

# WEEKLY UPDATE

February 22, 2023

Fredericksburg  
Presbyterian Church

## Pastor Nancy's News and Notes

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Greetings Faith Family,

I hope to see you tonight at our Ash Wednesday observance which begins at 7 PM. It will be meaningful!

The sermon on the mount begins with the "beatitudes," which are sometimes said to be evidence of the "upside-down" kingdom of God. While the world expects the driven, powerful, and rich to be "blessed." Jesus lays out an economy where the peacemakers, grieving, merciful, and meek are blessed.



Pastor and author Bryan Zahnd recently tweeted about his version of these well-known beatitudes and I thought they were worth sharing with you. If you want to compare to the original [click here](#).

Bryan Zahnd - A modern take on the Beatitudes

**Blessed are those who are poor at being spiritual,  
For the kingdom of heaven is well-suited for ordinary people.**

**Blessed are the depressed who mourn and grieve,  
For they create space to encounter comfort from another.**

**Blessed are the gentle and trusting, who are not grasping and clutching,  
For God will personally guarantee their share as heaven comes to earth.**

**Blessed are those who ache for the world to be made right,  
For them the government of God is a dream come true.**

**Blessed are those who give mercy,  
For they will get it back when they need it most.**

**Blessed are those who have a clean window in their soul,  
For they will perceive God when and where others don't.**

**Blessed are the bridge-builders in a war-torn world,  
For they are God's children working in the family business.**

**Blessed are those who are maligned and mistreated for the right reasons,  
For the kingdom of heaven comes to earth amidst much persecution.**

May we be people who value the things Jesus taught about on that hillside.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Nancy

PS. Pictured above: Don and Joyce looking at our latest artwork from artist Kevin Walton.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 16 - belated Happy Birthday to Cody Daugherty  
Feb. 26 - Genevieve Miller



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Feb. 24 Claudia & Jim Ward

## THANK YOU!

A big thank you to the Henderson's and friends who provided the Valentine party and dance lesson. It was wonderful, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you!!

**FROM THE NATIONAL GATHERING. You can view the talks and worship services here:**

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10173014>



**Ash Wednesday** . Our church is holding an Ash Wednesday Service tonight (Feb. 22) at 7:00 p.m. on Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come.

## ATTENTION YOUTH—UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**February 26:** Celebrate with Pastor Darcy

**March 5:** Jerry & Connie Herman will discuss "Comparative Religions."

**March 12:** "Bluebird bash." Let's prep bluebird nesting boxes to install along the Holmes County Trail as a community outreach project. We already have the boxes (built by Triway FFA). Bluebirds have lots of predators, so adding various guards gives them a better chance of success. If there's time we can paint the boxes/add artwork too. Watch for more details about this one.

**March 19:** Depending on the progress the week before and the weather forecast, let's install some bluebird boxes along the trail. This will take longer than just the second hour. Watch for more details!

**Youth Mission Trip is June 5-8, 2023** It's more than a road trip--we're combining service projects with adventure for a youth mission trip. We're heading south to the banks of the Ohio River to join other teens to help renovate an ECO church. Details are being worked out but we hope to send info to parents and students soon!

Any questions about these youth events can be directed to Michelle Wood at 330-464-4723 or [get2thewoods@gmail.com](mailto:get2thewoods@gmail.com).



**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
- 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

**It's time to order Easter Flowers** The flowers come from Buchwalter's Greenhouse (as they have for many years). The order form is located on the sign-up table in the gallery. The cost varies from \$6 for mini daffodils to \$22 for a hanging fern basket. The choices are:  Easter lilies  Hyacinths  Tulips  Daffodils  Mini daffodils  Pansy market basket  hanging fern and  "Bulb Garden" which is a mix of tulips, daffodils and pansies. Details are on the table with the order form. Be sure to list who the flower is in honor or memory of. And please include payment with your order. Final day to order is March 19. You can take your flowers home with you following the Easter morning service.

**Lent Devotionals are available on the sign-up table. There are a couple of different styles to choose from.**

### CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- 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.

### 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.

### Darcy's Party!

- Don't Forget! Darcy's party is this Sunday, February 26 following worship.
- We are having a pasta meal with salad, fruit, applesauce, garlic bread and cake.
- You don't need to bring any food, just come and enjoy the meal and bless Darcy with your presence.

**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
Earl Rhamy	330-988-4285
Steve Schlegel	330-317-3898
Matt Smith	330-464-4698
Adam Swinehart	330-641-1575
Claudia Ward	330-466-3417
Randy Wirick	330-473-2362

### To contact church leaders & staff:

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**Darcy Miller, Pastor of Congregational Care**

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**Church Office Hours**

Monday thru Friday

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

### SAVE the DATE!

**Saturday, May 13, 2023 (time TBD)**

Service Opportunity at Camp Luz

Assembling 12 canopies that will be used throughout summer camp and weekend ministry events. This should only take a few hours, especially if we have a good turnout.

Please contact Veronica Styer (330-988-05344) if you are interested in helping or have additional questions.



Save the Date...  
Canopy  
Set-up at  
Camp Luz  
Saturday,  
May 13, 2023!!

