



Weekly Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

February 4, 2026

Greetings from ECO National Gathering in Atlanta Georgia!

This week, six of us from Fredericksburg are spending time with 1500 of our closest friends from across the denomination as we worship, learn and grow in faith together.

The theme of the gathering is “Called”; it’s a reference to the book of Esther (which we studied this past Sunday!). In chapter 4, Esther is reminded that it could be that God had “called” her to her place of influence “for such a time as this”. At the National Gathering we are being encouraged to consider where God is calling us during this season of our lives and ministries. It’s a good concept for each one of us – even if you aren’t at the Gathering - to consider.



(A picture of the main stage in Atlanta)

There are lots of things to love about the ECO National Gathering, but here are five of my favorites:

Amazing Worship – This week we are being led in musical worship by the praise band from St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach, CA. They are a contemporary worship team, but play many traditional hymns and songs in a blend of old and new.

Learning about ministry efforts around the world – The lobby of the conference is filled with tables and presenters sharing about the work God is doing in so many different places and ways.

Seeing old friends – The Gathering is always a great chance to connect and re-connect with colleagues and co-workers from across our denomination – there is always a warm sense of friendship and connection throughout the event

Being encouraged in faith and practice – One thing you are always sure to experience at the Gathering is encouragement. In conversation, presentations and worship, one of the goals of the event is to equip pastors and leaders to serve their congregations faithfully!

Impactful teaching – This week has already featured two great main stage speakers and we have two more coming. These are experts in Scripture and ministry who prepare meaningful presentations to help our denomination flourish and to deepen our faith.



As I’m writing this, we still have a day and a half left of the event, please continue to be in prayer for us and for ECO as a whole, as we seek to be obedient to what God has “called” us to.

(A picture of Great Lakes Presbytery - that’s OUR Presbytery !)

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.

He Has Become My Salvation

Pop-up Bible Study with Jos Mondays, Feb. 23 - March 29, 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!



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.

PRAYER

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 - surgery today at Akron Children's Hospital**
- **Steve Moffitt - pneumonia, recovering at home**
- **Everleigh Jeann - newborn with health issues.**
- Kay-leigh Botha - 3yr old recovering heart surgery
- Ben Reed - health concerns
- Edna Wade - health concerns
- Shelda Spurck - recovering from a stroke
- Mary Lee's brother Don - serious health issues
- 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

- 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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR FEBRUARY 8

Greeters	Jim & Candi Kinney Bridget Rhamy
Ushers	Cody Daugherty & Jerry Herman
Café	Shirley Swinehart
Nursery (Worship)	Connie Herman
Nursery (2nd Hour)	Jenny Reed
Kidz Jam	Beth Miller
Kids 2nd Hour	Beth Miller
Safety Team	Shirley Swinehart
Elder Assist	Claudia Ward

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>



An item was turned in to the church office containing a sum of money. If you are missing your property, it can be claimed at the church office by identifying the sum of money and a description of the container.



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February 7 - Kaylee Parrot
February 10 - Holly Daugherty
February 10 - Darcy Miller



FREDERICKSBURG
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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: jsmolik@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 jmolik@fredericksburgpres.org



PRAYING FOR OUR PASTORS IN SIERRA LEONE



Osman Turay
Village of Kabba Ferry

Pursuing: Pastors Degree
Age: 28

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.

This week we are praying for:

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Osman Turay with Kabba Ferry Church
Osman has asked for "Prayers for my parents and my workers, elders in my place of work and my community"