need our constant support and encouragement.

A list of needed items can be found in the foyer at the church, or if you have any questions, or would like to make a monetary donation, please see or call Kim Bosse at the church office, 936-825-2523.



2011 Blood Drive Dates

January 16
May 29
July 24
November 20

Please mark your calendars!

Newsletter Deadline! If you would like to submit an article or something to be included in the February Newsletter, please get your articles to the Church Office no later than **January 25th.**

Articles may be sent via e-mail to friedensoffice@embarqmail.com, brought to the office, or faxed.

Thank you notes or short announcements may be called in. Thank you for your cooperation.



Christmas Memories: A Lesson for us All

After Christmas, Linda Oberhoff was visiting with her Aunt Olga Holle at Gazebo Terrace.

She wanted to share this story with you as told by Mrs. Holle.

“Aunt Olga and I were discussing that in 2009, the Christmas Eve service was cancelled due to below freezing temps for ten hours with no electricity, and again this year, in 2010, the electricity also went off for a few hours while during a bad rain storm.

Olga said she always remembered the year Ella Mae Borgstedte played the part of Mary in the Sunday school Christmas Eve program. That was a cold year as well. So cold that they could not go to church except by horse and wagon. Grandpa Henry and Grandma Malinda

Jensen wrapped the kids in quilts in the back of the wagon,

with just a peep hole to look out of. The older boys had to ride horses to the church.

Olga remembers that was one of the best Christmas Eve programs she ever remembered!”

Dear Friedens family and friends,

Thank you for the many cards, phone calls, food, visits, and prayers and concerns we received during and after my knee surgery, Dickie's heart surgery, and the passing of my mother, Annie Korth. With the help of our family, friends, and prayers, we made it through all of this.

We appreciate the many visits and prayers from the Rev. Dr. George Klett and Pastor Greg Felder. Thanks to Kim Bosse for helping with the secretary work at the church. Your kindness will always be remembered.

God Bless you all.

Joy Dickschat

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the kind words, prayers and thoughtfulness shown towards the family of Frank Dickschat. Thanks to Dr. George Klett for his visits and prayers, and to Pastor Greg for his prayers and comforting message during the service. Thanks to all who sent cards, memorials, flowers, and food, and a special thanks to the Women's Fellowship for providing lunch. Thank you also to Dennis Boring for playing the organ, and to Bonnie Mohr for her special song. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

The Frank Dickschat Family



Our deepest sympathy to the family of Annie Rodenbeck Korth who went home to be with Our Lord on December 8, 2010.

Dear Friedens Church,

Thank you for the book you gave me for confirmation. I know I will use it throughout my whole life. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Blake Wellman

Dear Friedens Church,

I want to thank you for the book you presented to me during the service, and for being a part of my life.

Thanks again,

Rylie McKinney

Dear Church Members,

Thank you for the book, "Confirmed in Christ" and for the luncheon. My confirmation will be special because of your thoughtfulness.

Thanks again,

Spencer James

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Food Pantry Worker List:



January

- 6- Linda Werchan & Sally Stolz
- 13- Bonnie Mohr & Vivian Kolkhorst
- 20- Terry Campbell & Mae Dell Lanham
- 27- Kim Bosse & Rose Lee Lohmeyer

February

- 3- Mary Borgstedte & Sandy Taylor
- 10- Linda Werchan & Sally Stolz
- 17- Bonnie Mohr & Vivian Kolkhorst
- 24- Ora Nell James & May Dell Lanham

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the cards, phone calls, and prayers during my surgery. It really means a lot to me.

Sincerely,
Trey Krause

Dear Fellow church members,

Thank you so much for the book "Confirmed in Christ" that you gave me in honor of my confirmation. I know it will be an inspiration as I continue confessing my faith and love for God. I am grateful for all you have done in helping me grow in Christ.

Sincerely,
Trey Krause



Back by Popular Demand!

We are getting ready to organize the Church Choir. For more information, please see Pastor Greg.



TEXAS TOTS

at the
Star of the Republic Museum
Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park

Join the Star of the Republic Museum for Texas Tots, a preschool story and craft time designed specifically for children ages 3-5. After the program, enjoy a picnic in our beautiful picnic area (with playground!), or learn even more about the Republic of Texas at Barrington Living History Farm and Independence Hall.

Day: 3rd Tuesday of Every Month

Time: 10:00-11:30AM

Cost: \$3 per participating child

Adults and non-participating children subject to public admission fees

This month's Texas Tots theme is: Quilting

Title of the book is "Papa and the Pioneer Quilt" by Jean Van Leeuwen.

The craft will be a quilt puzzle.

Join us, Tuesday, January 18, 2011

Please call (936) 878-2461, ext. 236 for reservations or more information.

"Feeding the Flock" Cookbook Corrections

Page 205

Rum Cake by Rose Lee Lohmeyer

Should say: Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water to the batter and
bake for 50 or 60 minutes.

Page 162

Cornbread by Joy Dickschat

Need to add $1 \frac{1}{2}$ cups milk

Page 208

Swedish Pineapple Cake by Dorothy & Sally
Stolz, & Linda Oberhoff

Should be a 20 oz. can crushed pineapple with
liquid, (not a 28 oz. can)



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Congratulations this month to Heath and Ashlee Leiber on the Baptism of their baby boy, Charles Ethan. His sponsors are Matthew Krause and Kelsey Bankston.

Baptized at the same time, congratulations also to Ken and Jamie Mock. The sponsors of their girls, Macy Grace and Carley Lynn are Jennie Bennett, Michael Trey Krause and Matthew Krause.



January & February Worship Leadership

Liturgists

Acolytes

Ushers/Greeters

Welcomers

January

2- Ashley Wilson	Blaine Bosse	Ron & Linda Werchan	Sandra Bosse & Terry Campbell
9- Shelley Schluens	Lane Boenker	Preston & Melissa Boenker	Ruth Lauter & Judy Bogan
16- Mary Borgstedte	Todd Wellmann	Dale & Trish Borgstedte	Sally Stolz & Stephanie Maxson
23- Dane Pawlowski	Drake Pawlowski	Kevin & Jackie Bartol	Vivian Kolkhorst & LaNell Langford
30- Gary Bogan	Shelby Parker	Gary & Judy Bogan	Tanya Parsons & Sheri Finke

February

6- Kristyn Smith	Raelynn Maxson	Sis Renn & Tammy Leiber	Heather Mason & Mary Helen Steele
13- Scott Bosse	Dalton Wellmann	David & Kim Wellmann	Shelley Schulens/Rose Lee Lohmeyer
20- Sheri Finke	Victoria Parker	Hollis & Elizabeth Lehrmann	Steve & Kathy Pawlowski
27- Flora Mason	Jillian Bartol	James & Jackie Schroeder	Betsy Bosse & Linda Oberhoff

***Please Note:** If you are unable to serve as assigned, please secure a replacement and inform Kim Bosse in the office, 936-878-2523, about this change for placement in the church bulletin.

Thank you for your spirit of cooperation!

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Hudson Creek Alzheimer Center
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Bryan, TX 77802

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2100 Dove Crossing
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