



# *The Weekly Update*

## *Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church*

*June 17, 2026*

Welcome to Rainforest Falls! Today we are hosting night three of Vacation Bible School. The church has been transformed into a rainforest, with trees, waterfalls and creatures all over. We have been celebrating that 29 kids and well over 30 volunteers have been participating and helping to make this week happen. Please continue to pray for our kids and volunteers as they make their way through the final days of the event. Pray most especially that God will meet with kids and call them into a saving relationship with Himself. And pray that we will faithfully love the kids and families so that we can cultivate faith and faithfulness to the Savior!



## VOLUNTEERS FOR JUNE 21

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Greeters</b>           | Abby Rhamy & Marcy Speelman<br>Shirley Swinehart |
| <b>Ushers</b>             | Reid McKelvey<br>Shawn McKelvey                  |
| <b>Café</b>               | Wendy McKelvey                                   |
| <b>Nursery (Worship)</b>  | Wendy McKelvey                                   |
| <b>Nursery (2nd Hour)</b> | Jenny Miller                                     |
| <b>Kidz Jam</b>           |  |
| <b>Kids 2nd Hour</b>      |  |
| <b>Safety Team</b>        | Joe Chupp  |
| <b>Elder Assist</b>       | Frank Morrow                                     |

## VOLUNTEERS FOR JUNE 28

|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Greeters</b>           | Jim & Candi Kinney             |
| <b>Ushers</b>             | Brent St. John<br>Frank Morrow |
| <b>Café</b>               | Adam Swinehart                 |
| <b>Nursery (Worship)</b>  | Kim Morrow                     |
| <b>Nursery (2nd Hour)</b> | Vickie Rhamy                   |
| <b>Kidz Jam</b>           |                                |
| <b>Kids 2nd Hour</b>      |                                |
| <b>Safety Team</b>        | Nick Miller                    |
| <b>Elder Assist</b>       | Darcy Miller                   |



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
June 18 Joe Chupp  
June 19 Wendy McKelvey

June 20 Marcy Speelman  
June 21 Angie Chapman  
June 24 Paul Miller  
June 25 Christa Nelson  
June 26 Shyler Swinehart  
June 27 Kacen Parrot  
June 30 Derek Roberts  
July 1 Corky Stanley  
July 1 Shirley Swinehart



June 18 - Fritzi & Bill Nichols  
June 20 - Val & Jay Haver  
June 20 - Melinda & Steve Moffitt  
June 22 - Vickie & Earl Rhamy  
June 26 - Georgie & Henry Miller



There will not be a Weekly Update next week. Secretary Jeann will be out of the office June 20 through June 29

# PRAYER

**Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.**

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

### Praises

- **DeeDee Sinnet recovery with no problems**
- **All the volunteers helping with VBS**

**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

- **Vacation Bible School**
- **Camp Luz & other church camp campers**
- **Camper dealing with loss of friend**
- Prayers for our military troops
- Prayers for our country
- Unspoken

### Health Concerns

- **Veronica Campbell - healing from knee replacement surgery**
- **Finley Smith - cardiologist & other testing**
- **Dean Corrigan - healing without overdoing**
- HM2 Shannon Althouse - head injury from fall
- Janet Lee - skin lupus
- Craig Walton - congestive heart failure
- Tonya Wade
- Emily Stephan
- Aaron Spencer
- Mike Covert
- Edna Wade
- Pat Thomson
- Jane Heilman

### Battling Cancer

- **Chad Hinkle - leukemia**
- Mike Sherrick
- 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.*



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# JOIN OUR TEAM!

## NOW HIRING: Administrative Director

FPC is looking for a part-time (25-30 hours per week) faithful disciple of Christ who combines a servant's heart with high-level administrative and technical proficiency. This role is a vital resource for leadership, congregation and community and will facilitate coordination of ministries.



### RESPONSIBILITIES (include but are not limited to):

- Primary point person and expert for the church database
- Proactively maintain and oversee both the church ministry and building calendars
- Oversee digital and physical environments
- Maintain high-level of comfort with digital programs
- Possess administrative and secretarial competency

To learn more about this position and/or to apply, please email a cover letter and current resume to: [jsmolik@fredericksburgpres.org](mailto:jsmolik@fredericksburgpres.org)

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### JUNE/JULY CALENDAR

- June 18 7:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer (Zoom)
- June 21 Sunday morning worship. 2nd Hour for all.  
Happy Father's Day!
- June 23 6:00 p.m. Seasons Study
- June 23 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting (date change)
- June 24 10:00 a.m. G.L.O.W.
- June 24 6:45 p.m. Music Team
- June 25 7:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer (Zoom)
- June 28 Sunday morning worship. 2nd Hour for all.
- June 29 7:30 p.m. The Grind
- June 30 6:00 p.m. Seasons Study
- July 1 10:00 a.m. G.L.O.W.
- July 1 6:45 p.m. Music Team

*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 Frederickburg, 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>



Whoever said  
'Out of Sight,  
Out of Mind'  
never had a  
spider disappear  
in the bedroom.

