

# Weekly

# Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church November 9, 2022

## PASTOR NANCY NOTES AND NEWS



Hello Friends,

What a joy it was to worship with you this weekend. I look forward to becoming more and more integrated into the life of this congregation - the routines, faces, names, and stories. Please know that I am available to meet with you. We can schedule a visit at church, out for coffee, a meal, or even a home visit. Text me, mention it on Sunday, or reach out to Jeann to schedule. I look forward to getting to know all of you and was so pleased with the large turnout on Sunday.

Two Sundays are left before Thanksgiving. I know this because turkeys were on sale at my local grocery for \$.55 / pound, and so I bought one. Seems like it is time to give some intentional thought to "giving thanks." Psalm 100 captures both our actions and our reasons:

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.**

**For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

More than just words, gratitude is an attitude of the heart. It tilts our hearts back toward God, and away from striving for what we do not have. There is a lightness that comes from being satisfied with what God has given. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows (James 1:17). God's goodness is light to our path. He is consistent and dependable, sustaining the very details of our lives. Gratitude grows. Let's get busy planting it.

We will spend the next two weeks examining "reasons to give thanks" and then seek to live in "overflow" by connecting the link between gratitude and generosity. I hope you'll join us.

Blessings beyond measure,

Nancy

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
 Nov. 11 - Tom Machamer  
 Nov. 2 - Tiana Smith  
 Nov. 12 - Darbee Rhamy  
 Nov. 15 - Miriam Styer



Nov. 11 - Wendy & Shawn McKelvey  
 Nov. 11 - Trina & Roger Shannon

### 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.



Join us 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, 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**

### COMING SOONER THAN YOU THINK!

- Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 27 - First Sunday in Advent
- Nov. 27 - Decorate the Church for Christmas
- Dec. 4 - Second Sunday in Advent
- Dec. 4 - Congregational Meeting to elect Officers
- Dec. 11 - Third Sunday in Advent
- Dec. 11 - Christmas Program during worship
- Dec. 18 - Fourth Sunday in Advent
- Dec. 18 - Carry in Dinner
- Dec. 24 - 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas
- Dec. 25 - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service.

# PRAYER

**Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.**  
 Note: The prayer needs listed in **BOLD** are new to the list.

### Praises

#### Military Service:

- Rusty King deploying in November to Middle East
- Shannah Swinehart currently in Texas
- Isaiah Styer currently in North Carolina
- Jeff & Veronica's nephew in National Guard

#### Prayer Needs

- O Huddle - 58 students in need of mentors
- Pastor Kurt from Ripley Church - church growth
- New Life at Calvary Church - unity
- Pat Thomson's daughter in Florida with Red Cross
- Unspoken
- Session, Trustees & the PNC
- The Ukraine & Danny

#### Health Concerns:

- **Darcy's Uncle Joe in rehab**
- Tonya Wade - kidney transplant - blood work concerns
- MCA - 39 chiropractic issues
- Carol Miller - knee replacement
- Kaylee's hockey team - injuries
- Melinda Moffitt's father - inpatient therapy
- Bev Wines - Hospice care
- Veronica's mom - lost strength/mobility. More PT
- Shirley Swinehart - healing
- Tanya Chupp - continued healing
- Lillian Duncan - non cancerous brain tumors
- Susie Parrot - inoperable brain tumor
- George & Jane Ann Heilman

#### Battling Cancer

- 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

- Student from Minerva Cross Country Team passed away following a race.

## 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)

Please bring items to the church by Sunday, November 27th.

### From Sherri Machamer, Director of the Youth Christmas Program

This year we are requesting some audience participation for our program. It would involve wearing a costume, making one appearance on stage, and saying one or two lines that would be typed on a card for you to read - NO memorization! I would need you to arrive Dec 11th at 9:00 to prepare. If you are interested in the play please text Sherri Machamer 330-466-4943.

