

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

July 20, 2022

THINGS TO PONDER from Pastor Jesse

Dear Fredericksburg ECO family,

What a privilege it has been to share the journey of faith with you. Beth and I count it among our deepest joys. Even in sad times as loved ones have passed, what a blessing it has been to support each other in these moments. Our lives have been interwoven in the fabric of faithful service with you to our Lord and Savior.

It's hard to believe that a year has gone by since we first met! Once we got over the shock of moving so far to Ohio, we eagerly embraced our new positions. We were a little sad to be leaving our families, but God is faithful and has kept them safe during this time. As always, God's plans are better than ours and we have thoroughly enjoyed being with you.

Your kindness, friendship, and willingness to seek and work toward God's mission at Fredericksburg will long be remembered. You took us in, shared your lives with us, and made us feel like part of your families. We are grateful for all your kindnesses.

We rejoice with you that God has led several new families to FPC. Each new member brings new gifts and talents to share with your church. We have prayed with and for you, visited the sick, driven family members to hospitals, grieved with you and comforted you in the deaths of loved ones. We have enjoyed working alongside you at church events and community happenings. We were able to attend Presbytery gatherings and will remain friends with those we have met.

Beth has participated in GLOW, First Fridays, a book study, and ABF second hour. She even tried YOGA with Heather. We set up weekly staff meetings. We encouraged the congregation to read through the Bible in 100 days, and many of the church family did so. We have helped with Youth events and activities and even went to the Crowder concert. We have enjoyed it all!

We gathered information from the congregation during our Town Hall meetings and passed it along to the PNC. Your Session has completed the task of revamping Mission and Vision Statements to more accurately reflect the makeup of the current congregation. FPC has an awesome, praying Session that seeks God's wisdom first. Your Session has worked diligently in setting FPC's best foot forward in preparation for the new pastor that God has already chosen.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY July 20 - Jeff Edington July 21 - Phyllis Miller

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Church work isn't always easy, but Fredericksburg has done the work these past 11 months and is in a good position for accepting a new pastor. Please know, we will keep you in our prayers and look forward to hearing what great things God has planned for you.

Stay strong, keep the faith, and most importantly, don't forget to put God first and give Him ALL the credit for what is accomplished.

Much love and blessings, now and always to each of you,

Jessie & Beth

PS keep in touch!

TIME TO SAY GOODBYE

It is time to say good-bye to Pastor Jesse and Beth as July 24

will be Jesse's final Sunday in our pulpit. In their honor, there will be a carry-in dinner on July following the worship service on the 24th. The church will provided hot chicken sandwiches, drinks and dessert. Please bring a side dish to share. Everyone is invited to attend, and share memories of the past year, give thanks for sharing the journey with us, and share prayers for what God has in store for them next.

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

As of MAY 31:

YTD Operating Income:	\$77,645.52
YTD Operating Expenses	: \$99,120.15
YTD Difference:	-\$21,474.63
Available Cash:	\$211,998.74



Please keep these people/situations in your prayers. Note: The prayer needs listed in **BOLD** are new to the list, gathered from the Sharing of Joys & Concerns from the previous Sunday.

Praises

• The rain

Military Service:

- Gavin Bee Air Force
- Shannah Swinehart –boot camp graduation July 22
- Isaiah Styer now at Camp Le June
- Phyllis Miller's 1 great grandson currently overseas
- Rusty King 1st Lieutenant Ohio National Guard
- Ryan Chabak
- Jeff & Veronica's nephew in National Guard

Prayer Needs

- Session
- Trustees
- PNC
- Tanya Chuup recovering from surgery
- Bee family Gavin heading to Air Force
- Safety for Christa Nelson police officer & the riots in Akron.
- Edna Wade needs a new roof due to the storms
- Kim Garcia fire (Ron & Cathy)
- Staff, kids, counselors at church camps
- The Ukraine & Danny

Health Concerns:

- Rich Ringer multiple surgeries
- Laura Scott's brother recovering from spinal surgery
- Veronica's mom -
- Susie Parrot inoperable brain tumor
- George & Jane Ann Heilman

Covid

- Camp Luz had to close for 1 week due to Covid
- Dale (Edna Wade's son)

Battling Cancer

- Mike lung cancer
- Chris brain tumor
- Renee Woods
- Lillian Duncan
- Paul Weber
- Rose Reilly

Condolences

• The Jeff Berkhouse family

COMING ACTIVITIES and EVENTS

- Wednesday, July 20 @ 6 p.m. Edge Go Karts
- Thurs., July 21 @ 6 p.m. Edge Pool Party at Mckelvey's
 - Friday, July 22 @ 6:30 p.m. Softball
- Sunday, July 24 @ 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship
 - Sunday, July 24 NO Second hour for adults or kids
- Sunday July 24 following worship carry-in dinner in honor of Pastor Jesse & Beth. Everyone is welcome.
 - Sunday, July 24 @ 7 p.m. Saltshakers Go Karts meet at the church
 - Monday, July 25 @ 6:30 p.m. Growing Slow Study
 - Tuesday, July 26 @ 6:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting
 - Tuesday, July 26 @ 7 p.m. Finance Team Meeting
 - Wednesday July 27 @ 10:00 am GLOW Ladies
 - Wednesday, July 27 @ 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- Friday & Saturday, July 29 & 30 Softball Tournaments. Times TBA

to contact church & staff:

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Church Office Hours Monday thru Friday 9:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.



Reminder - No More ZOOM Due to the decrease use of Zoom and the extra tech issues it adds, effective

<u>last Sunday, July 17,</u> we have discontinued the use of Zoom during Sunday morning worship. Facebook is still being used to record and stream the service.



PARENTS & EDGE YOUTH

July 22th - Pool Party at the McKelvey's house from 6 - 9 PM (Hot dogs and drinks provided; parents please send a side to share)

Parents please note: This event needs to be RSVP'd to Bridget (330) 621-4084 so we can get food bought.

FROM YOUR SESSION

Below is a list of what session is currently discussing and in prayer about. Session wants the congregation to be informed about what they are doing, and would be greatly appreciative if you would join them in praying for these things.

- Pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee who are beginning their work.
- Pray for the Youth programs and the direction we should take with them.
- Pray for all those in church leadership roles during this time of transition.
- Pray for all the church as we wait in patient anticipation to meet the person God has chosen to be our next pastor!

If you have questions, concerns, or anything to share with the church, contact one of the elders.

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