



# *The Weekly Update*

## *Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church*

### *August 5, 2026*

#### **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Greetings from Dallas! Right now I am at the national headquarters of our denomination – ECO – in the suburbs of Dallas. I'm here most of the week for our annual Standing Theology Committee meeting. Last year, we hosted the committee in Fredericksburg and many of the members have asked about you all and how the church is doing. They said to tell you all "hi"! You can learn more about the committee by visiting our website: <https://eco-pres.org/theology/>

This year we have been spending time planning new initiatives for the denomination, to help strengthen the theological knowledge and practice of our pastors and churches. Among the things we are working on:

At the end of this year we will be publishing the first book in an 8-book set on our Essential Tenets. The Essential Tenets are the theological document that all ECO pastors and elders must receive, adopt and be bound by. They explore the non-negotiables of Christian belief in general and ECO presbyterian belief specifically. You can read our Essential Tenets in our Constitution here ( <https://eco-pres.org/wp-content/uploads/job-manager-uploads/application/Official-ECO-CONSTITUTION-2026-1.pdf> ). The first book is about the Scriptures and many of us on the committee, including myself, have contributed chapters to the book. All the writing has been completed and is at our publisher Wipf and Stock!

The team is always looking for ways to let people know more about key ideas and controversial topics, which is why this summer we are working on more ways for people to connect. We will be continuing to record podcasts – you can listen here (<https://open.spotify.com/show/6FbJv0H4LRIRPJC9J0XBGb?si=13b6cd4ce72c479a> ) and we will also be working on regular articles that will be featured in the ECO Newsletter.

Every year we also coordinate a preconference and breakout sessions for our National Gathering. We are focusing on the doctrine of Scripture this year and will be hosting the notable scholar and theologian Kevin VanHoozer as he presents throughout the Gathering.

That's just a quick taste of all that we are working on and planning right now. Thank you for supporting me as I serve on this team and as we work to equip our denomination to think theologically! If you would ever like to know more about the committee, I'm always happy to share!



Sunday, August 16 following the worship service.

Meat, beverage and table service will be provided. Bring a covered dish to share.



### Community Worship & Communion Service

We are joining with the MCA and Church of Christ at MCA Sunday, September 6 for the Community Worship & Communion Service. The service begins at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend, and bring your lawn chairs – the service will be outside. Then, plan to stay for a meal afterwards! Bring a dish to share if you are able. (There will not be a service at FPC September 6)

### FOR AUGUST & EARLY SEPTEMBER

As has been our habit in the past, 2nd Hour will be taking a summer break through August and early September. We'll meet again after the Wayne County Fair. We have the church picnic (August 16), and the Community Worship Service (Labor Day Sunday) to look forward to. And as always, you can stick around in the Gallery after the Sunday services and visit with your friends and neighbors.

### VOLUNTEERS FOR AUGUST 9, 2028

|                           |                                     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Greeters</b>           | Jim & Candi Kinney<br>Bridget Rhamy |
| <b>Ushers</b>             | Jerry Herman<br>Cody Daugherty      |
| <b>Café</b>               | Connie Herman                       |
| <b>Nursery (Worship)</b>  | Connie Herman                       |
| <b>Nursery (2nd Hour)</b> | No 2nd Hour                         |
| <b>Kidz Jam</b>           | Bridget Rhamy                       |
| <b>Kids 2nd Hour</b>      | No 2nd Hour                         |
| <b>Safety Team</b>        | Tom Machamer                        |
| <b>Elder Assist</b>       | John Scott                          |



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

- Safe travels for Isaiah Styer
- The Rittman community
- Carla in the loss of her husband
- Earthquake victims in Venezuela
- Prayers for our military troops
- Prayers for our country
- Unspoken

### Health Concerns

- Melodie Stroud - healing after surgery
- Darcy's dad health concerns
- Mike Covert
- Edna Wade
- Pat Thomson
- Jane Heilman

### Battling Cancer

- Mike Sherrick
- Chad Hinkle - leukemia
- Tom Jefferies - thyroid cancer
- Nelson's neighbor, Vickie
- Nicki
- Waldo - cont'd prayers for remainder of chemo
- Landon Sommers - Hodgkin's Lymphoma

### Condolences

- **The family of Jeannette Sterling**
- The family of Susan Morrison

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



August 9 Joyce Rhamy  
August 10 Steve Schlegel  
August 11 Beth Reed



Happy Anniversary  
August 9 Shirley & Adam Swinehart



## AUGUSTCALENDAR

Aug. 9 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship  
Aug. 11 7:30 p.m. The Grind  
Aug. 12 10:00 a.m. G.L.O.W.  
Aug. 12 6:45 p.m. Music Team tonight  
Aug. 13 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting  
Aug. 16 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship  
Aug. 16 Church picnic following service  
Aug. 18 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting  
Aug. 19 10:00 a.m. G.L.O.W.  
Aug. 19 6:45 p.m. Music Team tonight  
Aug. 23 9:30 p.m. Sunday morning worship  
Aug. 25 7:30 p.m. The Grind  
Aug. 26 10:00 a.m. G.L.O.W.  
Aug. 26 6:45 p.m. Music Team tonight  
Aug. 30 9:30 p.m. Sunday morning worship



Becoming  
a community  
that cultivates  
faith and  
faithfulness  
to Christ

*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>

Secretary Jeann

THIS IS ME IN AUGUST



IGNORING THE HEAT AND JUST  
PRETENDING THAT IT'S FALL

WHEN IT'S SO HOT



THE STATE  
FLOWER WILTS