



The Weekly Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

April 17, 2024

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In case you need a little extra encouragement today, here it is:

GO HANGOUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS!

I know that many adults struggle to make time for friendship.

Yes, I know we're truly busy.

Yes, I know we're often exhausted.

Yes, I know we have good and important responsibilities and commitments.

Yes, I know that sometimes (most times?) we would rather spend the evening at home.

Yes, I know these are all legitimate and realistic reasons we aren't often able to socialize with others.

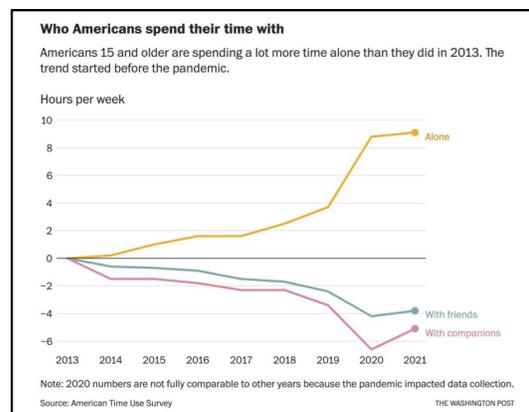
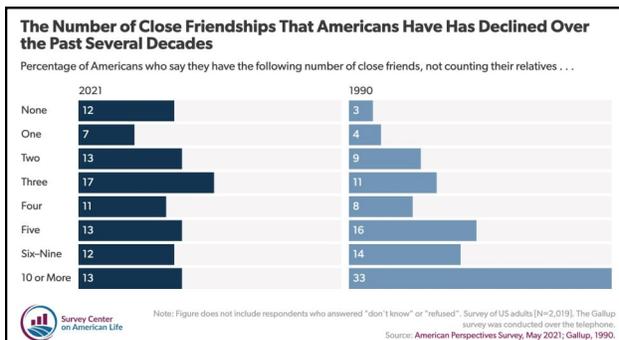
But I also know that adults are struggling with loneliness and disconnection in ways that are having profound effects on our health, our society and our faith. Take a look at the statistics in the charts below – American adults are experiencing more disconnection than ever before.

This Sunday we noticed how devotion to sharing (fellowship) among believers was a key part of the life of the early church. And one of the primary things they shared was themselves! They spent time with each other in worship, in learning and at meals together. The earliest Jesus-followers were committed to sharing their lives with one another! They knew that the most valuable thing we have to share with other people is ourselves.

Experiencing disconnection, isolation and loneliness is not God's best for us. That's why sometimes we must take a risk, embrace the awkwardness, or make a sacrifice of time and reach out to others in friendship and connection.

So, I challenge you to something easy this month: PLAN to spend some time with your friends! Invite some folks over for dinner or meet up for a meal. Call a friend to go on a walk or to sit on your porch with a cup of tea. Ask a friend to run an errand with you or to go to a child's sporting event with you. Sharing our lives with each other is a key habit of Jesus-followers and I want to encourage all of us to keep growing in this area of discipleship.

Pastor Jos





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

April 20 - Erika Schuch

The Children's Ministry Team has been at work cleaning up the nursery and children's classrooms. There are currently some items in the hallway that are no longer needed. You are invited to look through it and take anything you want. First come, first served.



CALENDAR FOR APRIL

- April 18 - 21 Women's Walk to Emmaus
- April 21 - Sunday morning worship and 2nd Hour for all
- April 22 - 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
- April 23 - 7:30 p.m. The Grind (Men)
- April 24 - 10 a.m. - G.L.O.W. (Ladies)
- April 24 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- April 28 - Sunday morning worship and 2nd Hour for all ages
- April 29 - 7:00 p.m. Fredericksburg Elementary School Spring program at the church

PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

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

Praises

- Praise for the Ladies Road Rally contacts
- Praise for the our church's caring family
- Praise for Henry Miller and all he does for the village.

Military Service:

- Shannah Swinehart - Army National Guard
- Christa Nelson - Navy
- Tristan Burns - Air Force stationed in Africa
- Ryan Chabak - stationed in Alaska
- Isaiah Styer - stationed at Camp Lejeune in NC
- Matt Burkhardt - National Guard
- Gaven Bee - stationed in Dayton, OH

Prayer Needs

- Yoder family - fire
- Annie Hines - going through tough times
- Unspokens
- Israel

Health Concerns:

- Carter Gasser - **ATV accident/multiple surgeries to save his foot**
- Lee Hunter
- Mike Rhamy's **upcoming surgery**
- Rick Spencer - **heart issues, health concerns**
- Melodie's mother Carol - **fluid on lungs**
- Pastor Cory (from Marion church) recovering from heart attack
- Kevin Walton recovering from open heart surgery
- Al Amstutz - recently diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, and other health issues.
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- **Unnamed person newly diagnosed/w cancer**
- David
- Keylee recently diagnosed with leukemia
- Jonathan - stomach cancer
- Marianna Miller
- Kevin Hanna
- Mary Hardesty - colon cancer
- Tara
- Dale James

Condolences

- The Harwood Family

PRAYER PARTNERS

FPC has a prayer group that is activated when notified of an immediate/serious need. Most members receive the request via email or text. Prayer Partners are asked to pray for these requests as they are received. Partners are also asked to be sensitive to confidentiality issues in the requests. If you would like to be a part of this group, let Secretary Jeann know.

ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL and COLLEGE SENIORS...



...and their parents!
It's almost that time.

If you are a graduating high school or college senior, or if you have a graduating high school or college senior in your immediate family, we want to know about it. Write it on the Friendship Register, send an email - somehow let Secretary Jeann know. We will honor them during a worship service later this spring. (And if you could supply Secretary Jean with a Senior or recent photo, that would be great!). We'd also like to know what after graduation plans are - College? Trade school? Career plans?

You are invited to reach out to our Church Elders if you have any questions or concerns about the church.

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