

Weekly Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church September 20, 2023

Hello FPC Family,

Last Sunday, we launched a new series on the life and writings of Peter. When I think of Peter's "call story" it feels a bit wooden. Peter and Andrew are fishing, Jesus walks up (like a robot) and says "Follow me" and the guys leave their nets to become "fishers of men" (See the basic story in [Matthew 4:18-20 and Mark 1:16-18](#)).

Now Luke gives us the "good" story ([Luke 5:1-11](#)). Here Jesus is teaching to a crowd on the shore, sees the guys, and asks them to row him out a bit. There is a back and forth about lowering the nets. They say, "we fished all night and caught nothing." Peter does it anyway and they catch so many fish that the nets start to break, the boat begins to sink. James and John row over to help. By the time it is all over, two sets of brothers stop fishing the sea to fish for people. It's a good story because it gives us more reason to understand how they dropped everything at the invitation of Jesus.

And still, there is this fourth account of how this all occurred. Leave it to John to give a completely different account ([John 1:35-42](#))! While the details vary, the central theme is consistent. Andrew, who was initially a disciple of John the Baptist, hears John's testimony about Jesus and accepts Jesus' invitation to "come and see." They hang out for a day. The first thing Andrew does is to go tell his brother Peter that he has found the Messiah. Together they return to Jesus. Jesus just looks at him and says, "You are Simon the son of Jonah; you shall be called Cephas (which means Peter)."

What a powerful illustration of how we can experience Jesus and immediately bring our sibling to Jesus. This is one-to-one transfer of the good news. From such a seemingly simple meeting of Jesus, Peter's life will never be the same. He will be called to lead the church, something he had no idea about at the beginning! May we never forget to bring our friends to Jesus!

MISSION MARION: On Sunday, Missy Lemon announced that our Outreach Team designated funding for the Hands of Hope building project in Marion. We are thrilled to announce that we now have the funds and we now have a date - October 14. Next we need to order lumber and get to Marion for a Saturday work day together!

The way this project came to us gives hints that God is in it! Our youth mission trip changed at the last moment, Pastor Rob Howard made a quick decision to host us, he introduced us to Pastor Cory, and it seemed like a possible fruitful partnership connecting our gifts to this kingdom opportunity.

We are hopeful that arrangements can be made to go to Marion on either October 7 or 14. We are collecting a "special offering" to fund our completing more work (drywall, lumber).

Together, let's consider how we can support this - through work, prayer, or finances.

With Expectant Anticipation,

Nancy

[TV NEW INTERVIEW](#)

Link to TV interview with Pastor Cory from Marion.



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Happy Birthday!
 September 22- Bill Nichols
 September 27 - Val Haver



Happy Anniversary
 Sep. 21 - Sydnee & Gunnar Stidham
 Sep 25 - Connie & Jerry Herman



**HAYRIDE & HOT DOG ROAST
 THIS SUNDAY EVENING**

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 for you. **Hope to see you there**

SENIOR HYMN SING



Saturday September 30
 Worship begins @ 9:30 AM
 Brunch to follow

Menu:
 Sausage Gravy & Biscuits
 Mixed Fruit
 Muffins
 Egg Casserole
 Beverage

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 Come one-come all-invite a friend!



Anyone interested in praying for the worship service on Sunday mornings can meet in Classroom #1 at 8:30 a.m.



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

- Josiah Styer's friend struggling with school
- Corky Stanley - absent from worship a few weeks
- Safety for West Holmes FFA trip to Massachusetts
- The PNC Team and the process
- Unspokens

Health Concerns:

- **Janine Schlauch's father, Roger hospitalized and in isolation due to MRSA**
- Theresa Smith - continued prayers for her & her family
- Clay Crosby - back surgery
- Tonya Coreas - back problems
- Ron Dailey
- 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 Alec Hagerty**
- The family of Mary Fry

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



Seeking Patterns: Rethinking the Flood

Over the next few weeks, I'm going to be writing about how we can read one Bible story in light of other Bible stories. What better way to do this than start with a story we're all familiar with - Noah's Ark.

