

HAPPY FALL,

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The Weekly Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

September 21, 2021

Things To Ponder:

The Divine Commandment of Life

...be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect. **MATTHEW 5:48**

Our Lord's exhortation to us in **Matthew 5:38-48** is to be generous in our behavior toward everyone. Beware of living according to your natural affections in your spiritual life. Everyone has natural affections— some people we like and others we don't like. Yet we must never let those likes and dislikes rule our Christian life. "If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another" (**1 John 1:7**), even those toward whom we have no affection.

The example our Lord gave us here is not that of a good person, or even of a good Christian, but of God Himself. "...be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." In other words, simply show to the other person what God has shown to you. And God will give you plenty of real life opportunities to prove whether or not you are "perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." Being a disciple means deliberately identifying yourself with God's interests in other people. Jesus says, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (**John 13:34-35**).

The true expression of Christian character is not in good-doing, but in God-likeness. If the Spirit of God has transformed you within, you will exhibit divine characteristics in your life, not just good human characteristics. God's life in us expresses itself as *God's* life, not as human life trying to be godly. The secret of a Christian's life is that the supernatural becomes natural in him as a result of the grace of God, and the experience of this becomes evident in the practical, everyday details of life, not in times of intimate fellowship with God. And when we come in contact with things that create confusion and a flurry of activity, we find to our own amazement that we have the power to stay wonderfully poised even in the center of it all.

Blessings,
Pastor Jesse



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 22 - Bill Nichols
September 26 - Val Haver

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September 21 - Sydnee & Gunnar Stidham
September 25 - Connie & Jerry Herman

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP TEAM NEWS

How is your walk with Christ? Sometimes we feel lost and God seems so far away. God designed us to be relational. Learning how to create Christ centered relationships is one of our greatest tools to navigate the troubles life throws at us. Details are coming soon on new opportunities to get connected.

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

As Pastor Jesse has already reminded many of us, our future is built upon our past. So along with Pastor Jesse, 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 kind, caring and Christ focused church we are today.

We will be inviting family members to attend. The hardest part of this project has been looking over the old directories and rosters to build the list. We will be naming the names of all who have passed since 2010 (including their spouses if they passed before 2010).

So three things church family: 1) if you think we have omitted anyone please let Pastor Darcy or Secretary Jeann know, 2) if you have a special memory of how one of these folks mentored you or helped in your faith journey, again let us know, and 3) Plan to be present 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



ANNUAL HAY RIDE AND HOTDOG ROAST

The Annual Hay Ride and Hot

Dog Roast will be this Sunday September 26 at the home of Don & Joyce Rhamy. Bring your own hotdogs & buns, a well-filled picnic basket to share and your lawn chairs. Condiments, table service and beverage will be provided.

PRAYER GATHERING

Our FPC Elders, and Pastoral Staff will be meeting Tuesday September 28th for their monthly meeting. Let's gather together and lift them up in prayer as they lead our church. We'll also cover immediate prayer needs of our congregation and community. Meet in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. Come one - come all and lift up our leaders!

COMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- Sunday, September 26 - 5 p.m.
Hayride & Hotdog Roast at the home of Don & Joyce Rhamy
- Tuesday, September 28 - 6 p.m.
Prayer Gathering for Session Meeting
- Tuesday, September 28 - 7 p.m.
Session Meeting
 - Sunday, October 3
World Communion Sunday
- Sunday, October 3 @ 6:30 p.m.
Salt Shakers Youth
- Wednesday, October 6 @ 7:30 p.m.
HsM Salt Shakers groups
- Thursday, October 7 @ 6:30 p.m.
Deacons Meeting
- Thursday, October 7 @ 6:30 p.m.
Ladies First Friday (on a Thursday this time)
Gather at The Olde Jaol @ 6:30pm!
For dinner and fellowship!!!

DEACONS DRIVE FOR SCHOOLS

The deacons are collecting tissues, paper towels, sanitizing wipes and hand sanitizer for our local elementary schools this fall.

The collection runs through Oct 3.



COVID ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SESSION

While we have no plans at this time to enforce masks or social distancing, we recognize that Covid still exists, and will unfortunately continue to take lives. We realize that the number of people infected continues to rise, and as a result, some individuals in our community and church family may choose to wear a mask and maintain social distance. We are encouraging those choices, and we ask that you respect their decision to do so. Please, think "safety first" in all social situations. As a church we will do what we can to provide a way for everybody to participate in church functions so they feel comfortable and safe.

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.

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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

- **Praises for Pastor Jesse's installation**
- **Sam & Esther Miller are home and recovering from Covid.**

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

- Brian Yoder - recovering from car accident at Woodlawn.
- Miriam Yoder - Brian's mother
- Jon Hutchison - extra duties at Boys & Girls Club
- Wisdom for the schools in dealing with Covid
- The situation in Afghanistan
- Unspoken

Health Concerns:

- **Shirley McKelvey - had surgery for a broken hip and is now in rehab at The Avenue. Prayers for strength & healing.**
- **Art - seizures**
- Pam & Todd - Covid
- Eric Endsley - Covid
- Rod - Covid
- Joe & Tanya as they wait for Tanya's next surgery
- Continued prayers for Veronica and her mother
- George & Jane Ann Heilman
- Continued prayers for Renee Schaaf's father
- Pastor Tim Hull - needs a liver transplant
- Matt & Tiana- prayers for healthy pregnancy

Battling Cancer:

- Jim Shrader (Zach Stevenson's grandfather)
- Brian's co-worker
- June Yoder
- Edna Wade's sister
- Tara Jacobs
- Jeff Berkhouse
- Jamie
- Mark - Janet Albright's son
- Karen Silver's daughter's best friend battling cancer
- Zeno Middleton

Condolences:

- The Roy Schlegel family