

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church
Weekly Update
April 29, 2026



It is with a full heart that we share some significant FPC news: after 26 remarkable years, our beloved Jeann Burkey is retiring from her role as church secretary. This announcement is bittersweet: bitter because Jeann will be hard to replace, but sweet because we get to celebrate and honor her as she deserves.

Some employees see their work as a formality, they clock in and clock out and just get the job done. Jeann is not one of those people.

For 26 years, Jeann has been the steady, warm heartbeat of the church office, and in many ways, of our congregation itself. She has watched FPC grow, change, stretch and flourish. Pastors have come and gone. A brand-new building rose up from the ground. Hundreds of bulletins, thousands of emails, dozens of VBSs, weddings, funerals, picnics, ministries, programs and events - Jeann has facilitated all of it; and she has poured care and hospitality into it all as well.

When FPC has walked through difficult seasons, Jeann didn't step back. She stepped up — helping hold things together, keeping the ship steady, and quietly pointing people toward the One she has always sought to represent alongside the congregation she loves.

Jeann has demonstrated a faithfulness that I deeply admire. Jeann has done thousands of tiny acts of service and care for this church that the majority of us will never know about, and she has done them in service to us and service to Jesus. All of this demonstrates her humble, warm, fun and diligent character. But perhaps, most importantly, Jeann has shown that she is safe. For more than a quarter of a century, our church has brought Jeann their prayer requests, their worries, their updates, their hearts - and she has always represented the love of Christ to others.

That is who Jeann is. Not just an employee. A servant. A faithful presence. A friend.

In the days ahead, here is what you can expect: Jeann has graciously agreed to remain in her position until her replacement is hired, ensuring a smooth and loving transition for our church family. A team is already forming to plan a proper retirement celebration — because Jeann deserves to be honored well. And the search for our next Administrative Director is now underway; you can find details about that search on the last page.

We are not saying goodbye. Jeann will still be in the pew, still part of this family. We won't be grieving her departure she isn't going anywhere. But she absolutely deserves to be celebrated. So over the next month or so, look for ways to tell Jeann you love her, and look for more information about celebrations for Jeann coming soon.

Jeann, thank you. For 26 years of showing up, stepping up, and pointing us up toward Jesus. We are so grateful to the Lord for how you've served, and even more grateful for who you are!

APRIL/MAY CALENDAR

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
May 13	10 am G.L.O.W.
May 13	6:30 pm Trustees
May 13	6:45 Music Team
May 14	6 pm Congregational Life Team Mtg.
May 14	7 pm Intercessory Prayer (Zoom)
May 17	Sunday morning worship



GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL and COLLEGE SENIORS...

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, the church office would like to recognize them during the worship service later in May. 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?

VOLUNTEERS FOR MAY 3

Greeters	Janine & Scott Schlauch Shirley Swinehart
Ushers	Shad Swinehart Keith Hewitt
Café	Adam Swinehart
Nursery (Worship)	Veronica Styer
Nursery (2nd Hour)	Bridget Rhamy
Kidz Jam	Shirley Swinehart
Kids 2nd Hour	Georgie Miller
Safety Team	Brian Parrot
Elder Assist	Steve Schlegel
Communion Prep	Marcy Speelman
Communion Servers	Steve Schlegel, Claudia Ward Mike Rhamy, Beth Miller

PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

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

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.



May 4 Heidi & Mark Yacapraro



April 30 Fritzi Nichols
May 2 Lydia Bee
May 3 Jeann Burkey
May 4 Josiah Styer
May 6 Beth Collins



Vacation
Bible School
June 15 - 19

Ages 3 (as of Jan 1) -
Current 5th Graders

We need Volunteers:

- Registration Station
- AV/Tech
- Adult/Parent Outreach
- Photography
- Station Leaders
- Crew Leaders
- All-Around All-star Help
- Decorating Team



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>



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DID YOU KNOW??



May Day (May 1) has a dual history originating as an ancient pagan festival celebrating spring and the agricultural season, and later becoming International Workers' Day, commemorating labor rights struggles that began in 1886. May Day also marks the halfway point between spring and summer. Key traditions include dancing around a maypole. This tradition that dates back to medieval times when young girls and boys would dance around a tall pole holding bright, colorful streamers or ribbons.

Another tradition is the May Day basket. According to [The Old Farmer's Almanac](#), this was popular back in the 19th and 20th centuries. First, people would fill paper baskets or cones with treats and flowers. Then, they'd knock on the recipient's door and yell "May basket!" and run away. If they got caught, the gifter owed the giftee a kiss.



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JOIN OUR TEAM!

NOW HIRING: Administrative Director

FPC is looking for a part-time (25-30 hours per week) faithful disciple of Christ who combines a servant's heart with high-level administrative and technical proficiency. This role is a vital resource for leadership, congregation and community and will facilitate coordination of ministries.



RESPONSIBILITIES (include but are not limited to):

- Primary point person and expert for the church database
- Proactively maintain and oversee both the church ministry and building calendars
- Oversee digital and physical environments
- Maintain high-level of comfort with digital programs
- Possess administrative and secretarial competency

To learn more about this position and/or to apply, please email a cover letter and current resume to: jsmolik@frederickburgpres.org

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PRAYING FOR OUR PASTORS IN SIERRA LEONE



Abdulai Saio Kamara
Village of Kamabain

Pursuing: Certificate Course
Age: 19

This week (April 23 – May 5) we are praying for: Abdulai Saio Kamara with Kamabain Church. Abdulai has three specific prayer requests for us: 1. Please pray for divine connections; 2. Prayers for growth of the mission; and 3. Prayers for financial strength. 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.