



The Weekly Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

February 12, 2025

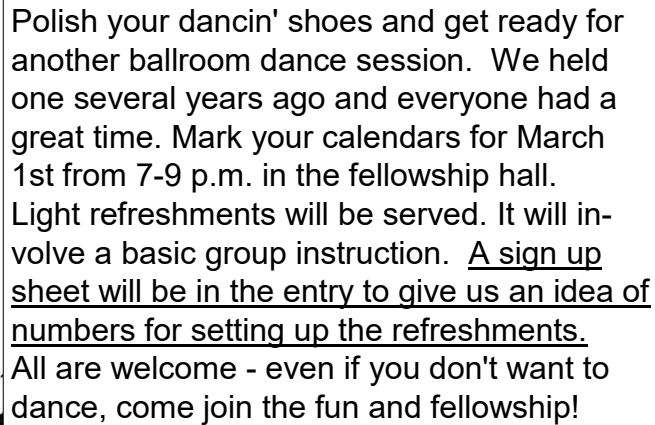
Thank you to everyone who was able to stick around and attend our congregational meeting this past Sunday! I am so appreciative for the sense that God is moving at FPC and that we're all in this together, seeking to listen for His guidance and serve Him. If you weren't able to join us, no worries, here is a short summary of the main takeaways from our conversation on Sunday.

We began our time looking back and reflecting on the blessings God gave us in 2024. We received the annual report (copies are available in the lobby or by emailing the church office.) and recognized the many people it takes to lead and serve in ministry here at FPC. We also received a summary of the 2024 budget from Barry Henderson, the chair of the church finance committee.

But the majority of the meeting was spent looking forward to 2025. The session and I had four important ideas we wanted to share during this meeting so that the whole congregation could partner in looking ahead to what God will have for us next.

1. First, we noted that we are a **HEALTHY** church! In terms of people, property and finances the church is in a strong position and in 2024 especially, has been blessed beyond our expectations. **But**, being a healthy institution isn't the goal – **making disciples is!** We know that God is blessing our congregation so that we can join Him in His mission to proclaim the good news of Jesus the King where ever we go. We want to take the blessings we have and use them to do **MINISTRY!**
2. Next, Paul Miller shared a bit about the discernment and decision-making process that the elders of the church have been participating in. The main idea is that the leadership of the church senses God calling us to step out in trust, by proposing a faith budget with the expectation of hiring additional staff in 2025. Paul pointed out that along the way, God has provided confirmation that He is with us as we look to our next season of growth.
3. Claudia Ward shared next about how we believe God is calling us to make disciples and to grow by reaching younger folks in our community and in the surrounding areas. The leadership of FPC is committed to caring for our current church family, but is also committed to finding ways to make our church a place where new folks can feel welcome and connected.
4. The final point we wanted to make was that Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church doesn't just exist for the people who are here now, it exists for the people who aren't here **yet!** And to reach our neighbors with the good news of Jesus will take **ALL** of us. We pointed out four things **EVERY COVENANT PARTNER** can do to help:
 - Pray – no matter our abilities or capacities, we can **PRAY** for God to pour His blessing on FPC and ask God to help us connect with our neighbors and community
 - Invest in our relationship with Jesus – we recommend that everyone revisit our FPC basics and commit to doing the things we know will help us deepen our trust in Jesus
 - Consider who isn't at FPC, but who **COULD** be here – when we think about our church, we also want to think about who we can invite and welcome into our church family
 - Take the church outside of the church walls – we want to be ambassadors for Jesus wherever we go. We want to think about caring for and loving others wherever we are, not just when we're under the roof of FPC

This summary is just a chance to remind all of us that God is at work here at FPC! He has blessed us, and we pray that He continues to bless us so we can join Him on the mission of proclaiming Jesus as King and making disciples right here in Fredericksburg Ohio!



Polish your dancin' shoes and get ready for another ballroom dance session. We held one several years ago and everyone had a great time. Mark your calendars for March 1st from 7-9 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Light refreshments will be served. It will involve a basic group instruction. A sign up sheet will be in the entry to give us an idea of numbers for setting up the refreshments. All are welcome - even if you don't want to dance, come join the fun and fellowship!

LEARNING MORE

Are you interested in learning more about Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church? Ever wanted to know what ECO stands for or what it means to be Presbyterian? We are holding a new members session next Sunday, February 23 following 2nd Hour (and, we'll serve you lunch!) for those who want to discover more about the church and possibly want to take the next steps of becoming a covenant partner at FPC. If you would like to hear about this opportunity, please talk to Pastor Jos (314-749-1315, jsmolik@fredericksburgpres.org) and she'll give you additional information!

February Calendar

February 15 Outreach Team set-up in FH
 February 16 Sunday morning worship and 2nd Hour
 February 16 Packing boxes for OHuddle w/Outreach Team
 February 18 7:00 p.m. Finance Team Meeting
 February 19 10:00 a.m. G.L.O.W. (Women)
 February 19 6:00 p.m. Emmaus 4th Day
 February 19 6:45 Music team
 February 22 Library Soup Supper in Fellowship Hall
 February 23 Sunday morning worship and 2nd Hour
 February 25 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
 February 25 7:30 p.m. The Grind (Men)
 February 26 10:00 a.m. G.L.O.W. (Women)
 February 26 6:45 p.m. Music Team

PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.
 The prayer needs listed in **BOLD** are new to the list.

