

Fredericksburg  
Presbyterian Church  
Weekly Update  
October 25, 2023



BOO!

**Twas the night before Beggar's night...** and all through the town, people were purchasing candy and tracking costumes down.

**In the burg, Beggar's Night does not even fall on Halloween**, but I like it! I was recently asked about our church and/or denomination's stance on Halloween. I can say that we leave that up to individual discernment. Bless you, parents of young ones! For me, I have seen it as a great chance to connect to neighbors, scarf down candy, and to dream of what it would be like to actually "be" the costume which you wear. It's a weird holiday. But in a time when the church has a diminished prophetic voice, it is a marvelous way to show love and care from neighbors. Remember our missional habits? BELLS (Bless, Eat, Live, Learn, Sent). Beggar's night could be a useful tool for missional living for some of us. Praying for you. [Exemption: I will miss Beggar's night in both Fredericksburg (10/26) and Westerville (10/31) due to my normal schedule. Boo!]

**Next comes, All Saints Day** (November 1) - a day which honors the holy people (saints) who have gone before us in the faith. We remember faithful followers of Jesus Christ who demonstrated the way to live and follow Jesus. Our faith is passed down, generation to generation. *"The holy people of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever - yes, for ever and ever (Dan 7:18)."* This is our inheritance. It is not about our virtue but about being "set apart" by God and belonging to him. This Sunday, we will remember and ring the bell for saints who went before us here at FPC.

**Q:** Who are the "holy ones" who have gone before you and what beauty did you see in them?

**Prayer:** *Thank you, O God, for the saints who went before me and modeled a life of discipleship - one to which you also call me. AMEN*

May God bless you and keep you...and remind you that you too are "set apart" and holy.

With Great Love, Nancy

**PS: Potluck, Potluck, Carry-in.**

Please do not forget that we will gather in Fellowship Hall, **this Sunday**, after worship for lunch/brunch. Please bring something to share, if you like. Let's come and celebrate together.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM

The Children's Ministry Team needs your help We are a small team that work hard each week to help grow the children of our congregation into disciples of Christ.

We are looking for some help in growing the children not only as disciples but also deepening their relationships with members of our church. Our 2nd hour is looking different this year than it has in years past. This is where you can step up and get to know our young kids (ages 4 through 6th grade). We are doing interest based learning during our second hour that doesn't have to be tied to a curriculum (we all know that we are afraid to teach Sunday school!) The children are getting a lesson every week during KidszJam that takes them into the stories of the Bible so they are still getting curriculum weekly.

We are looking to make the 2nd hour FUN for them so they will want to stay and their parents can enjoy 2nd hour too. We are looking for volunteers to have fun with the kids and share with them a time of something you enjoy that could be brought down to their level. You can bake with the kids, you can do a craft, teach them songs and read stories, paint, etc. The possibilities are endless! There is a signup sheet in the gallery for you to sign up and help. It can be a week lesson or multiple weeks. If you need help gathering supplies please just reach out and we can help. If you have any questions please see Bridget Rhamy or any team member.

Also, we are looking for some help in the nursery. We are looking to start a list of people who are willing to help but not on a commit every month but are willing to sub in as someone needs a Sunday off. We are currently running nursery for both church and 2nd hour so we need many hands to help ease the load. If you are willing to fill in on some Sunday please let Bridget or Nancy know. We would love to have you!



No 2nd Hour this Sunday, Oct. 29.  
You are invited to stay following worship and enjoy a potluck meal with family and friends. Bring a covered dish to share. Beverages and table service will be provided. Hope to see you there!

# PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

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

### Praises

- **The beautiful fall weather**

### Military Service:

- 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

- Israel
- Unspokens

### Health Concerns:

- **Tanya Chupp recovering from shoulder surgery**
- Haden - 9 month old recovering from surgery
- Theresa Smith - move to retirement facility
- Josiah Parris's mom Claire - illness
- Paula Barron - recovering from emergency surgery
- Jane Heilman

### Battling Cancer

- Heather - recovering from chemo & monthly infusions
- 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)
- Leslie Carr
- Linda Snyder (ECO Pastor)
- Laurie Miller
- Steve Gordon
- Andrew Miller
- Bill Opie
- Sonya Griffen
- Bonnie Stryker
- Dale James

### Condolences

- **The Joe Calderone Family**
- **The Linda Yoder Family**

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



### Happy Birthday!

October 27 - Kevin Walton  
October 27 - Sherri Brown

October 28 - Sharon Cramer

October 29 - John Scott

October 30 - Kim Morrow

October 31 - Steve Moffitt

### FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

As of September 30, 2023

Year to date operating income 167,668.13

Year to date operating expenses 160,500.38

Year to date loss or gain 7,167.75

Available cash 162,624.53

### CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

- Oct. 29 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship
- Oct. 29 - Potluck dinner following worship
- Oct. 31 - 7:00 p.m. Finance Team Meeting
- Nov. 1 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW (Women)
- Nov. 1 - Pomerene Mobile Unit here
- Nov. 1 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- Nov. 3 - First Friday (details to come)
- Nov. 5 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship
- Nov. 7 - Election Day
- Nov. 8 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW (Women)
- Nov. 8 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- Nov. 8 - 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting
- Nov. 11 - 6:00 p.m. Euchre

### FOLLOWING RANDY SMITH'S TRAVELS

Randy's pilgrimage to Spain will be ending soon and he will be flying back to the USA,, but yoy can still follow his travels and see sme amazing photos here: <https://www.polarsteps.com/PapaSmurf/8780747-camino-frances-2023>

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sherri Machamer's sister, Susan Halliday, is undergoing a 12 hour cancer surgery this Thursday Oct. 26th. Susan is a 6 time cancer survivor and now needs help fighting number 7! Please use this link to sign up to be a prayer warrior.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AAEAA28A1FCCF8-45137147-susan>

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You are invited to reach out to our Church Elders if you have any questions or concerns about the church.

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### AUTUMN TRIVIA (answers next week)

1. When is the first day of Autumn 2023 (Autumn Equinox) in the Northern Hemisphere?
  - A. September 23
  - B. September 25
  - C. September 29
2. Where in the United States is it most popular to go leaf-peeping in the fall?
  - A. Rocky Mountains
  - B. New England
  - C. Southwest USA
3. What pigment decreases in plants during autumn, making them lose their green color?
  - A. Chloroplast
  - B. Chlorophyll
  - C. Xanthophyll
4. Which US state is the largest pumpkin grower?
  - A. Illinois
  - B. Virginia
  - C. California
5. What spice will you NOT find in Mexican hot chocolate?
  - A. Cinnamon
  - B. Chili powder
  - C. Ginger
7. Oktoberfest takes place every autumn in which German city?
  - A. Berlin
  - B. Hamburg
  - C. Munich
8. Which Jewish holiday, celebrating the Jewish new year, takes place in the fall?
  - A. Sukkot
  - B. Rosh Hashanah
  - C. Shavuot
9. What root vegetable was traditionally used to carve Jack-O-Lanterns?
  - A. Turnip
  - B. Jicama
  - C. Sweet Potato