

Weekly

Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church November 23, 2022

PASTOR NANCY NOTES AND NEWS

Dear Fredericksburg Pres,

I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve among you. This community of Christ followers has demonstrated resilience and faith in the middle of a long season of transition. You have assumed leadership and oversight for so many aspects of the life of a church. It is inspiring to see all the ways people have stretched and offered their gifts and talents. That is something for which we can "give thanks."

I trust the Lord with our future and I trust Him to lead us like a good shepherd (because he is!). Enjoy the day on Thursday. Whatever way it comes to you - give thanks and call someone to tell them that you are thankful for their presence in your life. All blessings to you!

And now for a little Thanksgiving Day trivia (hopefully entertaining!):

- No turkey was on the menu at the first Thanksgiving. What was on the menu? Deer or venison, ducks, geese, oysters, lobster, eel, and fish. They probably ate pumpkins, but no pumpkin pies.
- The first Thanksgiving was eaten with spoons and knives — but **no forks!** That's right, forks weren't introduced to the pilgrims until 10 years later and weren't a popular utensil until the 18th century.
- Thanksgiving is the reason for TV dinners! In 1953, Swanson mistakenly ordered so much extra turkey (260 tons) that a salesman told them they should package it onto aluminum trays with other sides like sweet potatoes — and the first TV dinner was born.
- The very first Thanksgiving football game was played between Princeton and Yale in 1876. American football was in its infancy, but the sport and the Thanksgiving tradition quickly caught on. By 1893, 40,000 spectators showed up to watch the Princeton-Yale Thanksgiving game in New York's Manhattan Field.
- The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began in 1924 with 400 employees marching from Convent Avenue to 145th Street in New York City. No large balloons were at this parade, as it featured only live animals from Central Park Zoo.
- Americans eat 46 million turkeys each Thanksgiving. The average Thanksgiving turkey weighs 15 pounds.
- Canadians also celebrate Thanksgiving, but they do so on a different day and for an unrelated reason. The Canadian celebration commemorates a feast between English explorer Martin Frobisher and his crew after their successful sail from England to the Canadian territory in 1578.

Finally, Here's a version of The Blessing (by Elevation Worship) out of Hawaiian Island Ministries, led by Pastor Dan Chun, and ECO pastor of First Pres Honolulu. Enjoy. (*This song was recorded during the 2020 Covid shut-down*) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BxQ0RnKjrZy>

And when I see you on Sunday... it will be the first week of Advent!

Much Love,

Pastor Nancy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nov. 23 - Ben Bowling
Nov. 26 - Kaylee Parrot
Nov. 27 - Molly Parrot
Nov. 30 - Jeff Styer



Join us this Sunday, November 27 following worship for a time of fellowship, and preparing the church for Advent and Christmas. There will be no second hour for Adults that morning. Following worship, the adults will decorate the church for Christmas while the children rehearse for the Christmas program. Then we'll gather together as a church family to decorate the tree. To make it truly special, bring an ornament from home for the tree. We'll play Christmas Carols and enjoy some hot chocolate and cookies along with some fun and fellowship. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**



The church is presenting the play "Once Upon a Manger" December 11 during worship. We hope you will join us for the program and linger afterwards for some refreshments and fellowship.

We need a few volunteers to provide refreshments following the Christmas Program. Cookies are always welcome! Crackers and cheese and other finger foods are welcome too! There is a sign-up on the table in the Gallery.

SEARCHING FOR A NEW HOME

The braided ficus tree in the Gallery has out-grown its pot again. It is also getting too big for the Gallery. We would like to re-home Mr. Ficus to a plant-loving new owner as soon as possible, as the tree seems to be failing in its current environment. **FREE!** First to ask takes it. Talk to Secretary Jeann



FROM THE PNC

The PNC has moved forward with a candidate to Session and Great Lakes Presbytery to continue the search process. We encourage everyone to be in prayer for the PNC Team, the candidate, Session and Presbytery leaders as they consider the future of our church

PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

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

Praises

- **Families together for Thanksgiving.**

Military Service:

- Rusty King - Middle East
- Isaiah Styer currently in North Carolina
- Jeff & Veronica's nephew in National Guard

Prayer Needs

- The holiday season & those who have lost loved ones.
- Triway Band & Choir going to Disney
- Unspoken
- Session, Trustees & the PNC
- The Ukraine & Danny

Health Concerns:

- Sherri Machamer - healing after surgery
- Veronica's mom - recent fall—decisions to be made
- Edna's nephew - heart attack
- Tonya Wade - kidney transplant - blood work concerns
- Melinda Moffitt's father - inpatient therapy
- Lillian Duncan - non cancerous brain tumors
- Susie Parrot - inoperable brain tumor
- George & Jane Ann Heilman

Battling Cancer

- Dale James
- Leslie Carr
- Herb Martin - stage 4 lung cancer
- Delores Schlegel's sister Rose's finance
- Mike Harter
- Art Wetmore
- Chris - brain tumor
- Renee Wood

Condolences

- The family of Donna Stine
- The family of Rose Riley
- The family of Terry Roper, Jr.
- Frank Morrow's family in the passing of his mother

HOLMES COUNTY SHARE-A-CHRISTMAS

The Outreach Team is sponsoring a food and clothing drive to assist Holmes County Share-A-Christmas in collecting the following items for area children this holiday season:

- hats and gloves
- 250 cans of pasta (i.e. spaghetti, ravioli, etc)
- 150 one pound boxes of dry pasta (spaghetti, penne, elbows, etc)

This Sunday, November 27 is the final Sunday to bring in your donations.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Session Has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday December 4 following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for 2023. Being presented as Elders are Claudia Ward and Steve Schlegel. Being presented as Deacons are Beth Reed and Marcy Speelman.



POINSETTIAS - It's time to order poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas Eve. There is a sign-up sheet on the sign-up table in the Gallery. The cost is \$7 and there are 4 color choices available.

This Sunday, November 27 is the final Sunday to place your order.

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Church Office Hours

Monday thru Friday 9:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS.

There are currently several different Advent Devotionals on the table in the Gallery. The single sheet, refrigerator calendar one is new this year. The other devotionals are remainders from previous years. Feel free to select one that best suits your needs.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

- Nov. 24 - Happy Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 24 & 25 - Church office closed
- Nov. 27 - First Sunday in Advent
- Nov. 27 - Youth Meet @ 10:45
- Nov. 27 - Decorate the Church for Christmas
- Nov. 30 - GLOW @ 10 a.m.
- Nov. 30 - Music Team @ 6:30 pm
- Dec. 2 - Ladies First Friday
- Dec. 4 - Second Sunday in Advent
- Dec. 4 - Congregational Meeting to elect Officers
- Dec. 5 - 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
- Dec. 7- GLOW @ 10 a.m.
- Dec. 7 - Music Team @ 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 7 - Trustees Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 8 - Fredericksburg Cookie Tour
- Dec. 11 - Third Sunday in Advent
- Dec. 11 - Christmas Program during worship
- Dec. 11 - Refreshments following program
- Dec. 13 - Fredericksburg Elementary Christmas program here in the church.
- Dec. 14 - GLOW @ 10 a.m.
- Dec. 14 - Music Team @ 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 18 - Fourth Sunday in Advent
- Dec. 18 - No Second Hour
- Dec. 18 - Home-cooked luncheon for the church
- Dec. 21 - GLOW @ 10 a.m.
- Dec 21 - Music Team @ 6:30
- Dec. 24 - 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas
- Dec. 25 - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service.
- Dec. 26 - Church office closed