



From the Pastor's Desk

We're entering the season of accepting nominations for elders and deacons for 2027. As per our church's bylaws, the Session has appointed a nominating committee to do the work of providing the congregation with a list of nominees to 3-year terms as elders or deacons. Nomination of church officers is a spiritual task that involves prayer, discernment and examination. The Nominating Committee works to listen for the leading and directing of God as it prayerfully seeks out God's will regarding who will form the leadership of the church.

Elders and Deacons serve important roles in church life. Elders and Deacons are ORDAINED ministers to the congregation. (see ECO Constitution, Ch. 2 - <https://eco-pres.org/wp-content/uploads/ECO-CONSTITUTION.pdf>)

From ECO Constitution, 2.02 - Elders are given authority and responsibility, along with pastors, to oversee the spiritual health of the congregation as well as the congregation's faithfulness to God's mission. Elders may also be asked to preach and teach. Elders shall be elected by the congregation.

From ECO Constitution, 2.03 - Ordinarily, the biblical office of deacon shall be utilized by the congregation. Deacons lead ministries that nurture fellowship and caregiving within and beyond the congregation. Deacons may also be asked to preach and teach. The congregation shall determine the manner in which they are selected for service. The session shall oversee and direct the ministry of the deacons.

A simple way to describe this is to say that - in general - Elders are called and equipped for serving in spiritual ministry leadership, and Deacons are called and equipped for serving in ministry of care.

Our church's bylaws also indicate that the congregation may submit names to the committee for possible nomination; and the Nominating Committee is inviting any current covenant partner of FPC to nominate any other current covenant partner of FPC for consideration as elder or deacon.

You can do this one of two ways. Between now and November 5 you may email a serving elder on the nominating committee (Claudia Ward - cjward3@yahoo.com) with your nominee; OR you may submit a name through a nomination form provided with the Sunday morning bulletin for the next two Sundays This form can be placed in the offering box at the back of the room and will be retrieved by the nominating team prior to its next meeting.

If you have any questions, please let us know, and thank you in advance if the Lord puts it on your heart to nominate someone for the role of elder or deacon.



Fredericksburg Trick or Treat

FPC will be participating in Fredericksburg's Trick or Treat on Thursday, October 29th from 6-7:30. There will be five decorated vehicles, each sharing a different faith-based messages out of their trunks. Please be in prayer that this community event allows God's love to be shown and known and that the weather cooperates!

"Becoming a Community" with FPC Apparel

The Church is offering FPC branded T-Shirts and Zip Up Hoodies for sale through November 1st. There is an order form in the Church Gallery. If you are unable to sign up, but want to order, please reach out to Holly at the Church office, 330-695-2511 or office@fredericksburgpres.org, and she will get you on the list! T-Shirts are available in Youth and Adult Size for \$15. The Zip Up Hoodies are available in a Men's version and a Women's version. Sizes are Small to XL for \$25. The Women's cut is more fitted. Adult sizes 2X, 3X, and 4X are available for the t-shirts and both zip up hoodies, please add \$2, \$3, and \$4 respectively for those sizes. Please put your apparel payments in the black money box beside the order form. See the money box for instructions.



Older Softstyle (Youth & Adult)

Ladies

Men's

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!

For Your Prayers

CONDOLENCES

- The family of Don Rhamy
- The family of Kay-Leigh Botha

PRAYER NEEDS

- Abraham's safe deployment and return before the baby is born
- Peace understanding and love among families

HEALTH CONCERNS

- Butch's sister Connie
- Martin Lemon
- Mike Covert's sister
- Janet Albright
- Mike Covert
- Edna Wade
- Pat Thomson
- Jane Heilman

MILITARY SERVICE

Please keep our military troops, specifically those near and dear to our congregation: Abraham, Isaiah, Shannah, Christa, Steven, Ryan and Gaven in your prayers.

BATTLING CANCER

- Tiana's friend's mom
- Cody's boss, John
- Miriam's coworker's family member
- Mike Sherrick
- Chad Hinkle
- Tom Jefferies
- Nelson's neighbor, Vickie
- Nicki
- Landon Sommers



Happy Birthday!

October 21 **Edna Wade**
October 23 **Isaiah Styer**
October 27 **Kevin Walton**
October 27 **Sherri Brown**

Scholarships for 2027 ECO National Gathering

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 attendee 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. You can find the Request for Support from [here](#) or in the church office; and please reach out to me directly with any questions.

Volunteers – October 25th

Creeters **Marcy Speelman, Abby Rhamy and Michelle Wood**
Ushers **Brent St. John and Steve Moffitt**
Café **Shirley Swinehart**
Nursery **Kim Morrow**
Nursery 2nd Hour **Vickie Rhamy**
Kidz Jam **Shirley Swinehart**
Kidz Jam 2nd Hour **Shirley Swinehart**
Elder Assist **Mike Rhamy**
Safety Team **Tom Machamer**

Calendar of Events

October 21, 2026 6:45pm — Music Team
October 25, 2026 10:45am — 2nd Hour
October 27, 2026 6:30pm — Seasons Study
October 27, 2026 7:30pm — The Grind
October 28, 2026 10:00am — G.L.O.W.
October 28, 2026 6:45pm — Music Team
October 29, 2026 6:00pm — Fredericksburg Trick or Treat
November 1, 2026 10:45am — 2nd Hour
November 4, 2026 10:00am — G.L.O.W.
November 4, 2026 6:45pm — Music Team

Tithes and Contributions

There are many ways to contribute to FPC.

THE BOX in the sanctuary during worship
MAIL CHECKS to P.O. Box 259 Fredericksburg, OH
TEXT "GIVE" to 833-648-1702
DROP OFF during FPC office hours
Scan the **QR CODE**



or

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Becoming
a community
that cultivates
faith and
faithfulness
to Christ

