

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church
Weekly Update
December 17, 2023



Greetings Fredericksburg Pres,

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.

For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods. (Psalm 95:1-3)

We are halfway through the Advent season. Last Sunday, the third Sunday in Advent, we lit the Shepherd's Candle, representing the JOY that caused the shepherds to say: "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." Cue the music, it may be time to burst forth in some worship and wonder of our own.

When Mary was first greeted by the angel she was "greatly troubled." *How can this be?* It is a great reminder that "nothing is impossible with God" for both Mary and Elizabeth were pregnant amid unlikely, supernatural circumstances.

Yet it brings forth a spiritual reality - that seems contradictory. Nothing is impossible for God, and still God does not do everything we would like, hope, or expect.

Mary responds to this with acceptance, "may it be as you have said." It is difficult to understand and accept the hard moments that come to us. As God's people, we boldly embrace that bigness of God and his promises to us. We ask for big things and good things. And when the reality does not bear out what we have asked for or imagined, we rest on faith, trusting that our big and good God is still at work even when we don't understand. He is unstoppable. Our lives are in his hands. And we dare not reduce him to what our own minds can imagine!

Let's be praying big - for our families, our community, and our church.

Let us receive our King,

Pastor Nancy

PS. Ready for some "worship and wonder"? Listen to this song called [Make Room](#), by Casting Crowns.

<https://youtu.be/uYHpJnfy2IQ?si=nZDRdVlwKjyi4m3o>



**Christmas Eve
Service
December 24
8:00 p.m.
Everyone is
welcome.
Nursery available for
children under 3**



FPC Youth Group Game Day

On **Sunday, December 17** everyone is invited to stay for fellowship and snacks after the worship service. While your parents are chatting, grab some food and meet in the Youth Room to play Left Right Center for **FABULOUS PRIZES*!**

*Ok, fabulous is subjective, but let's have some fun! This will be our last official gathering until 2024!!!

The church has earpiece amplifying devices that allow people with hearing issues to better hear the sermons. Just ask at the sound table at the back of the sanctuary, and they will give you a device



PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

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

Praises

- **Brian Baker - good test & scan results**
- **Beth Reed visiting with Jeff's brother & his wife**
- **Praise for Euchre**

Military Service:

- Christa Nelson - Navy
- Tristan Burns - Air Force stationed in Africa
- Ryan Chabak - stationed in Alaska
- Isaiah Styer - Stationed at Camp Lejeune in NC
- Matt Burkhardt - National Guard
- Gaven Bee - Turkey

Prayer Needs

- **Tracy & her son, Cody**
- **Corky's grandson Jamie be home Christmas**
- **Sabrina Yoder - caregiver**
- Israel
- Unspokens

Health Concerns:

- **Covid concerns at Wayne Co Home (Janine Schlauch's parents)**
- **Beth Miller - shoulder issues**
- **Phyllis Miller - A-fib**
- Chance Yoder - 4 yr old tonsil surgery Dec. 11
- Lois Morris - hip replacement surgery Dec. 12
- Theresa Smith - recovering from brain tumor
- Rob Striebe - complications from diabetes
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- Kevin Hanna
- **Leslie Carr & her family - chemo**
- **Mary Hardesty - colon cancer**
- Tara
- Susan Halliday - Sherri Machamer's sister
- David Stoltzfus - Sherri Machamer's nephew
- **Michael & Belinda Witt (Michael has cancer)**
- **Linda Snyder (ECO Pastor)**
- Laurie Miller
- Dale James

Condolences

- **The family of Mary Lou Wade**

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

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

- Dec. 17 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship
- Dec. 17 - Fellowship time to follow the service.
- Dec. 18 - Fred'burg Elementary School Christmas Program at the church.
- Dec. 19 - 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
- Dec. 20 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW (Women)
- Dec. 20 - 6:00 p.m. Music Team
- Dec. 21 - First Day of Winter
- Dec. 24 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship
- Dec. 24 - 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas!
- Dec. 31 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

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 p.m



More Christmas music! You are invited to attend the 2nd annual Wayne County Tuba Christmas Concert. The Tuba Christmas Concert will begin at Noon on Saturday December 16 in the WHS Performing Arts Center, there is no admission charge to the concert. Before the concert you are invited to a pancake breakfast sponsored by and Wooster High School Music Parents. The Pancake breakfast is scheduled from 8:30 AM thru 1:30 PM in the WHS commons. Tickets for the breakfast are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Random Christmas Trivia

1. The movie *Miracle on 34th Street* is based what real-life department store.
2. How many ghosts show up in *A Christmas Carol*?
3. In which modern-day country was St. Nicholas born in?
4. What words follow "Silent Night" in the song?
5. Which country did eggnog come from?
6. Which Christmas song contains the lyric "Everyone dancing merrily in the new old-fashioned way?"
7. Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
8. How many gifts in total were given in "The Twelve Days of Christmas" song?
9. What gift did the Little Drummer Boy give to the newborn Christ?
10. Who wrote, "Christmas doesn't come from a store, maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more?"
11. Three of Santa's reindeer's names begin with the letter "D." What are those names?
12. What is the name of George Bailey's guardian angel in *It's A Wonderful Life*?
13. Per a recent holiday fad, what "spy" hides around the house, reporting back to Santa on who has been naughty and nice?
14. What's the German name for the song known in English as "O Christmas Tree?"
15. The charity Toys for Tots is run by the reserve force of what branch of the U.S. military?

Answers shared next week