



FREDERICKSBURG
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

the Weekly Update



From the Pastor's Desk

FPC Friends!

Every year, ECO's National Gathering brings our denominational family together; and we believe there are massive benefits to attending. The speakers, breakouts, conversations and time together connect us to the wider ECO family, helps us build friendships and shared memories and push us to grow in faith and faithfulness to Christ. That's exactly what we're trying to become here at FPC, and we'd love for more of you to experience it firsthand! This year, the event is being held in Dallas, February 1-3, 2027. The theme is "Cultivate"! This theme is meaningful for us here at FPC, where our mission is to become a church that cultivates faith and faithfulness to Christ.

Here's what you can expect at the National Gathering: two days of worship, teaching, breakout sessions and fellowship with ECO friends from around the country; this year those days are February 2-3. (The Gathering is always preceded by an optional half-day preconference, this year it is on February 1.) There are usually 4-5 main sessions that include learning about ECO, being encouraged by nationally renowned presenters and worship music that is out of this world. Surrounding those sessions are breakout events for more targeted learning, time to visit with others and lots of yummy meals together to chat and debrief. You can learn all the details by visiting www.econationalgathering.org

Because we believe it would be beneficial for our church and our mission to CULTIVATE faith and faithfulness, Session has set aside money from a recent donation to help members of our FPC family be able to attend the 2027 ECO National Gathering. Any FPC Covenant Partner or regular attender can request financial support to be used toward registration, travel and/or lodging at the Gathering. Individuals or couples are invited to request whatever amount (up to \$750) would actually help them be able to attend.

We especially want to support two kinds of folks: those who have never been to a National Gathering and those for whom cost would otherwise keep them from going. Maybe you've never considered going to the Gathering before, or maybe you didn't even know it was a possibility; either way, perhaps this is the nudge you might need to consider it.

The National Gathering happens every year, but this financial gift is only currently available for this year's event; so now is the time to come along and see why we all love the Gathering so much. Requests are due back to the church office by October 15 – that way people can take advantage of the early bird pricing. You can find the Request for Support in the church office; and please reach out to me directly with any questions.

We'd love to send as many of us as we can – what a great way to help us cultivate faith and faithfulness!

Pastor Jos

Congregational Inquiry by the Outreach Team

After meetings of prayer and discernment, the Outreach Team feels that one of its missions is to help FPC become a light and presence in our community. A presence of sharing God's Love that is felt by the community through FPC's congregation members.

Looking ahead, the Fredericksburg Village Trick-or-Treat is scheduled for October 29th from 6:00 – 7:30. The Outreach Team has “kicked around” a variety of ideas – from a Trunk-or-Treat style event in the parking lot to a light meal being provided that evening. However, these ideas would require lots of congregational support as the Outreach Team could not accomplish it on its own. The Outreach Team has funds available, but lacks the many hands and feet needed for such an event!

So, this is where the “INQUIRY” comes in! The Outreach Team is looking for congregational feedback by **September 27th** to determine how and if FPC will participate in the Village Trick-or-Treat. Would you, your family, or a group be willing to participate in a Trunk-or-Treat style event that evening? Would you, your family, or a group be interested in helping to organize, serve, and/or clean up a light community meal for that evening? Would you just be interested in passing out candy or donating candy?

If you are interested in helping with this possible Outreach event, please contact Erika Schuch at **330-466-5684** or erikaschuch@hughes.net with your area of interest by September 27th! Need some inspiration? Check out Oriental Trading's website for their faith-based Trunk-or-Treat decoration ideas.



Calling All Creatives

This Advent, FPC's theme is Jesus, the Light of the World, and we want your help celebrating! Jesus said: “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” -John 8:12

We'd love to display your art, crafts, or designs around the church this Advent season — new or old, original or repurposed, painted, sewn, built, or doodled. If you've made something (or want an excuse to), this is your glowing invitation.

We'll collect pieces to display through Advent and return them after Christmas. So get those creative juices flowing now and we'll let you know more as Advent approaches!



Calling All Women

Looking for a place to connect and grow? Season's study group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Come, join us as we dig into scripture, encourage one another, and do life together.

