



The Weekly Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

July 22, 2026

This may feel like ancient history for some; but many of us remember a time before cellphones. Back when we weren't all carrying magical, miniature computers in our pockets, communicating over distance was a little more complicated... and expensive!

I still remember that when I went to college, a long-distance phone call was 10¢ per minute. That may not seem like much, but 10 minutes on the phone was a dollar, an hour on the phone was \$6 and that was the cost of going to see a new movie! The phone math could get even crazier sometimes. When I traveled to England in the late 90s I purchased a pre-paid international calling card that would allow me to call back to the United States – I purchased 15 minutes of time. I called home once or twice, but just to check in quickly, because my time was *limited*. Time on a long-distance phone conversation between England and the US was something rationed, counted and used carefully because you didn't want to run out!

Sometimes, we can have an untested assumption that God's goodness to us is a little like a pre-paid calling card: earned, limited and non-renewable. I have often talked with people who feel like they have to "earn" God's favor, or that God is angry with them and so He is withholding grace. I have even talked with people who thought that they had used up all of God's goodwill toward them because of the way they have lived their lives.

But none of that is true.

Scripture tells us in James 5:11, "The Lord is full of compassion and mercy". The Lord is FULL of mercy. That word for "full of compassion" is a compound word that means LARGE, MUCH, MANY, combined with the word for INTENSE TENDER MERCY. The Lord doesn't just *have* compassion – He is *full* of compassion!

That means that when we come to God with our struggles, our failures, our worries and our hurts He is OVERFLOWING with care for us; and He is eager to meet our needs out of the rich storehouses of His grace and love. God's mercy is never limited.

We can let go of the prepaid calling card mentality when it comes to trust in God. You don't have to watch the clock, wondering if you've said too much or asked too often or come back one too many times with the same old struggle. God isn't counting minutes, and He's not tallying up whether you've earned the next call.

The truth is actually the opposite of what we fear. The MORE we come to Him, with our failures, our doubts, our slow and stumbling faith, the MORE we find that the well hasn't gone dry. His mercy doesn't decrease with use; if anything, we discover just how deep it runs. So, this week, whatever it is you've been afraid to bring to God, bring it. Call home. He's got all the time in the world.



July 23 Claire Burgett
July 28 Nick Miller

VOLUNTEERS FOR JULY 26, 2028

Greeters	Beth Reed Shirley Swinehart
Ushers	Reid McKelvey Shawn McKelvey
Café	Wendy McKelvey
Nursery (Worship)	Kim Morrow
Nursery (2nd Hour)	Vickie Rhamy
Kidz Jam	Bridget Rhamy
Kids 2nd Hour	Bridget Rhamy
Safety Team	John Scott
Elder Assist	Angie Chapman

Dear Church family,

Thank you for the lovely gift certificates to Ohio State Parks, and the goodie basket filled with wonderful things for camping and campfires. You know my family and I well! We will have such a fun time exploring State Parks we haven't visited and having great family time.

Thank you for the beautiful celebration, and the delicious brunch food, the flowers, all the sweet cards and notes, and prayers. It was a great day.

A special thanks to Connie, Joyce, Wendy and Pastor Jos for their organizing and planning skills. Our church family is indeed a family. Thank you all again.
Jeann Burkey & family

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE FPC is blessed to be able to serve our friends in need in our community by walking alongside Love Inc of Wayne Co. Our *Move It* ministry will be transporting furniture and household goods to an older gentleman in Wooster this week. We also received an email from Love Inc with a list of needs for other friends in the coming days. Furniture- Couches, armchairs, tables, coffee tables, lamps Appliances- Refrigerator, electric stove, washer, dryer, vacuum Home repairs - leaky roof, broken window, leaky hot water tank, some structural damage, some light cosmetic repairs (not all at the same home) If you have items to donate or a can help with a home repair, reach out to Rhoda Holton at the Connection Center 330-391-4802. Or if you have questions give Claudia Ward a buzz! 330-466-3417. What a blessing to be able to walk together in service



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

Praises

- **For the cooks, delicious food, fellowship and the organizers of last Sunday's brunch**

Military Service: We have 7 young men & women serving in the Armed Forces. Please keep Abraham, Isaiah, Shannah, Christa, Steven, Ryan and Gaven in your prayers.

Prayer Needs

- Safe travels for Isaiah Styer coming home
- Comfort for individuals facing relationships ending
- The Rittman community
- Carla in the loss of her husband
- Earthquake victims in Venezuela
- Camp Luz & other church camp campers
- Prayers for our military troops
- Prayers for our country
- Unspoken

Health Concerns

- **Melodie Stroud - healing after surgery**
- Darcy's dad health concerns
- Mike Covert
- Edna Wade
- Pat Thomson
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- Mike Sherrick
- Chad Hinkle - leukemia
- Tom Jefferies - thyroid cancer
- Nelson's neighbor, Vickie
- Nicki
- Waldo - cont'd prayers for remainder of chemo
- Landon Sommers - Hodgkin's Lymphoma

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

SEASONS STUDY WOMEN

Hi ladies! We are going to gather at Claudia Ward's house Monday the 27th at 6:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!



FREDERICKSBURG
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

presents...

Sunday, Sundaes, & Cinema

July 26th @ 6:30 PM

(FPC Fellowship Hall)

Join us for a night
of popcorn,
ice cream,
and **Finding Nemo**.

All are welcome!

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FOR AUGUST & EARLY SEPTEMBER

As has been our habit in the past, 2nd Hour will be taking a summer break through August and early September. We'll meet again after the Wayne County Fair. We have the church picnic (August 16), and the Community Worship Service (Labor Day Sunday) to look forward to. And as always, you can stick around in the Gallery after the Sunday services and visit with your friends and neighbors.



Sunday, August 16 following the worship service.

Meat, beverage and table service will be provided. Bring a covered dish to share.

You can make your tithes and contributions in a variety of ways:

- Use the box in the sanctuary on Sunday morning
- mail checks to P.O. Box 259 Fredericksburg, OH
- text to "Give" to 833-648-1702
- drop off your contributions during regular church office hours
- Use this link <https://give.tithe.ly/?formId=54989dfd-ce72-447c-bbc1-6109d5ecbd89>



Becoming
a community
that cultivates
faith and
faithfulness
to Christ