

weekly UPDATE



Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

Pastor Nancy's News and Notes

February 1, 2023

Dear Fred Pres,

Greetings from sunny southern California!

After a long day of travel and a few delays, Beth Miller and I have made it to Newport Beach, CA and to the site of the [ECO National Gathering](#). The conference started Tuesday morning with an address from our ECO Synod Executive, Rev. Dana Allin. He challenged us to live into our ECO identity of being covenantal people – “people who covenant together for God’s witness in the world, even as we remember that God, himself, chose to condescend to make and keep covenant with us for our redemption and wholeness.”

Our denomination’s trademarked name is... **ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians**. While it is an awful long name to fill in on forms, it does incorporate three specific and important elements of our connection.

We are:

Evangelical – people who bring and spread good news, who seek to help others find Jesus.

Presbyterian – we are not hierarchical, nor are we congregational. We are connectional, believing that we are stronger together (locally, regionally, nationally).

Covenantal – we make a binding promise to be in relationship as we work together to reach a common goal.

To be a covenant people within our church will require us to prioritize our relationships with each other. This way of being is counter-cultural to the rampant individualism around us. We can live differently, living connected and committed to the flourishing of each other. Real acceptance, Active Faith, Fearless Love!

This Sunday, we will receive 4 new people into membership at FPC, what we call “Covenant Partners.”

Membership implies an entitlement of benefits. This is not the mentality of church membership. The language of Partnership conveys commitment, responsibility, and a shared life. Covenant partnership is a commitment to a local congregation where we seek to grow in relationship to God and people, and to serve God by using our gifts for the good of His mission in the world. This is an exciting moment, where we expand our circle of connection. Join me in welcoming them to our family of faith!

Together with you,

Nancy





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 4 - Scott Schlauch

Feb. 7 - Kaylee Parrot

READY FOR SOME GREAT WINTER-TIME FUN?



Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 18, 2023 and join us in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00 - 8:00 for some Valentine treats, laughs, exercise, fellowship and an evening of basic ballroom dance lessons. The cost is a bargain at only \$10 per couple for the 2 hour lesson. Come with or without a partner. We will have some friendly "stand-in" partners if you don't have a partner. Don't want to dance? Just come for an evening of fellowship, snacks and have fun watching. Join us and make some memories! Please text Mary Ann at 330-317-0608 if you plan to attend so we have an idea of the numbers attending in order to prepare for snacks. Also, we are planning to have the nursery open and staffed for those who might need a babysitter for their little ones.



CARRY-IN DINNER



This Sunday, February 5 we will have a potluck meal following worship in celebration of the second habit in the

"Surprise the World" series - *eat*. When we regularly share a meal (or coffee) with people around us, we develop a habit of living missionally. Plus, it's just plain fun to fellowship and eat with others! **Everyone is welcome - even if you don't attend the second hour discussions!** Please bring a covered dish or two to share. Beverages will be provided.

THIS IS NOT A GOODBYE PARTY!



We're having a recognition party for Pastor Darcy following worship on February 26. Darcy shared early last month that she would be stepping down as Congregational Care Pastor, but considers this to be her church home and will visit often. So. We aren't saying goodbye—just thank you for all you've done and see you again soon. Everyone is welcome to come wish Pastor Darcy the best.



Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

Note: The prayer needs listed in **BOLD** are new to the list.

Military Service:

- Isaiah Styer - his troops heading for Norway this week
- Gavin Bee - heading to Turkey
- Rusty King - in the Middle East
- Jeff & Veronica's nephew in National Guard

Prayer Needs

- UNSPOKENS!
- Session, Trustees & the PNC
- The Ukraine & Danny

Health Concerns:

- Edna's brother now on hospice
- Mary Fry - expecting surgery when lab work is complete
- Nancy's mother Marcia in the hospital
- Brian - recent diagnosis of a brain aneurysm
- Veronica's mother
- Karen - health issues
- Jim Scott - recent stroke, going to rehab
- Lillian Duncan - non cancerous brain tumors
- George & Jane Ann Heilman

Battling Cancer

- Heather - recent cancer diagnosis
- Bill
- Andrew Miller - 7 years old.
- Kacen's grandma, Susie Parrot - inoperable brain tumor
- Leslie Carr - battling cancer
- Bonnie Stryker - breast cancer
- Dale James
- Herb Martin - stage 4 lung cancer
- Delores Schlegel's sister Rose's finance
- Mike Harter
- Art Wetmore
- Renee Wood

Condolences

- **The family of Mike Harter**
- **The family of Paul Wright Sr.**

ANNUAL REPORT REMINDER

If you are the Team Leader for any Board or Ministry Team, the church office needs a report from you on the activities of your board/team for 2022.

If you need to see last year's report to jog your memory, Secretary Jeann can help with that.

Completed reports should be turned in to the church office by February 5. Thank you for your cooperation.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- Feb. 3 - First Friday @ 6:30 in church café
- Feb. 5 - Sunday morning worship & Carry-in dinner
- Feb. 6 - Monday Night Ministry - Women
- Feb. 8 - GLOW @ 10:00 a.m.
- Feb. 8 - Music Team @ 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 8 - Trustees @ 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 9 - Deacons Meeting

Do you have questions or concerns or just curious about something within the church? You are invited to reach out to our Church Elders:

Joe Chupp	330-466-5305
Beth Miller	513-319-6447
Paul Miller	330-465-8329
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Church Office Hours

Monday thru Friday

9:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

First Friday

It's time for First Friday! February third meet in the Church Gallery at 6:30 p.m. We'll go out to eat at The Olde Jaol. This month's activity is Love Your Sister! Bring a new, wrapped devotional gift for your sister in Christ. Include a handwritten Bible verse for her to put on her mirror for the year. **We are asking that you please RSVP to Tanya at 330-466-9145 by Feb.3.**

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP & YOUNG ADULTS FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

2/5 Surprise the World potluck meal

2/12 Surprise the World

2/19 Surprise the World

2/26 Recognition for Pastor Darcy

MONDAY NIGHT MINISTRIES

The first and third Monday evenings of each month are Ladies Monday Night Ministries evenings. Usually meetings are held at Tanya Chupp's home. Discussion range from videos to discussions on discipleship, current events and more. If you are interested in knowing more, or attending the next gathering on February 6 please reach out to Tanya at 330-466-9145.

