



The Weekly Update
Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church
April 3, 2024

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

He is risen, indeed!

I have sometimes found myself pondering what the time after the first Easter Sunday was like for the disciples of Jesus. The Scripture doesn't record very many stories of the forty days between Jesus' resurrection and His ascension into heaven; but we get the sense that Jesus was coming and going. Sometimes He was eating a meal with His followers or taking walks or doing more teaching. We even know that at some point in those handful of weeks He appeared to a crowd of more than 500 people.

But I wonder if His disciples were in shock at what had happened; were they slowly putting together the pieces of the cross and the empty tomb? Were they worried about what was going to happen next? In the final hours before the cross they had all abandoned Him; might they have been ashamed at the way they had left Him alone? Or were they eager? Maybe they were anticipating what amazing acts the resurrected Jesus was going to do next? Maybe it was all of the above and more.

There is, however, one common reaction that the gospels record: the disciples begin to worship Christ. There is something about the resurrected Jesus that caused the people who knew Him best to begin to praise and honor Him as God. This was a significant act in the Jewish culture, because only YAHWEH was to be worshipped – remember the second commandment? Somehow, the disciples began to slowly realize that Jesus IS God himself and choose to respond to that realization in worship.

We get to do the same thing. Following the reminders of this season of Lent and Holy Week, we again can join with those first disciples and renew our commitment to the worship of the risen Savior. How will you worship Jesus this week?

Pastor Jos



This Sunday, April 7,
Pastor Jos will be
leading the Bible

Study, with conversations and a fun
game or two and explore what Scrip-
ture says about who Jesus was - (and
maybe even a snackie-snack as well!)

CALENDAR FOR APRIL

- April 5 - Ladies First Friday, Meet at Cheryl Nelson's home.
- April 7 - Sunday morning worship and Communion and Second Hour for all ages.
- April 9 - 7:00 p.m. Finance Team Meeting
- April 10 - 10 a.m. - G.L.O.W. (Ladies)
- April 10 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- April 10 - 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting
- April 11 -14 Men's Walk to Emmaus
- April 13 - 6:00 p.m. Euchre
- April 14 - Sunday morning worship and 2nd Hour for all ages.
- April 14 - Communion Training for Elders & Deacons
- April 15 - 6:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting
- April 16 - Communion Training for Elders and Deacons
- April 17 - 10 a.m. - G.L.O.W. (Ladies)
- April 17 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- 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's Group)
- 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

- Easter services
- Charles Sears - recovering from serious car accident is now able to go home from the hospital.

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

- Unspokens
- Israel

Health Concerns:

- Mike's dad - heart attack
- Tonya - dialysis
- Ronnie - light stroke prayers for restoration of whatever was lost by the stroke
- Keylee & her mom, Kristen- Keylee was recently diagnosed with leukemia
- Theresa Smith - in skilled nursing facility
- Kevin Walton recovering from open heart surgery
- Al Amstutz - recently diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, and other health issues.
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- David
- Jonathan - stomach cancer
- Marianna Miller
- Kevin Hanna
- Mary Hardesty - colon cancer
- Tara
- Dale James

Condolences

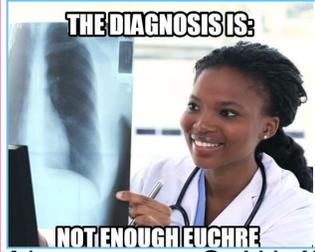
- The family of Art Weaver

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

April 5 - Jerry Herman
April 5 - Emily Yacapraro
April 9 - Jane Ann Heilman
April 10 - Debbie Hewitt



We are playing Euchre on April 12 at 6:00 pm. All ages and skill levels welcome.

No partner? We'll find one for you. Just come!.

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

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Church office hours

Monday thru Friday 10:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.

We want to send out a BIG Thank You to all who helped set up, prepare food, serve guests and clean up before, during and after the community Easter breakfast. You are all a blessing!

