



# The Weekly Update

## Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

### March 19, 2025

The late Pastor Tim Keller used to tell a helpful little story. He would ask us to imagine two men working a boring, monotonous and difficult job. Every day the two men get up, go to work and labor all day. It's physically exhausting, mentally tedious, the conditions are terrible, the compensation is limited and the demands are high.

He asks us to then imagine that the first man performs his job simply for his wage – a small amount of money that promises no hope of improvement. He goes to work just to live. Then Keller asks us to imagine that the second man has been told, that if he works this job for a year, at the end he will be given a treasure of riches and freedom from ever having to work again.

Keller asks: what is the difference between these two men? They both have to get up and go to work everyday; they both hold the same hard, unfulfilling position. Both of them do the same tasks at the same time and for the same wage. But something is different between these two. The second man can go to work with joy and purpose, he can endure the difficult circumstances and invest himself in his work because he KNOWS that the future holds something better for him – he knows that in the end, there will be satisfaction and rest.

It is the same for those who belong to Christ. When we know that our future is secure with Jesus, we can go about our lives completely differently! We can go through the circumstances of our lives with joy, meaning, purpose and direction BECAUSE we know our ultimate future is safe in the hands of God.

During the last week of His life before the cross, Jesus knew that His people needed the comfort that comes from confidence in the joyful future, so He taught His disciples about the sure promise that He will return, and when He does He will set all things right. We learned about this last Sunday (you can see a summary of the events of the Tuesday of Passion Week below).

Just as Keller said in his story: when we belong to Jesus, the joyful future changes how we live our everyday lives. How does it encourage you to know that your future is safe with Jesus?

| TUE  |          |          |          |                 |
|--|----------|----------|----------|-----------------|
| Disciples see the fully withered fig tree                  | 21:19-22 | 11:20-26 | 21:37-38 | MOUNT OF OLIVES |
| Jesus' authority questioned by leaders                     | 21:23-27 | 11:27-33 | 20:1-8   | JERUSALEM       |
| Parable of the two sons                                    | 21:23-27 |          |          |                 |
| Parable of the vinedressers                                | 21:33-46 | 12:1-12  | 20:9-19  |                 |
| Parable of the wedding feast                               | 22:1-14  |          |          |                 |
| Pharisees question about paying taxes                      | 22:15-22 | 12:13-17 | 20:20-26 |                 |
| Pharisees question about the resurrection                  | 22:23-33 | 12:18-27 | 20:27-40 |                 |
| Scribe questions about the great commandment               | 22:35-40 | 12:28-34 |          |                 |
| Jesus' question about David's Lord                         | 22:41-46 | 12:35-37 | 20:41-44 |                 |
| Woe to the scribes and Pharisees                           | 23:1-39  | 12:38-40 | 20:45-47 |                 |
| Poor widow's mite  |          | 12:41-44 | 21:1-4   |                 |
| Prophecy of destruction of Jerusalem and the Lord's coming | 24:1-51  | 13:1-37  | 21:5-36  | MOUNT OF OLIVES |
| Parable of the ten virgins                                 | 25:1-13  |          |          |                 |
| Parable of the talents                                     | 25:14-30 |          |          |                 |
| Parable of the sheep and the goats                         | 25:31-46 |          |          |                 |

## Happy Birthday

March 22 Ean Miller  
March 25 Shanna Swinehart



You are invited to a baby shower  
in honor of

Quintin Keller Smith.

When: Saturday March 22

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Where:

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

R.S.V.P. text "Party" to 330-464-0702 giving

## APRIL PRESBYTERY MEETING

There is a Great Lakes Presbytery Meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 2025, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM with Welcome and Check-in opening at 8:30 AM. Lunch will be provided.

Greenfield First Presbyterian Church is hosting. Their address is 457 Jefferson St. Greenfield, OH 45123. There is a small parking lot behind the church and street parking on Fifth St. and Jefferson St.

The topic is Cultural Intelligence in the Church with teachings and discussions facilitated by Keith Hileman

If you think you would like to attend – talk to Pastor Jos for additional information.

Registration is required.

