

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church
Weekly Update
April 22, 2026



Early spring is one of my favorite times of the year. The grass looks impossibly green, the yellow dandelions fill empty fields, the first emerald buds are emerging on the tree branches, the daffodils are popping up from the long winter and even the birds seem happy, chirping and calling for warmer weather.

I think I like this time of year so much because it is always amazing to me that those things that once appeared dead and lifeless through the winter months slowly – but inexorably – begin to come to life. Spring reminds me that what might seem to be dead can experience a reawakening to flourishing life.

This is obviously an Easter truth – that through the death of Jesus, life comes to us. And for that long, silent Saturday, Jesus was dead; but He was raised – undeniably and permanently – to life. Easter and spring point to the same truth: death is not the end of the story for those who belong to Jesus – but we will one day pass through death and into new life because of the grace and mercy of our Lord.

But I think spring also reminds me of another truth – that new life can come to us in the here and now, not just in the distant future. Sometimes important things can go dormant in our lives; and we need a season of reawakening and new growth. Our faith can lie fallow, our commitments can wane and fade, a relationship can drift into distance or a source of joy can wilt and wither. Many of us have experienced seasons of life where we know what it is like for things that were once important to us and to our faith grow cold and faint.

Is there something in your life that may need to experience new birth this spring? Is there a commitment that you have left dangling, or a friendship that needs to be rekindled? Is there a habit you've picked up you need to dismiss or a spiritual practice you need to nurture back to life? Maybe even your walk of faith with the Lord could use some new spring energy. Might this be the nudge you need to join with the rest of creation in experiencing a new burst of life?

My encouragement to you is to join in the spring renewal. Maybe really consider what needs some rekindling in your life? Reflect on what it might be like to nurture growth in your spiritual life, what might it be like to cultivate your faith in Jesus. My guess is that all of us have an area of our life or relationships that might benefit from some fresh attention and energy.

Now here is the tricky part: once you identify one or two places where fresh growth might occur: **DON'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT!** Fight the urge to **MAKE** yourself grow! Instead, make one small commitment: talk to God about it! God is the One who awakens the spring flowers and He's the same God who can bring freshness into our lives, too!

Spring is the time for planting seeds. This spring – plant seeds of prayer and ask God to cultivate your faith. And don't stop asking Him – keep talking to the Lord about your desire to see growth in your life, then listen for His voice and be obedient when He nudges you towards next steps.

Happy Spring!

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

For March 2026

YTD Offering	\$50,160.05
YTD Budgeted Expenses	\$66,880.24
YTD Net Operating Income	-\$16,720.19
YTD Net Other Income/Loss	-\$31,757.70
(Includes ; Interest, rents, special donations, gain or loss on investments)	
YTD Net Income	-\$48,477.8
(Operating income plus other income)	
Available Funds	\$186,683.72
This represents any funds available to FPC which session has not set aside for a specific purpose)	

APRIL/MAY CALENDAR

April 23	Intercessory Prayer (Zoom)
April 26	Sunday morning worship 2nd Hour for all
April 28	6 pm Seasons Study
April 28	7:30 pm The Grind
April 29	10 am G.L.O.W.
April 29	6:45 pm Music Team
April 30	7 pm Intercessory Prayer (Zoom)
May 03	Sunday Morning Worship Communion 2nd Hour for all
May 05	Voting Polls here
May 05	6:00 p.m. Seasons Study
May 06	10 am G.L.O.W.
May 06	6:45 pm Music Team
May 07	7 pm Intercessory Prayer (Zoom)
May 10	Mother's Day Sunday morning worship 2nd Hour for all
May 12	6 pm Seasons Study
May 12	7:30 The Grind

VOLUNTEERS FOR APRIL 26

Greeters	Don & Joyce Rhamy Delores Schlegel
Ushers	Reid McKelvey Shawn McKelvey
Café	Wendy McKelvey
Nursery (Worship)	Kim Morrow
Nursery (2nd Hour)	Vickie Rhamy
Kidz Jam	Sherri Machamer
Kids 2nd Hour	Sherri Machamer
Safety Team	Duane Wood
Elder Assist	Darcy Miller

PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

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

Praises

- **The choir on Easter Sunday**
- **First responders and firefighters**

Military Service: We have 7 young men & women serving in the Armed Forces. Please keep Abraham, Isaiah, Shannah, Christa, Steven, Ryan and Gaven in your prayers.

Prayer Needs

- Prayers for our military troops
- Prayers for our country
- Unspoken

Health Concerns

- **Randy Wirick**
- **Tonya Wade**
- **Veronica Campbell**
- **Emily Stephan**
- **Aaron Spencer**
- Mike Covert
- Edna Wade - health concerns
- Susan (James) Halliday
- Pat Thomson
- Jane Heilman

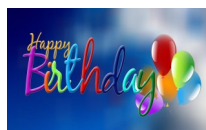
Battling Cancer

- **Tom Jefferies - thyroid cancer**
- **Nelson's neighbor, Vickie**
- Mike Sherrick - lung cancer
- Mariann Stutzman - pancreatic cancer
- Nicki
- Janet Lee
- Waldo - cont'd prayers for remainder of chemo
- Landon Sommers - Hodgkin's Lymphoma

Condolences

- **The family of Len Wilk**

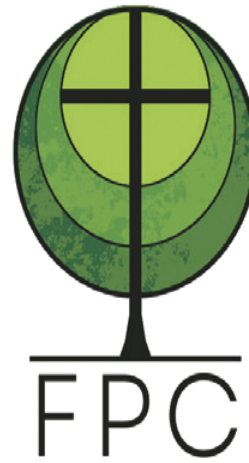
The Deacons encourage you to send cards or notes of encouragement to those in the church family experiencing prayer needs.



April 29 - Owen Walton
April 30 - Fritzi Nichols

You can make your tithes and contributions in a variety of ways:

- Use the box in the sanctuary on Sunday morning
- mail checks to P.O. Box 259 Fredericksburg, OH
- text to "Give" to 833-648-1702
- drop off your contributions during regular church office hours
- Use this link <https://give.tithe.ly/?formId=54989dfd-ce72-447c-bbc1-6109d5ecbd89>



Becoming
a community
that cultivates
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to Christ

Vacation Bible School



June 15-19. Details coming soon!



Thank you to all who came out and worked last Saturday to clean up the church and park landscapes. The new mulch looks marvelous!

PRAYING FOR OUR PASTORS IN SIERRA LEONE



Dauda David Turay
Village of Kadabie

Pursuing: Diploma Course
Age: 36

This week (April 22 – April 28) we are praying for:

Dauda David Turay with Kadabie Church. Dauda asks for prayers for growth of his ministry; he also asks for us to pray that they will get a church building for Community Church Ministry Kadabie.

A significant portion of our church's mission budget goes to support students in a pastor training school in Sierra Leone. We have had a long-standing relationship with Pastor Albert (who coordinates these students) and his ministry efforts in his region of Sierra Leone. Among the support we offer are scholarships for students attending pastoral training. These pastors and ministers serve throughout the region, and FPC's support of these growing leaders means the good news will spread far beyond our little community here in Ohio. Your gifts to the church are helping cultivate faith and faithfulness to Christ all the way across the world!

But, our friends need more than just financial support – they need our prayers as well. Each week we will be featuring a different scholarship recipient and encouraging you to pray for them, their families and their training. The outreach team is also in touch with these pastors in training and is receiving personal prayer requests from each of them. How cool is it to know that we can support our friends in Sierra Leone through prayer and care?!? Please take some time each week to lift these fellow believers up in prayer.