

WEEKLY UPDATE

March 25,
2026

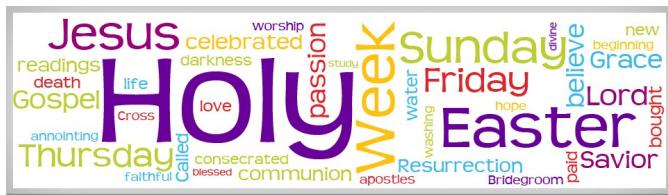
This past Sunday we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the first worship service in our current Sanctuary. For many years prior to that first Sunday, Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church engaged in a season of intense effort and hard work to build the facility we have today. There is much to be celebrated in looking back on to that event; let me share with you what I'm reflecting on about that time.

When I first interviewed for my job here I was impressed by the story of the church's choice to brand-new church building. That is a difficult decision and a huge commitment for a church our size, and it spoke to something about the character of this congregation. Immediately I realized FPC had a willingness to do challenging but important things. I learned FPC deeply cared about its past but was committed to what God wanted from the church in the future. I learned that FPC was able to mobilize its members and friends to accomplish a task that seemed daunting. In short – because of the successful building project, I learned in that FPC was a place where people were attentive to God's leading and faithfully followed Him.

I have also been reflecting not just on how the building revealed the congregation's dedication, but most importantly how it revealed the faithfulness of God. I have never heard someone tell the story of the building project without talking about how God was present every step of the way. The recurring themes that come up when people discuss the new building are mobilization of the congregation, leadership committed to clarity and consensus and – most importantly – the goodness of God throughout all of it. This church talks about the building as something God provided, not something that we achieved; and that's as it should be!

Most of all, I have been saying prayers of thanksgiving to God, because He lovingly directed the FPC community and leadership through the building process, and because God blessed the community with the faith to listen and respond as He leads. As someone who wasn't here at the time, I celebrate with all of you who were, and I say "thank you" to God for you! Happy Anniversary!





HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Who are you inviting to the Easter Service?

March 29 - Palm Sunday. Worship Service at our regular time. 2nd Hour for all.

April 2 - Maundy Thursday. 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

April 5 - Community Easter Sunrise Service will take place at 630 a.m. at East Cemetery, and everyone is invited back to the Church of Christ for breakfast following the Sunrise Service.

April 5 - Easter Morning 10 a.m. worship service here at FPC. A nursery will be available.

Please note: There is no 2nd Hour on Easter Sunday.



It's not too late!!

We are having a choir of people sing one number during the Easter Sunday service. If you didn't get to sign up, it's not too late!

Just come to practice Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. and sing with us!! Or, you can reach out to Pastor Jos. We'd love to have you.



SEASONS BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, here's your invitation to join Seasons Bible study Tuesdays 6-7:30pm at the church. We will be starting a new study March 31 - None Like Him: 10 ways God is dif-

ferent from Us by Jen Wilkin. Cost of the books is \$6. Contact Claudia Ward if you are interested or have questions - 330-466-3417. Join us as we grow our faith, draw closer to one another and Him, and ... eat yummy snacks! Hope to see you there!

PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

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

Praises

- **Jessie's high risk pregnancy ended last Friday with a healthy baby boy and healthy baby mama.**

Military Service: We have 7 young men & women serving in the Armed Forces. Please keep Abraham, Isaiah, Shannah, Christa, Steven, Ryan and Gaven in your prayers.

Prayer Needs

- Prayers for our military troops
- College students traveling on spring break
- Josiah's friend Mikey - feeling burdened
- Prayers for our country
- Unspoken

Health Concerns

- Mike Covert
- Melinda Moffitt - recovering from surgery
- Mike Covert's grandson Spencer - surgery and recovery
- Larry Oxenrider - surgery and recovery
- Cindi Doll - brain aneurysm
- Edna Wade - health concerns
- Susan (James) Halliday
- Mark Lemon - cont'd prayers for progress
- Pat Thomson
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- Mike Sherrick - lung cancer
- Mariann Stutzman - pancreatic cancer
- Nicki
- Janet Lee
- Waldo - cont'd prayers for remainder of chemo
- Landon Sommers - Hodgkin's Lymphoma

Condolences

- The family of Connie McKelvey
- The family of John Welsh

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



March 30 - Pat Thomson

Questions or concerns or just curious about something within the church? You are welcome to reach out to our Church Elders:

Angie Chapman	330-465-0963
Beth Miller	513-319-6447
Darcy Miller	330-440-4155
Frank Morrow	330-201-4847
Earl Rhamy	330-988-4285
Mike Rhamy	330-464-0961
Steve Schlegel	330-317-3898
John Scott	330-466-0226
Claudia Ward	330-466-3417

