

# Weekly Update

August 9, 2023



## FREDERICKSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### News and Notes w/Pastor Nancy

Greetings Friends -

Our New FPC Website was launched this week! Look at the old address: <https://fredericksburgpres.org> and you will see our new format. We will continue to update and tweak it. Please reach out with suggestions if you have them. A very grateful "thank you" to Mary Ann Henderson and Peter James, our web designer. Together they took on and conquered this monumental task. A few favorite features: image driven concept, photos of all the ministry team leaders, a graphic of the history of FPC, and a blog space.

Our New FPC Logo was created for use on the website and to reflect our church. Matthew Smith was our artist / designer. He gave much thought to incorporating intentional elements. We welcome your feedback, as our Session will seek to give final approval at the end of this month. Here is a bit of what Matt Smith shared with them about the design:

I have come up with a new design for a church logo as we are developing the new website and looking forward to what God has in store for us. It is packed with symbolism. First, before getting into any deep theological symbolism, let's go over the basics.

The logo resembles a tree. I think this fits our community well, being in the rural agricultural town of Fredericksburg. The design harkens back to our "Deep roots, new shoots" days, and also connects well with ECO as a denomination.

It feels at home next to ECO's leaf logo, and fits with this following part of their mission: *"The name ECO reinforces our passion for strengthening the ecosystems of local churches. We believe that the Church is a living organism that needs life-giving resources to help it grow, thrive, and multiply."*

The center circle that backs the cross references the rose window behind the cross in our sanctuary. This simple understanding of the logo could be meaningful to our congregation. The three core theological symbols expressed in the logo are the **Tree of Life**, the **Living Water**, and the **Temple**.

We will share more about the deeper symbols in a later newsletter. For now, may we, this week, feel the shade from the tree of life, refreshing from living water, and joy in knowing the temple of God now dwells in our hearts.

With grace and peace,  
Nancy



**Happy Birthday!**  
 August 10 - Steve Schlegel  
 August 11 - Beth Reed  
 August 13 - Shad Swinehart



**Happy Anniversary!**  
 August 16 - Mary Lee & Randy Wirick

## COME PLAY EUCHRE



Saturday evening August 12 at 6pm. we're going to get together and play Euchre. All ages are welcome. All skill levels are welcome.

You don't need to come with a partner. You do need to come expecting some fun, laughter and fellowship! We'll make this a monthly event on the second Saturday each month.



**This is a great time of food, fellowship and fun!**  
**At the village park.**

**Mark your calendars now for Sunday, August 20 following the worship service.**

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

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

# PRAYER

**Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.**

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

### Military Service:

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

### Prayer Needs

- John Scott's sister & family recovering from flood damage to their Pennsylvania home
- UNSPOKENS!

### Health Concerns:

- **Mary Alice Shade - recovering from broken hip**
- **Tonya Wade - hospitalized**
- Theresa Smith - surgery Aug. 17 for 2 brain tumors
- Anita Spencer recovering - knee surgery
- Mary Fry
- George & Jane Ann Heilman

### 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
- Heather
- Bonnie Stryker
- Dale James

### Condolences

- The family of Fonda Schlegel
- The family of Herb Martin
- The family of Andy Rock

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



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.

### PAPER PRODUCT DRIVE FOR SCHOOL

The Deacons will be 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 will be available in the Gallery.

### CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

- August 9 - Trustees Meeting
- August 12 - 6:00 p.m. Euchre
- August 16 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW Women's Study
- August 16 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- 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 28 - 7:00 pm Session Meeting
- August 30 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW Women's Study
- August 30 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team

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

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|----------------|--------------|
| Joe Chupp      | 330-466-5305 |
| Beth Miller    | 513-319-6447 |
| Paul Miller    | 330-465-8329 |
| Earl Rhamy     | 330-988-4285 |
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| Matt Smith     | 330-464-4698 |
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#### **Church Office Hours**

Monday thru Friday

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

### 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.

### A SMILE FOR TODAY

The teacher asked children to draw a story from the Bible. Tommy was drawing a picture of an airplane. Ah, a cute mistake on the flight into Egypt, she thought. She asked, "Who's in the plane?" Tommy said that's Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus. Who's in the front seat? Oh, that's Pontius, he's the pilot.



**COMMUNITY  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE**

Rain location is MCA.  
Bring lawn chairs

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 • 10:00 AM • FREDERICKSBURG ELEMENTARY PARK  
(BACKUP LOCATION WILL BE AT MCA IN CASE OF RAIN)