



The Weekly Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

October 12, 2021

Things to Ponder!

God's Silence— Then What?

When He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was. [John 11:6](#)

Has God trusted you with His silence— a silence that has great meaning? God's silences are actually His answers. Just think of those days of absolute silence in the home at Bethany! Is there anything comparable to those days in your life? Can God trust you like that, or are you still asking Him for a visible answer? God will give you the very blessings you ask if you refuse to go any further without them, but His silence is the sign that He is bringing you into an even more wonderful understanding of Himself. Are you mourning before God because you have not had an audible response? When you cannot hear God, you will find that He has trusted you in the most intimate way possible— with absolute silence, not a silence of despair, but one of pleasure, because He saw that you could withstand an even bigger revelation. If God has given you a silence, then praise Him— He is bringing you into the mainstream of His purposes. The actual evidence of the answer in time is simply a matter of God's sovereignty. Time is nothing to God. For a while you may have said, "I asked God to give me bread, but He gave me a stone instead" (see [Matthew 7:9](#)). He did not give you a stone, and today you find that He gave you the "bread of life" ([John 6:35](#)).

A wonderful thing about God's silence is that His stillness is contagious— it gets into you, causing you to become perfectly confident so that you can honestly say, "I know that God has heard me." His silence is the very proof that He has. As long as you have the idea that God will always bless you in answer to prayer, He will do it, but He will never give you the grace of His silence. If Jesus Christ is bringing you into the understanding that prayer is for the glorifying of His Father, then He will give you the first sign of His intimacy— silence.

Blessings,
Pastor Jesse



October 12 - Naomi Hutchison
 October 12 - Ezekiel Rhamy
 October 14 - Sadie Schlegel
 October 14 - Hailey Schlegel

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS

A new Adult Bible Fellowship (ABF) will start this Sunday, October 17 following the service. We will meet in the fellowship hall from 10:45 - 11:45. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a time of fellowship and Bible study. We are starting with a five week series learning how to stand on biblical truths in a non-Christian society.

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

We are planning a special service for November 7, for the Saints of today, to remember those who have been a faithful part of shaping our congregation into the church we are today.

If you think we have omitted anyone please let Pastor Darcy or Secretary Jeann know. If you have a special memory of how one of these folks mentored you or helped in your faith journey, again let us know. Be sure to join us for worship on November 7 as we ring the bell remembering all who have lead us in our faith and inspire us for our future.

The names we have selected so far include:

Sue Amstutz, Jean Bricker, Millie Brinkerhoff, Chester Carr, Howard Cramer, Mary Cramer, Deb Dobson, Bud Fisher, Ruth Fisher, Evelyn Fry, Helen Hall, Harry Herman, Liz Herman, Shirley Ice, Jan James, Karen Lilley, George Mann, Ruth Mann, George Miley, Naomi Miley, Nevin Miller, Joann Plant, Henrietta Rice, Robert Rice, Roy Schlegel, Merrill (Smitty) Smith, Don Speelman, Pat Speelman, Bill Spencer, Ellen Spencer, Heber Spencer, Lavina Sterling, Lucinda Strine, Robert Strine, Donald (Doby) Uhl, Marilyn Walton, Winnie Weaver

TRICK OR TREAT?

Would anyone be interested in setting up and running a station here at the church for the village's trick or treat night Thursday, October 28 from 6 - 7:30 p.m.? If so, let Secretary Jeann know as soon as possible.



SENDING CARDS WITH GOOD VIBES



Isaiah Styer is graduating from Marine boot camp October 29. Then he'll head off to Camp Lejeune, NC for 3 weeks of infantry training followed by 13 weeks at Twenty-nine Palms, CA for his specific occupational training. He won't get a leave until after infantry or occupation training. His family would like to take a stack of cards from his church family with them to his graduation. If anyone wants to send something, please make sure we have it by Oct 25. Veronica, his mother says he has REALLY appreciated all of the prayers and mail "because he mentions it in almost every letter we get from him."

FROM THE OUTREACH TEAM

The Outreach Team's goal for the Church's mission projects is for mission work to occur locally, nationally, and internationally. As we move into the final quarter of 2021, the Outreach Team hopes to do mission work in all three areas.

Internationally, with Session's approval, scholarships have been sent for 12 Sierra Leone Pastors to continue their education. These scholarships are for the third year of training for them to become certified school teachers in the community schools. By becoming certified school teachers, they will be able to receive compensation to support their families, while also serving as pastors at the community churches.

Locally, the Outreach Team will be working with Michelle Wood to lead a trail clean up project to remove invasive species of plants from the trail. See the last page of this newsletter for additional information.

Nationally, the Outreach Team has committed the Church to support Mountain Vision's Christmas Mission to Webster Springs, West Virginia. Mountain Vision's goals are to provide Christmas for 125 children, to provide 60-70 families with hygiene packs, and to provide food for the Webster Springs Food Pantry. Due to the pandemic, there will not be a Christmas program this year. Mountain Vision volunteers will deliver the donations to Webster Springs.

