



The Weekly Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

July 10, 2024

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This summer has been a warm one. More than 160 million people in the US were under heat alerts on Tuesday and dozens of all-time heat records have been broken over the past weekend. We've had plenty of hot days here in Fredericksburg, too.

I don't know about you, but I'm not a big fan of the really warm weather; it can be miserable to be outside for any amount of time. And when it's hot AND dry, the grass turns brown, the ground gets hard and it can be very unpleasant to be outdoors.

The book of Jeremiah contains a short poem that I think of when the temperatures rise and it's hot and uncomfortable outside. The Bible records the poem, and puts its words in the mouth of God; in Jeremiah 17:5-8 we read:

This is what the Lord says:

***“Cursed is the one who trusts in man,
who draws strength from mere flesh
and whose heart turns away from the Lord.
That person will be like a bush in the wastelands;
they will not see prosperity when it comes.
They will dwell in the parched places of the desert,
in a salt land where no one lives.***

***“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
whose confidence is in him.
They will be like a tree planted by the water
that sends out its roots by the stream.
It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.
It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit.”***

God compares two different types of people: those who trust in human strength, wisdom and understanding and those who trust in the LORD. He says that every person is like a bush or tree planted in the ground. Those who trust in mere human ways can't survive since they have no source outside of themselves to sustain them. But those whose confidence is in God prosper, even in the heat and drought because their source of life and hope is in God. This is the definition of true wisdom: trusting in God and not in ourselves. And it is this trust that ensures that we can weather the hottest, hardest, emptiest days.

I want to encourage you to spend some time with this little poem in Jeremiah. Read it over many times, think about how the heat affects things in our lives and think about the comparison God is making between the circumstances of life and the heat of the desert. How has trust in God sustained you in hard times? How can you continue to put your confidence in Him? Where is God asking you to trust Him more?



July Outdoor Activities

THIS SATURDAY, July 13, we'll

meet in the upper parking lot at The Wilderness Center and hike the

Pond Loop as a group. Everyone and all ages are welcome. It's approximately a 1 mile hike. This hike does have some areas of uneven ground and slight incline. Difficulty is easy to moderate.

Questions? Contact Emily Brown (330-464-4465)

Do you like to kayak?

On July 27, meet at

Findley State Park

in Wellington, OH at 2:00 p.m.

for a kayak trip. The park has a kayak launch as well as a boat ramp, and kayak rentals are available at the campground office. \$20 for first hour, \$10 for every additional hour.

Questions? Contact Emily Brown (330-464-4465)



This is a great time of food, fellowship and fun!

At the village park.

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, August 18 following the worship service.

We will have a corn hole tournament so get your team together. A sign up sheet will soon be posted in the Gallery.

Bring a dish to share. The meat, beverages and paper products will be provided

PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

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

Praises

Military Service:

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

Prayer Needs

- Unspokens
- Israel

Health Concerns:

- **Pastor Albert - infection following last surgery**
- **Veronica Styer - MRI on Thursday**
- **Gladys Williams - knee surgery**
- **Cathy Firebaugh - surgery**
- **Dave Crosby - COPD**
- **Bill Crosby - COPD**
- **Kim Crosby - arm issues**
- Karen - Parkinson's & broken hip
- Tom - Dementia
- Wendy Scott - severe health concerns
- Samuel - ulcers
- Veronica's mom
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- Kyle
- David Meulenberg
- Karen Flowers - lung cancer
- Landon Sommers - Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Waldo - stage 4 lung cancer
- David
- Keylee - leukemia
- Marianna Miller
- Dale James

Condolences

- **The family of Jon Barker**
- **The family of Jim Nigh**

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

Youth

This Sunday, July 14:

Second hour in the youth room

Sunday, July 21:

The McKelvey's are hosting a pool party at their house, 6886 Harrison Rd, after church (10:45/11:00). Wendy will have hot dogs & drinks, etc. for lunch--please bring a side or dessert to share. If you need a ride to their house from church, Shawn and Wendy can take you.

Wendy would like an idea of how many are coming, so let her know at 330-464-2330. Please plan to meet in the youth room after church on the 21st so the McKelveys have everyone in one place to see who needs a ride or not. There will be no 2nd hour lesson that day. Invite some friends too! Their pool is awesome!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July 13 - Brian Parrot

July 15 - Sis Donohue

July 15 - Emma Pfeifer

July 15 - Roger Stroud

July 16 - Jenny Reed

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

July 11 - Mel & Kevin Walton

July 14 - Candi & Jim Kinney

July 16 - Mary Lee & Randy Wirick



KEEP WATCHING THIS SPACE!

COMING SOON

- ◇ A VBS night for families
- ◇ National Friendship Day
- ◇ Blessing of the Backpacks



CALENDAR FOR JULY

- July 10 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW (women)
- July 10 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- July 10 - 6:30 p.m. Trustees meeting
- July 13 - 2:00 p.m. Hike at The Wilderness Center (see details on page 2)
- July 14 - Sunday morning worship & 2nd Hour for all
- July 17 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW (women)
- July 17 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- July 21 - Sunday morning worship & 2nd Hour for all
- July 22 - 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
- July 23 - 7:30 p.m. The Grind (Men)
- July 24 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW (women)
- July 24 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- July 27 - 2:00 p.m. Kayaking at Findley State Park (see details on page 2)
- July 29 - Sunday morning worship & 2nd Hour for all
- July 31 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW (women)
- July 31 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team

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Our Youth and Outreach Team put together an awesome float for the Fredericksburg 4th of July Parade!



