

# Weekly Update

## Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

### December 14, 2022

#### Pastor Nancy's News and Notes - December 14, 2022



Hello friends,

What a production we witnessed last Sunday. Our “home-grown” rendition of *Once Upon a Manger* was whimsical, fun, and a bit “sassy.” It incorporated a whole variety of participants from our congregation. The younger ones did the talking and the older ones did the acting. We had noisy animals, twinkling stars, singing angels and “wise-guy” inn keepers (really the many narrators were the sassy wise-guys). What a colorful story, what an unexpected reality. Many many thanks to Sherri Machamer for her creativity, directing and recruiting and an extra-helping of thanks to her faithful partner Shyler Swinehart! The message was planted deep in the hearts of young and old.

I love the extra participation that happens at Christmas in the life of the church. It builds community, reminds us of the deep meaning of the season, and the hope that accompanies the arrival of God-with-us. My friend likes to say, “It takes a lot of Christmases to make Christmas.” What she means is that the repeated patterns and activities create a deeper meaning and love for Christmas over time. So don’t miss all the joy that is left to be experienced here at your church home. Let’s “make Christmas” together.



Next week, after we light the 4th Advent candle and you are invited to stick around for a “home-cooked” lunch. We get the opportunity to eat together, share conversation and deepen our connection to one another. Please try to stay. There will be homemade soup with all the fixin’s. Help us celebrate being *Home for Christmas* by making FPC your favorite faith home.



With Anticipation,

Pastor Nancy

**Advent Reading** ([website](#)): Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19, Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

## JOIN US FOR LUNCH DECEMBER 18

This Sunday, December 18, there will be a home-cooked luncheon served by the Deacons. Everyone is welcome. Come enjoy a lunch prepared for you, and some fellowship, then tackle the rest of your Christmas "to-do list".

## WILL YOU BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS?

*"I'll be home for Christmas, you can count on me"*, sings Bing Crosby as he describes with longing what home will be like. Yet the reality of homes is often not so smooth. From a faith perspective, Jesus left his home to make a way for us to "come home" to God. May we glimpse the greater purpose of Christmas as we celebrate being "Home for Christmas." Join us for Christmas 2022!

- Homeless 12/18, 9:30am stay for lunch!
- Welcome Home 12/24, 8 PM candlelight service
- Cozy Christmas 12/25, 9:30 AM, dress comfy



## A COVENANT CLASS

A Covenant Class is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 8, following worship. Participation in the class is required for anyone who is interested in joining the church through covenant partnership (membership), but it's also a great class to know more about our church, beliefs or partners. No one will be pressured to join at the conclusion of the class. It is a time of fellowship and informal discussion about what it means to be a part of the Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church family. Lunch will be provided. The conversation will conclude around 1:30 pm. Please RSVP to Pastor Nancy by January 2 to confirm your participation. 614-425-2552 or nancy.dumford@gmail.com

# PRAYER

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

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

### Military Service:

- Rusty King - Middle East
- Isaiah Styer currently in North Carolina
- Jeff & Veronica's nephew in National Guard

### Prayer Needs

- **Unspoken**
- Safe travels through the holidays
- The holiday season & those who have lost loved ones
- Session, Trustees & the PNC
- The Ukraine & Danny

### Health Concerns:

- Veronica's mom - assisted living - prayers for support
- Edna's nephew - heart attack
- Lillian Duncan - non cancerous brain tumors
- George & Jane Ann Heilman

### Battling Cancer

- Kacen's grandma, Susie Parrot - inoperable brain tumor
- Leslie Carr - battling cancer
- Dale James
- Herb Martin - stage 4 lung cancer
- Delores Schlegel's sister Rose's finance
- Mike Harter
- Art Wetmore
- Renee Wood

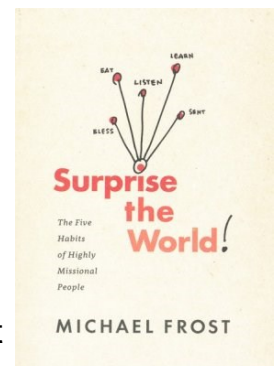
### Condolences

- The family of Chris Henderson

## SURPRISE THE WORLD

On January 22, Pastor Nancy will introduce a new sermon series "Surprise the World! The 5 Habits of Highly Missional People" by Michael Frost, an Australian Baptist theologian. In this book, Frost challenges us to lead lives that cause the world to question how we love and serve so well.

The book will be available for purchase for \$5.





## CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

- Dec. 14 - GLOW @ 10 a.m.
- Dec. 14 - Music Team @ 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 18 - Fourth Sunday in Advent
- Dec. 18 - We will celebrate Communion
- Dec. 18 - No Second Hour
- Dec. 18 - Home-cooked luncheon for the church
- Dec. 21 - GLOW @ 10 a.m.
- Dec 21 - Music Team @ 6:30
- Dec. 24 - 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas
- Dec. 25 - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service.
- Dec. 26 - Church office closed
- Jan. 1 - Happy New Year!
- Jan. 2 - Church office closed

Here are some happy ladies enjoying the last "First Friday" of 2022. But don't despair! The 2023 First Friday Schedule of events will be coming soon! Be watching! In the meantime, Merry Christmas from the First Friday ladies.



## ATTENTION YOUTH

Camp Luz (near Dalton) is hosting a Youth Retreat for High School Youth ages 15-18 on February 3-5. The Guest speaker is Charlie Grimes.

And a Jr. High Retreat February 17-19 for ages 12-14. Guest speaker is Jon Hutchison.

Highlights for both events include worship, growing in your faith, games and winter activities.

For additional information, reach out to Veronica Styer, Camp Office Administrator 330-683-1246



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### Church Office Hours

Monday thru Friday

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