

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

BEFORE

2024 has been a full year for work around the church and at manse. So, I thought you might want a quick update about what has been happening.

Frist: thank you to all the volunteers who came to help with the church work day last Saturday. The team completed many outdoor tasks, including cleaning, weeding, spreading mulch and helping to keep the church looking great!

Second: there have been a lot of improvements happening at the manse over the past six months. In April, Session approved the spending that would allow the long-needed upkeep at the manse to move forward. Among the projects that have been tackled:

- ◊ Waterproofing the basement (completed in January)
- Fixing the stormwater drainage (completed in May)
- Taking down the ailing tree in the front yard (completed in May)
- ◊ New siding, windows, gutters, etc. (completed in June)

You can see before and after photos here, the improvement is significant! Thank you to the trustees, volunteers and faithful covenant partners of FPC. Your time, generosity and faithfulness continue to

bless our fellowship and our community!

AFTER

More pics on last page!

We've Got Some Outdoor Activities Coming Up! Saturday, July 13, we'll meet in the upper parking lot at The Wilderness Center and hike the Pond Loop as a group. All 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, let's travel to Findley State Park in Wellington, OH and meet at 2:00 p.m.



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)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

A belated Happy Birthday to Dale Cramer June 13 and Joe Chupp June 18. June 19 - Wendy McKelvey

- June 21 Angie Chapman
- June 25 Christa Nelson
- June 26 Shyler Swinehart

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 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



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

Praises

- The marriage of Randy & Janie Smith
- Praise Corky's brother surgery went well
- •Praise for Art in the Park and the kids

Military Service:

- Shannah Swinehart Army National Guard
- Christa Nelson Navy
- Tristan Burns Air Force stationed in Utah
- 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:

- Samuel ulcers
- Pastor Albert recovering from 2nd surgery
- Veronica's mom
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- Jim Nigh
- Kyle starting chemo
- 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 Sharon Davidson (sister to Pastor Keon, and daughter of Pastors Rick & Toby of Bridge City Church
- The family of Paul Miller (Scott Schlauch's uncle)
- •The family of Larry Gilt
- •The family of Lee Hunter
- •The family of Cathy Brooks

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



There will be second hour youth group during June and July (remember, we are going

to decorate a float for the July 4 parade!) June 23 - Psalms: Complaint June 30 - FUN DAY

Good Vibes! - The FPC Youth in partnership with the Outreach team are going to have a float in the Fredericksburg 4th of July parade. The theme is "Catch the good vibes at Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church". The plan is to toss 8" beach balls with messages that invite people to our church. We could use help from the congregation in a couple of ways:

- If you happen to have fun, beachy props (palm trees, flamingos, sun, etc) stashed in your basement that you are willing to share, we might be able to use them.
- We will be decorating the float starting at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, July 2 at Brian and Molly Parrot's house. If you are willing to help, let us know.
- We want to fill the float with happy people, so as many as we can fit in the wagon are welcome! Wear Hawaiian, bright, tie dye, beachy wear, and bring a lawn chair. The parade line up begins at 9:00 AM on the North Hill and the parade begins at 11:00AM on the 4th. Let us know if you are planning to participate so we have a good handle on the numbers.
 Contact Michelle (330) 464-4723 or Erika (330) 464-5684 if you can help or have questions!

THANK YOU



A big thank you to everyone who helped last Saturday with

the Trustee Work Day. The grounds at the church and the manse look wonderful. Thank you for your help. See the pictures on page one and four!

CALENDAR FOR JUNE & JULY

- June 23 Sunday morning worship & 2nd Hour for all
- June 24 7:00 p.m. Joint Session & Finance Team Meeting
- June 25 7:30 p.m. The Grind (men)
- June 26 10:00 a.m. GLOW (women)
- June 26 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- June 30 Sunday morning worship & 2nd Hour for all
- July 2 4:00 p.m. Work on the parade float at Parrot's
- July 3 10:00 a.m. GLOW (women)
- July 3 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- July 4 Fredericksburg 4thh of July Parade!
- July 5 NO First Friday this month.
- July 7 Sunday morning worship & 2nd Hour for all
- 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)

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