



Fredericksburg  
Presbyterian Church  
Weekly Update  
November 15, 2023

## EXCITING TIMES!!

The PNC is looking forward to bringing Rev. Jocelyn Smolik here on December 3 to preach a sermon and we will then vote on receiving her as our new pastor. The article below was written by Tanya Chupp, describing her thoughts and feelings about Jos.

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One of my favorite things to discover when interviewing Jos was her devotion to relationships. It became evident very early on that she values relationships above all else. She was very detail oriented when she described her mentors, confidants and peers. I personally, have the same regard for relationships and value them deeply. The life of and heart of Jesus was always relationally based at its core. Much of his teachings were/are about love above all else. I had a deep sense of that virtue within her when we interviewed Jos.

What stood out though to me more than the relationships she valued most, was how she regarded her conflicts and relationships of trial. I think doing life with those who are like minded is easy... but the core of who we are is based on how we do relationships with those outside our fringe. She was quick to own her failures and to speak on things where it didn't end the way that she had hoped. She elaborated on several instances where the outcome disappointed her. She also spoke on several situations where she was able to negotiate through hard and crucial conversations to find common ground. For me, that's the grit I was looking for in a long term pastor. One who had experienced both wins and losses, but had a heart for relationships at their core. Being able to love a flock well, not always telling them what they want to hear, but holding steadfast to the word of God tightly in the midst of turmoil, discord and division. That's what was heavy on my heart that we needed here in our Burg. Convicting and just love, rooted in the word, with a heart like Jesus. Jos is that all rolled in one.

-Tanya Chupp

Join us Sunday, November 26 following worship for a time of fellowship, and preparing the church for Advent and Christmas. There will be no second hour that morning. Following

worship, everyone will decorate the church for Christmas. Then we'll gather together as a church family to decorate the tree. We'll play Christmas Carols and enjoy some hot chocolate and cookies along with some fun and fellowship. EVERYONE IS WELCOME





### Happy Birthday!

- November 18 - Lois Covert
- November 22 - Faye Graham
- November 22 - Ea Kidd
- November 22 - Zach Stevenson

### Youth Group 2nd Hour Schedule

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

**Sunday, November 26:** Church wide decorating for Christmas

### CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER-

- Nov. 19 - 9:30 p.m. Sunday morning worship
  - Nov. 21 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
  - Nov. 21 - 6:30 p.m. Welcome Team Meeting
  - Nov. 23 - Happy Thanksgiving
  - Nov. 24 - Church office closed
  - Nov. 26 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship
  - Nov. 26 9:30 a.m. - Reception of new Covenant Partners
  - Nov. 26 - 9:30 a.m. Baptism of Theron Michael Swinehart
  - 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
- December 2-3, Rev. Jocelyn Smolik will be coming to meet you all. There will be a Meet & Greet on Saturday, December 2. More details next week!

### WE NEED BAKERS

Calling all cookie bakers! Between now and Christmas Eve, there are several events coming up that will require cookies as part of the refreshments. We'd like to line up some bakers to help provide them (They don't have to be Christmas cookies! Chocolate chip, oatmeal, snickerdoodles, etc. will be just fine.)

The first date cookies will be needed is November 26 when we gather after worship to decorate the church for Christmas. There will be a signup sheet on the table in the Gallery for you to volunteer to bake. **Note:** baked ahead cookies can be frozen and stored in the church freezer.



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

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

#### Praises

- **Edna's a-fib is holding steady**
- **Triway's Musical**

#### 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

- **Tuscarawas Valley High School and Community**
- Israel
- Unspokens

#### Health Concerns:

- **Edna's brother - heart issues**
- **Brian Baker - surgery on burns from fire**
- Wayne County Care Center - many w/Covid
- Tanya Chupp recovering from shoulder surgery
- Theresa Smith - move to retirement facility
- Jane Heilman

#### Battling Cancer

- **Leslie Carr - chemo**
- **Mary Hardesty - colon cancer**
- 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 family of Karen Timney**

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