



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I want to take an opportunity to say a huge “thank you” to everyone who helped make the installation service last Sunday so special and meaningful.

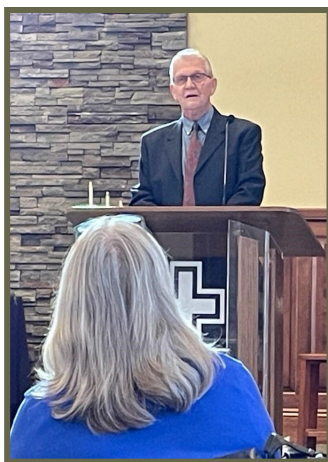
Thank you to friends who traveled to take part in the service. Rev. Dr. Laura Smit came to bring the message; and Rev. Dr. Bobby Griffith joined us for the charge to the congregation. Janet Dumford, the Stated Clerk of our presbytery administered the vows, and Rev. Nancy Dumford came to offer prayer and benediction. Many friends and colleagues from around the country sent their video greetings and encouragements. It was my hope that in all of this we might be reminded that we are part of a vibrant, thriving, diverse, nationwide community of Jesus-followers who are cheering us all on as we seek to be faithful to Jesus here in Fredericksburg.

I’m also grateful for members of our church family who contributed on Sunday as well: Darcy Miller jumped in with the greeting, Randy Weaver provided a beautiful prayer and Scripture reading and Jeff Steyer administered the congregational vows. Joan Lytle, Vickie Rhamy and Melodie Stroud guided our singing and the tech team led by Derek Roberts helped so much behind the scenes. Every Sunday members of this congregation serve in ways that are seen and unseen to make sure worship happens. What a blessing to know that the faithfulness of our church family provides for us every week.

Our time of fellowship following the service was a blessing as well. Thanks to Adam Swinehart and the Congregational Life team of Darcy Miller, Emily Brown and Jeann Burkey. The food and conversation were wonderful and so was the opportunity to visit with you all and celebrate. Those who work behind the scenes to provide meals and set-up and clean-up are serving so faithfully so that we can enjoy each other’s company and build community with one another. We wouldn’t be a healthy church without these gifts of time and hospitality.

Most of all, I’m grateful for each of you, my new Fredericksburg church family. I’m grateful for the many, many ways you have shown kindness and care over my first month with you. You have welcomed me with open arms; and your encouragement has been warm and sincere. I am truly privileged to serve you - and serve alongside you - as we move forward into what God has planned for us.

Blessings –  
Pastor Jos



# PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

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

## Praises

- Praise for Ohio's wacky weather! Never boring.

## Military Service:

- Shannah Swinehart - Army National Guard
- 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

- Friend going through rough time
- Unspokens
- Israel

## Health Concerns:

- Keylee - student diagnosed with leukemia
- Theresa Smith - in skilled nursing facility
- Ronnie - healing from pain after back surgery
- Kevin Walton recovering from open heart surgery
- Al Amstutz - recently diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, and other health issues.
- Charles Sears - serious car accident
- Ken - health concerns
- Karen & Tom
- Jane Heilman

## Battling Cancer

- David
- Jonathan - stomach cancer
- Marianna Miller - recent diagnosis with aggressive form of cancer
- Kevin Hanna
- Mary Hardesty - colon cancer
- Tara
- Dale James

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





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

March 6 - Denise Machamer



A reminder that Erika Schuch will be the youth group leader this coming **Sunday, March 3.**

She will talk about our church mission projects in Sierra Leone. Be sure to join her to hear about this amazing outreach ministry and how Jesus is working in this land so far away.

On **Sunday, March 10**, hopefully we will be able to explore the Killbuck Marsh (off Clark Road south of Moreland) in canoes/kayaks. I will send out more info next week once a weather forecast comes into view.

And, Adam Swinehart is asking if you guys are willing to help serve at the Chili Cookoff, which will be **Saturday, March 16**. Unfortunately, I (Michelle) have a prior commitment and won't be able to attend. But if you can help, please let me or Adam Swinehart know ASAP. It's always a fun time!



Don't you be late! We're playing Euchre Saturday, March 9 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone, regardless of skill level is welcome!



Attention Ladies  
Join us for the next  
**First Friday**

March 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the church



## Chili Cook-Off and Game Night

Saturday March 16 6:00 p.m.

Come enjoy some great chili and vote for your favorite chef!

A night of board games and fellowship will follow the crowning of the cook-off winner.



## ORDER EASTER FLOWERS

It's time to order your Easter flowers. The order form is located on the sign-up table in the gallery. The cost varies from \$5.75 for mini daffodils to \$22 for a hanging fern basket.

Your choices are:

- Easter lilies (6" pot)
- Hyacinths, Tulips, and Daffodils
- Pansy market basket
- Hanging fern basket
- "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. The final day to order is March 10. The flowers will be displayed Easter morning, and you can take your flowers home with you following the Easter morning service.

## CALENDAR FOR MARCH

- March 1 - 6:30 p.m. First Friday (women) meet at the church
- March 3 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship and communion. Second hour for all ages.
- March 6 - 10:00 a.m. G.L.O.W. (Women)
- March 6 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- March 9 - 6:00 p.m. Euchre
- March 10 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship and Second Hour for all ages.
- March 13 - 10:00 a.m. G.L.O.W. (Women)
- March 13 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- March 13 - 6:30 p.m. Trustees meeting
- March 16 - 6:00 p.m. Chili Cook-off and Family Game Night
- March 17 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship and Second Hour for all ages.