



The Weekly Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

March 20, 2024

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This coming Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week, which marks the end of Lent and covers the historical events leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus. At FPC we will be celebrating Holy Week with regular Sunday worship services, Maundy Thursday worship and the special community sunrise service on Easter. Also you can follow the events of Holy Week with special Scripture readings in this Sunday's devotional provided with the worship bulletin. But as a reminder, here are the key highlights of how Scripture describes the week leading up to Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday – the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Jesus enters the city to the celebration and welcome of the crowds; but Jesus weeps as the people cheer, knowing that they are about to reject Him.

Monday – Jesus clears the Temple of money changers. As the people gather to hear Him, the religious leaders confront Him about His authority and try to trap Him in His words.

Tuesday – Jesus meets with His disciples on the Mount of Olives and has a long time of teaching and discussion as they talk about what is going to happen “at the end of the age”.

Wednesday – Nothing is specifically recorded on this day, although some scholars speculate that this is the day that Judas agrees with the religious leaders to betray Jesus.

Maundy Thursday – Jesus celebrates the Lord's Supper with His disciples in the Upper Room, He prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, is betrayed, arrested and put on trial by the Jewish authorities. His disciples all abandon Him; and by the time the rooster crows, Peter has denied Him and He is condemned by the ruling council.

Good Friday – at sunrise, Jesus is brought before Pontius Pilate to be judged. Despite finding no guilt in Him, Pilate orders Him beaten by Roman soldiers who mock and ridicule Him. Pilate eventually bends to the wishes of the Jewish crowd and orders Jesus to be executed on a cross. Jesus is crucified on a hill outside the city, and at 3pm, He gives up His spirit and dies on the cross. Before the sun sets, He is buried in an unused tomb and as darkness draws near, Passover begins.

Holy Saturday – the Sabbath. Jesus' friends and family mourn as guards are placed around the tomb where His body was laid.

Easter Sunday – at dawn, the women closest to Jesus go to care for His body at the tomb but find it empty. They report what they discovered, and the news of Jesus' missing body reaches the disciples who gather again in the Upper Room. Jesus appears to them there as word spreads of the Resurrected Christ.

It is my sincere prayer that this Holy Week you might again encounter the sorrow, wonder, joy and hope of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus; and that you might be strengthened to keep trusting Him wherever He leads us.

-Pastor Jos



And the First Place winner of our chili cook-off is Danny Brown. Second place ended in a tie between Melodie Stroud and Delores Schlegel And third place was the Team of Pastor Jos and Adam Swinehart. A big thank you to everyone who made chili and to all the "testers" who came and ate and voted. Later, after the

winner was announced, tables of cards and board games appeared for a night of continued fellowship. Thank you to the Congregational Life Team for this organizing this fun evening.



Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday

March 24

Maundy Thursday

March 28 at 7 p.m.

A service of reflection, music and communion.

Community Easter Sunrise Service

7:00 a.m. at East Cemetery,

Breakfast is at

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church following the Sunrise Service.

Our Easter Morning Service

March 31

Worship service at 10:00 a.m.

Please note: No Second Hour on Easter Sunday.

The children are invited to remain in worship Easter Sunday Morning. There will be a Nursery, but no KidzJam. We will have a kid's message that morning and a special Easter Worship Bag.

Time for a
break



Secretary Jeann will be out of the office March 22 through April 2

PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

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

Praises

- **The chili cook-off fun and game night**

Military Service:

- Shannah Swinehart - Army National Guard
- Christa Nelson - Navy
- Tristan Burns - Air Force stationed in Africa
- 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:

- Mike's dad - heart attack
- Tonya - dialysis
- Ronnie - light stroke prayers for restoration of whatever was lost by the stroke
- Keylee & her mom, Kristen - Keylee was recently diagnosed with leukemia
- Theresa Smith - in skilled nursing facility
- Kevin Walton recovering from open heart surgery
- Al Amstutz - recently diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, and other health issues.
- Charles Sears - serious car accident
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- David
- Jonathan - stomach cancer
- Marianna Miller - recent diagnosis with aggressive form of cancer
- Kevin Hanna
- Mary Hardesty - colon cancer
- Tara
- Dale James

Condolences

- **The family of Art Weaver**

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

March 25 - Shannah Swinehart

March 30 - Pat Thomson

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Happy Anniversary

April 2 -Mary & Jeff Edington



FPC Youth (7th-12thGrade)

For the 2nd Hour on Palm Sunday, we'll meet in the youth room and get creative! We are going to make a resurrection garden for Easter Be sure to join in!



Ladies First Friday Event

is Friday, April 5th at the home of Cheryl Nelson,

8989 Emerson RD in Apple Creek. (You'll want to arrive at 6:30) We'll be doing an Apple Creek Area Road Rally Scavenger Hunt from 6:45 - 7:45 pm and the movie Love Kennedy in the garage from 7:45-9:15 pm. Can't stay late? Then just come for the race or if you can't get there early then just come for the movie. ***Please RSVP no later than Tuesday, April 2 so that she can determine teams and drivers for the race.

MARION WORK DAY



The next Work Day in Marion is scheduled for 3/23/24. We will meet in the church parking lot at 7am and car pool out. All are welcome to enjoy a day of fellowship and support a great cause. The building is going to be named the Joyce A. Rogers Marion Community Center in memory of Pastor Cory's late mother. You can find more information on the Marion Hands of Hope Facebook page. We will be installing drywall on the walls we built last October. If we have enough help, we will also frame the walls for the exam rooms. If you have any questions and/or to sign up please contact Paul Miller 330-465-8329. Pastor Cory's church will again be providing breakfast and lunch. Be sure to sign up so we can let them know how many to plan for.

MORE CHILI PICS!



CALENDAR FOR MARCH

- March 24 - Palm Sunday—Sunday morning worship and Second Hour for all ages.
- March 25 - 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
- March 26 - 7:30 p.m. The Grind (Men)
- March 27 - 10:00 a.m. G.L.O.W. (Women)
- March 27 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team—all musical participants in the Easter Service must attend this practice.
- March 28 - 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday
- March 31 - Sunrise Service at East Cemetery Breakfast to follow here at FPC
- March 31 - 10:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service No Second Hour today.