

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

Weekly Update October 5, 2023

 **Happy Fall** y'all 

Hands of Hope, Marion Ohio

"God is pouring out so many blessings, I'm trying to keep up"

These were Pastor Cory's words when I told him we are coming on October 14th to start the construction project needed to make the community center he is dreaming about. I hope that you are able to go on this one day mission trip. Pastor Cory is a warrior for God helping the homeless and under resourced choose Faith over Fear. I assure you that meeting him will also encourage you. All the details of the day are still being planned (time we are leaving, lunch, work detail) but the date is October 14. There will be work for men and women so if you want to be part of this exciting day mark your calendar and look forward to the final details coming soon.

Update: Leave from our church at 6:30 PM, share lunch at 12:30 PM, and leave for home at 5 PM. Non-construction workers could organize a shorter day (possibly 8:30 AM - 3 PM).

-Paul Miller

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Dear Friends,

In 1986, I went on a summer mission trip with [Teen Missions International](#) to the village of JuanJui, Peru in South America. We prepared for two weeks in Merritt Island, FL, at something called "bootcamp." Then my 17 teammates, 4 leaders, and I took off in a plane, wearing work boots, to go "get dirty for God" (a Teen Missions motto).

It was a formative summer, living primitively in tents in the pastor's back yard, being awakened by loud roosters every morning, and constructing a building. One of my favorite parts was the memory verse competition. 50 verses, in the old-school KJV in a speed-type competition. I still remember those verses. This one applies to our latest adventure in Marion:

**So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together
unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.
Nehemiah 4:6, KJV**

I'm so glad that God has given us a literal "wall" to build and a "mind to work." When I first arrived at FPC and was getting the lay of the land, I heard from multiple people that this community was at their best when there was a mission or cause to tackle together. Our Lord saw that willingness and group identity and He directed our path to a potential partner, on in need of our hard-work and know-how. And we will be the ones that are blessed. Don't miss this. This is Amish country, this thing could be as fun as an Amish "barn-raising" for the kingdom of God. It would help to let us know who is interested. You can use this link to "sign-up": [MARION MISSION DAY](#)

May we be able to say together - *To God be the glory great things he has done!*

Pastor Nancy

PS. There is one more verse that I hope does not apply to us. Made all the more motivating with the old-school language: *The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.* Proverbs 13:4. Apparently, "fat" did not have the same meaning back in 1611, LOL!



Happy Birthday!
 October 4 - Jim Ward
 October 7 - Matt Chabak

FOLLOWING RANDY SMITH'S TRAVELS

Randy Smith will be taking a pilgrimage across Spain from October 5 – 26. He will be sharing photos and updates here.

<https://www.polarsteps.com/PapaSmurf/8780747-camino-frances-2023>

The trip will be a 500 mile trek starting in Southern France and going across Northern Spain to visit the remains of the apostle James at the Cathedral in Santiago de Compostela. He'll be using an electric mountain bike for this journey. If time permits he will also travel on to see the ocean at Cape Finis-terre or "end of the earth".

Let's keep Randy and his trip in our prayers.



Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

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

Praises

Military Service:

- Ryan Chabak - stationed in Alaska
- Isaiah Styer - Stationed at Camp Lejeune in NC
- Matt Burkhardt - National Guard
- Gaven Bee - Turkey

Prayer Needs

- **Mapleton Schools and community**
- Josiah Styer's friend struggling with school
- The PNC Team and the process
- Unspokens

Health Concerns:

- **Paula Barron - recovering from emergency surgery**
- Theresa Smith - prayers for therapy & recovery
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- 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 family of Mark Weaver**

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



**Seeking Patterns:
 Noah in the Garden**

Last week we connected each day of creation in Genesis 1 to the events of the flood receding in Genesis 8. Where better to go now than move on to making connections to Genesis 2-3, the story of the Garden.

I hope you take the time to read this weeks article. Thanks!

FROM THE PNC

PNC is excited to announce that we are entering the final phases of our Pastoral search. We are currently asking for your prayers as we patiently wait for final answers. Bible passages that we are focusing on are Romans 12:2, James 5:10-12, and Matthew 6:31-34. And now we prayerfully wait.

