



The Weekly Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

July 29, 2026

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My grandfather passed away when I was in grade school, but I can still remember lots of things about him; part of what I remember is his love for art. My Nanny and Popo had many original oil paintings they purchased and displayed, and some of them are displayed in my house now! (Here's one hanging over the fireplace in my home in Peoria, it used to hang over the fireplace in my grandparents' house.)



My grandfather's affection for art sparked an interest in me. I used to stare at this particular painting all the time. I would imagine myself walking the path by the trees or try to think about what lay beyond the hills or past the bend in the river. I would look up close at the brush strokes and the colors and I would think about the process the artist must have used to create this painting. My grandfather demonstrated an appreciation for art, but he also taught me an appreciation for the artist.

God is the artist behind human life. And not just human life in general, but every human life SPECIFICALLY. This past Sunday we studied Psalm 139, and we heard the Psalmist praise God because He had "knit me together". God had formed everything about the Psalmist – his body, his spirit, his personality, even all the days of his life, God had carefully crafted like an artist makes a masterwork.

Paul speaks about this creative work of God in His letter to the Ephesians. In chapter 2, Paul says that "we are God's workmanship". The word for "workmanship" has the connotation of "art" or "creative output". Another way to translate Ephesians 2:10 might be "we are God's MASTERPIECES."

You are a work of art. God "fearfully and wonderfully" made you – yes, YOU! He was the artist behind your life; before you lived a single day, thought a single thought or spoke a single word God knew it all. Just like an artist, God has made your life to tell a story; a story about who He is and His love for all of creation. That story of God's love gets distorted, marred and corrupted by sin; but it is restored by the work of Jesus to rescue and redeem. We can live as the masterpieces God intended!



Sunday, August 16 following the worship service.

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



Thankyou to the Congregational Life Team for the ice cream, popcorn and cookies Sunday evening. And thank you to everyone who came to help us find Nemo. It was a fun evening.

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

June 2026 Financials

YTD Offering	\$105,873.67
YTD Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$123,450.51</u>
YTD Net Operating income	-\$17,576.84
YTD Net income/Loss (includes; interest, rents, special donations, gain or loss on investments)	\$21,657.31
YTD Net income (Operating income plus other income)	\$4,080.47
Available Funds (This represents any funds available to FPC which session has not set aside for a specific purpose)	\$238,317.08

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.

NO OUTREACH TEAM MEETING

The Outreach Team Meeting scheduled for Thursday July 30 has been canceled.



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

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
- 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

Condolences

- **The family of Susan Morrison**

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



August 1 Candi Kinney
August 5 Claudia Ward



Happy Anniversary

August 4 Erika & Jason Schuch

VOLUNTEERS FOR AUGUST 2, 2028

Greeters	Abby Rhamy & Marcy Speelman Delores Schlegel
Ushers	Frank Morrow Steve Moffitt
Café	Adam Swinehart
Nursery (Worship)	Veronica Styer
Nursery (2nd Hour)	No 2nd Hour
Kidz Jam	Beth Miller
Kids 2nd Hour	No 2nd Hour
Safety Team	Gary Graham
Elder Assist	Earl Rhamy
Communion Prep	Marcy Speelman
Communion Servers	Earl Rhamy, Claudia Ward, Darcy Miller, Frank Morrow



Becoming
a community
that cultivates
faith and
faithfulness
to Christ

AUGUST CALENDAR

Aug. 2 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship
Aug. 2 Communion
Aug. 3 6:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting
Aug. 5 10 a.m. G.L.O.W.
Aug. 5 6:45 p.m. Music Team
Aug. 9 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship
Aug. 11 7:30 p.m. The Grind
Aug. 12 10:00 a.m. G.L.O.W.
Aug. 12 6:45 p.m. Music Team tonight
Aug. 13 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting
Aug. 16 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship
Aug. 16 Church picnic following service
Aug. 18 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
Aug. 19 10:00 a.m. G.L.O.W.
Aug. 19 6:45 p.m. Music Team tonight
Aug. 23 9:30 p.m. Sunday morning worship
Aug. 25 7:30 p.m. The Grind
Aug. 26 10:00 a.m. G.L.O.W.
Aug. 26 6:45 p.m. Music Team tonight
Aug. 30 9:30 p.m. Sunday morning worship

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>

Ever wondered
why mosquitoes
make so much
noise at night?

