

Update

Last week, I had the privilege of traveling to Dallas to attend the annual ECO Presbytery Leaders Meeting. ECO is our church's denomination – and although we don't talk too much about it, ECO is a significant part of our church's DNA and a huge partner for us in ministry! The meeting was two and a half long days (April 28–30) of learning, conversation and encouragement alongside roughly 40 other presbytery leaders from across the country.

I attend this gathering in my role as Chair of the Ministry Partnership Team (MPT) for the Great Lakes Presbytery, which covers all of Ohio and Michigan. Each year, this meeting brings together key leaders from around ECO – Moderators, Vice Moderators, Clerks and MPT Chairs - to share what's working, wrestle with what's hard, and align around the vision of building a denomination of flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ.

This year, four key initiatives took center stage, and I am excited to give you all a little peak inside what ECO is really working on in this season of our development!

Leadership Development has been a growing priority for ECO, and it's one I feel personally connected to since I help coordinate lay leader training programs within the denomination. Strong churches are built on strong leaders — not just pastors, but the men and women in the pews who are equipped and unleashed to serve. ECO is investing meaningfully here, and the momentum is exciting.

Global Engagement was another highlight of the week. ECO is actively deepening its connections with ministries around the world, and the opportunities emerging in this space are remarkable. There is a growing sense that ECO's reach and impact extends past local congregations, and that's something worth celebrating. In particular, because so many other denominations are stepping BACK from global mission, ECO sees an opportunity to step FORWARD in partnering in Gospel work outside of our borders.

We also spent significant time on **Church Health Tools**. These are practical resources the denomination is developing to help individual congregations identify where they are thriving and where they need to grow. These tools aren't about measuring up to some external standard; they're about helping each church find its own next flourishing step. That kind of intentional, grace-filled investment in local church health is exactly what a healthy denomination should be doing.

Finally, there was a rich conversation around **Church Planting** and the fresh vision of presbyteries becoming the incubators of new churches in their regions. The Great Lakes Presbytery covers a lot of ground, and the hope is that by working together, we might be better equipped to identify areas of need and possibility.

Even with all this, the thing I most appreciate about the presbytery leaders meeting isn't the agenda, it's the people! Spending time with fellow leaders from across the country, who love Jesus, love ECO and are working hard to see disciples faithfully living on mission is a reminder that we aren't alone. The Kingdom of God is bigger than our congregation or presbytery, and it's being proclaimed by faithful ECO folks all over the U.S. and beyond!

MAY CALENDAR

May 07	7 pm Intercessory Prayer (Zoom)
May 10	Mother's Day Sunday morning worship 2nd Hour for all
May 11	7 pm VBS planning meeting
May 12	6 pm Seasons Study
May 12	7:30 pm The Grind
May 13	10 am G.L.O.W.
May 13	6:30 pm Trustees
May 13	6:45 Music Team
May 14	Outreach Team Meeting (time TBA)
May 14	7 pm Intercessory Prayer (Zoom)
May 17	Sunday morning worship
May 17	2nd Hour for all
May 18	6:30 pm Deacons Meeting
May 19	6 pm Seasons Study
May 19	7 pm Session Meeting
May 20	10 am G.L.O.W.
May 20	6:45 pm Music team



GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL and COLLEGE SENIORS...

If you are a graduating high school or college senior, or if you have a graduating high school or college senior in your immediate family, the church office would like to recognize them during the worship service later in May. If you could supply Secretary Jean with a Senior or recent photo, that would be great! We'd also like to know what after graduation plans are - College? Trade school? Career plans?

VOLUNTEERS FOR MAY 10

Greeters	Beth Reed Michelle Wood
Ushers	Jerry Herman Cody Daugherty
Café	Jenny Reed
Nursery (Worship)	Connie Herman
Nursery (2nd Hour)	Melinda Moffitt
Kidz Jam	Delores Schlegel
Kids 2nd Hour	Delores Schlegel
Safety Team	John Scott
Elder Assist	Mike Rhamy

PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

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

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
- Prayers for our country
- Unspoken

Health Concerns

- Randy Wirick
- Tonya Wade
- Emily Stephan
- Aaron Spencer
- Mike Covert
- Edna Wade
- Susan (James) Halliday
- Pat Thomson
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- Tom Jefferies - thyroid cancer
- Nelson's neighbor, Vickie
- Mike Sherrick - lung cancer
- Mariann Stutzman - pancreatic cancer
- Nicki
- Janet Lee
- Waldo - cont'd prayers for remainder of chemo
- Landon Sommers - Hodgkin's Lymphoma

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



May 9	Maddox Kidd
May 10	Chuck Massaro
May 11	Mike Covert
May 12	Cheryl Nelson
May 12	Michelle Wood





Vacation
Bible School
June 15 - 19

Ages 3 (as of Jan 1) -
Current 5th Graders

We need Volunteers:

- Registration Station
- AV/Tech
- Adult/Parent Outreach
- Photography
- Station Leaders
- Crew Leaders
- All-Around All-star Help
- Decorating Team



There is a sign-up sheet in the Gallery, or you can sign up on the Friendship Register. You can talk to Mike or Bridget Rhamy if you have questions.

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
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BOYSCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Saturday May 23
7:00 am - 11:00 am**

**Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church
201 N Mill St. Fredericksburg**





FREDERICKSBURG
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JOIN OUR TEAM!

NOW HIRING: Administrative Director

FPC is looking for a part-time (25-30 hours per week) faithful disciple of Christ who combines a servant's heart with high-level administrative and technical proficiency. This role is a vital resource for leadership, congregation and community and will facilitate coordination of ministries.



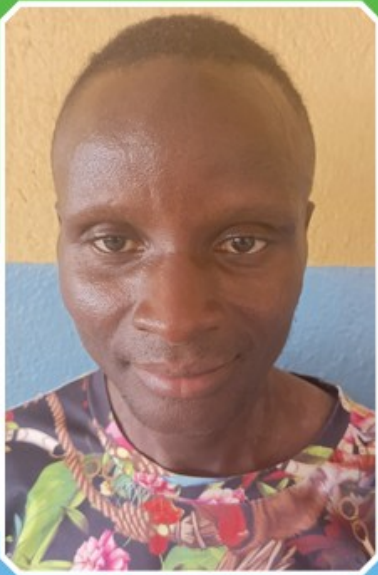
RESPONSIBILITIES (include but are not limited to):

- Primary point person and expert for the church database
- Proactively maintain and oversee both the church ministry and building calendars
- Oversee digital and physical environments
- Maintain high-level of comfort with digital programs
- Possess administrative and secretarial competency

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

Becoming a community that cultivates faith and faithfulness to Christ

PRAYING FOR OUR PASTORS IN SIERRA LEONE



John Paul Kargbo
Village of Kakamba

Pursuing: Certificate Course
Age: 27

This week (May 6 – May 12) we are praying for: John Paul Kargbo with Kakamba Church John Paul asks us to pray for “wisdom, knowledge and understanding to rule my people in the Church”.

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.