

# † *Friedens Church of Washington, UCC* †

*"A Country Church with an Open Door"*

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## November 2010 Newsletter

### *The Pastor's Page*

In 1621 the Pilgrims gathered together with local Native Americans to give thanks for surviving the winter of 1620, and to celebrate a successful harvest that year. They celebrated with worship to God and a feast of foods, shared with everyone. This November I give thanks with Friedens Church of Washington as we begin a time of sharing, feasting, and worship to God together.

I have already had the pleasure of meeting many of you at meetings, Oktoberfest, and worship. I look forward to getting to know each of you in the days and weeks to come. I have learned that many of you know of me by way of your family, friends, co-workers, and acquaintances. We are more connected than I imagined we would be.

I have felt the love being expressed to me even before I arrived. This makes for a joyful time, even if it is in transition.

Rev. Klett has been very generous to me. He has been helpful in sharing with me and guiding me to know Friedens better. Everyone I have met has been welcoming

and truly expressing Christ's words of, "loving your neighbor as you love yourself."

Paul, in his first letter to the Thessalonians said to "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

I have been praying for the guidance to be a good pastor for each person at Friedens. I am rejoicing in the opportunities that await me, as I begin to know what this church is like. From what I know now, and what I have experienced, it appears that Friedens is all that I hoped for in a church. And I give thanks for each and everyone at Friedens and the God who provides to us all.

I expect good things to continue at Friedens. With your hands, your hearts, and your prayers, (and all your good feasting), I feel confident we will move forward together into God's open future.

God's Blessing to all,

Pastor Greg

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† Please help us give a warm welcome to our new acting pastor, Pastor Greg Felder. As we say our goodbyes to Rev. George Klett, we open another new and exciting chapter here at Friedens. We are truly blessed to be given such a warm, wonderful, good hearted man as our new minister. This Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, we invite you to begin the new journey at Friedens as we honor Dr. Klett, and say hello to Pastor Greg. †



**Please keep these folks in your prayers:**

Clara Benker, Billy Boenker, Ella Mae Borgstedte, Frank Dickschat, Lorna Finke, Evelyn Hartstack, Lois Holle, Olga Holle, Donna Jensen, Pat Roese, Dorothy Wellmann, Mae Belle Boenker, Sandra Bosse, Babe Riechers, and Joy Dickschat . Let us also remember in prayer Morris Eickenhorst, Kenneth Hensley, Teresa (Franklin) Roese, and Annie Korth (Joy Dickschat's mother).

**Last Call for Birthday Calendars:**

Orders for the 2011 birthday calendar are due October 31. Please see LaNell Langford or Betsy Bosse to order your calendar. Each calendar will be \$5.00. Any additions or corrections, as well as orders, must be submitted to LaNell or Betsy by Oct. 31.

**Sound System Help Needed**

We are in need of several substitute persons to help Linda with the sound system for Sunday services. (very simple job) This will not be a weekly commitment, but only a fill in position. Please call Linda Oberhoff, 878-2247. She would greatly appreciate it.

*Thank you so much for all of your phone calls, prayers, cards and well wishes after my surgeries in August. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.*

*Jo Ann Buck*



**Sunday School classes are underway!**

Classes are split into three age groups:

Nursery thru 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and the Youth Class, 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

The younger children's theme for November is, "I Can Make Good Choices," and the 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grader's lesson will be, "The Beginning of a Nation."

The Youth Class will be taught by Scott Bosse, Tex Maxson, and Sheri Finke.

We have some great teachers and some awesome new lessons planned! We would love to see you there as we study God's word together.

Sunday School starts at 9:00 am.



**Note:**

- \* Practices for the Christmas Program will begin mid-November during Sunday School.
- \* There will be no Sunday School Classes for all ages on December 26<sup>th</sup> & January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Classes will resume on January 9<sup>th</sup>.



## *A Pastoral Note.....by George!*

### **Ways in which church members can minister to its pastor and church**

On Sunday, October 24, my last sermon with you addressed eight ways in which a congregation can minister to its pastor and to the worship and work of their church. All of these eight attitudes and offerings begin with the letter "P" and can be expressed as follows:

- Praise:** We all like the feelings and nurture of compliments and "warm fuzzies;"
- Pardon:** We are all fallible and prone to error, thus stand in the need of forgiveness;
- Prayers:** We all can use a frequent dose of sincere and compassionate prayer;
- Personality:** In friendship we share the unique traits our personality with others;
- Presence:** Our presence in worship is to give thanks and to be "soulfully" nurtured;
- Participation:** We find a fitting place to serve in the various programs of the church;
- Positivity:** We choose to be joyfully positive rather than to besourfully negative;
- Patience:** We persevere and wait as the Holy Spirit quietly works in our midst!

