

# Weekly Update

August 30, 2023



Greetings Friends,

On Sunday morning we shared that a tornado hit New Life at Calvary on Thursday night and did significant damage. Above is a photo of their Sunday gathering in the parking lot. Plans are being made to resume worship in the church's gym and move their offices offsite.

Pastor Kellie Sullivan and I exchanged text messages on Sunday and she asked me to communicate this to you: *Please share with our Fredericksburg family that we are so grateful for your prayers and support. We definitely feel it during this trying time. As you all have a long history like us, I know you understand our sadness and loss. Thanks for being on our side!*

What a privilege to develop and maintain relationships with other churches. Scripture tells us that we "belong" to one another. The very nature of our Presbyterian form of government is that we are connected at the regional and national level. ECO lives into this by keeping our presbyteries smaller, splitting when the number of churches approaches 30. In our Great Lakes Presbytery we have 14 churches and New Life at Calvary is one of them.

The Apostle Paul writes of his connection to all the churches he started when he says to the church at Thessalonica:

**Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. (1 Thessalonians 2:7-8).**

This is your reminder - let's stay connected. The pace of life and the pressing of the daily grind, can cause us to postpone reaching out. Just do it anyway, send that text!

Two Opportunities fit this topic:

- In mid-October (dates TBD), we hope to send a group to do construction work for *Hands of Hope for Housing*. We made a connection with Bishop Cory Rogers through the youth mission trip this summer. We feel called to build a connection and make an investment in this ministry. Pastor Cory shares, *I can't tell you how much I appreciate everything you all are doing to help us with this. I truly believe God made this connection.*

Here is a link to a recent video featuring *Hands of Hope for Housing*.

<https://youtu.be/z6cslTZaax0?si=t1eAhQFAxfhE2yG2>

We invite you to join us as soon as we know when. All skill-levels are welcome. Stay tuned.

- Our fall presbytery meeting will be October 6-7 in Columbus. It's a Friday night dinner followed by a Saturday AM workshop. Rev. Lisa Johnson will come in from the ECO National Office to speak. The Henderson's and I will be there. We'd love to have more of you join us. Anyone and everyone are included in the invitation to attend these meetings. If you are interested in knowing more, see the bulletin board outside the office or reach out to me.

How good it is to be in the family of God!

Abounding in Hope,  
Nancy



**Happy Birthday!**  
September 3 - Laura Lemon

# COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

September 3 @ 10 a.m.

At Fredericksburg Elementary Ball Field

# PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

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

## Praises

### 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:

- **Clay Crosby - back surgery**
- **Tonya Coreas - back problems**
- **Theresa Smith - complications with her recovery from surgery to remove brain tumors**
- Mary Fry - broken ankle
- Ron Dailey
- Lydia's friend dealing with mental health issues
- Jane Heilman
- Jeff Bowers - in pain following surgical procedure
- Janelle Raber's mother - fell and in the Cardiac Care Unit at Aultman

### Battling Cancer

- Cole Hubacher - 11 yr old battling cancer
- Alec & Judy Hagerty (Alec has cancer)
- Michael & Belinda Witt (Michael has cancer)
- Leslie Carr
- Linda Snyder (ECO Pastor)
- Laurie Miller
- Steve Gordon
- Andrew Miller
- Bill Opie
- Sonya Griffen
- Bonnie Stryker
- Dale James

### Condolences

- **The family of Connie Leaman**
- The family of George Heilman
- The family of Delmar Haun

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



## What is Meditation Literature?

Ever wonder why is the Bible so confusing? Sometimes it almost seems like it's made to be confusing on purpose, doesn't it? Well, it kind of is confusing on purpose! If you want to read more about why that is, check out this week's Taking Root article

- Matt

## HAYRIDE & HOT DOG ROAST

**When?** September 24

**Time?** 5:00 p.m.

**Where?** Don & Joyce Rhamy's  
7766 Cutter Rd. Fredericksburg



### What to Bring:

A well-filled picnic basket to share  
Hot dogs & buns  
Lawn chairs

- Beverages, Table Service & Condiments will be provided

**Hope to see you there**

## CALENDAR FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

(please note that First Friday for September 1 has been canceled due to the holiday weekend)

- August 28 - 6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Team
- August 28 - 7:00 pm Session Meeting
- August 30 - GLOW Women to Pine Tree Barn
- August 30 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- Sept. 01 - **CANCELED** First Friday
- Sept. 03 - 10:00 a.m. Community Worship Service @ the ballfield. **No Worship Service here at the church**
- Sept. 04 - Labor Day Church office closed
- Sept. 06 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW Women's Study
- Sept. 06 - 6:30p.m. Music Team
- Sept. 09 - 6:00 p.m. Euchre
- Sept. 12 - 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting
- Sept. 13 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW Women's Study
- Sept. 13 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- Sept. 13 - 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting
- Sept. 17 - Second Hour returns
- Sept. 17 - Youth to BOLD Worship @ Wooster
- Sept. 19 - 7:00 p.m. Finance Team Meeting
- Sept. 20 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW Women's Study
- Sept. 20 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- Sept. 24 - Covenant Class
- Sept. 24 - 5:00 p.m. Hayride and Hotdog roast
- Sept. 25 - 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
- Sept. 26 - 7:30 p.m. The Grind Men's Group
- Sept. 27 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW Women's Study
- Sept. 27 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- Sept. 30 - 9:30 a.m. Senior Brunch & Hymn Sing

### PAPER PRODUCT DRIVE FOR SCHOOL

The Deacons Tissue Drive for Fredericksburg Elementary will be ending soon. If you have supplies to deliver, the church is open next week from 10-3 for drop offs. They are collecting:

- Tissues
- Paper towels
- Sanitizing Wipes
- Lysol Spray

Collection boxes are available in the Gallery.

## FROM THE SESSION

The Session met on Monday August 28, 2023 and had a very productive meeting. Some things that were discussed :

- Approved the new church logo designed by Matt Smith.
- Approved the new website created and designed in part by Mary Ann Henderson and Pastor Nancy.
- Heard plans for a sermon series this Fall on the books of Peter.
- Approved moving our monthly communion from the 3rd Sunday each month to the 1st Sunday each month beginning October 1.
- Elected Adam Swinehart as chair and Claudia Ward as co-chair of the Nominating Committee.
- With heartfelt thanks, approved the Trustees request to receive a gift of new lights in the Fellowship Hall from the Jason & Erika Schuch family.

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

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