



The Weekly Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

August 10, 2021

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- COMMUNION

Sunday, August 15 - if worshipping from home, have your communion elements prepared in advance.

- CHURCH PICNIC
See details below

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, August 24 @ 7:00 p.m.

This Sunday, August 15 is the annual church picnic following the worship service.

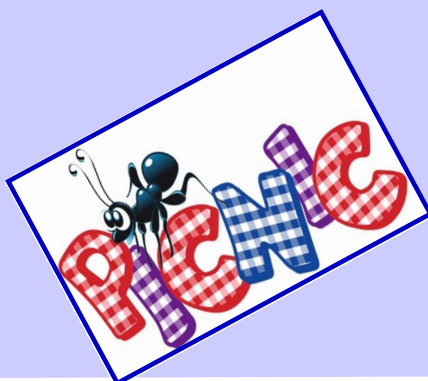
**We'll have delicious food & fellowship & fun!
Bring a covered dish to share & lawn chairs.**

Meat, beverage and table service are provided

There's also a corn hole tournament.

And it's not too late to sign up!

**There's a sheet in the Gallery
for you to sign Sunday morning,
or, call the church office
and Secretary Jeann will get you signed up.**





HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 9 - Shirley & Adam Swinehart

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 9 - Joyce Rhamy

August 10 - Steve Schlegel

August 13 - Shad Swinehart

August 15 - Catarina Webb



DEACONS DRIVE FOR SCHOOLS

The deacons will be collecting tissues, paper towels, sanitizing wipes and hand sanitizer for our local elementary schools this fall. The collection will start Sunday Aug. 15 and run through Sunday Oct 3. Gratefully, there is more supplies available now than when we gathered things a year ago. The schools do have a supply to begin the year, but your gifts will supplement them as more need arises. Please join your church family in support our school kids in this way.

FROM PASTOR DARCY

What a blessing this past Sunday as we heard God Sightings from Adam Swinehart and Phyllis Miller as well as realizing God even cares about a tool guy finding his axe head! (See 2 Kings 6: 1-6) How can we know it's God? Faith and the "tools" he gives us. I'm sharing this snippet from Christian Broadcasting Network to realize how God speaks to us and giving glimpses of what he is doing behind the scenes.

So how can we know whether we're hearing the voice of God? The Bible gives us seven basic keys or filters through which every possible leading should be judged. We are to carefully examine the thoughts and intentions of our hearts -- and the words of godly people who may have influence on us by their words and actions - through the use of these seven keys:

Scripture: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (II Timothy 3:16-17).

The Holy Spirit speaking to our heart: "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall not teach everyone his fellow citizen, and everyone his brother, saying, 'know the Lord,' for all will know Me, from the least to the greatest of them" (Hebrews 8:10-11).

The Prophetic (word of knowledge, word of wisdom, personal prophecy): "Do not quench the Spirit; do not despise prophetic utterances. But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:19-21).

Godly counsel: "Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counselors there is safety" (Proverbs 11:14).

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PASTOR DARCY *(continued)*

Confirmation: "By the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed" (Matthew 18:16).

The peace of God: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful" (Colossians 3:15).

Circumstances/Timing: "After these things he (Paul) left Athens and went to Corinth. And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, having recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. He came to them, and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and they were working; for by trade they were tent-makers" (Acts 18:1-3 -- this relationship between Paul, Aquila and Priscilla -- which happened as a result of circumstances -- became one of the most important strategic partnerships in the book of Acts).

Many times the Lord will confirm His direction to us through three, four or more of these keys -- especially when we are in the process of making an important, life-changing decision.

I am sure that Pastor Jesse and Beth will also have many God Sightings to share as they arrive to join our faith community on September 1st. Let's all keep our eyes open. God has much to show us!

Pastor Darcy

OFF TO COLLEGE

For the Back to College Crowd:

You are in our prayers for this new term of college/advanced studies.

The Deacons have a back-to-campus gift for you!

We'll try to catch you this Sunday, or stop by the church office through the week.





The three Fredericksburg churches are once again planning to have a community worship and communion at the elementary school ballfield on Sunday, September 5
Be watching for details.

From the Finance Team

As of JUNE 30, 2021:

YTD Operating Income: \$104,360.33
YTD Operating Expenses: \$70,329.38
YTD Difference: \$34,030.95
Available Cash: \$212,554.20
Pledges to be Received: \$45,369.64

COME TO THE FAIR

The church has secured a block of tickets for the church family to see Christian singer David Crowder at the Wayne County Fair on September 13 at 8:00 p.m. In addition, for every ticket you purchase, the church will provide you with one free ticket that can be used to bring along a friend to introduce to the music of David Crowder. Even better, if you don't need the extra ticket(s) you can elect to give them to the church to be used for outreach with the Youth or families in the community.

Go to this link:

<https://myfredericksburgchurch.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/10/responses/new>

and make your selections and submit payment. All the tickets in the block are located in the grandstand and the cost is \$20 each. We'll pick up the tickets before the fair and notify you that your tickets are at the church and ready for you to pick them up.

Your financial gifts to the church are especially important in this time of transition. They help create stability which enables us to navigate uncertainty and plan for future ministry. To give your tithes and offerings, you may mail checks to: PO Box 259, Fredericksburg, 44627 or text fredericksburgpres to 77977.

You may also drop off contributions to the church during normal office hours. Thank you for your generosity.

To contact us:

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Darcy Miller, Pastor of Congregational Care (330-440-4155)

Jon Hutchison, Pastor of Family Ministries (330-418-8969)

Church Office Hours

Monday thru Friday 9:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

Note: The prayer needs listed in **BOLD** are new to the list, gathered from the Sharing of Joys & Concerns from the previous Sunday.

Praises

- **Pastor Jesse McDonald accepted the position of our CTP.**
- **For Keon & Jack's new church**
- **Josiah & Lydia's visit with the Heilman's**

Military Service:

- **Phyllis Miller's grandson - Army**
- Isaiah Styer - boot camp
- Rusty King 1st Lieutenant Ohio National Guard
- Ryan Chabak
- Jeff & Veronica's nephew in National Guard

Prayer Needs

- Unspoken

Health Concerns:

- **Eric Endsly - struggling with Covid**
- **Continued prayers for Veronica's mother**
- **Mom Jamie & newborn Isaiah having health issues**
- **Lydia's friend needing knee surgery**
- John Scott - back surgery went well but experiencing pain
- George & Jane Ann Heilman
- Continued prayers for Renee Schaaf's father
- Art Opliger - prayers for therapy and strength
- Rod - struggling w/ pneumonia, drug-induced coma, ventilator. Continued prayers.
- Continued prayers for Tanya Chupp who will require another surgery
- Mary Lou - health concerns
- Unspoken health concerns
- Pastor Tim Hull - needs a liver transplant
- Matt & Tiana- prayers for healthy pregnancy

Long Term Care Facilities:

- **Shirley McKelvey**

Battling Cancer:

- June Yoder
- Brittany
- Tara Jacobs
- Mike
- Jeff Berkhouse
- Jamie
- Mark - Janet Albright's son
- Karen Silver's daughter's best friend battling cancer
- Zeno Middleton

Condolences:

- **The family of Tim Covert**
- **Al Amstutz's brother recently lost his wife**
- The family Joni Hofacre