The personal practice of these eight "spiritual attitudes" can foster the healthy life and effective ministry of a church, especially if these gifts are personally extended to the pastor, as well as to other church members! No church is perfect since there is no such thing as a perfect church member! However, we can each regard our unique self as an instrument in the hands of the Holy Spirit and, with expressed attitudes of loving-kindness, behold some wondrous things take place in "my church!"

*In our Christ's love and work, George Klett!*



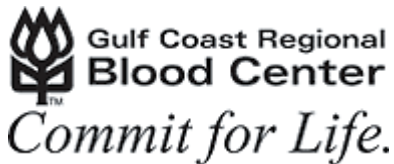
**October 31, A Double Celebration for all !** Please join us at the Activity Center after church for a Pot Luck Lunch. Please bring a covered dish to share, as we honor Dr. George Klett on his last day as our minister. In addition, we will have our Annual Fall Fest and Hay Ride for the children immediately following the meal. Note: Children are welcome to wear costumes to Sunday School.

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



**We are still collecting donations to send to the soldiers abroad.** We sent out nine boxes to Afghanistan a little over a month ago. We are preparing to send the second shipment, and as we are getting things together for this one, we need to continue to get our donations together for the Holiday Shipping Deadline. This is a hard time for our brave men and women, being away from their families, so 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.



**Blood Drive:** November 14, 2010  
from 9 am - 12:30 pm. This will be the  
last drive of the year. To sign up,  
please call Thresia.

Mark your calendars:  
2011 Drive Dates  
Jan. 9, April 10, July 24, October 9

**Early Deadline!** The December Newsletter will be mailed around Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

If you would like to submit an article or something to be included, please get your articles to the Church Office no later than **November 19**.

Articles may be sent via e-mail to [friedensoffice@embarqmail.com](mailto:friedensoffice@embarqmail.com), brought to the office, or faxed.

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



**Butterbraids for Sale!**

During "First Sunday Fellowship" please join the UCC Women as they will be providing coffee, juice, and "Butterbraid Pastries" between church and Sunday school on **November 7th**. You will also be able to place an order for the "Butterbraids" at this time. Yum yum!!



**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 !

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FOR SALE

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Thank you to all the ladies who helped make the quilt for Oktoberfest so beautiful! Your talents, patience, and giving spirits are more appreciated than you know!



Our deepest sympathy to the family of  
 Thekla W. Lauter Borgstedte  
 who went home to be with Our Lord  
 on October 3, 2010.



**Address/Phone number Change?**

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



Susan and Michael Gendolfe are proud to announce the birth of their baby girl, Hailey Jordan Gendolfe. She was born September 26, 2010 at North Central Baptist Hospital in San Antonio. Proud grandparents are Wayne and Jo Ann Bosse. Hailey's brother Cody is also filled with delight about his new playmate.

"Praise God for this precious gift of new life!"



On Friday, November 19th, the UCC Women will attend the "Holiday in the Garden" at Martha's Bloomers in Navasota. The event will begin at 5:30. You can meet at the church at 5:15 if you would like to carpool. We will not have our regular monthly meeting for November.



Church Council Nominations for new council members are Ron Werchan, Tammy Leiber, Ashley Wilson, Charles Wellmann, and Scott Bosse. Nominations from the floor will be accepted. Voting will be take place on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at the congregational meeting after church.



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& phone numbers:**

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**Congratulations this month to Brady and Stacey Becker on the Baptism of their baby girl, Katie Jane Becker. Her sponsors are Dr. and Mrs. Willy Horne, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Becker, and Mr. Chad Becker.**

***Help Needed***

If you would like to help with one of the following, please call 878-2523.

Thank you!

Liturgist, Welcomer, Usher/greeter, or Office helper/folding newsletter.



***Totenfest Celebration***

*On Sunday, November 21st we will celebrate the lives and remember those that have gone home to be with Our Lord.*

**CROP WALK**

**November 14<sup>th</sup> at Hohlt Park in Brenham. More information is posted on the church bulletin board.**

*I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to my church family for all the cards, phone call, meals, visits, and most of all prayers and concerns I received during my recovery from foot surgery. It means the world to me to know that Friedens has such caring and loving individuals. Please know that your kindness will always be remembered. Bless you all.*

*Denise Stolz*



## November & December Worship Leadership

### Liturgists

### Acolytes

### Ushers/Greeters

### Welcomers

#### **November**

7- Kristyn Smith	Drake Pawlowski	Derrol & Arlene Herzog	Betsy Bosse
14- Vivian Kolkhorst	Dalton Wellmann	Charles & Carolyn Wellmann	Sally Stolz
21- Bonnie Mohr	Todd Wellmann	Russell & Mary Borgstedte	Linda Oberhoff
28- Dane Pawlowski	Lane Boenker	James & Jackie Schroeder	Shelley Schluens & Rose Lee Lohmeyer

