



Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

Weekly Update

December 20, 2023

Dear Faithful,

As in... *Come, all ye faithful* (que the music) ... This is the week for which we have been waiting!

Last Sunday, the fourth candle was lit (and will be lit again as a “bonus” on this coming Sunday Eve morning, 9:30 AM). This **Angels' candle** reminds us that peace has come to the earth in the first coming of our Savior and we continue to hope for peace as we anticipate his return.

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” (Luke 2:13-14)

After all the Advent anticipation, our Christmas hope will be realized as we celebrate the birth of this Christ child, two thousand years ago, in a stable manger. Join us at 8 PM for a candlelight celebration where we will light the tall, center, white **Christ Candle**, as well as candles throughout the room. *For unto us a child is born...*

We are people of hope. As this Advent season culminates in celebration on Christmas morning and for the 12 days that follow, let us reflect and receive our King.

In this moment, I want to tell you how much you mean to me. Your thoughtfulness, care and continuing encouragement have made serving you a joy and blessing in my life. Bryan and I send you warmest wishes of joy, that you know the warmth of your savior and the peace of belonging to him. May our community continue to be a place of belonging, peace, and praise.

With good news of great joy, Pastor Nancy





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

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



This & That ♦ Next Sunday, Pastor Jack McClelland will be preaching the sermon "Standing on the Banks of Tomorrow".

- ♦ Attention Ladies - First Friday for January 5 will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Melodie Stroud, 173 E. Clay St., Fredericksburg.
- ♦ Second Hour begins January 7.
- ♦ Also January 7 we will ordain and install the Deacons and Elders for 2024

Happy Birthday December 22 - Peggy Brinkerhoff
December 22 - Delores Schlegel
December 25 - Randy Weaver



In the Kitchen - We are developing quite a collection of dishes in the kitchen (next to the roll up window). People have left casserole dishes, Tupperware, a crock pot and other assorted containers. If you would pick your items, it would help with the clutter on that kitchen counter.

PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.
Note: The prayer needs listed in **BOLD** are new to the list.
Praises

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:

- Zana Boles - recovering from heart procedures**
- Beth Miller - shoulder issues
- 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/JANUARY

- Dec. 24 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship
Rev. Randy Weaver will be preaching
- Dec. 24 - 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas!
- Dec. 26 - Church office closed
- Dec. 27 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW (women)
- Dec. 31 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship
Rev. Jack McClelland will be preaching.
- January 3 - 10 am GLOW (women)
- January 3 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- January 7 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship.
Communion. Ordination & Installation of officers
- January 7 - 2nd Hour returns
- January 9 - 6:30 p.m. Congregational Life Team
- January 10 - 10 am GLOW (women)
- January 10 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- January 10 - 6:30 p.m. Trustees meeting
- January 13 - 6 p.m. Euchre
- January 14 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning wor-
ship. Pastor Nancy's last Sunday with us
- January 14 - A farewell party to follow worship
- January 15 - 7 p.m. Tentative Session meeting
- January 16 - 6:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting

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

Answers to Christmas Trivia

1. *Miracle on 34th Street* is based on **Macy's Dept. Store**
2. **Four** ghosts show up in *A Christmas Carol*
3. St. Nicholas born in **Turkey**
4. Words that follow "Silent Night"? **Holy night**
5. Eggnog came from **England**
6. Which Christmas song contains the lyric "Everyone dancing merrily in the new old-fashioned way?" is from **Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree**
7. **Germany** started the Christmas tree tradition
8. **364** gifts in total were given in "The Twelve Days of Christmas" song.
9. The Little Drummer Boy gave the newborn Christ? **A drum solo**
10. **Dr. Seuss** for "**The Grinch Who Stole Christmas**" wrote, "Christmas doesn't come from a store, maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more
11. The 3 Santa's reindeer's names that begin with the letter "D. are **Dasher, Dancer, Donner**
12. What is the name of George Bailey's guardian angel - **Clarence Odbody**
13. The spy that hides around the house, reporting back to Santa on who has been naughty and nice is **The Elf on the Shelf**
14. What's the German name for the song "O Christmas Tree" is "**O Tannenbaum**"
15. **The Marine Reserves** run the Toys for Tots Charity.



*From the church staff
Nancy, Dean & Jeann*