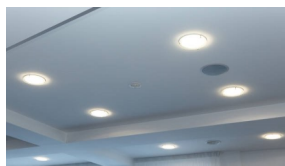
### A/V WORKERS NEEDED

We are looking for anyone in grade 6 through age 99 interested in assisting with the Audio and/or video during church services. A/V skills are not required. We can use between 2-3 people per week to run the services. You do not have to train for all roles and we can find a role that suits your comfort level. We are hoping to have enough volunteers that you can volunteer as often as every week, or as little as 1 time a month. If this sounds interesting to you and you like sitting in tall chairs, then think about joining the A/V team. We will be having a training on Tuesday, Nov 22nd at 7:00 that will only last 1 hour. You can also come back and sit in the sound booth during a service to see what it is all about. If you are interested, let Mike or Derek know (we are the guys in the back if you need to find us).

### PLEASE TURN OFF THE LIGHTS

 If you are a

Team Leader or class/group leader, please make sure to turn off the lights when you leave, whether it is Sunday after church or evening meetings, please turn off the lights.



Also, close and lock the appropriate doors as well. Lately doors and lights have been left open and on. Thank you for your cooperation.

## SECOND HOUR SCHEDULE

**11/13**

ABF - Fellowship Hall  
Young adults - Classroom 3

**11/20**

ABF - Fellowship Hall  
Young adults - Classroom 3

**11/27**

Decorate the church for Christmas  
No classes

**12/4**

ABF - Fellowship Hall  
Young adults - Classroom 3

## YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Youth group (grades 7-12) meets during the second hour (10:30-11:30) Sundays after worship in the youth room for casual discussion and fellowship.

**November 13:** Melinda Moffitt will discuss "why do missions matter? based on Matthew 28 and Romans 10, as well as "chosen to serve" from Acts 6. She will share some tidbits from the Moffitts' African mission story in what is sure to be an interesting conversation.

**November 20:** Christmas play practice or hang out in the youth room

**November 27:** Jerry & Connie Herman will continue the comparative religion discussion, and provide information about Hindu, Muslim, and Jewish religions.

**December 4:** Christmas play practice or hang out in the youth room

**December 11:** Christmas play followed by reception during second hour

**December 18:** Service project ideas for 2023

**December 25:** Christmas



Don't wait until the fourth Thursday in November, to sit with family and friends to give thanks. Make every day a day of Thanksgiving.

Sherry@Sherry.com

Christians - J Ford



## FROM THE PNC

We as a PNC would first like to thank the congregation for the continued prayers and support. We as a team meet bi-weekly but have been meeting more frequently as we are actively interviewing and exploring our candidates. We are blessed to currently have multiple candidates seeking to be our next Lead Pastor. Please continue to pray for our stamina and endurance through this process. It has proved to be a journey that has challenged each of our PNC members, stretching and molding us along the way.

We have received 5 applications. Three candidates stood out to us and we decided to pursue each with interviews. Each coming from drastically different life seasons and geographic locations. We are still in the midst of that process; actively interviewing them, prayerfully considering each one individually. Each offer immense gifts that our congregation would no doubt benefit from.

We thank you for putting your confidence and trust in the PNC to carry out this task. We will continue to keep everyone updated with mass announcements such as this, as new developments arise.

Members of the PNC Team are: Tanya Chupp, Paul Miller, Melinda Moffitt, Earl Rhamy, Delores Schlegel, & Matt Smith.



**Fredericksburgs  
Christmas  
Cookie  
Tour**  
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**Thursday Dec. 8th  
6pm-8pm**

Come, Enjoy!  
Meet Santa, Listen to Christmas Carols,  
Sip Hot Chocolate!  
Please bring your own  
Christmas Bag to collect your  
cookies & treats.  
Start at Fredericksburg Elementary,  
The Church of Christ or  
The Presbyterian Church to grab your map!

## FROM YOUR SESSION

Session wants the congregation to be informed about what they are doing, and would be greatly appreciative if you would join them in praying for these things.

- Pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee.
- Pray for the Youth programs.
- Pray for all those in church leadership roles.
- Pray for all the church as we wait in patient anticipation to meet the person God has chosen to be our next pastor!

If you have questions, concerns, or anything to share with the church, contact one of the elders.

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**Or any of the Elders listed in this publication**

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**Church Office Hours**

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