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# **First & East Side Presbyterian Newsletter**

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## **MONTHLY REFLECTION**

The older I get, the more convinced I become that ninety-nine percent of the problems we face – political, financial, emotional, spiritual, whatever – are because we do not listen – really listen. It seems that everyone is quick to open their mouths and slow to open their ears.

People are too busy spouting their opinions while at the same time shutting down any meaningful conversation. Everyone demands quick solutions for the problems as they point fingers at others who supposedly caused them.

Why is this? Why are we so wrapped up in ourselves that we intentionally shut others out? Listening takes practice.

Writer Charles Swindoll once found himself with too many commitments in too few days. He got nervous and tense about it. “I was snapping at my wife and our children, choking down my food at mealtimes, and feeling irritated at those unexpected interruptions through the day,” he recalled in his book *Stress Fractures*. “Before long, things around our home started reflecting the patter of my hurry-up style. It was becoming unbearable.”

He goes on, “I distinctly remember after supper one evening, the words of our younger daughter, Colleen. She wanted to tell me something important that had happened to her at school that day. She began hurriedly, ‘Daddy, I wanna tell you somethin’ and I’ll tell you really fast.’ Suddenly realizing her frustration, I answered, ‘Honey, you can tell me – and you don’t have to tell me really fast. Say it slowly.’”

“I’ll never forget her answer” he relates. The little girl looked him in the eye and said, “Then you listen slowly.”

That is exactly what we need to do. Speak slowly and listen slowly and carefully. This is especially true when we talk to God. We will never have all the answers to our questions, much less solutions to all of our problems. But if we consciously take the time to talk – and better still – listen to God, our lives will be a whole lot less complicated if we let Him guide us.

Just so you know ... that’s my opinion.

-- Jim Boroff

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### **2025 PER CAPITA**

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## Neighbors' News



In Matthew 25:35 & 40, Jesus says "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." "I tell you the truth, whatever you did

for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Thanks to all who choose to put extra items on your grocery list to fill the containers in the Social Room. As always, please look for sales and help only as you are able.

**(optional) - Dish Soap and/or Liquid Laundry Soap**

### October

**5 - pears**

**12 - potato flakes**

**19 - corn**

**26 - chili**

Thanks for your help neighbor!

Rod and Linda Combs

## SATELLITES

We are going to The 818 Club on October 8th at 11:30 am. You can call or text Diane Bascone @ 419.680.0190 to RSVP or for directions. Bring a friend!



## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE AS LAY LEADER?

We are looking for individuals who would like to serve as lay leader and assist in Sunday morning services. If you are interested in serving in this way, please see the sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

## PHOTOS OF SEPT 14 SERVICE

If you attended the closing of building service on September 14 and you took photos that you would like to share and allow us to post to Facebook, please send them to [fremontfpc@gmail.com](mailto:fremontfpc@gmail.com). We would love to see your photos and remember that special day and all the familiar faces we saw!

## CHURCH OFFICE MOVING

The church office will be moving from 120 S. Park Ave to 1020 Kentucky Ave on October 3! Beginning Tuesday, October 7, office hours at 1020 Kentucky Ave will be on Tuesdays from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Thursdays are yet to be determined. Any communication for the church office needs to be placed in Amy's box in the library at 1020 Kentucky Ave beginning Friday, October 3. Thank you!

## 2025 BLOODMOBILE

The American Red Cross will be bringing the blood-mobile to 1020 Kentucky Ave on:

- **Tuesday, Nov. 25 from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.**

*Please call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment.*



**American Red Cross**

## COFFEE HOUR



Join us for Coffee Hour the first Sunday of every month after worship! If you would like to sign up to help with Coffee Hour, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please see Ann Weiler or Blanche McCormick. Thank you!



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5 10:30a - Worship - Coffee Hour 5:00p - Vida Church	6			7 10a-3p - church office hrs 5:00p - Vida Bible Study	8 11:30a - Satellites	9	10	11
12 10:30a - Worship 5:00p - Vida Church	13			14 10a-3p - church office hrs 5:00p - Vida Bible Study	15	16	17	18
19 10:30a - Worship 5:00p - Vida Church	20			21 10a-3p - church office hrs 5:00p - Vida Bible Study	22	23	24	25
26 10:30a - Worship 5:00p - Vida Church	27	Newsletter Articles Due		28 10a-3p - church office hrs 5:00p - Vida Bible Study	29	30	31	

1	Paul Stout	17	Jim Boroff	19	Lucy Hull	3	Mike & Amy Opre
3	Diane Bascone	17	Philip Miarer	24	Abraham Ross	4	Bill & Stacey McConnell
5	Carolyn Taylor	17	Don Steen	25	Scarlet Barbier	12	Jon & Melissa Detwiler
7	Ray Kirtley	18	Marian Steen	27	Lois Livingston	27	Mike & Pam Clark
13	Elliot Herman						

## Birthdays

## Anniversaries

***FIRST AND EAST SIDE  
JOINT SESSION***

***FIRST ELDERS:***

*Linda Combs  
Dannita Cowdrey  
Bill Taylor, Clerk*

***EAST SIDE ELDERS:***

*Cheryl Magargle, Clerk  
Ross McCormick  
Ann Weiler*

***FIRST AND EAST SIDE  
BOARD OF DEACONS***

***FIRST DEACONS:***

*Rod Combs  
Melissa Detwiler  
Susan Myers*

***EAST SIDE DEACONS:***

*Pat Damschroder  
Blanche McCormick  
Alyce Ann Schmidt*

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP**

All Sunday Worship Services for First Presbyterian and East Side congregations are now held at the East Side building located at 1020 Kentucky Ave in Fremont. Worship begins @ 10:30 a.m. Beginning January 1, 2026, our joint congregations will be known as Fremont Presbyterian Church.

To change how you receive your newsletter or to unsubscribe from our mailing list, please email the church office at:

**fremontfpc@gmail.com**

**THE CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM**

Pulpit Supply	Jim and Bonnie Boroff
Administrative Assistant	Amy Monk
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Nicole Whetstone
FIRST Treasurer	Linda Combs
EAST SIDE Treasurer	Barb Haynes
Custodian	Scott Slatter
Session Moderator	Edward Bettendorf

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN  
COORDINATING TEAM**

Moderator	Dannita Cowdrey
Treasurer	Linda Combs
Funeral Luncheon	Susan Myers
Rachel Circle	Dannita Cowdrey
At Large	Jo Elder
	Lois Livingston

**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you are moving, have changed phone numbers, or have a new email address, please email those changes to the office at: **fremontfpc@gmail.com**.

Thank you! Amy Monk, FPC Administrative Assistant