



# November Weekly Update November 12, 2025



## AT TABLE WITH JESUS

NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>: At Levi's House (Luke 5:27-31)

NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>: At Simon's House (Luke 7:36-50)

NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>: At a Pharisee's House (Luke 14:1-24)

NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>: In Christ's Kingdom (Luke 22:14-30)

This November we have been talking about – and experiencing – hospitality! Just this weekend many church members hosted groups for the progressive dinner, offering food and connection and care for the rest of us. We're also looking forward to our post-worship gathering on November 23 following worship – where we will be treated to a meal with each other as we celebrate the goodness and abundance that God shows to us.

The ideas of hospitality and plenty are what we're exploring in our November sermon series – At Table with Jesus – where we are looking at some of the banquet scenes in Luke, and what they have to teach us about inclusion and welcome at God's table. Jesus was constantly interacting with others around a shared meal; and as He does, He shows us the picture of God's provision, welcome and care for us.

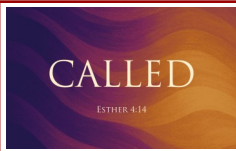
Hospitality is a recurring concept throughout Scripture that often gets overlooked. Biblical hospitality isn't about being a flawless host, with fancy dinner parties or perfectly staged guest rooms; instead hospitality in Scripture is about something much more significant. To offer hospitality to others is to open your space and your life to others; it's living in a way that makes other people feel at home in your presence.

Just as we've been learning in the book of Luke, showing hospitality isn't simply about sharing meals; it's a powerful act of love and community. We want to be generous hosts, welcoming people into our own lives and into our circles of connection. The banquet stories of Luke paint a picture of Jesus this way: as willing to include any who may come – no matter their background, reputation or past.

Biblical hospitality means representing our radically generous Savior in receiving others into our lives. And it's actually simpler than you may think! Maybe it's inviting a colleague for coffee, offering to watch a neighbor's pet, or merely making eye contact and starting a conversation with someone you have never met before. It doesn't take much to be a good host – it just takes a willingness to open our lives to others.

So, challenge yourself this November and think about the role that hospitality plays in your life. Ask yourself: do people feel welcome and cared for in my presence? Is there someone in my regular circles whom I could reach out to with a gesture of care or generosity? Can I see the call to hospitality as an invitation to view everyone I meet as a potential friend waiting to happen?

Jesus has been so generous with us: welcoming us into His family through the gift of His very life – what better example of hospitality could we ask for?



**Esther 4:14**  
**"And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"**

ECO's National Gathering is coming February 2-5 in Atlanta Georgia. Guest speakers for the event include Esau McCaulley, Mandy Smith, James R. Edwards and Toni Collier. There are break-out sessions on everything from "Healthy Teams and Leaders" to "Global Engagement". Pastor Jos will be attending as well as delegates chosen from Session. In addition, the Gathering is open to anyone who is interested. The website is

<https://www.econationalgathering.org/>

You can reach out to Pastor Jos for additional information if you are interested in attending.



**SAVE THE DATE !** November 23 will be the final sermon in the series "At Table with Jesus" and we will all share a meal together. You will not have to prepare or bring a thing! This meal will be provided by the Session. We will also be decorating the church for Advent & Christmas that day.



To all the veterans in our church family and community: thank you! This Veterans Day week, we want to take a moment to express our sincere appreciation for the incredible service and sacrifices you and your families have made for our country. We know the freedom we cherish is a gift from God, and we recognize that it was and is protected by service members' commitment, bravery and willingness to answer the call. You are valued members of our community, and we are praying for you and sending our heartfelt gratitude for all you have done.

**Help For the Cookie Walk -** The Outreach Team



is planning a Live Nativity to be held during the Cookie Walk on December 10 from 6-8:00 pm.

They are looking for a halter broke donkey, lamb, goat and/or calf for the stable. We also need people for the Christmas story - Mary, Joseph, shepherds, Wise Men, a narrator, costume coordinator and a music coordinator. Other items needed include an outside 2-3foot Bethlehem star, wooden gates or wooden panels for "barn walls" There is a sign-up sheet in the Gallery. You can talk to Erika Schuch or Michelle Wood for additional details, and more ways to help.

# PRAYER

**Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.**

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

## Praises

- **God's awesome love & mercy for all of us**
- **All veterans, and their service to our country**
- **Jim Ward's successful cataract surgery**
- **Mark Lemon able to worship with us**

**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

- Kadaimba in Sierra Leone - wind blew roof off school building
- Prayers for our country
- Prayers for victims of recent violence
- Pastor Albert
- Unspoken

## Health Concerns

- **Karen - health concerns**
- Jessica - 2nd trimester high risk pregnancy
- Mayson White - injured HS football player
- Susan (James) Halliday
- Mark Lemon - cont'd prayers for progress
- Those needing/seeking mental health help
- Pat Thomson
- Jane Heilman

## Battling Cancer

- **Mike Sherrick - lung cancer**
- Justin Myers - considering hospice
- Mariann Stutzman - pancreatic cancer
- Logan - 13 yr. old with brain tumor
- Nicki
- Janet Lee
- Diane Scott
- Waldo - cont'd prayers for remainder of chemo
- Landon Sommers - Hodgkin's Lymphoma

## Condolences

- **The family of Justin Myers**
- **The family of Diane Scott**

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

**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 – November 12 - November 18**

### ***November 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.

### ***November 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.

### ***November 14 – Philippians 1:7-8***

So it is right that I should feel as I do about the children in my church, for they have a special place in my heart. They share with me the special favor of God. God, you know how much I love these children and long for them with the tender compassion of Christ Jesus.

