

Weekly Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

January 4, 2023

FROM PASTOR DARCY'S DESK

Happy New Year!

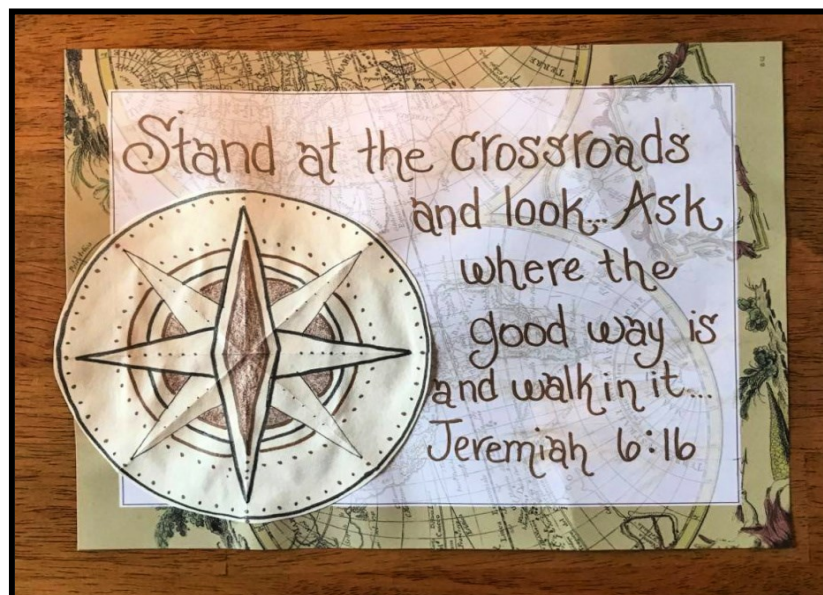
At the beginning of the new year this prophecy from Jeremiah (below) is timely and good advice for all of us as we “stand at the crossroads” of this new year and look.


Look back and REMEMBER the providence of God in the past. Look at where you are and REASSESS the position you are in now. Then before you step forward, RE-ENERGIZE the vision for what is next for you! Sadly, we get so busy and preoccupied with our lives that we fail to examine and step into the future without considering God’s path and plan for us.

During Pastor Nancy’s advent messages on being “Home for Christmas”, I have spent much time pondering what it means to be at home in our Christian Faith. I have concluded that I do not consider home to be only my dwelling place, or even my family, but I define home as my safe and secure place with God.

As we consider how we get home, reconsider Jeremiah 6:16 This scriptures closes with one more phrase we must consider. “Stand at the crossroads and look. Ask where the good way is and walk in it. *But they would not.*” *May we not be like the people of Jeremiah’s time and instead **look for God’s Presence, seek His guidance and follow Him with our whole hearts** and be AT HOME with GOD all the year through! A great word for a year of growth and fruitfulness.*

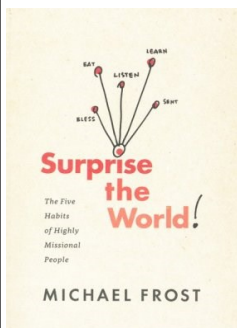
Pastor Darcy





HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 Jan. 4 - Joey Yacapraro
 Jan. 7 - Abby Rhamy
 Jan. 8 - Chris Nelson
 Jan. 9 - Melinda Moffitt

SURPRISE THE WORLD




Be here in January for our new series, "Surprise the World", beginning 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 now available in the Gallery).



This Friday, January 6 is 2023's first **FIRST FRIDAY!!!**
 Let's do a Healthy Recipe Swap! Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm Bring a copy of your recipe to swap. We can make copies at the church. We will make a fun salad and bread for dinner- and chat about all things new year!

YOUTH SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY



Youth group (grades 7-12) meets during the second hour (10:45-11:30) Sundays after worship in the youth room for casual discussion and fellowship. Youth are welcome to hang out in the youth room during the second hour whenever a speaker isn't scheduled.

- January 8:** Talk to Pastor Nancy and Michelle about your ideas for service projects and topics of discussion for the new year.
It's really important that as many Youth as possible attend this meeting on January 8 - we'll be doing planning for 2023!!
- January 22:** Jerry & Connie Herman will continue the comparative religion discussion, and provide information about Hindu, Muslim, and Jewish religions (this was scheduled for an earlier date but cancelled due to play practice).

PRAYER

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

Military Service:

- Rusty King - Middle East
- Isaiah Styer currently in North Carolina, heading to Norway
- Jeff & Veronica's nephew in National Guard

Prayer Needs

- **Unspoken**
- Safe travels through the holidays
- The holiday season & those who have lost loved ones
- Session, Trustees & the PNC
- The Ukraine & Danny

Health Concerns:

- Bonnie Albright - open heart surgery December 29
- Mary Fry - infection in replaced knee joint
- Veronica's mom - now in assisted living
- Edna's nephew - heart attack
- Lillian Duncan - non cancerous brain tumors
- George & Jane Ann Heilman

Battling Cancer

- Bonnie Stryker - breast cancer
- Andrew - 7 years old. Starting radiation December 26
- Kacen's grandma, Susie Parrot - inoperable brain tumor
- Leslie Carr - battling 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 Marilyn Wagner Levy**



Beloved Church Family,

As we start this new year, I have spent much time reflecting on God's growth in each of us during the almost 9 years that I have been serving with you at Fredericksburg Community Church. Through more "God-Sightings" than any of us can count; we have seen God's provision and most of all God's presence in times of both blessings and hardships.

I personally have found in our congregation a place to feel loved and accepted. A place where I have grown and met the challenges before me, a place where I feel safe and at home. However over the last 3 years of Covid in both my Chaplaincy and in my Associate Pastor Role, the stresses have affected me in many ways. As I "count the cost" of the stress caused by this, I realize God is positioning me to step back and focus on better care of myself and my spiritual journey.

I am at the crossroads and realize I need to adjust my path at present so that I personally get "back on track" and slow down the pace of my life. With that being said, after prayerful consideration and counsel from those who care for me, I am announcing that I am stepping down from being the Pastor of Congregational Care as of February 28, 2023.

However I am not leaving! I am a covenant partner and in the time I have been with you I have FOUND HOME! I'll be in my usual spot and enjoy time spent in worship and fellowship with you all.

*In great affection,
Darcy*

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY

- Jan. 4 - GLOW @ 10 a.m.
- Jan. 4 - Music Team @ 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 6 - First Friday @ 6:30 p.m. in the kitchen
- Jan. 8 - Covenant Class following worship
- Jan. 8 - Youth Group meets Second Hour
- Jan. 11 - GLOW @ 10 a.m.
- Jan. 11 - Music Team @ 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 11 - 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:

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Church Office Hours

Monday thru Friday

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

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP & YOUNG ADULTS JANUARY SCHEDULE

1/8 ABF - fellowship hall
Young Adults - classroom 3

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

1/22 ABF / Young Adults - Surprise the World

1/29 Surprise the World