HELPING ZACH

Zach Stevenson was involved in a car accident on the way to church in October. He no longer has a way to church. Please consider providing a ride to and from church for Zach (who lives in Wooster). Zach usually stays from church and 2nd hour. You can sign up [here](#).

FIRST FRIDAY IS MOVING TO SATURDAY for this month only! Come to the Fellowship Hall at 9 am Saturday Oct. 7 for fall wreath making. What to bring: Embellishments for your wreath - Fall or winter, whichever you'd prefer!!! Bring some for you and some to share. Bring a fall themed dish with copies of the recipe to share as well. A grape vine wreath will be provided for everyone who RSVPs! Hot Apple Cider and Pumpkin Bars will be provided. RSVP to Tanya @ 330-466-9145

MONEY COUNTING PROCEDURES

The ECO Denomination and Presbytery sent out a "best practices money handling checklist" for all churches. Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church had one security item that is not currently one of our procedures: having two people count the offering and verify the deposit. Historically, we have had one individual handle the offering for privacy reasons. While we all agree that Angie is totally trustworthy, the finance team and Session believes that for the church's security and for Angie's protection, the two-person policy is a good one. Therefore, to comply with the ECO best finance practices, beginning October 1, 2023 the offering will be counted and signed for by two individuals, approved by the Session.

ASSISTANT BOOKKEEPING POSITION OPENING

Renee Schaaf has notified Session of her desire to step away from the position of Assistant Bookkeeping Secretary by the end of the year. Session is looking for someone with some bookkeeping experience, who is willing to act as the Assistant Bookkeeping Treasurer. The duties include but are not limited to:

- Pay all church bills
- Prepare information for payroll
- Transfer funds between accounts as necessary
- Track special donations
- Maintain financial records
- Prepare monthly bank reconciliations of all financial accounts
- Tax filing
- Monthly Financial Reports to Session.

A copy of the job description is available from Secretary Jeann in the office. Questions can be directed to Joe Chupp or Randy Wirick.

I DO NOT NEED A TIME OUT



**WE'RE
PLAYING!
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 14
6:00 P.M. IN
THE GALLERY
ALL AGES AND
SKILL LEVELS
WELCOME.**

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Here's what's coming up:

October 8: Bryan Dumford will talk about "Marching to the Beat of your own Drum" with a lesson in....you guessed it, playing the drums! If those drums are going to take up space in our room we're going to use them. Join us for some good insight and fun.

October 14: Hands of Hope mission trip to Marion. This isn't an "official" youth activity but I do hope you can attend, since our mission trip got the ball rolling. See details in the weekly update/bulletin.

October 15: Charles Mill cabin adventure. We'll leave right after worship service and plan to be back around 5:00pm (it's about 45 minutes each way). Transportation will be provided by the Woods and Gary Graham. The weather forecast will play a big role in our activities so I will send out more info next week and ask for commitments so we can plan. Hope you can go!

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

- Oct. 7 - 9:00 a.m. Ladies First Friday
Note—new date & time
- Oct. 6-7- Great Lakes Gathering in Columbus
- Oct. 8 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship
- Oct. 10 - 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting
- Oct. 11- 10:00 a.m. GLOW Women's Study
- Oct. 11 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- Oct. 11 - 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting
- Oct. 14 - Work Day to Hands of Hope in Marion
- Oct. 14 - 6:00 p.m. Euchre
- Oct. 15 - 9:30 p.m. Sunday morning worship
- Oct. 15 - Youth to Charles Mill cabin adventure
- Oct. 18- 10:00 a.m. GLOW Women's Study
- Oct. 18 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- Oct. 22 - 9:30 p.m. Sunday morning worship
- Oct. 23 - 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
- Oct. 24 - 7:30 p.m. Grind Men's Group
- Oct. 25- 10:00 a.m. GLOW Women's Study
- Oct. 25 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- Oct. 29 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship
- Oct. 31 - 7:00 p.m. Finance Team Meeting

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