

# Weekly Update

## Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

### February 11, 2026

I'm looking out my office window today and I can see water dripping from the icicles on the roof and puddles forming in the parking lot – my weather app says the temperature could reach 43 degrees. I know spring is still a long way off, but I'm ready for it to arrive!

Every year when winter begins its first shift toward spring, the church calendar moves to one of my favorite seasons. On February 18th, we begin the journey of **Lent**—a traditional forty-day period where God's people are invited to consider their profound need for a Savior. This means Lent is a perfect time for us to cultivate our faith and faithfulness to Christ. Lent is not merely a countdown to Easter; instead it's a sacred time designed to help us pause in our busy lives to remember that we are a people who have been rescued by God. This year, I want to personally invite you to join our church family in three specific ways as we walk this path of Lent together.

#### ***Begin the Journey: Ash Wednesday***

Our Lenten journey starts with our Ash Wednesday worship service on February 18th at 7:00 pm. This service is designed to help prepare our hearts for the beginning of the walk toward Easter. Ash Wednesday is a traditional practice where ashes symbolize our contrition and our desire to walk more closely with Jesus. Ash Wednesday sets the tone for the weeks to follow, moving us away from the noise of the world and toward the quiet work of the Holy Spirit. Whether this is your first Lent or your fiftieth, there is something powerful about beginning this season in worship and community, marked by ashes and the sign of the cross.

#### ***Deepen Your Understanding: Study and community***

Lent is a great time to make a commitment to deeper study of Scripture. I want to encourage you to connect with any of our adult Bible study options. **GLOW (on Wednesday mornings) and the Seasons study (Tuesday evenings)** are fantastic opportunities for women of all ages to engage in sharing and focused attention to God's Word. Our men's ministry – **The Grind** – meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month for fellowship and discipleship. And every Sunday morning during second hour, three adult groups gather to discuss life, faith and scripture. I'm also particularly excited to invite you to a 6-week Bible study I'll be teaching about the Exodus. All are invited to join as we dig deep into the stories of the liberation of God's people. There is perhaps no better way to contemplate our own need for rescue than by remembering Israel's rescue from Egypt. Over six weeks, we will travel from the burning bush to the parted sea, seeing how God's redeeming work in the past points directly to His work in our lives today as He saves us from the ultimate enemies of sin and death. The study begins on February 23 and continues on Mondays at 7pm.

#### ***Invest in Your Faith: A Personal Lenten Practice***

Finally, beyond our corporate services and studies, I want to invite you to use Lent to invest in your own relationship with God. This season offers us a chance to cultivate faith and faithfulness to Christ through deliberate practices. This might mean "fasting" from a habit that distracts you, or "feasting" on a new spiritual discipline like daily prayer, journaling or acts of service. There is no "right" way to do Lent, but there is a transformative power in simply showing up. I encourage you to ask yourself: What practice might help me focus on Jesus more clearly this spring?

Whether you join us in Bible study, attend the Ash Wednesday service or simply commit to a quiet time of reflection at home, please know that you are welcome here. This season is not about performing for God, but about opening ourselves up to the God who has already heard our cry for rescue.



### LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD

Sunday, February 22, plan to stay after worship and hear a recap of ministry from 2025, and what to look forward to in 2026.

### He Has Become My Salvation

**Pop-up Bible Study with Jos** Mondays, Feb. 23 - March 30, 2026 7pm- 8:15; in the GLOW room

*A Lenten study in Exodus, from burning bush to parted sea*

Lent is a traditional season in which God's people are to consider their NEED for a Savior. And what better way to contemplate our need for rescue than by learning about and remembering Israel's need for rescue? In this study we'll look at the events surrounding God's liberating work as he saves His people from slavery in Egypt, and we'll consider how God is still at work liberating His people from slavery to the greatest of enemies: sin and death. All are welcome - come when you can!

### VOLUNTEERS FOR FEBRUARY 15

<b>Greeters</b>	Beth Reed Delores Schlegel
<b>Ushers</b>	Adam Swinehart & Shad Swinehart
<b>Café</b>	Jenny Reed
<b>Nursery (Worship)</b>	Shyler Swinehart
<b>Nursery (2nd Hour)</b>	Jenny Miller
<b>Kidz Jam</b>	Delores Schlegel
<b>Kids 2nd Hour</b>	Delores Schlegel
<b>Safety Team</b>	Duane Wood
<b>Elder Assist</b>	Darcy Miller



**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

- Prayers for our country
- Unspoken

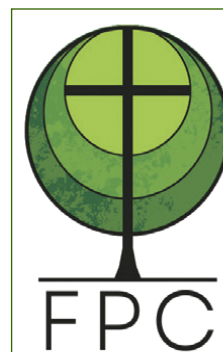
#### Health Concerns

- Brady McKelvey - recovering from surgery
- Steve Moffitt - recovering from pneumonia,
- Everleigh Jean - newborn with health issues.
- Kay-leigh Botha - 3yr old recovering heart surgery
- Ben Reed - health concerns
- Edna Wade - health concerns
- Bill Rock - low blood sugar w/heart issues
- Jessica - 3rd trimester high risk pregnancy
- Susan (James) Halliday
- Mark Lemon - cont'd prayers for progress
- Pat Thomson
- Jane Heilman

