

Weekly Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

January 11, 2023

Pastor Nancy's News and Notes

January 10, 2023

Greeting FPC Congregation,

On Sunday, I asked you to consider ways of praying that “forms” us. We can pray “better prayers” that move us towards Christian maturity and provide a structure for launching our personal prayers even when we are not inclined to pray. I offered the “tools” of praying scripture, praying ancient/historic prayers, and stopping to pray at a set time of the day.

Samples of prayers and scripture are printed and available on the resource table at church (now restocked). I challenged you to experiment with formational prayer by choosing a structure and praying with it for the rest of January. Thank you for responding positively to this prayer adventure!

The late Japanese theologian Kosuke Koyama wrote a book titled *three-Mile-an-Hour God*. Dr. Koyama was trying to convey that if we want to connect with God, we'd be wise to travel at God's speed. God has all the time in the world, and as a result he is not in a rush. Thus, Koyama's claim that God travels at three miles an hour is not an arbitrary figure. On average, humans walk at this pace. And it's in just such ambling, unhurried, and leisurely moments that we often encounter God. [Rich Villodas, *The Deeply Formed Life*, page 6].

How can we move toward maturity in Christ? **Pray regularly; Pray better prayers; Pray with a structure that holds whether we *feel* like praying or not.** Let's experiment, let's encourage one another, let's determine to start the new year in a new way of communing with God.

Praying for you this week,

Pastor Nancy



It may be January, but we still celebrate the arrival of good news!

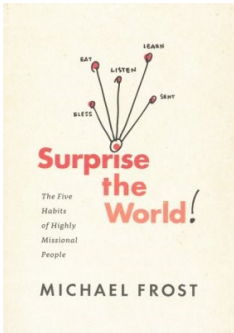


HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 15 - Earl Rhamy

Jan. 15 - Bridget Rhamy

Our new series, "Surprise the World", begins January 22. This will be an all-church emphasis, complete with a small book (\$5), and good table discussions during second hour. Invite a friend and join us as we explore how to live more "missionally." Series runs Jan 22 through the end of February. (The book is available in the Gallery).



LOOKING FOR A FEW VOLUNTEERS

The Safety Team is looking for a few more volunteers. The Safety Team is in charge of security and safety during worship and other times the church is open. Talk to Gary Graham or Duane Wood if you would like to volunteer, or to find out additional information.

And the Worship Team is looking for Communion Prep volunteers. You would be preparing the communion table with bread and wine (aka grape juice) before the Sundays we celebrate communion. It's an easy task. You serve once every three or four months. You will get training and best of all— you will receive the secret Communion Bread recipe. Talk to Secretary Jeann in the office or Connie Herman.

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP & YOUNG ADULTS JANUARY SCHEDULE

1/15 ABF - fellowship hall
Young Adults - classroom 3

1/22 ABF / Young Adults - Surprise the World

1/29 Surprise the World



PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

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

Praises

- **John & Laura Scott's 40th wedding anniversary**
- **Gavin Bee's engagement**
- **Edna's brother**
- **Praise for the nation's prayerful response to the injured Buffalo Bills player last week.**
- **Solomon Miller responding well to treatment**

Military Service:

- **Isaiah Styer - heading to Norway**
- **Gavin Bee - heading to Turkey**
- Rusty King - Middle East
- Jeff & Veronica's nephew in National Guard

Prayer Needs

- **Unspoken**
- Session, Trustees & the PNC
- The Ukraine & Danny

Health Concerns:

- **Brian - recent diagnosis of a brain aneurysm**
- **Edna's brother & sister facing health problems**
- **Decisions for Veronica's mother - assisted living vs going home**
- **Melodie - surgery complications**
- **Karen - health issues**
- **Jim Scott - recent stroke, going to rehab**
- Lillian Duncan - non cancerous brain tumors
- George & Jane Ann Heilman

Battling Cancer

- **Bill - recent cancer diagnosis**
- **Mike - recent cancer diagnosis**
- Andrew Miller - 7 years old. Starting radiation December 26
- 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
- Mike Harter
- Art Wetmore
- Renee Wood

Condolences

- **The family of Eileen Montoney**
- **Rick's family (a co-worker of John Scott's)**
- The family of Marilyn Wagner Levy

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

- Jan. 11 - Music Team @ 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 11 - Trustees @ 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 15 - Rev. Randy Weaver preaching
- Jan. 18 - GLOW @ 10:30 a.m.
- Jan. 18 - Music Team @ 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 22 - "Surprise the World" sermon series starts
- Jan. 22 - Ordination and Installation of Elders & Deacons
- Jan. 23 - Session Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 25 - GLOW @ 10:30 a.m.
- Jan. 25 - Music Team @ 6:30 p.m.

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

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Church Office Hours

Monday thru Friday

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



Attention Parents of Middle & High School Youth

Below is information for the upcoming youth retreats at Camp Luz. "Youth" includes high school students. "Jr High" includes jr high students.

If you have any questions or would be willing to volunteer to attend one of the retreats (free) as a sponsor, please contact me. (Veronica Styer)

Youth Retreat February 3 - 5 Camp Luz

PRICE:

\$57 (youth)

Free (adult sponsor)



SPEAKER: Charlie Grimes (lead pastor at Walnut Creek Mennonite Church and known for his positive and enthusiastic personality)

*NEEDED: Adult sponsors

(# & gender depends on youth attending)

Contact: Veronica Styer (330-988-0544)

Jr High Retreat February 17-19 Camp Luz

PRICE:

\$57 (youth)

Free (adult sponsor)



SPEAKER: Jon Hutchinson (27 years of experience working with youth, desires to provide a safe place where youth feel that they belong, are accepted and heard)

*NEEDED: Adult sponsors

(# & gender depends on youth attending)

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