



The Weekly Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

January 8, 2025

From the Pastor's Desk

Happy New Year, Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church!

For our first weekly update of January, I thought I would share a handful of thoughts that I have been dwelling on as we transition out of 2024 and into a new year of ministry.

First, I want to say thank you. The generosity you have shown to me personally and to our church family this Christmas has been humbling and more than I have experienced elsewhere. At every opportunity, this congregation continues to demonstrate deep kindness and an open-handedness that is a testimony to God's goodness and faithfulness. I experience the blessing of the Lord through all of you!

Another thing that I have been thinking about is how much has changed in eleven months! This week last year I was busy packing up my house in Peoria getting ready to move 500 miles away and not sure what that change would bring. I was excited but also a little nervous and uncertain. And yet, looking back now I can see how the Lord was so faithful in the middle of that uncertainty! He knew exactly what He was doing, and I am so grateful to have gotten to spend the last year with this new beautiful church family.

My mind has also been dwelling on how I hope to grow in 2025. One of the things I'm going to focus on this next year is prayer. Among our FPC Basics is the commitment to experience God in prayer and Scripture; and although prayer has always been an important part of my spiritual life, I want to deepen my practice of it in the coming months. Have you been thinking about what area of growth you might pursue in the new year? Revisiting our FPC Basics might be a good place to start – is there something in those five things that might help YOU grow in 2025?

Finally, I have been spending a lot of time considering what God might have for FPC in 2025. I believe that we are a church that is ready to experience significant spiritual growth in the coming year; and I'm asking God to ignite a hopeful anticipation among us for what is next. Along with that hopeful anticipation, I am especially asking God to give clarity and wisdom to our church leaders as we ask God what He wants from us in the coming year. Would you join me in these prayers?

Whatever 2025 holds for us, we can be sure of many things: God is active in His church! The good news of Jesus is powerful and we are deeply loved by God, let's move forward into the new year with confidence in Him!



VOLUNTEERS FOR January 12

Greeters	Don & Joyce Rhamy Tanya Chupp
Ushers	Scott Schlauch & Brent St. John
Café	Shirley Swinehart
Nursery (Worship)	Connie Herman
Nursery (2nd Hour)	Wendy McKelvey
Kidz Jam	Bridget Rhamy
Kids 2nd Hour	Bridget Rhamy
Elder Assist	John Scott
Safety Team	Angie Chapman

January Calendar

January 12	Sunday morning worship and 2nd Hour
January 14	7:00 p.m. Kids Ministry Team Meeting
January 15	10:00 a.m. G.L.O.W. (Women)
January 15	6:45 p.m. Music Team
January 15	6:00 p.m. Emmaus Gathering
January 19	Sunday morning worship and 2nd Hour
January 21	7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
January 22	10:00 a.m. G.L.O.W. (Women)
January 22	6:45 p.m. Music Team
January 26	Sunday morning worship and 2nd Hour
January 27	National Gathering in Dallas, Texas (thu 1/29)
January 29	10:00 a.m. G.L.O.W. (Women)
January 29	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.

Praises

- **Chris & Cheryl Nelson's 35th anniversary**
- **Jerry Herman's surgery went well**
- **Jenny's uncle Joe doing well**
- **Veronica's friend Joel much improved**
- **Roger Stroud back with us**
- **Praises for friendships and fellowships**

Military Service:

- Shannah Swinehart - Army National Guard
- Christa Nelson - Navy
- Rusty King - Army
- Ryan Chabak - stationed in Arizona
- Isaiah Styer - stationed at Camp Lejeune in NC
- Gaven Bee - stationed in Dayton, OH

Prayer Needs

- **Josiah's friend, Luke**
- Direction & options for someone having financial difficulties

Health Concerns

- **Pat Thomson - recovering from stroke**
- **Edna's daughter in law, Tonya**
- Katie Gehring - newborn w/bacterial infection
- Aimee Lorentz - surgery complications
- Julie - health concerns
- Pastor Albert continued healing from accident
- Wendy Scott - health concerns
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

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

Condolences

- **The family of Mitch Arnholt**
- The family of Jena Evans

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

2025

I trust my perfect ~~plan~~ is God.

growth & grace.

2nd Hour returns
This Sunday,
January 12!
Classes & discussion
groups for all ages
Join in!

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

Happy Birthday

Birthdays we missed when the Weekly Update wasn't published.

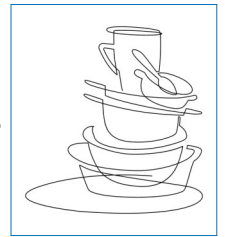


Delores Schlegel	December 22
Randy Smith	December 25
Connie Herman	January 1
Joe Yacapraro	January 4

January 7	Abby Rhamy
January 8	Christa Nelson
January 9	Melinda Moffitt
January 11	Melodie Stroud
January 15	Earl Rhamy

A Bit of House-keeping

On the far kitchen counter, to the right of the roll-up window, casserole and serving dishes and plastic left-over containers are piling up. Please take a moment or two to take a look and pick up the items that belong to you, so we can declutter that space. Thanks for your cooperation!



Happy Anniversary

Anniversaries we missed when the Weekly Update wasn't published.



Cheryl & Chris Nelson	December 25
Nancy & Gerald Stephan	January 1
January 8	Laura & John Scott

CHURCH OFFICERS

ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

On Sunday, January 5 the church installed church elders Beth Miller and Mike Rhamy, and Deacon Connie Herman. Newly ordained Deacon is Jenny Reed. They join current Elders Angie Chapman, Darcy Miller, Steve Schlegel, John Scott, Adam Swinehart and Claudia Ward. Elder Earl Rhamy will also be installed later this month.

Current Deacons include Wendy McKelvey, Beth Reed, Marcy Speelman, Candi Kinney, Jim Kinney, Barry Henderson and Scott Schlauch.

The church is blessed to have the leadership and care of these two groups