#### Battling Cancer

- **Mary Lee's brother Don on hospice**
- John - end of life hospice care
- Art Wetmore - lung cancer
- Mike Sherrick - lung cancer
- Mariann Stutzman - pancreatic cancer
- Logan - 13 yr. old with brain tumor
- Nicki
- Janet Lee
- Waldo - cont'd prayers for remainder of chemo
- Landon Sommers - Hodgkin's Lymphoma

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



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## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH CHURCH CAMP/ MISSION TRIPS AVAILABLE

The Outreach team has set aside funds to provide up to \$250 in financial assistance toward Christian church camp registration expenses in 2026. Likewise, up to \$500 is available to support non-FPC mission trip expenses.



Kids and youth, if you are interested in a nearby summer camp, Camp Luz near Kidron offers a variety of Christ-centered camps for all ages. Talk to Veronica Styer for more information.

Questions or concerns or just curious about something within the church? You are welcome to reach out to our Church Elders:

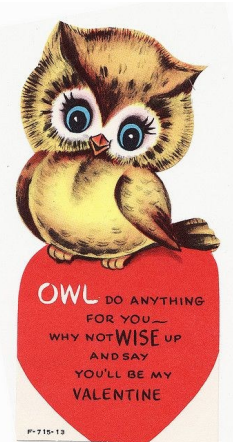
Angie Chapman	330-465-0963
Beth Miller	513-319-6447
Darcy Miller	330-440-4155
Paul Miller	330-465-8329
Frank Morrow	330-208-4147
Earl Rhamy	330-988-4285
Steve Schlegel	330-317-3898
John Scott	330-466-0226
Claudia Ward	330-466-3417

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>

## Valentine Fact

The first heart-shaped box of chocolates was introduced in 1861. It was [created by Richard Cadbury](#), son of Cadbury founder John Cadbury, who started packaging chocolates in fancy boxes to increase sales. He introduced the first heart-shaped box of chocolates for V-Day in 1861, and today, more than 36 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolates are sold each year. That's 58 million pounds of chocolate!



February 12 - Barry Henderson  
February 16 - Cody Daugherty  
February 18 - Reid McKelvey



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# JOIN OUR TEAM!

NOW HIRING: Director of Music and Worship

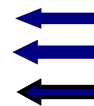
FPC is looking for an enthusiastic and respectful Director of Music and Worship who demonstrates an active faith in Jesus that falls in line with ECO's theology, and is skilled in vocal and instrumental music leading. This role also requires good verbal and written communication skills and works well in a highly collaborative setting.

### RESPONSIBILITIES (include but are not limited to):

- Coordinate worship experiences for the whole church; provide guidance for all worship experiences; work to incorporate worship in all areas of church life
- Coordinate music, media, and overall worship service with Pastor, Worship Team, Music Team, and Tech Team
- Lead music at regular Sunday morning worship services and other services of worship throughout the year
- Offer suggestions and observations which would improve FPC's music/worship ministries
- Assume other duties as may be assigned by the Pastor; participate in regular staff meetings

To learn more about this position and/or to apply, please email a cover letter and current resume to: [jmolik@fredericksburgpres.org](mailto:jmolik@fredericksburgpres.org)

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Please share  
this  
information  
with anyone  
you think  
might be  
interested in  
joining our  
team!



Save the Date

# Cabin Fever Beach Bash

Food • Fellowship • Faith

**When:** Friday, February 20th from 5:30-7:30pm

**Where:** Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

**Who:** Kids (Ages 3 and up) & their families.

**What:** Indoor picnic dinner provided

RSVP welcome but not required - Email [jsmolik@fredericksburgpres.org](mailto:jsmolik@fredericksburgpres.org)



## PRAYING FOR OUR PASTORS IN SIERRA LEONE



**Peter Lamin Kamara**  
Village of Kadaimba

Pursuing: Pastors Degree  
Age: 32

This week (February 11-17) we are praying for:  
**Peter Lamin Kamara with Kadaimba Church**  
Peter has three prayer requests: 1. Pray for the growing of the Church; 2. Pray against sickness and untimely death; 3. Pray for divine connections in the Church.

A significant portion of our church's mission budget goes to support students in a pastor training school in Sierra Leone. We have had a long-standing relationship with Pastor Albert (who coordinates these students) and his ministry efforts in his region of Sierra Leone. Among the support we offer are scholarships for students attending pastoral training. These pastors and ministers serve throughout the region, and FPC's support of these growing leaders means the good news will spread far beyond our little community here in Ohio. Your gifts to the church are helping cultivate faith and faithfulness to Christ all the way across the world!

But, our friends need more than just financial support – they need our prayers as well. Each week we will be featuring a different scholarship recipient and encouraging you to pray for them, their families and their training. The outreach team is also in touch with these pastors in training and is receiving personal prayer requests from each of them. How cool is it to know that we can support our friends in Sierra Leone through prayer and care?!? Please take some time each week to lift these fellow believers up in prayer.