

# WEEKLY UPDATE



February 15, 2023

Fredericksburg  
Presbyterian Church

## Pastor Nancy's News and Notes

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Hello FPC Friends,

I've got a collection of "things" to share with you this week. Please permit me to give you a little bit of a list so that you will be well informed.

**Surprise the World** - It has been a great joy to share this series together. I'm grateful for those of you who were willing to give Table Talk a try during the second hour. To accommodate the start of Lent, we are going to skip the fourth habit (Learn Jesus) and wrap up the series *this* week with the fifth habit (Sent). Then as a little bit of "check-in" on our efforts to live missionally, we will return to the fourth habit after Easter and revisit all five habits.

**Lent** - Observing Lent is a 40-day journey from Ash Wednesday (2/22) to the empty tomb (4/09). It gives us the opportunity to consider in a fresh way, the love that God poured out to us in the sacrifice of Christ to bring us salvation and reconciliation to God. The traditional practices for Lent are threefold: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (giving money or food to the poor).

**Ash Wednesday** - In just one week from today, we will gather at 7 PM for an Ash Wednesday observance. This is a meaningful way to start the 40 days of Lent. Please come and bring a friend. Ash Wednesday is my favorite worship service of the entire year (after Christmas Eve and Easter morning, of course), so I *would love* for you to join me!

**Journey of Stones** - Without even a week to catch our breath, we will begin a new series called *Journey of Stones*, where we will look at the rich imagery of rocks and stones in scripture in order to prepare our hearts to receive the gift of Jesus' victory over sin and death. I hope that you will join us for a *Journey of Stones*.

**Pastor Darcy** - On Sunday, February 26, we will celebrate the love, service, and ministry that Pastor Darcy has given to FPC in her time as Pastor of Care. Come to worship, bring a note or card, and stay for a celebratory Italian luncheon right after church.

**Listen** - This week we are seeking to listen to the Holy Spirit by sitting for 10-20 minutes, basking in the presence and love of our God. It was pointed out to me that on pages 64-65 in our book, Michael Frost gives a helpful descriptive for a method on how to do this practice. Check it out if you could use a little inspiration.

**Listen #2** - A verse and a song to lift your mid-week. Peter and John are brought before the Jewish leaders and Peter in the power of the Holy Spirit gives an explanation. He ends his speech with this great line: **Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved. When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. (Acts 4:12-13)**. Here is a link to a song that conveys a similar message: [In Christ Alone](#).

Surprised by Grace, again and again,  
Pastor Nancy





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 17 - Bryan Dumford  
Feb. 18 - Reid McKelvey



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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Feb. 15 Ryan & Hilary Schlegel



## DON'T MISS THE PARTY!

This Saturday, February 18, 2023 from 6-8 p.m., come enjoy some Valentine treats, laughs, exercise, fellowship and an evening of basic ballroom dance lessons. (The cost is only \$10 per couple). Come with or without a partner. We will have some friendly "stand-in" partners if you don't have a partner. Don't want to dance? Just come for an evening of fellowship, snacks and have fun watching. We'd love to see you! Please text Mary Ann at

330-317-0608 if you plan to attend so we have an idea of the numbers attending in order to prepare for snacks. Also, we are planning to have the nursery open and staffed for those who might need a babysitter for their little ones.



**Ash Wednesday** is the first day of Lent. It occurs six and a half weeks before Easter. This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 22.

The observance of Ash Wednesday at the beginning of Lent is an acknowledgement that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We pledge ourselves anew to live unto God's Word in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word that remains forever.

Ashes on the forehead are a sign of our humanity and a reminder of our mortality. Lent is not a matter of being good, and wearing ashes is not to show off one's faith. The ashes we wear on our Lenten journey symbolize the dust and broken debris of our lives as well as the reality that eventually each of us will die.

How you decide to observe Ash Wednesday and Lent is a personal decision between you and God. Our church will hold an Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come.



Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

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

### Praises:

- For Sunday's worship
- The events at Asbury Seminary
- Our church's response to "Surprise the World"

### Military Service:

- Isaiah Styer - in Norway
- Gavin Bee - Turkey
- Rusty King - in the Middle East
- Jeff & Veronica's nephew in National Guard

### Prayer Needs

- **Palestine, OH & train derailment**
- **Earthquake in Turkey**
- **Darcy's search for a new job.**
- EduNations & schools in Mayatta and Rokassa in Sierra Leone
- UNSPOKENS!

### Health Concerns:

- **Doc Gwin - health concerns**
- Mike Covert - recovering from heart attack
- Edna's brother now on hospice
- Mary Fry - expecting surgery when lab work is complete
- Veronica's mother
- Jim Scott - recent stroke, going to rehab
- Lillian Duncan - non cancerous brain tumors
- George & Jane Ann Heilman

### Battling Cancer

- **Dale & Tonya**
- Heather - recent cancer diagnosis
- Bill
- Andrew Miller - 7 years old.
- Kacen's grandma, Susie Parrot - inoperable brain tumor
- Leslie Carr - battling cancer
- Bonnie Stryker - breast cancer
- Dale James
- Herb Martin - stage 4 lung cancer
- Delores Schlegel's sister Rose's finance
- Renee Wood

### Condolences

- **The family of Mary Ann Lytle**
- **Josiah's friend who lost 2 grandparents in one week**
- The family of Raymond Besancon

## CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- Feb. 19 - Sunday morning worship and second hour
- Feb. 20 - Monday Night Ministry
- Feb. 22 - GLOW (Women) 10 a.m.
- Feb. 22 - Music Team—to be determined
- Feb. 22 - Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 26 - Sunday morning worship & Darcy's party
- Feb. 27 - Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 28 - Safety Team Meeting 7:00 p.m.

## ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP & YOUNG ADULTS FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

**2/19** Surprise the World  
**2/26** Recognition for Pastor Darcy

## FREE BOOKS!

There are two tables set up in the hallway near the coat racks. Pastor Darcy has been cleaning out her office, and there are books on the tables for you to browse through and take home with you. All items are free.

## PNC Update

After a quiet December, your PNC has been back in action in January. We have interviewed two additional candidates. We have scheduled second interviews with two candidates at the end of this month. And we are developing a new Church Prospectus with more photos and graphic design to be posted on the ECO Job Board in just a few weeks. Thanks to Jenny Reed for helping us with this project! We appreciate your prayers and are feeling confident that the Lord is leading us in a great direction.

## NOT A GOODBYE PARTY!

We're having a party for Pastor Darcy following worship on February 26. Darcy shared early last month that she would be stepping down as Congregational Care Pastor, but considers this to be her church home and will visit often. So, We aren't saying goodbye—just thank you for all you've done and see you again soon. Everyone is welcome to come wish Pastor Darcy the best.

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

Joe Chupp	330-466-5305
Beth Miller	513-319-6447
Paul Miller	330-465-8329
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Steve Schlegel	330-317-3898
Matt Smith	330-464-4698
Adam Swinehart	330-641-1575
Claudia Ward	330-466-3417
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**Church Office Hours**

Monday thru Friday

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

**Chocolate**  
no, it doesn't make the  
world go around ...  
but it surely  
makes the ride  
worth while!  
~ Author Unknown ~

