



The Weekly Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian
Church
May 29, 2024

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A long time ago I was part of a mission trip team serving with a ministry in a rural town in south central Wyoming. As part of our work, we were given instructions to build a small metal shed on a concrete slab out back of the outreach we partnered with. Horses grazed in the pastureland behind the mission and the ground stretched away to the high buttes in the distance.

It was a beautiful breezy summer day on the plains and a small group of us spent the morning carefully following the shed's instructions, fitting metal pieces together, securing them with hardware and admiring how nicely the structure was coming together. We worked through the early afternoon and then paused for a late sack lunch, the only thing left to do was to assemble and place the doors, which we would finish quickly after our break.

As we sat in the sun, proud of how much we had accomplished, one of the members of the team let out a startled and urgent yell. We turned to follow his gaze and watched as the shed had begun rolling like a tumbleweed through the yard. The wind was strengthening, and our hard work was now toppling end-over-end, picking up speed, lurching over a small fence and out into the pasture. It just kept going until it got snagged in some barbed wire, and then came to rest on its side - dented, scratched and in pieces.

We did a great job building a shed, but we had unwisely failed to anchor it to the ground.

This Sunday we will begin a summer-long study on wisdom. We'll learn about what wisdom is and how to find it, and we'll look at how the Bible encourages us to live wisely in specific areas of our lives.

Jesus said a wise person was one who HEARD His words and then put them into PRACTICE. That person, Jesus said, had built his/her house on a rock, so when the winds came it would stand. This summer, we'll be learning how wisdom is building our lives so that they are anchored to the truth of God. To grow wise is to increasingly secure our lives and livelihood to Jesus, and to allow Him to be the guide to our decision-making.

I pray that as we study wisdom this summer, we all might be ready to desire, search for and grow in the wisdom that God offers.

- 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



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

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:

- **Samuel - ulcers**
- 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

- **Karen Flowers - lung cancer**
- **Landon Sommers - Hodgkin's Lymphoma**
- 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 family experiencing prayer needs.

Sundaes on Sunday

Between Worship and Second Hour

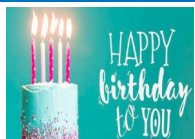
June 9

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 30 - Theron Swinehart

May 31 - Duane Wood

June 3 - Connie McKelvey



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

May 30 - Veronica & Jeff Styer

June 2 - Amber & Zach McVay



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 2 - Psalms: Thanksgiving

June 9 - Psalms: Blessing

June 16 - Psalms: Trust

June 23 - Psalms: Complaint

June 30 - FUN DAY

CALENDAR FOR MAY/JUNE

- May 30 - 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
- June 2 - Sunday morning worship
- June 2 - We will celebrate communion
- June 3 - Pastor Jos will be attending the ECO Theology Meeting in Minnesota and will be out of the office through Wednesday June 5
- June 5 - 10:00 a.m. G.L.O.W. (Women)
- June 5 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- 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.



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.

2nd Hour returns this Sunday, June 2 and will continue throughout June and July. There will be something for all ages – adult, youth and kids. Join us for some summer fun, fellowship and discussion.

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