Every Wednesday morning more than 20 women meet at the church and share prayer requests and Bible study. The GLOW group isn't just women from our church family, but also includes women from our wider community. Recently, one of the ladies of GLOW asked to share her testimony of God's goodness with us. So here it is: we are happy to see how God is working in the lives of those all around us and praise Him for His goodness to us all.

## FINDING HENRI: MOTHER'S DAY 2015

This is my story; it's written by God. He is the main character, and to Him be the glory.

I was born on April 25, 1965, and given up for adoption. My records were sealed so that I would not have access to my birth parents' names or medical history, as were all adoptees born between 1964 and 1996.

Eventually, a law was passed in 2014 that would finally give me the right to that information. I prayed that God's will be done since He knew the whole story of my adoption and I did not.

So, in March of 2015, I was able to find my biological mother, Henrietta Louise Matson. She was 81 years old and still living in Ohio, so I wrote this letter:

*Dear Henrietta Matson, I am writing you today to introduce myself. My name is Beth Gordon and I was born on April 25, 1965 at Bedford Municipal Hospital as Baby Girl Kohout. I was adopted at six weeks old and became part of a family that has loved me as their own ever since.*

*I have always been curious about my birthparents. When my children were born, I also became curious about my biological family and their medical history.*

*Recently, because of a change in the law, I was able to obtain a copy of my original birth certificate. It identifies my father as Robert Joseph Kohout and Henrietta Marquette as my mother. Through much research I believe this to be you. I would very much like to meet you. However, that is your choice to make.*

*I want you to know that I hold no ill will toward you for the decision you had to make (for whatever reason) 50 years ago. I pray that you are at peace with your choice and that God has blessed you for it, as He has blessed me.*

*I look forward to hearing from you!! You may contact me by phone at this number.*

*Love to you, Beth Gordon*

I mailed the letter on Monday, and on Wednesday evening my phone rang. It was Henrietta. She said that she loved my letter, that she couldn't wait to talk to me, and yes, she wanted to meet in person.

She said that due to her circumstances at the time, she was unable to keep me. When I was born, she was a divorced mother of 2 young children and having another child out of wedlock during the 60's was not acceptable to society.

In time, Henri, had remarried and had twins that were born on April 25, just like me.

Because she was ashamed of what she had done, she had kept her secret from her family and friends, until my letter came.

I learned that she knew God and had a passion for working with children with special needs just like me. And that we both began teaching with children that were blind.

She said she got her Mother's Day gift early because she had lost a daughter to breast cancer in 2006 and now God was returning the daughter she gave away. We planned to meet soon.

Over the next two weeks, Henri and I spoke on the phone and continued to learn more about each other. As she told each of her children about their unknown sister, they cried for the secret their mother carried for 50 years, and were excited at the thought of meeting me. I spoke to each of my siblings on the phone and learned about them and their families. We sent photos of each other back and forth of our early childhood, high school and wedding days. We were all preoccupied with the anticipation of meeting in person. *(continued on page 5)*

## FINDING HENRI: MOTHER'S DAY 2015 *(continued from page 4)*

At last, my family and I went to Henrietta's home where we were warmly greeted by her husband. Then I saw Henri. She held me tight and said that I was beautiful. I told her that I got it from my mother. She said that when I was born, she did not look at me or hold me because it would have been too hard to let me go. She also said she never gave me a name, but she had never forgotten me.

We sat down and I gave her a photo album of me from my birth till then. The pink floral cover said "It's a Girl" She laughed because she felt that they should have planned a baby shower for my arrival that day. Then, when looking at the pictures, she was sad that she didn't get to watch me grow up.

Next, I met my siblings. As I looked into the faces of my two sisters and my brother, I searched for pieces of me in their features and personalities. I met their spouses and children and we shared photo albums and family stories all afternoon.

I learned that my big sister gets cranky when she is hungry and laughs easily...just like me.

I learned that my little sister hates to cook and has difficulty sitting still...just like me, and that my little brother prefers hanging out with the kids instead of the adults...just like me.

Henri drinks diet coke, loves ice cream and likes her food on the burnt side...just like me.

We finished the day with a family photo shoot and promised we would stay in touch and meet again soon. We are still in relationship today.

Of all the blessings God has given since our reunion, I am most grateful that Henrietta no longer carries her sorrow or shame for letting me go, but has laid it down for the joy of love redeemed.

This is my story, it is written by God, He is the main character and to Him be the Glory.

-Beth Gordon  
June 10, 2026

*This is the day the LORD has made;  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

*Ps 118:24 NKJV*



God is still  
writing your story.  
Quit trying to  
steal the pen.  
Trust the author.

