

# Weekly Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church September 27, 2023

Greetings FPC,

Many thanks to the Rhamy family for hosting such a wonderful hayride and hotdog roast event! The food, atmosphere, and community made for a great night.

The unforeseen obstacle of tractor breaking down only increased our sense that “we are all in this together!”

And that is a reason for praise.

After preaching about Peter’s doxology of praise near the beginning of his opening last week, I was tickled to see the GLOW lesson sing a complementary song.

The chapter on Psalm 150 opened this way: ***All prayer finally, in one way of another, becomes praise. No matter how much we suffer, no matter our doubts - everything finds its way into praise, the final consummating prayer. This is not to say that other prayers are inferior to praise, only that all prayer pursued far enough becomes praise.***

What a well said little nugget (the author of the Glow study is Eugene Peterson) and it is true. If we hang with the Lord in times of sorrow, anger, disappointment, weariness of soul and doubt, eventually, we make our way back to the reality that God is worthy of our praise. ***Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens; Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness (Psalm 150:1-2).*** The whole of 150 Psalms ends this way: ***Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.***

May that be true of us. May we see all the reasons around us to praise the Lord.

Praying for you this week,  
Pastor Nancy

P.S. A new FPC Nominating Committee has been formed to discern and recruit new elders and deacons for the coming year (2024). Member of the committee are: Adam Swinehart (chair); Claudia Ward (elder assist); Nick Miller, Candy Kinney, Phyllis Miller, Shad Swinehart, and Debbie Hewitt.

If you would care to recommend someone for the role of elder or deacon just share your idea with someone on the committee in the next few weeks!





**Happy Birthday!**  
September 28- Georgie Miller



**Happy Anniversary**  
Sep. 30 - Delores & Steve Schlegel

### 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.

### 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!



**TAKING ROOT**

**Seeking Patterns:  
Out of the Waters**

Last week we re-examined the story of Noah, and discussed how it is okay for the Bible to make us uncomfortable.

This week I'm going to walk through patterns between the creation narrative of Genesis 1, and the flood narrative of Genesis 6-9. If you're thinking "Huh, I can't think of any patterns between these stories," then check out this week's Taking Root article!



**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
- The PNC Team and the process
- Unspokens

#### Health Concerns:

- **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 Alec Hagerty

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



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

## 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.

Last call for donations to our mission work with Hands of Hope, Marion. We are collecting funds through next Sunday, to allow us to fuel our second workday in Marion. We need just an estimated \$2,000 for the materials for the second trip to continue the work.



Fredericksburg Presbyterian  
Missions  
[https://ppay.co/EIQ08FT\\_PvM](https://ppay.co/EIQ08FT_PvM)

First visit is scheduled for Saturday, October 14 - talk to Paul, Jerry, or Barry for all the details. Come, join in this grand adventure!

## 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.

## CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

- 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. 6-7- Great Lakes Gathering in Columbus
- 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. 18- 10:00 a.m. GLOW Women's Study
- Oct. 18 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team

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

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**Church Office Hours**

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