

FREDERICKSBURG  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**The Weekly Update**  
**Fredericksburg Presbyterian**  
**Church**  
**May 22, 2024**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This past weekend we concluded our Sunday morning series called "Greater Things". We spent seven weeks looking at the way the first followers of the risen Jesus fulfilled the promise He made in John 14:12. Jesus had told His disciples: "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." The true stories of the early church demonstrate how they began preaching, teaching and healing, just as Jesus had.

But Jesus' promise of "greater things" wasn't just for that first generation of followers. That promise is for US, too! Jesus has promised that WHOEVER believes in Him will do the works He had been doing. So, we have to ask ourselves a question as we arrive at the end of this series: What are the "greater things" we at FPC are doing?

I am led to think of three primary areas where we can be living out the promise of Jesus to do the work that He did:

1. We do the kind of work that Jesus did when we live out our allegiance to the Kingdom of God. Jesus said He only did as His father instructed Him; He was committed to showing His faithfulness to God in His words and actions. We can demonstrate our allegiance to Christ's kingdom as we prioritize knowing, worshiping and serving Him. Jesus is our King and we are people who follow where He leads. Is there something you could do this week to offer your worship and service to God in a new way?
2. We do the kind of work that Jesus did when we meet the world's needs in His name. Jesus came to announce the Kingdom of God, and He displayed to all the VALUES of that Kingdom. As He healed the sick, cared for the needy and demonstrated God's power, He was illustrating God's presence in the world. We can participate in this work as we care for others around us, sharing our resources and time to serve those in need and testifying to the power of Jesus in our own lives. Is there an act of kindness or generosity that you could do this week to represent the kingdom of God in our community?
3. We do the work that Jesus did when we proclaim salvation in Christ to the world around us. A key way we can do the work Jesus did is to share the message that Jesus came to share: that the grace and mercy of God was being poured out into the world through His death and resurrection. Jesus came to give His life for those who believe, and now we get to proclaim the forgiveness of Jesus to others wherever we go. Is there a person in your life whom you can tell about the love of Jesus this week?

It is my prayer that we will be a people whose deep desire is to follow Jesus in the work proclaiming the Kingdom of God; and that as we do that work, we will grow in faith and faithfulness to Him. Let's do "greater things"!

Pastor Jos

**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: [jmolik@fredericksburgpres.org](mailto:jmolik@fredericksburgpres.org)

### From the Wood Family

All are Invited! Church family-- please join us to celebrate Wyatt Wood's high school graduation on Sunday, May 26 from 4:30-7:00 in the church fellowship hall!

# PRAYER

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

### Praises

- **All the graduates**

### 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

- Many school kids traveling field trips, etc.
- Unspokens
- Israel

### Health Concerns:

- **Bob Sprunger - streptococcal bacteria infection. IV antibiotics**
- **Individual asking for prayers for test results and health issues.**
- **Pastor Albert - recovering from second surgery from motorcycle accident**
- **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

- Cathy Brooks - rare liver cancer/extreme pain
- Waldo - stage 4 lung cancer
- Unnamed person newly diagnosed/w cancer
- David
- Keylee - leukemia
- Jonathan - stomach cancer
- Marianna Miller
- Kevin Hanna
- Mary Hardesty - colon cancer
- Tara
- Dale James

*The Deacons encourage you to send cards or notes of encouragement to those in the church*

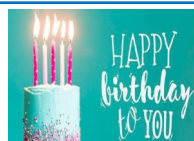
## Sundaes on Sunday

### Between Worship and Second Hour June 9

FPC's Congregational Life team is again 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. Sundaes on Sunday is a fantastic opportunity to invite friends to church, and 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 might want to ask to join us on June 9?



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

May 25 - Randy Weaver

May 26 - Joan Lytle

May 26 - Karen Raber

May 26 - Larry Burkey

May 29—Ann Marie King



Ladies First Friday is June 7. Let's gather at 6:30 p.m. at Panera Bread in Wooster and share a meal together.



## CALENDAR FOR MAY

- May 26 - Sunday morning worship - NO Second Hour
- May 26 - 10:45 a.m. Community Memorial Day Service
- May 27 - Church office closed
- May 28 - 7:30 p.m. The Grind (Men)
- May 29 - 10 a.m. G.L.O.W. (Women)
- May 29 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- May 30 - 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting



Here's the youth group schedule through the end of this school year. Be sure to join in!

**May 26:** Memorial Day weekend, no second hour. Wyatt's grad party will be at the church from 4:30-7:00ish and everyone is invited!

There will be second hour youth group during June and July (remember, we are going to decorate a float for the July 4 parade!) I don't know what that looks like yet but stay tuned!

Michelle



## COMMUNITY MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

There will be a community service on May 26, beginning at 10:45 a.m. at the elementary school. Students from the school will recite the "Gettysburg Address" and "In Flander's Field". Pastor Josh Ware from the Church of Christ will be speaking. After the closing song we'll all follow behind the color guard to the West Cemetery for their ceremony there, then dismiss.

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Church office hours

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