#### **December**

5- Dale Borgstedte	Raelyn Maxson	Elroy & Denise Stolz	Terry Campbell
12- Scott Bosse	Dalton Wellmann	Tracey & Effie Wellmann	LaNell Langford
19- Sis Renn	Victoria Parker	Wayne & Jo Ann Bosse	Steve & Kathy Pawlowski
26- Kevin Bartol	Jillian Bartol	Charles & Carolyn Wellmann	Mary Helen Steele

**\*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!



### **Calendar of Events:**

#### **October**

- 31- Lunch for Dr. George Klett
- 31- Fall Festival & Hay Ride 12:30 pm

#### **November**

- 2- TEEA meeting 2:00 pm.
- 3- UCC Women meeting 7:00 pm
- 4- Thanksgiving donations for Pantry due
- 8- Trustees meeting 6:00 pm & Church Council 7:00 pm.
- 10- Sunday School Teacher's Meeting 6:30 pm
- 14- Blood Drive 9:00am-12:00 pm.
- 14- Congregational Meeting (after church)
- 14- Crop Walk (Hohlt Park in Brenham) 2:00 pm
- 18- Women's Fellowship 2:15 pm.
- 19- UCC Women- Martha's Bloomer's 5:30 pm
- 21- Totenfest Celebration at church
- 28- Advent begins

#### **December**

- 5- Progressive Christmas Dinner 4 pm
- 9- Women's Fellowship 11:00 am
- 19- Children's Christmas During Sunday School  
Children's Christmas Program 6:30 pm
- 24- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service TBA

### **Food Pantry Worker List:**



#### **November**

- 4- Mary Borgstedte & Sandy Taylor
- 11- Linda Werchan & Sally Stolz
- 18- Bonnie Mohr & Vivian Kolkhorst

#### **December**

- 2- Sis Renn & May Dell Lanham
- 9- Kim Bosse & Rose Lee Lohmeyer
- 16- Mary Borgstedte & Sandy Taylor



Christian Community Services  
814 LaSalle St.  
Navasota, TX 77868



The Pantry is in need of the following food items for the Thanksgiving & Christmas holidays, as well as household items for the cold winter months:

- 2 boxes stuffing mix
- 1 box instant potatoes
  - 2 cans peas
  - 2 cans corn
- 2 cans green beans
- 2 cans fruit cocktail
- 2 cans yams/sweet potatoes
- 2 cans evaporated milk
- 1 can condensed milk
  - 1 can pie filling
  - 1 box cake mix
  - 1 can cake frosting
- 1 large or 2 small cans pumpkin pie filling
  - 1 can cranberry sauce
- 1 turkey or ham (optional)

**\*\*\*Please bring all food donations to the pantry by November 4 for Thanksgiving, and by November 24 for Christmas. Donations are welcome anytime.**

**Other items always needed are:**

- Toys & games with all working parts
- All sizes of sheet sets & pillowcases
  - All sizes of Blankets, quilts or comforters
- Winter Clothing
  - Clothes
  - Shoes & boots

If you have any questions, please call Pat @ 936-825-7454  
(Leave message please)

Any way you can help is much appreciated!



**Nursing Home Residents:**

Melissa Boenker  
Sheridan of Navasota  
2100 Dove Crossing  
Navasota, TX 77868

Ben Allen Bosse  
Sheridan Nursing-Navasota  
2100 Dove Crossing  
Navasota, TX 77868

Frank Dickschat  
Trinity Care Center  
400 Sayles St.  
Brenham, TX 77833

Olga Holle  
Gazebo Terrace  
1303 Highway 290 East  
Brenham, TX 77833



**Homebound members:**

Clara Benker  
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Washington, TX 77880

Justin Boenker  
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Navasota, TX 77868

Ella Mae Borgstedte  
22512 FM 1155 E  
Washington, TX 77880

Annie Mae Dickschat  
8837 FM 3090  
Anderson, TX 77830

Patricia Roese  
19550 FM 1155 E  
Washington, TX 77880

Lora Stegemueller  
705 Perkins  
Brenham, TX 77833

Oscar 'Jim' Stolz  
13622 Whitman Rd  
Brenham, TX 77883



*Whatever you give, will come back ten-fold!*

There isn't words to express the gratitude that was felt from all the hard work put in at the Oktoberfest and Schoolhouse Reunion. Our expectations were exceeded and we couldn't ask for a better turnout. The weekend was awesome! If it weren't for all of you, it would not have been a success. We are truly inspired by all of your dedication.

Thanks to all of the committee chairpersons, and the committee members that worked during their shifts, and to all the chili cook-off participants. Thank you, also, to all of the church members that donated their time, money and/or goods to help defray expenses. All of your hard work and generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Community Events and Outreach Committee and the Oktoberfest Committee

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