Before making connections though, we need to read the story! This week we are going to leave our preconceived notions behind, and look at what the Bible says, instead of what we think it says.

SECOND HOUR RETURNS

It is time to re-imagine and re-establish good second hour community and discipleship. Here are our plans for fall:

Children - will meet weekly in Children's Room 2 .

Youth - will meet weekly in Salt Shakers rooms under the direction of Michelle Wood.

Adults - will meet weekly in smaller groups, three of which will stay together for 7 weeks, and one that is drop-in ready for whoever would care to stay. Here are the choices:

Sermon Fellowship (cafe) with Brian Parrott. Find a seat in the cafe for a time of fellowship and discussion questions pertaining to the weekly sermon. This group is intentionally open to whoever desires to stay each week.

Faith Essentials (classroom 1) with Nancy Dumford This class will begin with Covenant Class content and then extend into interactive activities to gain a deeper understanding of ECO's Essential Tenets of Reformed Faith.

Living a Rich Life (classroom 2) with Barry Henderson and Nick Miller This is a practical class that will discuss some of the financial challenges that face most families, using illustrative stories. A "rich life" has more to do with relationships, purpose, and satisfaction; putting money in its proper place. Based on a book by author James Lenhoff.

Servant Leadership (classroom 3) with Paul Miller. We will dive into the truth that whoever wants to be great must be the servant of all. This is a practical class that can be applied to work, family, and church life.



MISSING - The church kitchen is missing one of the large roasters. Has anyone borrowed one and perhaps forgotten to return it?

OUR LAST SUNDAY WITH OUR BRAZILIAN FRIENDS

Our friends from Brazil, Jose and Guilherme who have attended worship all summer will be leaving soon for their home country. The church has some gifts of remembrances for them. If you would like to bring them a card or note, their last Sunday will be **this** Sunday September 24.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

For many years we have enjoyed some version of a Christmas program involving children, youth and adults. This year, Sherri Machamer will offer a children's play in the new year (March). If anyone has an idea or a desire to work up something smaller for the Advent Season, talk to Secretary Jeann or Bridget Rhamy.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

- **Sept. 24 - 5:00 p.m. Hayride & Hotdog roast**
- Sept. 25 - 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
- Sept. 26 - 6:00 p.m. Nominating Team 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**
- **Oct. 1 - World Communion Sunday**
- **Oct. 1 - Adult 2nd Hour Groups begin**
- Oct. 4 - Pomerene Mobile Unit here
- Oct. 4 - 10:00 a.m. CLOW Women's Study
- Oct. 4 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- Oct. 6 - Ladies First Friday
- Oct. 5-6 - Great Lakes Gathering in Columbus

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September 24 Youth Group events

Join us this coming Sunday, September 24 during second hour (10:45-11:45 am) in the youth room for a Q&A with Jose and Guilherme, who have been visiting with us from Brazil. It will be interesting to hear their perspective about the US and our community.

Also, from 1:00-3:00 pm on the 24th, Silver Dollar Sportsman's Club is sponsoring a free trap shoot for anyone (adults and kids) and even providing lunch, shotguns to borrow, and free ammo (Duane and I are members there). See the flyer below for the info. If you are interested in going, we will be glad to take you. Duane is an excellent teacher and there will be many other teachers to help beginners. **Let me know by this Friday if you want to go with us (obviously run it by your parents).** If your family wants to go on your own, please RSVP directly to the number on the flyer so they have a good count for food.

And, don't forget the annual hayride at Don and Joyce's is Sunday at 5:00!
-Michelle



Trap Shoot Event

This event is free and open to the public thanks to grant funding from Silver Dollar Sportsmen's & Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Sunday, September 24, 2023

From 1-3pm @ Wayne Coon Hunters Club

5040 Seacrest Rd, Wooster, Ohio 44691

*Ammo is provided for 12 and 20-gauge shotguns
You may bring .410 & 28 shotguns but must provide your own ammo
Youth must be accompanied by an adult
ALL SAFETY RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED
Lunch is provided for all participants

Please let us know if you are able to attend so we can plan accordingly!

Message us on Facebook or text 740-504-3092

