

Weekly Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church September 6, 2023

FPC Faithful,

We will begin a new sermon series on Peter, the Sunday after next. In preparation, I've been listening to Peter's two letters over and over. Peter gives us a progressive list that I like even better than Paul's list in [Romans 5](#). Check out Peter's list:

⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I like that list. Want to grow in effectiveness, productivity, and intimacy with the Lord? Cultivate these: *faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection, and love*. That's a list that will bless friends, and build your family. That's a list that leads to greater levels of faithfulness to Jesus. Let's work on those things.

Paul's list isn't bad. In fact, it is a favorite of mine.

... we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

But Paul's list springs from suffering. Suffering will get our attention and push us out of the places that feel comfortable. It builds in us perseverance, character and hope. Yet, in Peter's list, he sets it up as a matter of effort. In what ways have we failed to give our efforts to goodness, knowledge, and self-control? In what ways have we failed to cultivate mutual affection and love?

It's never too late. His mercies are new every morning. Pick one of these traits and keep it in your mind today. Make an effort to add it to your life. May we find the focus and effort we need to participate in the cultivation of Peter's list. It's sure to expand our hearts!

With Mutual Affection,
Nancy



Barry, Mary Ann, Nick, Beth, and Genevieve brought our greetings to New Life at Calvary last Sunday. The congregation was very encouraged to receive visitors. Pastor Jack and an elder from Bay Presby also attended.



Happy Birthday!
 September 7- Henry Miller
 September 9 - Kim Crosby
 September 11 - Jesse Kidd
 September 12 - Gary Graham
 September 12 - Janine Schlauch



Happy Anniversary
 September 8 - Joyce & Don Rhamy



**HAYRIDE and
HOT DOG ROAST**

This is a great event with lots of food and fellowship and a tractor ride through the countryside. Save the date!

When? September 24
Time? 5:00 p.m.
Where? Don & Joyce Rhamy's
 7766 Cutter Rd. Fredericksburg
What to Bring:

- A well-filled picnic basket to share
- Hot dogs & buns
- Lawn chairs
- Beverages, Table Service & Condiments will be provided

Hope to see you there

**CALENDAR FOR
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER**

- **Sept. 09 - 6:00 p.m. Euchre**
- Sept. 12 - 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting
- Sept. 13 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW Women's Study
- Sept. 13 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- Sept. 13 - 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting
- **Sept. 17 - Second Hour returns**
- Sept. 17 - Youth to BOLD Worship @ Wooster
- Sept. 19 - 7:00 p.m. Finance Team Meeting
- Sept. 20 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW Women's Study
- Sept. 20 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- **Sept. 24 - Covenant Class**
- **Sept. 24 - 5:00 p.m. Hayride and Hotdog roast**
- Sept. 25 - 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
- Sept. 26 - 7:30 p.m. The Grind Men's Group
- Sept. 27 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW Women's Study
- Sept. 27 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- **Sept. 30 - 9:30 a.m. Senior Brunch & Hymn Sing**



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

- The PNC Team and the process
- Unspokens

Health Concerns:

- **Theresa Smith - Continuing recovery from surgery to remove brain tumors**
- Clay Crosby - back surgery
- Tonya Coreas - back problems
- Mary Fry
- Ron Dailey
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- Cole Hubacher - 11 yr. old battling cancer
- Alec & Judy Hagerty (Alec has 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 Connie Leaman

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



SECOND HOUR RETURNS

Second Hour Coffee Fellowship returns Sunday, September 17 following worship. Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments and fellowship in the cafe. Sunday school will be available for the kids; Youth (grades 7-12) will meet in the Youth Room.

COVENANT PARTNER CLASS FORMING

A Covenant Class will be offered as part of a small group "Faith and Essentials" beginning in October. If you are currently not a covenant partner of our church, you will be eligible to become a Covenant Partner after attending 2-3 of these classes. It is also a great way to learn more about ECO and the church. Please talk to Pastor Nancy or let the office know if you are interested in participating.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP

The Community Worship on September 3 was well attended & blessed by a great speaker, Jon Risner and awesome music (thanks Earl, Georgie, Anita, Claudia and Deb!)



TAKING
ROOT



How does the Bible tell us to read the Bible?

This week I've written about two important passages of the Bible that display how we ought to seek wisdom by reading Scripture: Psalm 1, and Proverbs 3.

Also, I will be posting another small blog that shows how these two excerpts connect to other passages in the Bible, as an example of meditation literature.

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Church Office Hours

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