

Announcements for January 21 – January 28

Scripture Readings for Sunday, January 18

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; Matthew 4:18-25

Scripture Readings for Sunday, February 1

Matthew 5:1-12; Psalm 106:1-5, 47-48; John 1:29-42

Join us every Thursday for **Lectionary Lunch** in the Conference Room of the Education Building from 12:00-1:00 to read the scripture for the upcoming worship service. Bring a lunch along and join us for an informal conversation.

UPCOMING Events

January 21—Movie Club, 10:00am, Middle House
Finance Committee, 6:00pm, Conference Room
Communications Committee, 7:00pm, Conference Room
January 22—Ladies' Bible Study, 9:30am; Middle House
Lectionary Lunch, 12:00pm, Conference Room
January 25—Youth Group, 5:30, Fellowship Hall
January 28—Personnel, 6:00pm, Conference Room
February 1—All Ages LIFT, 9:00am, Conference Room
Session meets, 6:00pm, Middle House
February 3—Pints and Parables, 6 Bears and a Goat, 6:00pm



Sanctuary Flowers—If you would like to order flowers, in memory or honor of someone, or for a special occasion, please contact Sharon Humes, pshumes1@gmail.com. The cost of the flowers is \$70.00. You are welcome to take the flowers with you, or our deacons will arrange for them to be taken to members who are home-centered or recovering from surgery or illness.

LIFT (Living In Faith Together)

Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study—Join us Thursday mornings as we read in the Gospels the stories of Jesus's public ministry with signs and wonders, miraculous healings, transformations, and his command over nature. We meet in the first floor classroom of the Middle House on at 9:30am for refreshments, fellowship, and Bible Study. Contact Debe Garrison or Nancy Raines for more information. All are welcome.

"Separation of Church and Hate" Books—The church has a few copies of "Separation of Church and Hate" for our upcoming LIFT class left! If you would like to purchase a copy for \$20, Natasha will have them available Sunday morning.

Pints and Parables— Join us for Pints and Parables at 6 Bears and a Goat Brewing Company (1140 International Pkwy, Fredericksburg) Tuesday, February 3 at 6:00pm for discussion about one of Jesus' parables. There is no need to prepare for this informal gathering - come enjoy fellowship, fun, and perhaps a pint!

All-Ages Lift - February 1 we begin a series in our winter and spring All-Ages LIFT classes learning about different ways Jesus healed people during his ministry. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9 am!

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group—Youth Group is now meeting twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays! Join us in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday (Jan 25) 5:30-7:30 for dinner, conversation, and fun.

Youth Group Meals Needed—The new year brings a new opportunity to provide meals for our youth group meetings! Youth group meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays and begins with dinner at 5:30pm. Meals should feed about 15 teens and adults, and don't need to be anything complicated! Individuals, families, or groups can sign up to provide dinner. Sign up in Realm. <https://bit.ly/TPCYouthDinners>



"Count your blessings" is another way to say, "notice where God is at work." As a congregation we have been greatly blessed - with the varied talents, interests, and abilities of our diverse membership, a beautiful historic campus as a beacon of Christ's light in Fredericksburg for over 200 years, the deepening of faith through study and conversation, a heart for outreach and serving our neighbors in need both near and far, the care we show for each other in the ups and downs of our lives, and so much more. This month, we celebrate and name those blessings as we seek to multiply them in our continued ministry. As those called together as disciples, may we renew our commitments of time, talent, and treasure and proclaim that yes, we are "blessed to be a blessing!"

You can complete your pledge online [HERE](#) or return it to the church office anytime.

Outreach



Help fill the Clothesline

Our "Share the Warmth" Clothesline Ministry is in need of gloves, hats, scarves, socks and warmers for men, women and children. Please place the items in a Ziploc-style bag before hanging them on the church fence or put them in the donations tub in Fellowship Hall. If you're not a shopper, monetary donations are welcome. Simply note that the gift to the church is for the Clothesline Ministry. For more information, contact Linda Benn at lkbrab@verizon.net or 540-370-1646.

Help with a hot breakfast after a cold night —Early risers are needed on Saturday mornings in January to mid- March to host breakfasts at our church after Micah's Cold Weather Shelters are open the night before. Volunteers arrive at the Education Building at 6 a.m. and help our unhoused neighbors off Micah buses to get a hot meal in the Fellowship Hall. Duties include helping the breakfast teams, visiting with neighbors and cleaning up. We're done by 9 a.m. To sign up in Realm, click on Serving, Opportunities, Browse by team, and go to "Outreach—CWS Breakfast". Once you have submitted your interest in joining the team, you will be added to the team and will be able to schedule your availability. You may also contact Jim Toler and he can add you to the team and schedule your available dates. For questions or assistance, contact Jim Toler at jimtoler80@gmail.com, 540-207-1202.



Micah Lunch Makers Needed in 2026

Every Friday, our congregation gives out 30 to 40 bag lunches to our unhoused neighbors. Groups, families, or individuals are needed to make 140 lunches each month for this Micah Ministries effort. Sandwiches may be assembled and the snacks bagged in the Church House as a fun group event or they may be brought in and stored in the Church House kitchen during the last week of each month. Shopping lists and instructions are available. Please help fill up the "Lunch Making for Micah" calendar for 2026. Open dates are the weeks of Feb. 23, March 23, April 27, June 29, July 27, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 23, and Dec. 28. To sign up in Realm, click on Serving, Opportunities, Browse by team, and go to "Outreach—Lunch Making for Micah". Once you have submitted your interest in joining the team, you will be added to the team and able to schedule your availability. You may also contact Jim Toler and he can add you to the team and schedule your available dates. For questions or assistance contact Judy Lowman at jelowman@aol.com, 540-845-0098 or Jim Toler at jimtoler80@gmail.com, 540-207-1202.



It's not too late to make a New Year's resolution. Resolve to donate blood and be someone's reason for a second chance this year. You can be a part of this life saving mission by signing up for our next blood drive on Tuesday March 17 from 11:00a.m.- 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Appointments are being taken now at redcrossblood.org. (Enter FredericksburgPresbyterian for the sponsor code) or 1-800 733-2767. For more information, please contact Linda Benn, lkbrab@verizon.net or 540 370-1646.

Volunteers wanted —Our Property Lock-up Team is still looking for a few good volunteers to help lock-up and secure Row Houses, Sanctuary, and Education Building after Sunday services. There are openings in the schedule for May, June, July, and August. You can sign up for one Sunday or multiple Sundays. If interested, you can sign-up through Realm or contact Jerry Zekert and Debe Garrison.

Officer Nominations Needed!

We are currently accepting nominations for individuals to serve the church in the offices of elder, deacon, and trustee as well as youth members to serve in a special one-year term for elder and deacon. We also will nominate 1 person to serve a three-year term on the Endowment Committee, and 1 person to serve a three-year term overseeing the Pittman/Ludwig Funds. Please assist us by giving prayerful consideration to the nominations of those individuals you feel have demonstrated gifts of leadership and commitment to the life and ministry of our church. **The deadline to submit nominations is Sunday, January 25th.**

Definitions for all the positions can be found on the form. You may submit multiple nominations or self nominate. Please click [HERE](#) to access the form. Paper copies are available in the Education Building on the bulletin board as well as in the back of the Sanctuary. Nominations may also be made by contacting any CNC member.

The 2026 Congregational Nominating Committee Members are Kathy Pecka (chair), Eleanor McCord, Bill Nix, Nancy Raines, Patty Toler, Joe Valasko, and Gary Vaughn.