For those who are new to study groups, or even new to finding their way around the Bible, we say Come!

For those who are seasoned veterans to study and scripture, we say Come! We would love to journey with you!

Interested in joining or have questions? Reach out to Claudia Ward **330-466-3417**. Hope to see you there!

For Your Prayers

Military Service

We have 7 young men & women serving in the Armed Forces. Please keep Abraham, Isaiah, Shannah, Christa, Steven, Ryan and Gaven in your prayers.

Condolences

- The family of Corky's niece, Debbie Hoxworth
- The family of Connor Schlauch

Praises

- Pittman Baby

Prayer Needs

- Our military troops
- Our country
- Unspoken

Health Concerns

- Kim Crosby
 - cataract surgery
- Janet Albright
- Beth Miller
- Darcy's dad
 - health concerns
- Mike Covert
- Edna Wade
- Pat Thomson
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- Moffitt's friend, Waldo
 - facing end of life
- Miriam's coworker's family member
- Mike Sherrick
- Chad Hinkle
 - leukemia
- Tom Jefferies
 - thyroid cancer
- Nelson's neighbor, Vickie
- Nicki
- Landon Sommers
 - Hodgkin's Lymphoma

Final Call:

Sunday is your last chance to bring in donation items for Waynedale.

FPC Deacons are asking for

DONATIONS

OF:



Tissues



Clorox Wipes



Paper Towels



Baby Wipes (for Pre-K)



Napkins (for Pre-K)



Facial Wipes (for 1st Grade)

to help

WAYNEDEALE LOCAL SCHOOLS



Donations will be accepted beginning Sunday, August 16th and continue through Sunday, September 13th.

Boxes will be set up in the gallery to collect donations.

Second Hour Returns!

We are looking forward to resuming second hour! Mark your calendars for September 20th and plan to stay, we'd love to have you!

Calendar of Events

September 10, 2026 7:00pm — Intercessory Prayer (Zoom)
September 15, 2026 7:00pm — Session
September 16, 2026 10:00am — G.L.O.W.
September 16, 2026 6:45pm — Music Team
September 17, 2026 7:00pm — Intercessory Prayer (Zoom)
September 20, 2026 10:45am — 2nd Hour Resumes
September 20, 2026 12:00pm — Emmaus Pot Luck in the Gallery
September 22, 2026 6:30pm — Seasons Study
September 22, 2026 7:30pm — The Gring
September 23, 2026 10:00am — G.L.O.W.
September 23, 2026 6:45pm — Music Team

Save the Date!

Saturday, October 3 - Church Fish Fry and Bonfire

5:30pm

Bring a lawn chair and an empty stomach

All are welcome - invite a friend

Fall Presbytery Meeting

October 9-10, 2026

Friday, Oct. 9, 4:30 PM – 9 PM (Dinner incl.)

Saturday, Oct. 10, 8 AM – 3:30 PM (Lunch incl.)

\$25 Registration Fee

At First Presbyterian Church of Marion

143 S. Prospect St., Marion, OH 43302

SPIRITUAL FIRST AID

Facilitator: Jacob Loer

Biblically Informed. Evidence Informed. Trauma Informed.

To register or ask questions contact GLP Stated Clerk Janet Dumford

Register

Happy Birthday!

September 09 **Kim Crosby**

September 11 **Jessie Kidd**

September 12 **Gary Graham**

September 12 **Janine Schlauch**

September 14 **Brady McKelvey**

Happy Anniversary!

September 08 **Don & Joyce Rhamy**

Volunteers — Sept 13th

Greeters

Bridget Rhamy

Abby Rhamy

Marcy Speelman

Ushers

Cody Daugherty

Keith Hewitt

Café

Connie Herman

Nursery

Connie Herman

Kidz Jam

Sherri Machamer

Elder Assist

Mike Rhamy

Safety Team

Nick Miller

Tithes and Contributions

There are many ways to contribute to FPC.

- Use the box in the sanctuary on Sunday morning
- Mail checks to P.O. Box 259 Fredericksburg, OH
- Text "Give" to 833-648-1702
- Drop off your contributions during church office hours
- Scan the QR code



Becoming
a community
that cultivates
faith and
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