### ***November 15 – Philippians 1:9***

I pray that your love will overflow more and more in the children I serve, and that they will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding.

### ***November 16 – Philippians 1:10***

I pray that children truly understand what really matters, so that they may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return.

### ***November 17 - Philippians 1 :11***

May these children always be filled with the fruit of salvation—the righteous character produced in their lives by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to you, oh God.

### ***November 18 – Colossians 1:3-5***

I always pray for these children, and give thanks to you, God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For they have shown me their faith in Christ Jesus and their love for all of God's people, which come from their confident hope of what you have reserved for them in heaven.

## November Calendar

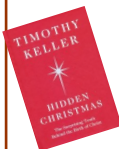
November 13	7:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer
November 14	9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship
November 18	7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
November 19	10:00 a.m. G.L.O.W.
November 19	6:45 p.m. Music Team
November 20	7:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer
November 23	9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship
November 23	Church family meal
November 23	Decorate the church
November 25	6:00 p.m. Seasons Study Group
November 25	7:30 p.m. The Grind
November 27	Happy Thanksgiving
November 30	Sunday morning worship
November 30	1st Sunday in Advent

## VOLUNTEERS FOR NOVEMBER 16

<b>Greeters</b>	Genevieve & Beth Miller Bridget Rhamy
<b>Ushers</b>	Brent St. John Cody Daugherty
<b>Café</b>	Connie Herman
<b>Nursery (Worship)</b>	Melinda Moffitt
<b>Nursery (2nd Hour)</b>	Jenny Miller
<b>Kidz Jam</b>	Shirley Swinehart
<b>Kids 2nd Hour</b>	Shirley Swinehart
<b>Elder Assist</b>	Angie Chapman
<b>Safety Team</b>	Shad Swinehart

### ADVENT READING

Looking for something to read during Advent? Here are a few suggestions from the Worship Team. These were selected from a search on [christianbooks.com](http://christianbooks.com) But are also available on Amazon.



In the Manger by Max Lucado

Hidden Christmas by Tim Keller

Come Let Us Adore Him by Paul David Trip



### It's time to order

#### Christmas poinsettias!!

There is a sign up sheet in the Gallery. The cost is \$7 for a 4 1/2" pot. Colors available: red, white, pink, marble & jingle bells - speckled red & white



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Nov. 13 - Laura Scott  
Nov. 15 - Miriam Styer  
Nov. 18 - Lois Covert



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](mailto:jsmolik@fredericksburgpres.org)

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



# Our Greatest Adventure

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER HONORING  
THE PARENTS-TO-BE

## HOLLY & CODY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, 1-4PM

FREDERICKSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
201 N MILL ST, FREDERICKSBURG, OH 44627

Feel free to stop by anytime between 1:00-4:00pm

### Display Shower

Your thoughtful gift will be put on display so no need to wrap it for the big day.

An unwrapped present is just as sweet and will give us more time to mingle and eat!

### Books For Baby

One small request that won't be too hard. Please bring a book, instead of a card.

He'll cherish the book, well-loved or brand new. Please sign the inside with a message from you!

### Diaper/Wipes Raffle

Bring a pack of baby wipes or diapers of any size for a chance to win a special prize!

*our preferred brand is Rascals, found at Walmart*

### Registry

[babylist](#)

If you would like to bless the baby, we kindly ask that gifts

come from the registry to avoid duplicates.

*Thank you!*

Church Family~

We want to thank everyone that participated in the Progressive Dinner Activity on November 9th. There were 46 diners, which we all felt was terrific! Everyone seemed to have fun and enjoyed spending some quality time with those they may not always have an opportunity to do so on Sundays. A special thank you to the people that hosted individuals for portions of the meal:

Veronica Campbell

Kim Crosby

Mary Ann and Barry Henderson

Debbie and Keith Hewitt

Spencer Hodges

Kim and Frank Morrow

Cheryl and Chris Nelson

Beth Reed

Vickie and Earl Rhamy

Delores and Steve Schlegel

Laura and John Scott

Nancy and Gerald Stephan

Claudia and Jim Ward

We hope to offer another opportunity of "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" next Spring or Summer.

**Back in 2023, we learned that an EF-1 tornado struck New Life at Calvary in Cleveland (a sister church, in our Presbytery), and did significant damage.** Plans were

made then to resume worship in the church's gym and move their offices offsite while funds were raised to repair and rebuild the damaged sections.

Pastor Kellie Sullivan has recently shared that *"through God's grace, we received a \$175,000 matching grant from the National Fund for Sacred Places. So far, we've raised \$130,811.34, and we need \$44,188.66 to receive the full match. Every dollar we raised is matched by the grant. Please join us in restoring New Life at Calvary. Your generosity preserves not only a sacred building but also a living ministry that continues to bring hope, healing, and transformation to the heart of Cleveland"*.

If the Lord moves you, offerings can be given in the following ways"

- By Mail: New Life at Calvary, 2020 East 79<sup>th</sup> St. Cleveland, OH 44103
- Online: [www.nlac.tv](http://www.nlac.tv) (click on the giving tab)
- Cash App: \$2NLAC