

# Weekly Update

November 27, 2024

As we are about to celebrate Thanksgiving this week, I wanted to share with you some of the very many things I am thankful for about Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church!

I am thankful for the way the people of this church keep the Gospel of Jesus at the heart of all you do. Jesus is honored in the ministry of FPC.

I am thankful for the sincere way you have **all** welcomed me with open arms. It's hard to believe that it's only been a little over 10 months since I arrived in Fredericksburg, because you all have made me feel so at home.

I am thankful for the way this church takes the Bible seriously, believes Scripture has authority over our lives and wants to be obedient to what it says.

I am thankful for the history our church has of celebrating God sightings; for a church culture that looks for and expects God to be at work among us.

I am thankful for how deeply the people of this church care for one another. Your expressions of love and kindness to each other are a blessing.

I am thankful for the staff of the church; Jeann serves in so many ways out of deep love for the congregation, Dean works faithfully behind the scenes to maintain the building and grounds; and Jenny brings creativity and warmth to all she does.

I am thankful for the session elders, who lead the congregation with faithfulness to Christ and a desire to serve.

I am thankful for the deacons, who are dedicated to caring for the congregation with diligence and creativity. (and who make some great chicken and noodles!)

I am thankful for the teachers and leaders in our congregation, who lead kids, youth, and adults to know God through His word.

I am thankful for so many ministry leaders who meet and work diligently to provide for the ministries of the church.

I am thankful for this beautiful facility we have, where we can worship and gather and where we can grow.

I am thankful for the congregation, faithfully gathered on Sunday mornings, lifting up their voices in worship and providing each other encouragement by their presence and love.

I am thankful for the faithful tithers, who give financially and sacrificially to support work of FPC.

Most of all, I am thankful to the Lord for a future of walking alongside all of us as we seek to cultivate faith in Jesus. I am looking forward with happy expectation and gratitude for all we will keep seeing God do in our midst!

Thank you, Lord, for this beautiful FPC family!

# Welcome baby boy

It is exciting to share the news that Quintin Keller Smith, was born to Matt and Tiana Smith on November 22, 2024. Quintin joins big brother Finley, and weighed in at 7 lbs., 11 oz and measured 19 1/2 inches long. It's reported that mom and baby are doing well.



## WE'VE GOT SOME GREAT NEWS!

Join our social media family and follow us on Instagram for FPC news, info, and fun. We will be posting weekly service reminders, ministry updates, devotionals, and fun/trivia questions. Follow us [@fredpresby\\_oh](https://www.instagram.com/fredpresby_oh) today to get connected.

## DECEMBER *First Friday*

Ladies! On Friday, December 6 let's gather together at the church at 6:30 p.m. Bring a salad or dessert and a wrapped Christmas item to exchange.

# PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

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

### Praises

- **The birth of Quintin Keller Smith**

### Military Service:

- Shannah Swinehart - Army National Guard
- Christa Nelson - Navy
- Rusty King - Army
- Ryan Chabak - stationed in Arizona
- Isaiah Styer - stationed at Camp Lejeune in NC
- Gaven Bee - stationed in Dayton, OH

### Prayer Needs

- All victims of Hurricanes Helene & Milton

### Health Concerns:

- Roger Stroud continued healing
- Jenny Miller's Uncle Joe
- Rachel - healing
- Tanya Chupp - continued healing
- Dale & Tonya
- Edna Wade's sister - back pain
- Julie - health concerns
- Paula Shrader - broken hip
- Pastor Albert continued healing from accident
- Tiana - prayers for her and baby
- Wendy Scott - health concerns
- Jane Heilman

### Battling Cancer


- Susan Halliday - battling cancer
- Judy Pinnick - colon cancer
- Janet Lee - lung cancer diagnosis
- Mary Hardesty - entering hospice
- Waldo - cont'd prayers for remainder of chemo
- Landon Sommers - Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- David
- Keylee - leukemia
- Dale James

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



**Congregational Meeting** There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday Dec. 8 following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for 2025.

**Office closed** The church office will be closed Thursday November 28 and Friday November 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



November 27 - Molly Parrot  
 November 30 - Jeff Styer  
 December 1 - Steven Machamer  
 December 2 - Brayden Kidd  
 December 2 - Mark Lemon

- VOLUNTEERS FOR DECEMBER 1**
- Greeters** Beth Reed  
Michelle Wood
  - Ushers** Reid & Shawn McKelvey
  - Café** Wendy McKelvey
  - Nursery (Worship)** Veronica Styer
  - Nursery (2nd Hour)** Bridget Rhamy
  - Kidz Jam** Bridget Rhamy
  - Kids 2nd Hour** Georgie Miller
  - Elder Assist** Earl Rhamy
  - Safety Team** Angie Chapman
  - Communion Prep** Connie & Jerry Herman
  - Communion Servers** Earl Rhamy, Beth Miller,  
Paul Miller, Steve Schlegel
  - Advent Readers** Nick & Beth Miller family



**Christmas Eve Service**  
**December 24 8:00 p.m.**  
**Who can you invite to this special service?**  
**Tell your friends, your neighbors, Your family .**

**THANK YOU!**

A big thank you to all who stayed last Sunday to help make the church look festive for the holidays! Check out the pictures on the last page.




## Our Deacon Of the Week!

### Scott Schlauch

**Free Day Fun**  
Taking a walk, antiquing, eating ice cream

**Overseas Vacay**  
Prefer to visit Carolinas

**Something Interesting**  
At one time, I had hair!

**Favorites**

FOOD: Pizza  
 COLOR: Blue  
 BIBLE CHARACTER: Noah

**Hobbies**

Landscaping/yard work, keeping up with real estate market on Zillow, watching car reviews on YouTube

**Quick Hits**

Baseball or Football  
 Mountains or Beach  
 Chocolate or Vanilla  
 Mexican Food or Chinese Food  
 Late Nights or Early Mornings