You can make your tithes and contributions in a variety of ways:

- Use the box in the sanctuary on Sunday morning
- mail checks to P.O. Box 259 Fredericksburg, OH
- text to "Give" to 833-648-1702
- drop off your contributions during regular church office hours
- Use this link <https://give.tithe.ly/?formId=54989dfd-ce72-447c-bbc1-6109d5ecbd89>



Becoming a community that cultivates faith and faithfulness to Christ

MARCH/APRIL CALENDAR

March 25	10 am	G.L.O.W.
March 25	6:45 pm	Music Team
March 26	7pm	Intercessory Prayer (Zoom)
March 29		Palm Sunday Worship and 2nd Hour for all
March 30	7 pm	Lenten Bible Study
March 31	6 pm	Seasons Study
April 1	10 am	G.L.O.W.
April 1	6:45 pm	Music Team
April 2	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
April 5	6:30 a.m.	Community Sunrise Service
April 5		Breakfast at Church of Christ Following the Sunrise Service
April 5	10 a.m.	Easter Sunday Service FPC

VOLUNTEERS FOR MARCH 28

Greeters	Abby Rhamy & Marcy Speelman Shirley Swinehart
Ushers	Keith Hewitt & Cody Daugherty
Café	Connie Herman
Nursery (Worship)	Shyler Swinehart
Nursery (2nd Hour)	Mary Ann Henderson
Kidz Jam	Shirley Swinehart
Kids 2nd Hour	Shirley Swinehart
Safety Team	Shad Swinehart
Elder Assist	Angie Chapman



The Deacons are putting together a list of people in the church willing to assist with funeral meals in **2026**. Assisting comes in the form of providing a specific food item or helping with the set-up, or the serving or the clean-up.

The Deacons are also putting together a list of people who would be willing to provide a meal in case of a special need such as surgery, births or other special occasions. You can sign-up for either or both on the sheets on the table in the Gallery



PRAYING FOR OUR PASTORS IN SIERRA LEONE



Sorieba Momoh Conteh
Village of Kadembella

Pursuing: Pastors Degree
Age: 32

This week (March 25 – March 31) we are praying for: (Ezekiel) Sorieba Momoh Conteh with Kadembella Church. Ezekiel shares this prayer request with us: “I have 63 members (in Kadembella) but our biggest challenge (is that) we don’t have church building. I want you to pray for me so that we will have a church building in our community because even the members and the pastor are fasting and praying about it because it is a big challenge that we’re going through, especially during the rain season - we find it difficult to keep service because of the rain. Please help us in prayer so that our church will have a building to help spread the gospel.”

A significant portion of our church’s mission budget goes to support students in a pastor training school in Sierra Leone. We have had a long-standing relationship with Pastor Albert (who coordinates these students) and his ministry efforts in his region of Sierra Leone. Among the support we offer are scholarships for students attending pastoral training. These pastors and ministers serve throughout the region, and FPC’s support of these growing leaders means the good news will spread far beyond our little community here in Ohio. Your gifts to the church are helping cultivate faith and faithfulness to Christ all the way across the world!

But, our friends need more than just financial support – they need our prayers as well. Each week we will be featuring a different scholarship recipient and encouraging you to pray for them, their families and their training. The outreach team is also in touch with these pastors in training and is receiving personal prayer requests from each of them. How cool is it to know that we can support our friends in Sierra Leone through prayer and care?!? Please take some time each week to lift these fellow believers up in prayer.



FREDERICKSBURG
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JOIN OUR TEAM!

NOW HIRING: Director of Music and Worship

FPC is looking for an enthusiastic and respectful Director of Music and Worship who demonstrates an active faith in Jesus that falls in line with ECO’s theology, and is skilled in vocal and instrumental music leading. This role also requires good verbal and written communication skills and works well in a highly collaborative setting.

RESPONSIBILITIES (include but are not limited to):

- Coordinate worship experiences for the whole church; provide guidance for all worship experiences; work to incorporate worship in all areas of church life
- Coordinate music, media, and overall worship service with Pastor, Worship Team, Music Team, and Tech Team
- Lead music at regular Sunday morning worship services and other services of worship throughout the year
- Offer suggestions and observations which would improve FPC’s music/worship ministries
- Assume other duties as may be assigned by the Pastor; participate in regular staff meetings

To learn more about this position and/or to apply, please email a cover letter and current resume to: jsmolik@fredericksburgpres.org

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Please share
this
information
with anyone
you think
might be
interested in
joining our
team!

