



Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church Weekly Update November 1, 2023

Hey there, FPC -

I found this week's newsletter topic nailed to the door of my pastor's office. Now, before the trustees jump in with concern for the preservation of my wooden door, let me add that it was "nailed" with a very serious looking nail, into a ball of Plasti-Tak. Only a seasoned elementary teacher can truly appreciate the greatness of yet another use for that magic stuff!

Anyway, I digress. "Nailed" to my door was a crumpled, paper-bag brown sign that read "Happy Reformation Day."

Yes, October 31 marks the 506th year since Pastor Martin Luther nailed 95 talking points to the door of his Wittenberg church on All Hollows' Eve for the purpose of starting a conversation about reforms that he felt were needed in the church. It did not end well; he was excommunicated by the pope; and it launched the Protestant Reformation which split the church again.



I say again, because in 1054 AD there was the "Great Schism" between the east and the west. Rome got "too big for its britches" when the Roman bishop declared supremacy over the bishops of Alexandria, Jerusalem, Antioch, and Constantinople. The four "Popes" from the east took issue with the hierarchy and with the fact that the Roman Pope added words to the Nicene Creed without convening an official council. Thus, the church split for the first time about 1,000 years after Jesus founded it on the Apostles. It split into Roman Catholic in the west and Eastern Orthodox in the east (think of the movie My Big Fat Greek Wedding).

The first split came after 1,000 years. The second time after 500. We tend to think of church splits as a negative thing, and they are. Yet, the diversity of worship and practice in the church of Jesus Christ is also a feature. All are welcomed; all are nurtured; all find a home in Christ's body. Then he offers us an invitation to be his ambassadors. We implore others to come to Christ. We seek to share what we have received from God, and finding a place of belonging, service, and community is a key feature of joining a church. Together, may we care and tend the congregation that Christ has entrusted to all of us!

With Great Love, Nancy

PS. I'm looking for people to share a testimony and story of God's goodness on Sunday, Nov. 19. Our theme will be "Give Thanks" - please let me know if you have something to share.



Happy Birthday!

November 2 - Ryan Schlegel
November 2 - Hilary Schlegel



Happy Anniversary!

November 3 - Tonya & Matt McKelvey
November 5 - Ea & Jesse Kidd
November 8 - Connie & Kelly McKelvey

RECEPTION OF COVENANT PARTNERS

The church plans to receive new Covenant Partners on November 26 during the worship service. If you would like to become a Covenant Partner, please indicate your interest on the Friendship register, notify Jeann in the church office or talk to Pastor Nancy.

Hello FPC family, I'm sure for many of you the announcement from the PNC on Sunday might have felt abrupt or unexpected. What you are hearing for the first time is something the 6 of us have been processing for many months. Let me share a few reasons why I think Jocelyn Smolik stands out, as well as some interesting tidbits.

Jocelyn has a deep love and passion for Jesus, His Word, and for building up the body of Christ. She's genuine, and genuinely interested in getting to know people. Jocelyn is a clear communicator, and has gifts of organization and administration.

Fun fact: Jocelyn's undergrad degree was in journalism, and she had some early experience as a news reporter! Also, her master's degree in Biblical Studies and Faith Formation is from Wheaton College, and it was during these years that she was a teacher and cheer-leading coach at McCluer North High School in the St Louis area.

I'm excited to experience these next years at FPC, and to see God's plan unfold. We are on a journey of faith together, and there are no other people I'd rather travel with than you!

In Christ,

Melinda Moffitt



Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

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

Praises

- **Great news from the PNC**

Military Service:

- **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 - Turkey

Prayer Needs

- Israel
- Unspokens

Health Concerns:

- Tanya Chupp recovering from shoulder surgery
- Theresa Smith - move to retirement facility
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- Leslie Carr
- Heather - recovering from chemo & monthly infusions
- Tara
- Susan Halliday - Sherri Machamer's sister
- David Stoltzfus - Sherri Machamer's nephew
- Cole Hubacher - 11 yr. old battling cancer
- Michael & Belinda Witt (Michael has cancer)
- Linda Snyder (ECO Pastor)
- Laurie Miller
- Steve Gordon
- Andrew Miller
- Bill Opie
- Sonya Griffen
- Bonnie Stryker
- Dale James

Condolences

- **The John Leeper family**
- The Joe Calderone Family
- The Linda Yoder Family

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

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group 2nd Hour Schedule

Sunday, November 5: Bird Box Clean Up--we need to clean out the bird boxes that we installed along the Holmes County Trail so they are ready for new bird families next spring, so let's do it before it gets even colder. Dress for the weather and wear shoes that can get dirty (as in horse poop dirty).

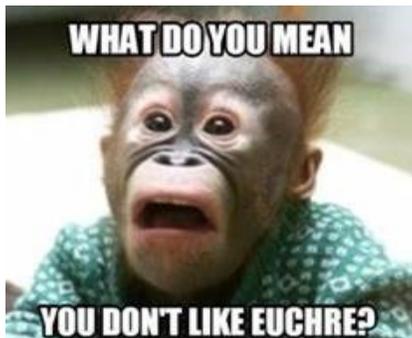
Sunday, November 12: Pickleball 2. Last call for pickleball! In the fellowship hall.

Sunday, November 19: Deep Thoughts by Matthew. The insightful Matthew Smith will be our speaker.

Sunday, November 26: Church wide decorating for Christmas

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

- Nov. 3 - 6:30 p.m. First Friday (Ladies) wrap a mug to swap and bring your own supper. In the Fellowship Hall.
- Nov. 5 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship
- Nov. 7 - Election Day
- Nov. 8 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW (Women)
- Nov. 8 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- Nov. 8 - 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting
- Nov. 11 - 6:00 p.m. Euchre
- Nov. 12 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship
- Nov. 15 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW (Women)
- Nov. 15 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- Nov. 19 - 9:30 p.m. Sunday morning worship
- Nov. 21 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team?
- Nov. 23 - Happy Thanksgiving
- Nov. 24 - Church office closed
- Nov. 26 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship
- Nov. 27 - 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
- Nov. 28 - 7:00 p.m. The Grind (Men's Group)
- Nov. 29 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW (Women)
- Nov. 29 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team



We are playing Euchre Saturday, November 11 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome

You are invited to reach out to our Church Elders if you have any questions or concerns about the church.

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AUTUMN TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. First day of Autumn—Sept 23
2. Where to leaf-peep—New England
3. What pigment decreases in plants to cause them lose their green color? Chlorophyll
4. Largest pumpkin growing state— Illinois
5. What spice is NOT in Mexican hot chocolate? Ginger
7. Oktoberfest takes place which German city? Munich
8. Jewish holiday taking place in the fall? Rosh Hashanah
9. Root vegetable traditionally used to carve Jack-O-Lanterns? Turnip

Thanks for playing!

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Church office hours

Monday thru Friday 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m

Change your clock,
change your smoke detector batteries
this weekend.



"I love settling the clocks back one hour. So it gets dark at 5pm" Said no one ever!