

weekly UPDATE

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church



Pastor Nancy's News and Notes

February 8, 2023

Greetings Friends,

What do you remember about Barnabas?

I told a part of his story three weeks ago when we dove into Acts 11. In this story Barnabas traveled to Antioch to see the way that God was calling the Gentiles to faith there. Barnabas realized he was going to need to stay and lend support, so he traveled to Tarsus and brought Saul back to Antioch. They ministered together for an entire year.

There are a few other snapshots of Barnabas scattered throughout Acts. In Acts 4, we meet Joseph, the apostle from Cyprus who everyone called **Barnabas** because it means "son of encouragement." Barnabas was an encourager! In Acts 9, when the Jerusalem disciples were afraid of Saul, Barnabas drew closer. He met with Saul, heard his story, and then brought him back before the apostles, where Saul found acceptance.

For a while Paul and Barnabas were the dynamic duo. Traveling together to spread the Gospel. Until Acts 15, when they have a "sharp disagreement" and part ways over John Mark. Barnabas wanted to include John Mark in their work, but Paul didn't think it was wise because of a previous incident. Isn't it just like Barnabas to insist on giving John Mark a second chance?

He encourages and develops immature believers. It is an essential characteristic of Barnabas. What a "surprise" to see someone hang in there in messy relationships. What a gift to befriend the discarded and to help them grow. May that be something that we emulate. May we grow to see the possibilities that God has embedded in all the people we meet! A good lesson from the life of Barnabas.

Just two more weeks left in this *Surprise the World* adventure. Let's embrace this message and do some things that are outside of our normal routine. God is always at work, let's look and listen for signs of where we can join Him.

With Joy and Peace,
Nancy

PS. This week you have options.... share a table **and/or** reach out and bless three people. Remember, we are seeking to develop a "habit." Email back with stories, I'd love to hear your experiences from this week and last!



ECO National Gathering 2023.



Pastor Keon from Cleveland preached.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 10 - Darcy Miller
Feb. 10 - Holly Nelson Daugherty
Feb. 12 - Barry Henderson

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.



VALENTINE DANCE PARTY

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 18, 2023 and join us in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00 - 8:00 for some Valentine treats, laughs, exercise, fellowship and an evening of basic ballroom dance lessons. The

cost is a bargain at only \$10 per couple for the two hour lesson. 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. Join us and make some memories! 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.

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



Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

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

Military Service:

- Isaiah Styer - his troops heading for Norway this week
- Gavin Bee - Turkey
- Rusty King - in the Middle East
- Jeff & Veronica's nephew in National Guard

Prayer Needs

- **EduNations & the schools in Mayatta and Rokassa in Sierra Leone**
- UNSPOKENS!
- Session, Trustees & the PNC
- The Ukraine & Danny

Health Concerns:

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

Battling Cancer

- 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
- Art Wetmore
- Renee Wood

Condolences

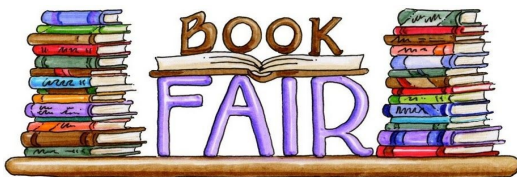
- **The family of Raymond Besancon**
- The family of Mike Harter
- The family of Paul Wright Sr.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- Feb. 9 - Deacons Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 12 - Sunday morning worship and second hour
- Feb. 15 - GLOW (Women) 10 a.m.
- Feb. 15 - Music Team 6:30 p.m.
- 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.

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP & YOUNG ADULTS FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

- 2/12 Surprise the World
2/19 Surprise the World
2/26 Recognition for Pastor Darcy



OUR OWN BOOK FAIR!

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.

WELCOME, WELCOME!

A warm FPC welcome to new covenant partners Kim & Frank Morrow and Laura & John Scott who became Covenant Partners last Sunday. Frank & Kim have 2 grown children, live on Tolbert Road and like beach vacations. John and Laura live on Bever St. in Wooster and enjoy reading in their spare time. We are blessed by your presence. Welcome friends!



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
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Church Office Hours

Monday thru Friday

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



"There is always in February,
one day, when one smells
the yet distant,
but surely coming, spring."

— G. Jekyll