



The Weekly Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

June 5, 2024

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Greetings from Minneapolis! This week I have been here in the Twin Cities participating in the meeting of ECO's Standing Theological Committee (STC); and I thought it would be the perfect opportunity to tell you more about the work the STC does and what I do as part of this denominational team.

The STC is a small committee of ECO pastors and leaders who serve the denomination by responding to theological questions, working on documents that address important theological topics and taking on specific tasks assigned by the executive leadership of ECO. I was nominated to serve on the team in 2020, and every member serves a four-year term; which means this is my last year as part of the STC. Over the past years, there have been five major categories of work we've been asked to do for the denomination.

First, the STC produces documents representing our denomination's stance on pressing theological topics. I have been part of the team that has written ECO's statements on abortion and gender, which have been two areas of emphasis for ECO recently.

Second, each year the STC produces a written resource on a theological topic. We have created book-length collections of articles and essays on the nature of the church, life, politics; and here in Minneapolis we're working on the next book the STC will publish on gender and sexuality.

Third, STC members conduct theological interviews for all ordination candidates in ECO. That means each year I do 5-7 zoom interviews with individuals seeking to be ordained in our denomination. Part of that job is to make sure that all our potential pastors are theologically trained and competent to serve pastorally in an ECO church.

Fourth, the STC hosts and creates content for pre-conference meetings at the National Gathering each year. We also present on theological topics at our gatherings and many presbytery meetings. The goal is to equip pastors for theological engagement on pressing topics.

Fifth, along with the chair of our committee, I host the new theological podcast for ECO. We interview experts in different topics and model theological conversation and engagement for pastors and church leaders. We have been recording episodes for more than a year, but they have just started releasing in the past few months. You can listen to some of those episodes here. (<https://www.theology-eco.org/podcast>)

I have greatly enjoyed serving as part of this team and am proud of the resources we have produced over the years. I'm especially grateful for you, FPC, for letting me finish my term on the STC and for supporting the work of ECO by letting your pastor serve in this way! If you want to know more about the STC, you can visit our website here: <https://www.theology-eco.org/>

-Pastor Jos

Sundaes on Sunday Between Worship & Second Hour

FPC's Congregational Life team is hosting a special Sunday morning social on **June 9**. Following our regular worship service, we will be serving ice cream sundaes in the gallery and inviting everyone to mingle, grab some ice cream and join us for a second hour class. Kids, youth and adults all have second hour opportunities to learn and connect during the Sunday morning discipleship time – and folks are always welcome to just chat and fellowship in the café following worship. We will be sharing a special invitation to Sundaes on Sunday with visitors to Art in the Park the Saturday before. Is there someone in your neighborhood, extended family or workplace you want to ask to join us on June 9?



WORK DAY The Trustees have scheduled a work day for Saturday, June 15 beginning at 8:30 a.m. You are invited/encouraged to come and bring assorted yard and cleaning tools. We'll be cleaning windows, pulling weeds and working up at the manse. Pizza will be provided when we are finished.



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 9 - Psalms: Blessing
June 16 - Psalms: Trust
June 23 - Psalms: Complaint

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

June 8 - Frank Morrow
June 8 - Randy Wirick
June 10 - Lydia Styer
June 11 - Don Rhamy
June 11 - Allison Yacapraro

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

June 9 - Mary Ann & Barry Henderson
June 11 - Beth & Larry Collins
June 2 - Amber & Zach McVay



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
- Tristan Burns - Air Force stationed in Utah
- Ryan Chabak - stationed in Alaska
- Isaiah Styer - stationed at Camp Lejeune in NC
- Matt Burkhardt - National Guard
- Gaven Bee - stationed in Dayton, OH

Prayer Needs

- Unspokens
- Israel

Health Concerns:

- **Lee Hunter - cirrhosis**
- Samuel - ulcers
- Bob Sprunger - IV antibiotics
- Individual asking for prayers for test results and health issues.
- Pastor Albert - recovering from 2nd surgery
- Mike Rhamy recovering from surgery.
- Veronica's mom
- Corky's sister Deedee - health issues
- Rick Spencer - heart issues, health concerns
- Al Amstutz - Parkinson's Disease,
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- Karen Flowers - lung cancer
- Landon Sommers - Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Waldo - stage 4 lung cancer
- Unnamed person diagnosed/w cancer
- David
- Keylee - leukemia
- Jonathan - stomach cancer
- Marianna Miller
- Kevin Hanna
- Mary Hardesty - colon cancer
- Tara
- Dale James

Condolences

- **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.

FPC KIDS MIN Summer '24
 join us Sunday mornings for

THE MASKED TEACHER

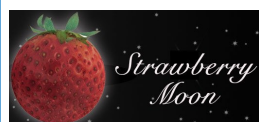
Each Sunday morning during KidzJam in June and July we'll have a surprise "Masked Teacher" joining our kids classes! Our guest teachers will share a favorite Bible story and encourage us to grow in our knowledge of Jesus. Kids will be dismissed to KidzJam from worship service; but we encourage kids and their parents to remain for Second Hour, where kids can have additional time in Sunday School and adults can attend a Second Hour Group.

~ 9:30 am Sundays ~ invite your friends! ~

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Kids, Parents and Grandparents: This summer we are excited to do something a little different for Sunday morning kids min! During regular KidzJam time we will have some guest teachers visiting the group and sharing their favorite stories from the Bible. Our regular volunteers will be running the morning activities, but we'll have some new faces and some extra fun. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend, neighbor or grandchild to join us in Kids Ministry. We really hope to see you there!

FPC adults: Want to be one of our Masked Teachers? We are recruiting some fun and willing folks to spend a Sunday morning with our kids sharing your favorite Bible story. Our regular teachers will be hosting each morning, but we would love to include some more FPC adults who are eager to get to know our youngest. It's an easy and fun way to support kids min at FPC. If you're interested in learning more, contact Pastor Jos at: jsmolik@fredericksburgpres.org



DID YOU KNOW??
 The next full moon, 2024's Strawberry Moon, will be visible June 21-22. According to the Farmers'

Almanac, some North American native tribes called the full moon in June the Strawberry Moon, because it coincides with the ripening of wild strawberries.

CALENDAR FOR JUNE

- June 7 - 6:30 p.m. Ladies First Friday. Meet in Wooster at Panera Bread
- June 8 - Art in the Park sponsored by the library and Simply Hand Made. We (FPC) will be handing out hotdogs, chips and water. Extra help is always appreciated. Talk to Adam Swinehart, Emily Brown, Darcy Miller or Jeann Burkey if you have questions.
- June 9 - Sunday morning worship & 2nd Hour for all
- June 9 - Ice cream sundaes following worship
- June 10 - 6:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting
- June 12 - 10:00 GLOW (women)
- June 12 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- June 12 - 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting
- June 13 - 6:00 p.m. Emmaus 4th Day Gathering
- June 15 - 8:30 a.m. Trustees Work day
- June 16 - Happy Father's Day
- June 16 - Sunday morning worship & 2nd hour for all
- June 19- 10:00 GLOW (women)
- June 19 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- 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

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Secretary Jeann will be out of the office June 9 - 16