



FREDERICKSBURG
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Weekly Update

September 2, 2026

Community Worship & Communion Service

REMINDER! There will not be a service at FPC this Sunday. We are joining with the MCA and Church of Christ **at MCA Sunday**, September 6 for the Community Worship & Communion Service. The service begins at **10 a.m.** Every one is welcome. Bring a friend, and bring your lawn chairs – the service will be outside. Then, plan to stay for a meal afterwards! Bring a dish to share if you are able.

From the Pastor's Desk

Hey FPC – just a reminder that this Sunday is our community communion worship service! I hope you all can make it a priority to attend Sunday morning.

I've shared this before, but I wanted to share it again: one of the things I'm incredibly blessed by in this community is the fellowship, comradeship and cooperation with our sister churches in Fredericksburg. When I share with other colleagues in ministry about the way our three churches regularly collaborate on worship opportunities for the whole town they are (not an exaggeration) ASTONISHED.

Maybe, if you have grown used to this, it's hard to see how rare and special it is to have healthy interactions and partnerships with neighboring church families. But believe me when I say: the friends we have at the MCA and the Church of Christ are a HUGE blessing to us and to our community!

Sure, we sometimes have differences of worship styles and some differences in how we govern our churches. We even have differences in some of our theological commitments and understanding of biblical interpretation. But what we have in COMMON is SO MUCH BIGGER!!! All three of the Fredericksburg church families believe in the Triune God, the loving Father and creator of all, the full humanity and deity of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. We all believe in the exclusivity of the gospel of Jesus – trusting in grace by faith alone to save. We all believe in the authority and sufficiency of Scripture. We all believe in the call to love God and love neighbor as the first command. We all believe in the return of Jesus and the resurrection from the dead. We all believe that what unites us is more important and significant than what might divide us.

That's why worshipping together on Sunday morning is so important. It's a reminder to US that we belong to the same family of faith, and it is a testimony to our community that Jesus' family is a family united. So, if you haven't planned yet, please make an effort to join our brothers and sisters for worship this Sunday, 10am on the lawn at MCA. And if you can, bring some food to share and stay for a meal.

And while we're at it, here are three OTHER things you can do to care for and connect with our sister churches in Fredericksburg:

- *Pray for our fellow churches.*

If you don't already, consider adding the Church of Christ and the Mennonite Christian Assembly to your regular prayer list. Pray for their leadership and for their worship. Pray that God would bless them and sustain them and that people would come to know and trust Christ through their ministries.

- *Meet someone new from another church.*

This weekend is a great opportunity. When you come to worship this Sunday, make a point of meeting someone you don't know who isn't from FPC! Introduce yourself, make a connection and share the love of Jesus with a brother or sister who just happens to worship in a different location on Sunday mornings.

- *Attend an event or drop off treats.*

When you hear about another event at a neighboring church – consider attending! Maybe you could visit a Bible Study or an outreach event. Go and show the love of Jesus and the Fellowship of FPC. OR! You could even think about popping by their church offices and dropping off some cookies or a batch of coffee from the café. Pop in to show the other faith leaders in town your support and kindness.

We are never diminished when the other churches around us flourish! As followers of Jesus, we all belong to the Kingdom of God, and we want to see each other thrive in worship, ministry and proclamation the good news of Jesus. God gets all the glory from all of us; and He is what matters most!

Interested in Representing FPC at The 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

Happy Birthday!

September 03 **Sam Burgett**

September 03 **Laura Lemon**

September 07 **Henry Miller**

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.

Prayer Needs

- Prayers for our military troops
- Prayers for 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

Condolences

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

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

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!

Calendar of Events

- Sep 3, 2026** 7:00pm — Intercessory Prayer (Zoom)
- Sep 6, 2026** 10:00am — Community Worship Service at MCA
- Sep 7, 2026** Church Office closed — Labor Day
- Sep 8, 2026** 6:00pm — Congregational Life Team Meeting
- Sep 8, 2026** 6:30pm — Seasons Study
- Sep 8, 2026** 7:30pm — The Grind
- Sep 9, 2026** 10:00am — G.L.O.W.
- Sep 9, 2026** 6:45pm — Music Team
- Sep 10, 2026** 7:00pm — Intercessory Prayer (Zoom)
- Sep 15, 2026** 7:00pm — Session
- Sep 16, 2026** 10:00am — G.L.O.W.
- Sep 16, 2026** 6:45pm — Music Team

Calling All Crafters, Artists, and Creatives! — all skill levels

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. Even if you've never done something like this before, consider this an encouragement to try your hand at something new. Need inspiration? Try John 1:1–14, Isaiah 9:1–9, John 12:35–36, or Revelation 22:1–5. 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!

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



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