## VOLUNTEERS FOR March 23

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Greeters</b>           | Beth Reed<br>Tanya Chupp |
| <b>Ushers</b>             | Reid & Shawn McKelvey    |
| <b>Café</b>               | Wendy McKelvey           |
| <b>Nursery (Worship)</b>  | Kim Morrow               |
| <b>Nursery (2nd Hour)</b> | Vickie Rhamy             |
| <b>Kidz Jam</b>           | Bridget Rhamy            |
| <b>Kids 2nd Hour</b>      | Bridget Rhamy            |
| <b>Elder Assist</b>       | Darcy Miller             |
| <b>Safety Team</b>        | Nick Miller              |



Secretary Jeann will be out of the office March 21 through March 31

# PRAYER

**Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.**

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

### Military Service:

- **Isaiah Styer - adjusting to new post in Hawaii**
- Hunter Amolotte deployed to southern border
- Shannah Swinehart - Army National Guard
- Christa Nelson - Navy
- Steven King - Army
- Ryan Chabak - stationed in Arizona
- Gaven Bee - stationed in Dayton, OH

### Prayer Needs

- Victims of recent natural disasters

### Health Concerns

- **Barry Henderson - recovering from appendectomy & undergoing some heart tests**
- **Carla Oxenrider - kidney issues**
- Continued prayers for Zach Stevenson's stepfather's recovery from a stroke
- Jeff Styer's cousin - stroke and recovery
- Candace - facing surgery following accident
- Parents Caleb & Tatum and baby Theo - newborn in ICU with blood sugar issues.
- Tim - Alzheimer's disease
- Pat Thomson
- Kelly - thrown from a horse
- Pastor Albert continued healing from accident
- Jane Heilman

### Battling Cancer

- **Janet Lee - cancer surgery 3/27/2025**
- Jamie - brain tumor
- Diane Scott
- Susan Halliday
- Janet Lee
- Waldo - cont'd prayers for remainder of chemo
- Landon Sommers - Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Keylee - leukemia
- Dale James

### Condolences

- The family of Stefan Hostetler
- The family of Sgt. Shaffer

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

## **The Children's Ministry Team has a special request for our church family.**

We are asking you to join with us in praying for the kids of the church and for growth and blessing in kids ministry. We are eager to see more children and families connect with our programming for kids; but as we work toward that goal, we are asking all of you to join us in prayer. We know that God is the one who can help us reach more children and so we want to be asking Him to be at work in these things. Each week in the weekly update we will be sharing a simple prayer prompt for each day of the month and it will be connected with a Bible reference that the prayer is based on. We encourage you to pray with us but lifting up the children in your life, or by praying a general blessing on the children of our community. Your commitment to join us in praying for these things is a blessing to us and makes a difference! Thank you!

Praying for Kids – March 19 – March 25

### ***March 19 - Colossians 1:6***

This same Good News that we teach in children's ministry is going out all over the world. I pray for those ministries, that they may bear fruit by changing lives, just as it changed my life from the day I first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace.

### ***March 20 – Colossians 1:7-8***

The children at our church are learning about the Good News from me and \_\_\_\_\_, my beloved co-workers. We are your faithful servants, and we have seen the love for others that the Holy Spirit has given my kids.

### ***March 21 – Colossians 1:9***

I will not stop praying for these children from the moment I meet them. I ask, God, that you give them a complete knowledge of your will and give them spiritual wisdom and understanding.

### ***March 22 – Colossians 1:10***

May the way children live always honor and please you, Lord, and may their lives produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, may they grow as they learn to know you better and better.

### ***March 23 – Colossians 1:11-12***

I pray that you will strengthen these children with all your glorious power so they will have all the endurance and patience they need. May they be filled with joy, always thanking you, Father. You have enabled us to share in the inheritance that belongs to your people, who live in the light.

### ***March 24 - Romans 16:25-27***

Now all glory to you, God, who are able to make kids strong, just as the Good News says. This message about Jesus Christ has revealed his plan for all these children, a plan you've held from the beginning of time. But now make this message known to children everywhere, so that they too might believe and obey you. All glory to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, forever. Amen.

### ***March 25 – 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3***

I thank you, God, for our children's ministry team, and pray for them constantly. As I pray to you about them, I think of their faithful work, their loving deeds, and the enduring hope they have been because of you, Jesus.