

From the Pastor's Desk

I had a bit of a freakout moment last week. I flipped my wall calendar from April to May. OH MY WORD, IT'S ALREADY MAY - WHY IS 2025 FLYING BY? Am I the only one who feels like they blinked and it's almost summer? Since it is the beginning of May, that means it has been three months since we had our congregational meeting and laid out a number of things we would be working on this year, so I wanted to take an opportunity with the newsletter article this week to update you on some of things we discussed in that meeting.

First – we let you know that we have completed the first major steps in preparing to hire a part-time director of music and worship. A job description has been written and approved and a search team has been formed. The search team consists of two elders, two representatives from the music team and two at-large congregation members. The team will be meeting soon and will be posting our job opportunity in the coming weeks. You can expect to hear more updates about the search as it progresses. Please pray for this search, and when you see the job posted, please share as you feel appropriate!

Second – I'm sure you have heard that VBS is coming back to FPC this summer. The kids ministry team is a devoted, hard-working and faithful bunch of people who are eager to reach kids with the good news of King Jesus. We hope this helps us make more connections with young folks and families in our area. WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH THIS! We need volunteers, decorations, prayers, and most importantly, we need your help to invite kids to join us. Here is a specific thing you can pray for – the team has gotten permission to share flyers for VBS and other activities for Fredericksburg kids with ALL the kids in several area grade schools!!! Please pray that these flyers are seen by parents and adults and that we will have new faces joining us for VBS!

Third - God has richly blessed our church with amazing ministry leaders, a beautiful building, faithful covenant partners and healthy finances – so now it's time to use those things to make disciples! We are in the middle of a sermon series encouraging us to invest in connections with other people – to have spiritual conversations that create opportunities for disciple-making. We will be emphasizing these kinds things throughout the rest of year. We are doing this because we are a blessed church who can use those blessings to join God on His mission. We are all privileged to share in the responsibility of building the church through reaching others with the good news of Jesus. How are you sensing God's prodding to show hospitality to those who aren't already part of our church family?

Fourth – Even with all this movement forward, we remain committed to caring for each other and faithfully attending to the covenant partners of FPC. Our deacons have worked hard to organize themselves to have connections with every church member; our elders pray for each and every one of you by name each month; we will continue to worship authentically, administer the sacraments rightly, teach God's word joyfully and care for the membership with all the grace and love God gives us.

I hope that you are as enthusiastic and blessed about the future of FPC's people and ministry as I am! God is working in our midst, and it's a blessing to keep reaching for God's will in the life of our church!

With love –
Pastor Jos

VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

You can sign a kid up to attend VBS by going to:

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

Please invite your grands, extended family members and neighborhood children to join us. We need ALL OF US to make personal invitations – this is what makes the difference!

DECORATING ITEMS NEEDED FOR VBS

VBS is only a few weeks away and the VBS volunteers are planning out the decorations they need for the week of June 2-6. The theme is

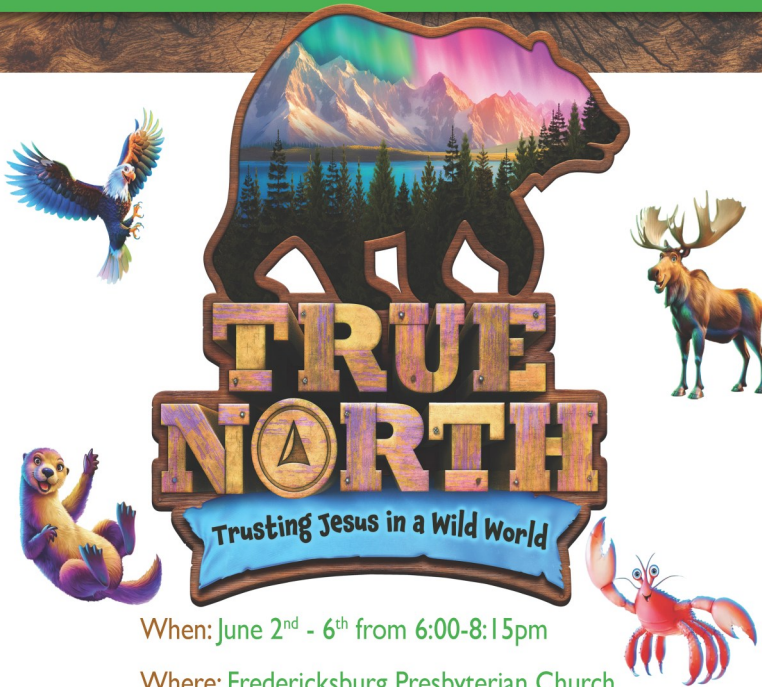


“True North - Trusting Jesus in a Wild World” The items needed all have to do with camping and the wilderness. Below is a list of needed items. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Gallery. Remember to label your items. Bring them to church by May 18 and store in the pre-school room. If you are unable to get to church to sign up, call or email the church and we'll get you signed up.