Our Church's goal is to provide Mountain Vision with 30 Family Hygiene Packs. Church families are encouraged to help provide either entire packs or some of the supplies needed to make up the packs. Items in the packs include: 2 tubes of toothpaste, a bottle of shampoo, a bottle of conditioner, a 4 pack of bar soap, gender neutral body lotion, shaving cream, a pack of disposable razors, 1 male deodorant, 1 female deodorant, a 4 pack of toilet tissue and a 4 pack of toothbrushes. Items should be turned in to the church Gallery by November 7 in regular store shopping bags. Mountain Vision will be providing a bag/tote to hold all the items, so all the packs look uniform. If you have any questions, please contact Erika Schuch at 330-466-5684 or erikaschuch@hughes.net

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

- **The birth of Finley Oliver Smith to Matt & Tiana Smith**
- **Phyllis Miller's son's surgery went well**
- **Rod is off the ventilator**
- **Praise for Sunday's music & message**

Military Service:

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

Prayer Needs

- **Safety for Missy Lemon running Boston Marathon**
- Brian Yoder - in rehab,
- Unspoken

Health Concerns:

- **Renee Schaaf's father recovering from surgery**
- **Ronnie - CT results**
- **Tanya's surgery**
- Gene King - recovering from accident
- Veronica's mother - still struggling
- George & Jane Ann Heilman
- Pastor Tim Hull - needs a liver transplant

Covid

- **Caroline's pregnancy - she has covid**
- Gerald Douglas
- Tammy in Virginia

Battling Cancer:

- Doyle - recovering from tongue cancer
- Teresa Albright
- Jim Shrader (Zach Stevenson's grandfather)
- Brian's co-worker
- June Yoder
- Edna Wade's sister
- Mark - Janet Albright's son
- Karen Silver's daughter's best friend battling cancer

Condolences:

- **The family of Lynette Duplain**
- The family of Shirley McKelvey

COMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- Wednesday, October 13 @ 6:00 p.m.
Trustees meeting
- Wednesday October 13 @ 7:00 p.m.
Girls SS Group in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday October 13 @ 7:30 p.m.
Guys SS Group in Youth Room
- Sunday, October 17 @ 4:30 p.m.
The Edge Group (4-5-6th grades)
- Sunday, October 17 @ 6:30 p.m.
Saltshakers (middle & high school youth)
- Monday October 18 @ 7:00 p.m.
Worship Team

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. And, as always, you can drop your contribution off in the offering box on Sunday mornings. Thank you for your generosity.

To contact us:

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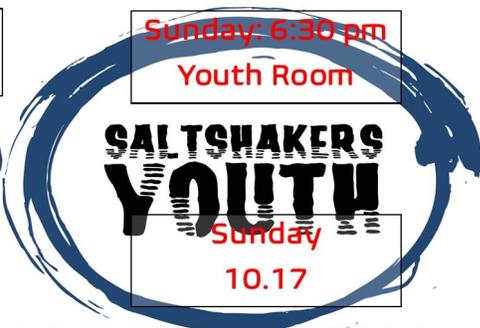
Rev. Jesse McDonald (828-319-0187)
Darcy Miller, Pastor of Congregational Care (330-440-4155)
Jon Hutchison, Pastor of Family Ministries (330-418-8969)

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



Girls: 7:00 pm Fellowship
Guys: 7:30 pm Youth Room

Sunday: 6:30 pm Youth Room



Hey Saltshakers!
Take a look

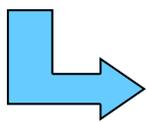


Date: Sunday 11.21
Time: 5:00-8:00
Get a team together and get your pizza on!

Service Projects Time: 4:00-5:00

PIZZAPALOOZA

Edge Group
This is for you!



SUNDAY 10.17

THE EDGE
456 grade youth
4.30 TO 5.30

Sunday 11.17

J.A.M.E. church
9:30 am
JESUS AND ME

FPC: kid min presents

Event for the FAMILY

Date: Saturday 11.20 Time: 5:00-7:00 pm

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HOLMES COUNTY TRAIL PROJECT

The Holmes County Trail is a wonderful resource in our community where we can enjoy God's creation. The FPC Outreach Team is leading an effort to make the trail even better by treating invasive plant species and trying to restore more native trees, such as oaks, which support wildlife. Invasive species offer little for native wildlife habitat, and crowd out beneficial trees. This project will target the control of Ailanthus (inappropriately named Tree of Heaven) and bush honeysuckle.

So here's the outreach part---please join us and invite others to participate as well! This is shaping up to be a multi-phase effort, with the first work day scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 24 from 1:00-4:00. And

guess what, Browns fans---no game that day!

The section of trail marked starts at the Fredericksburg Wastewater Treatment Plant bridge to CR 192, although the majority of the work will be within the first mile. While there will be opportunities for all ages, the bulk of the work will involve cutting and is limited to adults, but we will need plenty of help in other areas. Participants should wear gloves, long sleeves and safety glasses.

There will be a lot of moving parts to this project, but here's a summary. More instructions will be provided to participants before the work day.

Who: FPC family and friends. Invite trail users to join us!

What: Holmes County Trail Stewardship Project. Includes invasive species control, loading or chipping debris, raking the trail of debris, picking up litter, scattering acorns along sections of the trail.

When: Sunday, October 24 from 1:00 - 4:00

Where: Meet at Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church for instructions and head out to the trail from there.

Why: Make an effort to eliminate invasive species and restore native habitat, and give us a chance to fellowship as we work together.

There are many ways to help out:

- Join us on October 24 to work
- Let people know about the project and invite them to help out
- Provide tools if you have them. We will need long handled pruners, hand held pruners, hatchets or brush axes, weed whackers with saw blades and rakes. Looking for a reason to buy more tools? Here you go!
- Collect acorns and put them in the collection box outside of the main door at FPC. Kids and those who don't want to hack can scatter seeds and pick up litter.

If you are interested in helping or have questions, contact Michelle Wood at 330-464-4723 (text is fine too) or email her at get2thewoods@gmail.com by Thursday, Oct. 21 so we can plan for project logistics. Let her know what tools you can bring/provide as well.