Military Service:

- Hunter Amolotte deployed to southern border
- Isaiah Styer flying home Feb 3, 1 week to pack and process for assignment in Hawaii.
- Shannah Swinehart - Army National Guard
- Christa Nelson - Navy
- Steven King - Army
- Ryan Chabak - stationed in Arizona
- Gaven Bee - stationed in Dayton, OH

Prayer Needs

- Southern California

Health Concerns

- Steve Moffitt upper respiratory illness
- Zach's stepfather - recovering from a stroke
- Genevieve's teacher's surgery
- Katie Gehring - (infant) she is home, long health journey ahead.
- Roger Stroud - continued healing, less pain
- Pat Thomson - continued recovery
- Edna's daughter in law, Tonya
- Pastor Albert continued healing from accident
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- Diane Scott
- Susan Halliday
- Janet Lee
- Waldo - cont'd prayers for remainder of chemo
- Landon Sommers - Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Keylee - leukemia
- Dale James

Condolences

- **The family of Curt Raber**
- **The family of Kodi Brenner**

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

The Children's Ministry Team has a special request for our church family.

We are asking you to join with us in praying for the kids of the church and for growth and blessing in kids ministry. We are eager to see more children and families connect with our programming for kids; but as we work toward that goal, we are asking all of you to join us in prayer. We know that God is the one who can help us reach more children and so we want to be asking Him to be at work in these things. Each week in the weekly update we will be sharing a simple prayer prompt for each day of the month and it will be connected with a Bible reference that the prayer is based on. We encourage you to pray with us but lifting up the children in your life, or by praying a general blessing on the children of our community. Your commitment to join us in praying for these things is a blessing to us and makes a difference! Thank you!

Praying for Kids – February 12 – February 18

February 12 - Philippians 1:3-5

Every time I think of our volunteer team, I give thanks to you, God. As I pray, I make my requests for all of them with joy, for they are my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ with the kids at our church.

February 13 – Philippians 1:6

And I am certain, God, that you began a good work in the children I teach and will continue your work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

February 14 – Philippians 1:7-8

So it is right that I should feel as I do about the children in my church, for they have a special place in my heart. They share with me the special favor of God. God, you know how much I love these children and long for them with the tender compassion of Christ Jesus.

February 15 – Philippians 1:9

I pray that your love will overflow more and more in the children I serve, and that they will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding.

February 16 – Philippians 1:10

I pray that children truly understand what really matters, so that they may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return.

February 17 - Philippians 1 :11

May these children always be filled with the fruit of salvation—the righteous character produced in their lives by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to you, oh God.

February 18 – Colossians 1:3-5

I always pray for these children, and give thanks to you, God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For they have shown me their faith in Christ Jesus and their love for all of God's people, which come from their confident hope of what you have reserved for them in heaven.

Happy Birthday

February 12 Barry Henderson
February 16 Cody Daugherty
February 18 Reid McKelvey



February 17 Jenny & Paul Miller

ACCESSING THE CHURCH DIRECTORY APP

Mary Ann Henderson will be available after the worship service this Sunday, February 16 in the café to help anyone who may need to troubleshoot or access the online church directory app. If you've been having problems with the app, or if you would like to know more, you can stop by that morning and Mary Ann will be happy to help!

OUTREACH TEAM and OHUDDLE

Join us this Sunday, February 16th following 2nd Hour to compile the packing from your contributions into kits for delivery to the school.

VOLUNTEERS FOR FEBRUARY 9

Greeters	Beth Reed Tanya Chupp
Ushers	Adam & Shad Swinehart
Café	Jenny Reed
Nursery (Worship)	Melinda Moffitt
Nursery (2nd Hour)	Jenny Miller
Kidz Jam	Bridget Rhamy
Kids 2nd Hour	Bridget Rhamy
Elder Assist	Mike Rhamy
Safety Team	John Scott

Questions or concerns or just curious about something within the church? You are invited to reach out to our Church Elders:

Angie Chapman	330-465-0963
Beth Miller	513-319-6447
Darcy Miller	330-440-4155
Earl Rhamy	330-988-4285
Mike Rhamy	330-464-0961
Steve Schlegel	330-317-3898
John Scott	330-466-0226
Adam Swinehart	330-641-1575
Claudia Ward	330-466-3417

GROUNDHOG'S DAY TRIVIA

ANSWERS! True or False

1. In the movie Groundhog Day, the celebration was filmed in Punxsutawney, PA. . **False. It was filmed in Woodstock, Illinois.**
2. Staten Island Chuck is a more accurate forecaster than Punxsutawney Phil. . **True. Chuck's success rate is about 70% while Phil's is only 40%.**
3. Groundhogs can live ten years in captivity. **True. In the wild they only live about six years.**
4. If the groundhog sees his shadow on this day, it means an early spring. **False. If he sees his shadow, he gets scared because there will be 6 more weeks of winter.**
5. The Punxsutawney Groundhog Club was a group of groundhog preservationists hoping to spread awareness to keep the groundhog from going extinct. **False. They were a group of groundhog hunters.**
6. Before having his name changed to Punxsutawney Phil, the famous groundhog was called Br'er Groundhog. **True. The name Phil was chosen in honor of King Philip.**
7. Punxsutawney Phil has a wife named Phyllis. **True. Although spectators don't get to see her, Phyllis lives with Phil.**
8. The most famous Canadian groundhog is Ontario Olly. **False. His name is Wiarton Willie from Wiarton, Ontario.**
9. Groundhogs are one of the few animals who truly hibernate. **True. They enter this coma-like state in the wild, but many famous groundhogs are kept in conditions that prevent them from hibernating through the Groundhog Day celebrations.**
10. Punxsutawney Phil's full name is Punxsutawney Phillip. **False. His full name is Punxsutawney Phil, Seer of Seers, Sage of Sages, Prognosticator of Prognosticators, and Weather Prophet Extraordinary.**

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And one more True or False just for fun.

True or False Pastor Jos had never seen a groundhog until she came to Fredericksburg.