



# The Weekly Update

## Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

April 9, 2025

### All hands on deck! Mark your calendars! Get Ready! VBS is returning to FPC!!

The Children's Ministry team has been hard at work planning and preparing to bring VBS back this summer. We have a great curriculum, wonderful leadership and now we need you!

As we start promoting and sharing about VBS we want to remind everyone why we do it in the first place – there are three key reasons why a church would want to invest itself in Vacation Bible School.

- First – and most importantly – we want kids to know the good news of Jesus! Children can be fully -devoted followers of Christ, And VBS is a great way to cultivate faith among young ones so that they can know and believe that Jesus is King!
- Second – we want to serve our community. Kids need spaces where they can experience love, connection and care. Building bridges between children and the church is a way to meet that need.
- Lastly – if FPC is going to thrive into the future, we need to be making more connections with kids and young families. The truth is, we must make it a priority to know and connect with young people and those who love them. VBS is a key strategy for meeting people in our community and inviting them to learn more about Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church.

In order to accomplish these goals, we NEED EVERYONE TO JOIN IN! If you are part of the FPC family, there are three essential things you can do to make VBS a success:

1. PRAY! All of us can be praying for VBS! Let's ask God to be helping our leadership prepare. Ask God to raise up the volunteers and support that we need. Ask God to bring children from around our community to participate. And – critically – ask God to use VBS to help kids know and love Jesus!
2. INVITE! Who do you know that can come to VBS? Maybe you have kids or grandkids who could join us. Maybe there are neighbors with children; or coworkers who have kids that might like to come. All of us know children in and around the community – let's ask them to join us! You never know who might be ready to say "yes"!
3. PARTICIPATE! We need help from all of us! There is a place for everyone to serve. We need people to help set-up and tear-down. We need folks to help with planning and preparing behind the scenes. We need people to help with supplies, crafts, snacks and materials. We need folks to hang out with kids, be helpers at VBS and connect with parents. There is something for everyone. YOUR FIRST STEP IS TO LET US KNOW YOUR WILLINGNESS AND AVAILABILITY! There will be a sign up sheet in the lobby on Sunday, but the best way to sign-up to help is to go to: <https://forms.fillout.com/t/posxoxPC7sus> . There you can fill out a simple form and the team will follow up with you.

-- SAVE THE DATE --

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

# JUNE 2-6

in the evenings



## Happy Birthday

April 10 - Debbie Hewitt  
April 13 - Andi Schuch



## Happy Anniversary

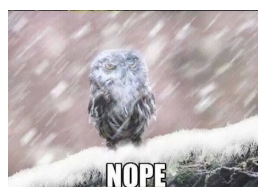
April 15 - Jeann & Larry Burkey

### VOLUNTEERS FOR April 13

<b>Greeters</b>	Jay & Val Haver Duane Wood
<b>Ushers</b>	Keith Hewitt Adam Swinehart
<b>Café</b>	Jenny Reed
<b>Nursery (Worship)</b>	Connie Herman
<b>Nursery (2nd Hour)</b>	Wendy McKelvey
<b>Kidz Jam</b>	Shirley Swinehart
<b>Kids 2nd Hour</b>	Shirley Swinehart
<b>Elder Assist</b>	Steve Schlegel
<b>Safety Team</b>	John Scott



The Outreach Team is partnering with the Park Committee, Fredricksburg 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. The Outreach Team will provide a light lunch. Talk to 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.

### 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

- Continued prayers for Zach Stevenson's stepfather's recovery from a stroke
- Mark Lemon - recovering from 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
- Jamie - brain tumor
- Diane Scott
- Susan Halliday
- Janet Lee
- Waldo - cont'd prayers for remainder of chemo
- Landon Sommers - Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Keylee - leukemia
- Dale James

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

## **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 9 – April 15**

#### **April 9 - Ephesians 3:19**

*May children experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then may they be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from you, God.*

#### **April 10 - Ephesians 3:20-21**

*Now all glory to you, God. You are able, through your mighty power at work within our children's ministry team, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to you in our children's ministry and in Christ Jesus through this generation we lead, and all generations forever and ever! Amen.*

#### **April 11 - Ephesians 6:19-20**

*And God, I pray for myself. Give me the right words so I can boldly explain your mysterious plan that the Good News is for children and grown-ups alike. No matter what happens, I pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for you, as I should.*

#### **April 12 - Philippians 1:3-5**

*Every time I think of our volunteer team, I give thanks to you, God. As I pray, I make my requests for all of them with joy, for they are my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ with the kids at our church.*

#### **April 13 – Philippians 1:6**

*And I am certain, God, that you began a good work in the children I teach and will continue your work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

#### **April 14 – Philippians 1:7-8**

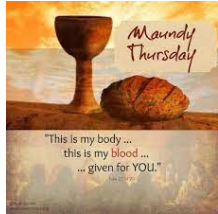
*So it is right that I should feel as I do about the children in my church, for they have a special place in my heart. They share with me the special favor of God. God, you know how much I love these children and long for them with the tender compassion of Christ Jesus.*

#### **April 15 – Philippians 1:9**

*I pray that your love will overflow more and more in the children I serve, and that they will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding.*



# Holy Week



The Maundy Thursday Service on April 17 at 7:00 p.m. will be a service of reflection and communion. All are welcome.



**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 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00AM



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