



FREDERICKSBURG
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The Weekly Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

What is your earliest memory of learning about Jesus?

I know this isn't true of all of us, but if you were like me, you grew up in a home where people often talked about Jesus. Most Sundays we were in Sunday School and worship and even sang in the children's choir. One of my favorite books was the "Good Shepherd Bible Story Book", where I saw pictures and read stories of the characters in the Bible and the ways they saw God at work in history. But it was the adults in my life who gave me a picture of what it meant to follow Jesus; and who taught and challenged me to trust Him with my life.

I bet many of us have similar experiences of learning about Jesus at a young age. Here are three basic but amazing facts to consider when we think about ministry to children:

- 1. Kids can know and trust Jesus.** It may seem obvious, but it's always important for us to remember that kids – even the littlest kids – can be devoted followers of Jesus. In age-appropriate ways, children are able to experience what it means to trust Jesus as their Savior and to follow Him as their King. Jesus reminds us in Matthew 19, to let the little children come to Him!
- 2. Kids can encounter God in worship.** Worship isn't just for adults; even young children know how offer praise and thanksgiving to God. Part of what we want to do in kids ministry is to give children ideas, spaces and opportunities to help them worship God. Kids love to sing, make art and to imagine; all of these are great avenues for expressing worship to Jesus.
- 3. Kids' faith grows when they are in relationships with adults who follow Jesus.** Many of us trust Jesus now because of the adults who invested their time and abilities to teach us about Him. They demonstrated their love for God by serving the youngest in His name. The best ministry research tells us the kids grow when they are in discipling relationships with adults! The best thing we can do to help our young ones mature in their faith is to get to know them and share our lives with them.

Have you ever considered getting connected with the kids ministry here at FPC? There are a handful of easy but very meaningful ways to do that! One of the best is to volunteer as a Masked Teacher this summer! Our Masked Teachers partner with one of our regular kids min workers on summer Sundays to tell their favorite Bible story in a fun and engaging way. To learn more about this opportunity, or to hear about all the other ways you can help in kids ministry, please talk to one of our kids volunteers or shoot me an email (jsmolik@fredericksburgpres.org). If you have never worked with kids before or if you have done it a million times, investing in the spiritual growth of children is a blessing that you don't want to miss!



July Outdoor Activities

Next 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)



SAVE the DATE! AUGUST 18



Following the worship service.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

July 9 - Bridget & Mike Rhamy



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. Invite some friends too! Their pool is awesome!

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:

- Karen - Parkinson's & broken hip
- Tom - Dementia
- Wendy Scott - severe health concerns
- Samuel - ulcers
- Pastor Albert - recovering from 2nd surgery
- Veronica's mom
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

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

Condolences

- The family of Dr. Rachel Stahle

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



4TH OF JULY PARADE—WE NEED YOU!



The youth are decorating a float for the Fredericksburg 4th of July parade, but **this is an outreach project and we need participation from members of the congregation.**

Several of our youth are otherwise involved in the parade, so we will not be able to fill the wagon without more people participating.

All ages are welcome!

Line up for the parade starts at 9:00 am. Our float (wagon) will be parked at Brian and Molly Parrot's house, 4649 Graber Rd, and that's where it will be in the lineup and return after the parade. If you are riding the FPC float, it's ok to park on the west side of the Parrot's driveway (not the front yard). You don't have to be there right at 9:00 but just know that traffic in that area will be kind of crazy. The parade starts at 11:00am and usually lasts for an hour. **Participants should wear fun (Hawaiian, tie-dye, colorful, patriotic, whatever) shirts and bring a camp chair.**

We will toss beach balls to the crowd that have hand written invitations to join us on Sunday mornings. **Please join us for this fun outreach event!**

If you have any questions, call Michelle at 330-464-4723 or Erika at 330-466-5684.

You are invited to reach out to our Church Elders if you have any questions or concerns about the church.

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CALENDAR FOR JULY

- July 4 - Fredericksburg 4th of July Parade!
- July 5 - NO First Friday this month.
- July 7 - Sunday morning worship & 2nd Hour for all
- July 7 - Celebrating Communion
- 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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Church office hours

Monday thru Friday 10:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Pastor Jos will be out of the office through July 9.

If you have a prayer need or pastoral emergency, please contact one of the Elders listed in the box.