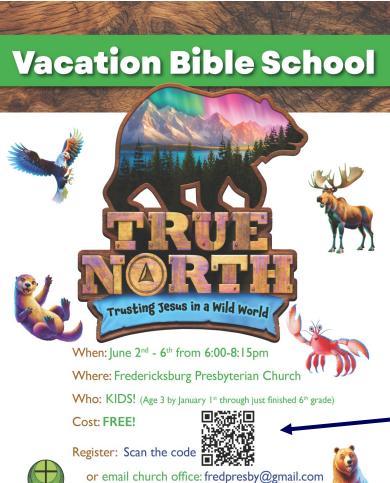


## The Weekly Update Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church May 28, 2025





(Registration is appreciated, but walk-ins welcome!)

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# VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Everyone can help with bringing in the kids!!

You have kids, you have grandkids, you have nieces & nephews and neighbor kids!

Take this front page and SHARE IT

with all the kids you know. You can sign a kid up to attend VBS by going to:

https://forms.fillout.com/t/61bPBAUZWdus

Or, scan the code in the announcement on the left

#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The first time I moved away from home my dad made sure to gift me with a full tool kit. It had different screwdrivers, pliers and wrenches; a hammer, a level, a tape measure, a knife and a variety of other tools. As I opened it and looked in, I knew what almost all of the tools **were** – but I had used very few of them – I didn't really know what the tools **did**.

But as I began to care for my own home and my own things, I had to learn how to use all those tools. I learned that it's always worth using a level to hang a picture. I learned that even though it's tempting, use the Phillips-head screwdriver for Phillips-head screws – the flat screwdriver won't work and will ruin the head of the screw. I learned that you have more control if you hold the hammer close to the top of the handle, but more power if you hold it close to the bottom of the handle – getting the right balance between power and control is key.

Since then my toolbox has grown. Over the years I got more and better tools, I learned how to tackle more projects with confidence, and also learned when I need to ask for help. But the need for a toolbox has remained.

This May we have spent time thinking about the toolbox we need to have in order to build healthy relationships with people. Connecting with others in friendships is harder than ever, and it was our goal to learn from Scripture how to strengthen our abilities and desire to do so. For many of us – just like me and my first toolbox – we know what these tools ARE but we don't always know how to USE them.

That was our goal – to learn how to use the tools of hospitality, prayer, listening, curiosity and love – to help us build relationships – because the mission of God is lived out in RELATIONSHIPS with other people! In order to help us, we have tackled some experiments each week to help us learn how to use these key tools. For our final week we discussed the art of showing love. Here were our experiments from our last Sunday:

- 1. Take a walk and consider the question would people who know me at a distance say that I am a loving person what evidence could they produce to back up their answer?
- 2. Write out the 1 Corinthians 13 definitions of love give yourself a 1-5 assessment on each item (1 is very weak; 5 is very strong) ask God to help you where you are weak and thank Him for the places you are strong.
- 3. Look for a way this week to show love to a person in a way that they WANT to receive. Not all offers of love are received that way how can you stretch to show love to a person in a way that it is received well?

It's my prayer that we will all grow stronger and more confident in connecting with others, because we are on God's mission to tell the world about King Jesus – and our mission field is all around us every day!



#### Trail Mix May 29 6:00 p.m.

Join us for "Trail Mix", a time to get together as a church family and community at the Holmes County Trail in Fredericksburg. All ages and

ability levels are welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors! Meet Thursdays at 6:00 pm. in the FPC parking lot and walk Diagonal Street to the trail from there. If you have any questions, contact Michelle at 330-464-4723 or



Coming to a pulpit near you this summer!

#### 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 - May 28— June 3

#### May 28 - Philemon 1:4-5

I always thank God when I pray for \_\_\_\_\_, because I keep hearing about his/her faith in the Lord Jesus and his/her love for all of God's people.

#### May 29 - Philemon 1:6

And I am praying that children will put into action the generosity that comes from faith as they understand and experience all the good things we have in you, Jesus.

#### May 30 - Jude 1:24-25

Now all glory to you, God, who can keep each child from falling away and will bring them with great joy into your glorious presence without a single fault. All glory to you who alone are God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and authority are yours before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time! Amen.

#### May 31 - Psalm 8:1-2

O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth! Your glory is higher that the heavens. You have helped me teach children and infants to tell of your strength.

#### June 1 - Ephesians 1:15-16a

God, I thank you for the faith in Jesus children in my church have shown, and their love for your people.

#### June 2 - Ephesians 1:16b-17

I pray for the children in my ministry constantly, asking you, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give those children spiritual wisdom and insight so that they might grow in their knowledge of you. God.

#### June 3 - Ephesians 1:18

I pray that children's hearts be flooded with light so that they can understand the confident hope you have given to those you called—your holy children who are your rich and glorious inheritance.

### Happy Birthday

May 29 Ann King

May 30 Theron Swinehart May 31 Duane Wood

June 2 Marcy Speelman
June 3 Connie McKelvey



### Happy Anniversary

May 30 Veronica and Jeff Styer





# Congratulations to our graduates! Andi Schuch, Mimi Shaw,

Nick St. John, Tessa St. John, Josiah Styer, and Catarina Webb



You are invited to the graduation party for Andi Schuch at the church on June 21 from 1-4 p.m.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR June 1** 

**Greeters** Beth Reed

Tanya Chupp

**Ushers** Reid & Shawn McKelvey

Café Wendy McKelvey

Nursery (Worship) Erika Schuch
Nursery (2nd Hour) Bridget Rhamy
Kidz Jam Bridget Rhamy
Kids 2nd Hour Georgie Miller
Elder Assist Claudia Ward
Safety Team Duane Wood

**Communion Prep** Marcy Speelman **Communion Servers** Claudia Ward,

Darcy Miller, Beth Miller, Earl Rhamy

The Deacons would like to invite all of us to send encouraging cards or gifts to Mark Lemon as he continues his

recovery. Your personal words of support and care go a long way. Visits are not recommended, but individual expressions of care will be a blessings! You can send cards or gifts to:

Canal Winchester Health & Rehab Center C/O Mark Lemon Room 504 6800 Gender Rd West Winchester, OH 43110



Saturday, May 31 from 6:30 - 10:00 a.m. at Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church Meals by donation

# PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.
The prayer needs listed in **BOLD** are new to the list.

#### **Praises**

All the graduating seniors

#### Military Service:

- Isaiah Styer in Hawaii
- Shannah Swinehart Army National Guard
- Christa Nelson Navy
- Steven King Army
- Ryan Chabak stationed in Arizona
- Gaven Bee stationed in Jordan

#### **Prayer Needs**

- VBS kids, helpers, music, community
- Claudia's sister Karen on hospice comfort
- Northwestern High School
- Unspoken

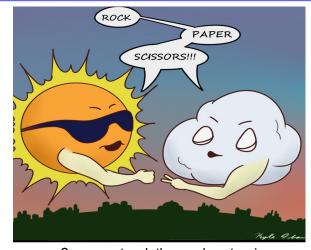
#### **Health Concerns**

- Those needing/seeking mental health help
- Janine's cousin recovering from heart surgery
- Melodie Stroud recovering from knee surgery
- Mark Lemon prayers for progress
- Pat Thomson
- Jane Heilman

#### **Battling Cancer**

- Janet Lee
- Diane Scott
- Janet Lee
- Waldo cont'd prayers for remainder of chemo
- Landon Sommers Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Dale James

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



Someone teach the sun how to win at this game more often!