

Weekly Update

August 16, 2023



FREDERICKSBURG
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News and Notes w/Pastor Nancy

Greetings Friends -

God is bedrock under my feet (Psalm 18:1, MSG)

There is so much in life that is out of our control. The world can be harsh and unpredictable. Conflict comes, uncertainty increases anxiety, and the bad guys prosper. In contrast, what a steady and calming reality that *God is bedrock under our feet*. Bedrock is literally the solid rock under the surface upon which skyscrapers and other large structures are anchored. Metaphorically, bedrock is the fundamental, basic, or reliable basis for something. For example, "honesty is the bedrock of a good relationship."

What a securing thought that **God is bedrock under our feet**. May that bring comfort and perspective to your trials this week!

In church news, two upcoming Sunday events:

- This Sunday, all-community Church Picnic. Bring a lawn chair, a dish to share, and come for hotdogs, games, time together in the park attached to the church yard. Hope that you will join us.
- Next Sunday (Aug 27), Fall Planning meeting for all FPC Teams. Come help us dream up the events and emphasis for this coming fall. Of course, we will feed you!

Abounding in Hope,

Nancy





Happy Birthday!

August 17- Mary Ann Henderson
August 18 - Brenden Pfeifer

August 21 - Keith Hewitt
August 23 - Tanya Chupp



Happy Anniversary!

August 14 - Candi & Jim Kinney
August 18 - Beth & Nick Miller
August 19 - Heather & Jon Hutchison

It's all happening this Sunday!



All students regardless of age or grade including college, adult classes, and vocational education are invited to bring their backpack/bookbag/briefcase, etc. to worship Sunday morning August 20 for a blessing of the backpacks and the new school year. Anyone attending or working in the schools this fall are invited to participate.



At the village park.

Sunday, August 20 following worship

Bring a dish to share.
The meat, beverages
and paper products
will be provided



We will have a corn hole tournament so get your team and sign up on the sheet in the Gallery.



Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

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

Praises

- Euchre party Saturday evening
- Thanks you for prayers for John Scott's sister, rebuilding after a flood

Military Service:

- Ryan Chabak - stationed in Alaska
- Isaiah Styer - Stationed at Camp Lejeune in NC
- Matt Burkhardt - National Guard
- Gaven Bee - Turkey

Prayer Needs

- **The PNC Team and the process**
- UNSPOKENS!

Health Concerns:

- Lydia's friend dealing with mental health issues
- George & Jane Heilman
- Jeff Bowers - in pain following surgical procedure
- Theresa Smith - surgery Aug. 22 for 2 brain tumors
- Janine Schlauch's father recovering from hip surgery
- Janelle Raber's mother - fell and in the Cardiac Care Unit at Aultman
- Mary Alice Shade - recovering from broken hip
- Tonya Wade - hospitalized
- Anita Spencer recovering - knee surgery
- Mary Fry

Battling Cancer

- Alec & Judy Hagerty (Alec has cancer)
- Michael & Belinda Witt (Michael has cancer)
- Karen Raber's sister
- Karen's co-worker
- Linda Snyder (ECO Pastor)
- Laurie Miller
- Steve Gordon
- Andrew Miller
- Bill Opie
- Sonya Griffen
- Bonnie Stryker
- Dale James

Condolences

- The family of Margie Henderson

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

FALL PLANNING MEETING

All Members of the **Children's Ministry team**, the **Youth Ministry Team**, the **Adult Discipleship Team**, the **Worship Team**, the **Welcome Team**, the **Congregational Life team** and the **Outreach Team** are asked to meet Sunday, August 27 following worship. We will be working on our plans for Fall. A meal will be provided.

Please RSVP to fredpresby@gmail.com or give Secretary Jeann a call 330-695-2511

FROM THE PNC

The PNC will give an update this Sunday during worship. The PNC requests that you join them in prayer as they make critical decisions this month.

ANY VOLUNTEERS?

The church would like to re-introduce Children's Sermons once a month beginning in September. Is there someone out there who would like to volunteer to do a children's message for September or later on into the Fall?

Let Secretary Jeann know.

PAPER PRODUCT DRIVE FOR SCHOOL

The Deacons are holding their annual Tissue Drive for Fredericksburg Elementary the entire month of August. They are collecting:

- Tissues
- Paper towels
- Sanitizing Wipes
- Lysol Spray

Collection boxes are available in the Gallery.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

- August 20 - Blessing of the Backpacks
- August 20 - Annual Church Picnic at the Park
- August 23 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW Women's Study
- August 23 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- August 22 - The Grind Men's Group at 7:30 pm
- August 27 - Ministry Team Meeting following worship
- August 28 - 7:00 pm Session Meeting
- August 30 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW Women's Study
- August 30 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

September 3 @ 10 a.m.

At Fredericksburg Elementary Ball Field
Bring lawn chairs Rain location is MCA.

Do you have questions or concerns or just curious about something within the church? You are invited to reach out to our Church Elders:

Joe Chupp	330-466-5305
Beth Miller	513-319-6447
Paul Miller	330-465-8329
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Steve Schlegel	330-317-3898
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Adam Swinehart	330-641-1575
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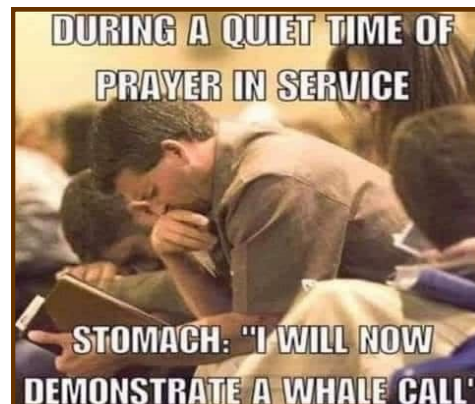
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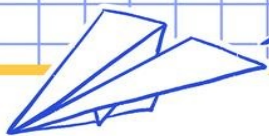
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Church Office Hours

Monday thru Friday

9:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.





A PRAYER AS SCHOOL RESUMES

Loving Father, thank You for our schools. Thank You for the lives they have touched, and for the lessons they have imparted to countless schoolchildren through the years.

We pray that You would put Your hand over these buildings and protect them. Make them a safe haven for our children, teachers and staff. Make the walls sturdy, and the doors secure. May bullying, anger, conflict, hopelessness or hate never find a foothold here.

Watch over our children as they come and go through these halls. Give them a spirit of cooperation and friendship. Let them be respectful of the building, the staff and one another. Create in them a desire to learn and grow and become better citizens of Your world. May they sense the caring and support of the teachers and staff, and strive to do their best each day.

Lord, be with each teacher every day. Let them wake in the morning feeling rested and refreshed and ready to pour their hearts into their students, their material and their role in guiding young minds. Give them extra patience, extra inventiveness, and when the day seems especially long and tiring, give them extra strength and hope. Be their Encourager and their Support when things aren't going well, and let them feel the love, support and appreciation of the students and families in their districts.

Please keep the school staff especially close to You Lord, as they are the seldom seen yet essential hearts of the building. From the custodians to the librarians to the secretaries, the aides, cooks, and bus drivers, let them know they are valued and appreciated. Grant them enthusiasm for their tasks and true enjoyment in the children they see each day

Finally Lord, protect all in these schools from illness and injury. Protect this building from forces of nature and the evil of men. It often seems to be a dark, frightening world, and we are concerned for our children, their teachers and our schools. Help us to keep our eyes on You, and our trust in You to know what's best for our schools, our communities and our country.

Use us we pray, Lord, to be a light for You.
In Christ's name, Amen



