



The Weekly Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

April 16, 2025

Exactly two hundred years ago, in 1825, the Scottish-born poet and hymn writer published the common version of his hymn: "Go to Dark Gethsemane". (We talked about this hymn a few weeks ago in Sunday worship.) Each of the four stanzas of the hymn describe a different scene from the final hours of that first holy week – the garden, the trial, the cross and the tomb. Here is the text of that centuries old song:

Go to dark Gethsemane,
You who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see;
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

See Him at the judgment hall,
beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned
O the worm-wood and the gall!
O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
Learn of Christ to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb
There' adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete:
"It is finished!" Hear Him cry;
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid his breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom;
Who has taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes:
Savior, teach us so to rise.

For each of these scenes, Montgomery wants us to consider a lesson we might learn from Christ. The final scene - of the Easter-morning empty tomb - ends with a request: for Jesus to teach us to rise with Him.

But Jesus does more than teach us to rise. Jesus raises us to new life HIMSELF. This is something James Montgomery understood. Montgomery's parents were missionaries, and when he was a young man away at boarding school, they died on the mission field in Barbados. They had given their lives in taking the good news of Jesus to the West Indies. For Montgomery, the truth of Jesus' resurrection wasn't an abstract concept; the truth of Jesus' resurrection was what sustained him and gave him hope in the darkest moments of his life.

This week we will remember again the events of Jesus' death and His resurrection. We will tell the stories and sing the songs, and we will gather at the cemetery and in the sanctuary to proclaim again the truth that Christ has died, Christ is risen and Christ will come again.



But Easter is about more than songs and stories – Easter recounts true events that demonstrate the love, sacrifice and hope of the risen Jesus! The Easter truths usually matter most on days other than Easter. Days like when Montgomery learned of the loss of his parents – days that come to each of us, when we experience the sharp edges of grief and loss. The empty tomb is the promise that we hold onto when things are at their hardest; when death seems to be the enemy that steals and destroys.

On Easter we celebrate the things we need to remember most on those other terrible days: that Jesus' resurrection brings with it the promise of our own resurrection. Because He is risen and lives, those who belong to Him will rise and live as well.

This is the best news ever! The was not the end of Jesus' story, and it need not be the end of our story either! We are surrounded by people who need to hear the news of the empty tomb and the hope of resurrection – who can you tell that news to this week?

Join us...

Maundy Thursday

...for a time of reflection and communion

April 17th @ 7:00 PM



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201 N. Mill Street
Fredericksburg, OH 44627

SUNRISE SERVICE

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

East Cemetery • April 20 • 6:30 a.m.

Breakfast will follow at

Mennonite Christian Assembly

10664 Fryburg Road Fredericksburg, OH

All Are Welcome

Sponsored By:

Mennonite Christian Assembly

Fredericksburg Church of Christ

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

Come worship with us...

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20th @ 10:00AM



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The Children's Ministry Team has a special request for our church family.

We are asking you to join with us in praying for the kids of the church and for growth and blessing in kids ministry. We are eager to see more children and families connect with our programming for kids; but as we work toward that goal, we are asking all of you to join us in prayer. We know that God is the one who can help us reach more children and so we want to be asking Him to be at work in these things. Each week in the weekly update we will be sharing a simple prayer prompt for each day of the month and it will be connected with a Bible reference that the prayer is based on. We encourage you to pray with us but lifting up the children in your life, or by praying a general blessing on the children of our community. Your commitment to join us in praying for these things is a blessing to us and makes a difference! Thank you!

Praying for Kids – April 16 – April 22

April 16 – Philippians 1:10

I pray that children truly understand what really matters, so that they may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return.

April 17 - Philippians 1:11

May these children always be filled with the fruit of salvation—the righteous character produced in their lives by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to you, oh God.

April 18 – Colossians 1:3-5

I always pray for these children, and give thanks to you, God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For they have shown me their faith in Christ Jesus and their love for all of God's people, which come from their confident hope of what you have reserved for them in heaven.

April 19 - Colossians 1:6

This same Good News that we teach in children's ministry is going out all over the world. I pray for those ministries, that they may bear fruit by changing lives, just as it changed my life from the day I first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace.

