

# weekly UPDATE

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church



## Pastor Nancy's News and Notes

January 25, 2023

Light shines out of the darkest cloud.

Greetings Friends,

### Hard jobs are better with a friend!

When I worked as the leader of a school, we used to store lots of wonderful classroom materials in a garage-type building just a few steps outside the back door. The garage was not heated, and some of the items were stored in the garage loft, which was accessed by a ladder. This arrangement was necessary, but the teachers didn't like it. Sometimes they gave up using really good stuff in order to avoid going into the cold and hauling tubs into their classroom. So we invented a motto: *Hard jobs are better with a friend.* It grew to be the common practice to go out to the "shed" in pairs to get what you need. This good solution led to an increase in community and relationship.



The same is true here at FPC. Our ministry strategy is to complete the work of the church in Ministry Teams. Here is how our FPC Ministry Team handbook explains it:

Our strategy is to work in teams to engage the church in ministry. Each ministry team plans and leads ministry in a particular area of church life, always striving to involve as many people from the church as possible, in carrying out the work of ministry. Ministry teams implement the vision of the church and live it out.

This matches Paul's vision and understanding of life in the body of Christ.

*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of ministry, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)*

This week your Session met for their first meeting of 2023. In planning for the upcoming year, they looked over the names of seventeen people leading ministry teams at this moment. What a wonderful, cooperative structure to share responsibility among a wide variety of people, all working together for a common purpose. I give thanks for each of you that has said "yes" to leading! And there is always room for more people to participate. If you are available to serve in a new way at church, in this season, reach out to me, I'd love to place you with a team.

We truly are better together,

Pastor Nancy

**READING:** Many of you have commented to me that you are enjoying reading *Surprise the World*. I'm so glad to hear it AND do not feel "compelled" to read the book. The content will be preached in worship and discussed during the second hour. You are free to engage as you like, afterall, this is not a high school homework assignment! You all are on track to receive God's "A" on your report card - having read the book or not!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 26 - Olivia Brown  
Jan. 28 - Wyatt Wood  
Jan. 31 - Matthew Smith  
Feb. 1- Jay Haver

## ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP & YOUNG ADULTS JANUARY SCHEDULE

1/29 Surprise the World  
2/5 Surprise the World potluck meal (details below)  
2/12 Surprise the World  
2/19 Surprise the World  
2/26 Recognition for Pastor Darcy

## LET'S SHARE A MEAL

As Pastor Nancy indicated when we began the "Surprise the World" series last week, we will cultivate five practices to help us live intriguing, abundant lives that spill over to those around us. Those weeks are divided into five habits:

- Bless
- Eat
- Listen
- Learn
- Sent



On Sunday, February 5 we will have a potluck meal following worship in celebration of the second habit "eat". When we regularly share a meal (or coffee) with people around us, we develop a habit of living missionally.



Ladies! The next First Friday is February 3. Meet in the Church Gallery at 6:30 p.m. Tanya will be providing the meal. This month's activity is Love Your Sister!

Bring a new, wrapped devotional gift for your sister in Christ. Include a handwritten Bible verse for her to put on her mirror for the year. **We are asking that you please RSVP to Tanya at 330-466-9145 by Feb. 3.**



**Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.**

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

### Praises

- Edna's sister is better
- Praise that Darcy wasn't seriously injured in car accident

### Military Service:

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

### Prayer Needs

- **UNSPOKENS! Pastor Darcy received both a praise and a concern before church Sunday plus we know there are always many others.**
- Session, Trustees & the PNC
- The Ukraine & Danny

### Health Concerns:

- **Kaylee Parrot recovering from broken arm**
- **Edna's brother now on hospice**
- **Mary Fry - expecting surgery when lab work is complete**
- **Nancy's mother Marcia in the hospital**
- Brian - recent diagnosis of a brain aneurysm
- 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

- **Heather - recent cancer diagnosis**
- Bill
- Mike
- 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

## ANNUAL REPORT REMINDER

If you are the Team Leader for any Board or Ministry Team, the church office needs a report from you on the activities of your board/team for 2022.

If you need to see last year's report to jog your memory, Secretary Jeann can help with that.

Completed reports should be turned in to the church office no later than February 5. Thank you for your cooperation.

### CALENDAR FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY

- Jan. 25 - Music Team @ 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 29 - Sunday morning worship & 2nd hour
- Feb. 1 - GLOW @ 10:30 a.m.
- Feb. 1 - Music Team @ 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 3 - First Friday @ 6:30 in church café
- Feb. 5 - Sunday morning worship & Carry-in dinner
- Feb. 8 - GLOW @ 10:30 a.m.
- Feb. 8 - Music Team @ 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 8 - Trustees @ 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:

Joe Chupp	330-466-5305
Beth Miller	513-319-6447
Paul Miller	330-465-8329
Earl Rhamy	330-988-4285
Steve Schlegel	330-317-3898
Matt Smith	330-464-4698
Adam Swinehart	330-641-1575
Claudia Ward	330-466-3417
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**Church Office Hours**

Monday thru Friday

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

## HEY PARENTS!

Would you like to send the teens away for a winter retreat at Camp? We've got you covered. 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)

Contact: Veronica Styer (330-988-0544)