



Weekly Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

March 15, 2023

Pastor Nancy's News and Notes

March 14, 2023

The Journey

Greetings,

We have been saying that we are on a "journey of stones." So I thought that today, I'd share with you some thoughts about living our faith as a journey.

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you." ... So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. (Genesis 12:1,4)



Abraham followed God to an unknown place. Moses began his long journey to the edge of the Promised Land at the age of 80. David left the comforts of sheep-keeping to conquer Goliath and serve King Saul. Jesus called twelve disciples to journey with him in a way that would impact every aspect of their lives. To journey with God is a helpful metaphor and a necessary part of a growing faith. This kind of journey is not like a GPS route of the quickest way to get from point A to point B. Think of these examples: Abraham, Moses, David, the disciples. None of these guys got there quickly. Their journeys took patience and trust in God. Ours will too!

Consider this thought:

Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages. We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new. And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability - and that it may take a very long time.

... Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you. And accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

(quote by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin in *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Day by Day*, by Scazzero, p. 79)

Something to consider: What does it mean for you to trust in the slow work of God today (and tomorrow, and next week)?

So much of scripture reminds us of this fact. He is the potter, we are the clay. Trust in the Lord with all your heart... and he will direct your paths. May we grow to trust in the slow work of God in us!

Perhaps you would offer this prayer today: *Grant me courage, Father, to embark on the unique journey you have crafted for me. By faith, I surrender my need and desire to be in control of every event, circumstance, and person I will meet today. In Jesus' name, amen. (EHS Day by Day, 80.)*

Glad to be on this journey with you,
Pastor Nancy



March 15 - Renee Schaaf
 March 19 - Mike Rhamy

WELCOME TEAM

The Welcome Team (greeters and bulletin providers, and coffee servers) is meeting Monday, March 27 at 6:00 pm. If you would like to be a greeter on Sunday mornings or help with coffee before church, be sure to stop in for the meeting or talk to Tanya Chupp for additional information.

LAST SUNDAY FOR EASTER FLOWERS



The order form is located on the sign-up table in the gallery. The cost varies from \$6 for mini daffodils to \$22 for a hanging fern basket. Details are on the table with the order form. Final day to order is March 19.

The 2022 Annual Church Reports are now available. Hard copies are available on the table in the Gallery.

Missing stones? If you missed picking up the stones from the previous sermons, there are extra stones on the table in the Gallery. Each week there will be a different stone to add to your bag of stones. (extra bags are in the Gallery as well)

BEGINNING BALLROOM DANCE CLASS



The next series of Ballroom Dance Classes begins next week March 21, 2023 @ 7:30pm. Our dance class is a great way to learn the basics of a variety of popular partner dances, including the waltz, tango, foxtrot, rumba, swing, and salsa. Our classes are designed to be fun and accessible to all levels ability. It's a great way to exercise, make new friends, and have a great time! No prior experience required.

- 10 Tuesdays, beginning March 21 to May 23, 2023, 7:30-8:30pm
- Partner required. We will NOT be switching partners in class.
- Cost: \$200 per couple (cash, check or Venmo) - pay at first class
- Location: Valley College Grange, 2411 Shreve Rd, Wooster, OH 44691
- Pre-registration required. Simply respond to this email (deb@woosterballroom.com) to register.
- Dress comfortably. Wear dance shoes if you have them, otherwise just wear something comfortable.



Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

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

Praises

- **Gatlin Herman Jr. High State Champion shot-put Military Service:**
- Isaiah Styer - in Norway
- Rusty King - in the Middle East
- Matt Burkhardt National Guard

Prayer Needs

- **Miriam Styer - senior year and job applications**
- **Veronica's mom - living arrangements if released**
- Batha - her new job
- Darcy's search for a new job
- UNSPOKENS!

Health Concerns:

- **Grandkids**
- **Jeanne Smith - heart stents**
- **Jamie - hospitalized**
- **Mrs. Chapman - family health issues**
- **Kaylee Parrot - broken finger**
- Mary Fry - infection in knee
- Edna's brother holding his own on hospice
- Lillian Duncan - non cancerous brain tumors
- George & Jane Ann Heilman

Battling Cancer

- **Bill Opie - throat cancer**
- **Those in hospice care**
- **Sonya Griffen - brain cancer**
- Leslie Carr - completed chemo - prayers for good report
- Dale & Tonya
- Heather
- Andrew Miller - 7 years old. (
- Kacen's grandma, Susie Parrot - inoperable brain tumor
- Bonnie Stryker - breast cancer
- Dale James
- Herb Martin - stage 4 lung cancer

Condolences

- **The family of Harold Gwin**
- **The family of Janet Albright's sister**
- **The family of Curt Stutzman**

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

- March 15 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW Ladies
- March 15 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- March 19 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship (March 19 - 2nd Hour for all. Table talk discussion about the sermon topic meets in the Fellowship Hall
- March 19 - 10:45 a.m. Youth will be installing bluebird boxes along the trail.
- March 20 - Monday Night Ministry (Ladies) RSVP to Tanya Chupp 330-466-9145
- March 22 - 10 a.m. GLOW Ladies
- March 22 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- March 26 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship
- March 26 - 2nd Hour for all. Table talk discussion about the sermon topic meets in the Fellowship Hall
- March 27 - 6:00 p.m. - Welcome Team meeting
- March 27 - 7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

Do you have questions or concerns or just curious about something within the church? You are invited to reach out to our Church Elders:

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Church Office Hours

Monday thru Friday

9:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

ATTENTION YOUTH (grades 7-12)

March 19: "Bluebird Bash Part 2." We'll install our bluebird boxes along the Holmes County Trail after church as a community outreach project. Feel free to invite friends to help us out! We'll plan to leave from the church at 10:45 or after the worship service. This will probably take longer than just the second hour so we'll have packed lunches we can eat on the trail. Wear old clothes and shoes and bring gloves. If you need a ride home after we are done let Michelle know. We should be done by 1:00 at the latest.