April 20 – Colossians 1:7-8

The children at our church are learning about the Good News from me and _____, my beloved co-workers. We are your faithful servants, and we have seen the love for others that the Holy Spirit has given my kids.

April 21 – Colossians 1:9

I will not stop praying for these children from the moment I meet them. I ask, God, that you give them a complete knowledge of your will and give them spiritual wisdom and understanding.

April 22 – Colossians 1:10

May the way children live always honor and please you, Lord, and may their lives produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, may they grow as they learn to know you better and better.

Trustee Work Day

May 3 @ 8:00 a.m. Bring gloves, rags, buckets, shovels, rakes, and a water bottle. We will provide lunch. Rain Date May 10.



Ladies First
Friday for May
will be May 2 at
6:30 p.m. at the
church. Snacks provided. Bring
flowers!

Happy Birthday

April 20 Erica Schuch



Happy Anniversary

April 17– Michelle & Duane Wood

VOLUNTEERS FOR April 20

Greeters	Beth & Genevieve Miller Bridget Rhamy
Ushers	Brent St, John Cody Daugherty
Café	Connie Herman
Nursery (Worship)	Melinda Moffitt
Nursery (2nd Hour)	No 2nd Hour today
Kidz Jam	Delores Schlegel
Kids 2nd Hour	No 2nd Hour today
Elder Assist	Mike Rhamy
Safety Team	Gary Graham



The Outreach Team is partnering with the Park Committee, Fredericksburg Church of Christ, and students in Waynedale's National Honor Society for a park clean-up on **April 26 from 10-2**. Projects will include: trimming shrubs, weed-eating, mulching, edging, power washing (and possibly painting play equipment), painting pavilion posts, and general cleanup. If you are able to attend, please bring tools like rakes, weed eaters, shovels, hedge trimmers and gloves. The Outreach Team will provide a light lunch for the volunteers. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Gallery for folks to provide cookies or brownies for the lunch.** Talk to Michelle Wood, Connie Herman or Jenny Reed for additional information.

PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

The prayer needs listed in **BOLD** are new to the list.

Praises

- Praise that Jamie's surgery was successful
- Praise for the 3 Triway students on-going healing and progress following car accident

Military Service:

- Isaiah Styer new post in Hawaii
- Hunter Amolotte deployed to southern border
- Shannah Swinehart - Army National Guard
- Christa Nelson - Navy
- Steven King - Army
- Ryan Chabak - stationed in Arizona
- Gaven Bee - stationed in Dayton, OH

Prayer Needs

- Victims of recent natural disasters
- Unspoken
- Triway students Ava, Annette and Viv injured in car accident

Health Concerns

- **Mark Lemon - prayers for progress**
- **Tonya Wade - upcoming surgery**
- Continued prayers for Zach Stevenson's stepfather's recovery from a stroke
- Carla Oxenrider - kidney issues
- Jeff Styer's cousin - stroke and recovery
- Candace - facing surgery following accident
- Parents Caleb & Tatum and baby Theo - newborn in ICU with blood sugar issues.
- Tim - Alzheimer's disease
- Pat Thomson
- Pastor Albert continued healing from accident
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- Janet Lee
- Diane Scott
- Susan Halliday
- Janet Lee
- Waldo - cont'd prayers for remainder of chemo
- Landon Sommers - Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Keylee - leukemia
- Dale James

Condolences

- **The family of Dolly Mann**
- **The family of Gary Edington**

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Vacation Bible School



JUNE 2-6
6PM - 8:15PM



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Scan the code to
sign up to help at
VBS



Trail Mix Starts Thursday, April 24 at 6:00 pm

Are you ready for some fresh air, friends and fellowship? The Outreach Team invites you to join us for "Trail Mix", a time to get together as a church family and community at the Holmes County Trail in Fredericksburg. All ages and ability levels are welcome, and please invite your friends and neighbors!

The plan is to meet Thursdays at 6:00 pm. Park in the FPC parking lot and we will walk Diagonal Street to the trail from there. If you'd like to park closer to the trail, talk to Tanya about parking at her house.

If it's raining, use your discretion--unless it's raining really hard, the leader will likely go rain or shine once the weather warms up. If you have any questions, contact Michelle at 330-464-4723 or email trailmixfpc@gmail.com.