

The Weekly Update

October 28, 2026



FREDERICKSBURG
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Time Change

SUNDAY FALL BACK 1 HOUR



From the Pastor's Desk

Over the past two-ish weeks, our church hosted three funerals and visitations. That adds up to a lot of Kleenexes, a lot of roasters of food, a lot floors needing to be swept and a lot of trash bags carried to the dumpster. And in the middle of all that activity I noticed something important: the faithful servant heart of FPC.

Our Deacons led the way by planning, preparing and serving meals for families and friends; and even when they didn't have to, they went the extra mile to help others we hadn't even met yet. Our tech team made sure the slideshows played and the microphones worked. And there were so many others who baked and cooked, swept floors, set up and tore down tables, washed dishes, took out the trash and quietly did whatever needed to be done without being asked.

I was honestly so proud of you all. It's one thing to say we're a caring church and another thing to watch it happen in real time, three times over.

Here's why it matters beyond the logistics: our mission is to become "a community that cultivates faith and faithfulness to Christ," and service is one of our five key strategies for getting there. It's easy to think of service as the practical side of church life, separate from the "spiritual" stuff. Scripture doesn't make that split. On the night before he went to the cross, Jesus wrapped a towel around his waist and washed his disciples' feet. Then he told them, "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you" (John 13:15).

When you handed a plate of yummy food to another you were doing what Jesus did. When you swept up after the last guest left, you were practicing faithfulness in the small things, which is exactly where Jesus says faithfulness begins (Luke 16:10). Service isn't just something we are SUPPOSED to do; it's one of the ways God makes us more like Jesus. It trains our hearts to notice others, to put their needs ahead of our convenience and to love the way we have been loved. We GROW by serving; and serving is one of our church's special superpowers.

Paul calls us to "mourn with those who mourn" (Romans 12:15). For some of the people who crossed our threshold, the comfort they found in our building may have been a first glimpse of the deeper comfort only Christ can give. You represented our church well, and more importantly, you honored Jesus.

So, thank you. Thank you for your time, your food, your energy and your willingness. And if you served behind the scenes and wondered whether anyone noticed: God did. So did I.

With gratitude,



Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to order poinsettias for Christmas they are 4" pots for \$7 available to order through November 22nd. There is an order form in the Church Gallery. Color options include Red, White, Red Glitter (speckled red & white) and Pink.



Nominations for Elders and Deacons

We are still 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. Any current covenant partner of FPC can 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 with your nominee; OR you may submit a name through a nomination form provided with the Sunday morning bulletin this Sunday. 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.

Current Elders

Angie Chapman
Beth Miller
Claudia Ward
Darcy Miller
Earl Rhamy
Frank Morrow
John Scott
Mike Rhamy
Steve Schlegel

Current Deacons

Barry Henderson
Beth Reed
Candi Kinney
Connie Herman
Jenny Reed
Jim Kinney
Kim Morrow
Scott Schlauch
Veronica Styer

Calendar of Events

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
November 8, 2026 10:45am — 2nd Hour
November 10, 2026 6:30pm — Seasons Study
November 10, 2026 7:30pm — The Grind
November 11, 2026 10:00am — G.L.O.W.
November 11, 2026 6:45pm — Music Team

"Becoming a Community" with FPC Apparel

The deadline to purchase FPC branded T-Shirts and Zip Up Hoodies is quickly approaching. Sunday, November 1st is the last day to order. There is an order form in the Church Gallery, or you may also contact the Church office at 330-695-2511 or office@fredericksburgpres.org T-Shirts are available in Youth and Adult Sizes for \$15. The Zip Up Hoodies are available in a Men's and Women's styles for \$25. The Women's cut is more fitted. Adult sizes 2X, 3X, and 4X are available at an additional cost, 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.



Oaken Softstyle (Youth & Adult)



Becoming a community that cultivates faith and faithfulness to Christ



Ladies



Men's

Calling All Creatives

We'd love to display your art, crafts, or designs around the church this Advent season. We're collecting pieces to display right now! Drop off your creations during office hours or on Sunday morning and provide a way to display it if able. If you need to make alternate arrangements for dropping off your item, call or **email** to set up a time. The deadline for submitting artwork is **November 15th**.

For Your Prayers

CONDOLENCES

- The family of Don Rhamy
- The family of Travis Ray
- The family of Tom Jefferies

PRAYER NEEDS

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

HEALTH CONCERNS

- Tonya Coress
- 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.

BATTILING CANCER

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



Happy Birthday!

October 28 **Sharon Cramer**
October 30 **Kim Morrow**
October 31 **Steve Moffitt**
November 1 **Broc Badger**

Scholarships for 2027 ECO National Gathering

We want you 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.

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](#)

Volunteers — November 1st

Greeters **Janine and Scott Schlauch, Veronica and Jeff Styer**
Ushers **Jerry Herman and Frank Morrow**
Café **Jenny Reed**
Communion Prep **Marcy Speelman**
Nursery **Veronica Styer**
Nursery 2nd Hour **Bridget Rhamy**
Kidz Jam **Bridget Rhamy**
Kidz Jam 2nd Hour **Bridget Rhamy**
Elder Assist **Darcy Miller**
Safety Team **John Scott**

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

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