Items needed

Small tents (4)	Camping backpacks (2)
Sleeping bags (4)	Portable fire pit (2)
Paddles (4)	
Coolers (3)	Camp chairs (4)
Coleman Stove (2)	Picnic Basket (2)
Walking Sticks (2)	Logs (4)
Camp cooking Supplies (4)	
Medium Round Stones (2)	
Stumps (4)	
Pencil Trees (4)	
Narrow Christmas Trees (4)	
Large Cardboard (2)	

Vacation Bible School



When: June 2nd - 6th from 6:00-8:15pm

Where: Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

Who: KIDS! (Age 3 by January 1st through just finished 6th grade)

Cost: FREE!

Register: Scan the code



or email church office: fredpresby@gmail.com

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



201 N. Mill Street
Fredericksburg, OH 44627



Scan this code if you are available to HELP with VBS



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 7– May 13

May 7 - Ephesians 3:17

Jesus, make your home in children's hearts as they trust in you. Give them roots that grow down into God's love and keep them strong.

May 8 - Ephesians 3:18

May children have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.

May 9 - Ephesians 3:19

May children experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then may they be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from you, God.

May 10 - Ephesians 3:20-21

Now all glory to you, God. You are able, through your mighty power at work within our children's ministry team, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to you in our children's ministry and in Christ Jesus through this generation we lead, and all generations forever and ever! Amen.

May 11 - Ephesians 6:19-20

And God, I pray for myself. Give me the right words so I can boldly explain your mysterious plan that the Good News is for children and grown-ups alike. No matter what happens, I pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for you, as I should.

May 12 - Philippians 1:3-5

Every time I think of our volunteer team, I give thanks to you, God. As I pray, I make my requests for all of them with joy, for they are my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ with the kids at our church.

May 13 – Philippians 1:6

And I am certain, God, that you began a good work in the children I teach and will continue your work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Rescheduled Trustee Work Day



Because of the nasty weather last week the Trustees Work Day was canceled and rescheduled for this Saturday, May 10, **at 8:00 a.m.**

Bring gloves, rags, buckets, shovels, rakes, & a water bottle. We will provide lunch.

Happy Birthday

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





Trail Mix May 8

6:00 p.m.

In the church parking lot.

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, and please invite your friends and neighbors! Meet each Thursday at 6:00 pm. In the FPC parking lot and we will walk Diagonal Street to the trail from there. If you have any questions, contact Michelle at 330-464-4723 or

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 one of our worship service May 25. If you could supply Secretary Jeann 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?



You are invited to the graduation party of Nick & Tessa St. John on May 18 at the church from 4-7 p.m.

You are also invited to the graduation party for Josiah Styer at the church on May 25 from 2-5 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS FOR May 11

Greeters	Genevieve & Beth Miller Michelle Wood
Ushers	Scott Schlauch & Cody Daugherty
Café	Jenny Reed
Nursery (Worship)	Connie Herman
Nursery (2nd Hour)	Wendy McKelvey
Kidz Jam	Sherri Machamer
Kids 2nd Hour	Sherri Machamer
Elder Assist	John Scott
Safety Team	Angie Chapman

PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

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

Praises

- **A new baby**
- **College graduate**

Military Service:

- Isaiah Styer 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

- **VBS - kids, helpers, music, community**
- **Sydney Douglas - recovering from surgery**
- Unspoken
- Triway students Ava, Annette and Viv injured in car accident

Health Concerns

- Melodie Stroud recovering from knee surgery
- Mark Lemon - prayers for progress
- Tonya Wade - upcoming surgery
- Zach Stevenson's stepfather
- Pat Thomson
- Pastor Albert continued healing from accident
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- Janet Lee
- 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 Tim Rettig**

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