

Fremont Presbyterian Church of Fremont, Oh Newsletter

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“How very good and pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!”

Psalm 133:1 (NRSV-UE)

We’re all very excited to know that, after more than two (2) years’ careful discernment, prayer, preparation, and planning, we have finally completed the merger of First Presbyterian Church and East Side Presbyterian Church, both of Fremont—forming the new Fremont Presbyterian Church (effective de facto as of 1/1/26 and, after formal processing at the Ohio Secretary of State’s Office, de jure as of 5/1/26)!

As you know, in order to “get acquainted,” we spent 2024 moving Worship monthly between First and East Side; then, during 2025, we conducted Worship exclusively at East Side, which, by virtually unanimous consent in both congregations, we agreed would become the new entity’s permanent home. (We are currently in the process of selling the First building.) In June of 2025, we elected a new interim six-member Session (three from each of the to-be-merged congregations), which operated in a more or less hybrid fashion during the latter half of the year—maintaining, where necessary, separate business, financing, books of account, rolls and records, decisions, etc., and otherwise gradually combining operations—such that by the beginning of 2026, we were able to merge all activities into the new entity. In May of this year, we affirmed and finalized a new FPC Session (and Board of Deacons) that now operates in complete unity. As I repeatedly reported to Maumee Valley Presbytery (“MVP”) since becoming Moderator of both congregations several months ago, this merger has been accomplished in “text book” fashion! The leadership of both congregations, and indeed the congregations themselves, are to be commended for their diligence, care, cooperation, generosity, and grace. Congratulations one and all!

Now, of course, the truly important work of carrying this blessed community of faith forward is upon us. The challenges of membership, stewardship, mission, and outreach—are daunting. But we are blessed with excellent leadership and morale, which will greatly help carry us through.

We look forward to Dedication Sunday, September 20, 2026. MVP General Presbyter, The Rev. Dr. Matt Meinke, will be leading us in Worship, including a worthy sermon marking the occasion. We look forward to Dr. Meinke’s being with us. In Christ’s loving spirit, Amen!

Moderator Ed Bettendorf

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.

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

September

6 - Potato Flakes
13 - Oatmeal
20 - Peaches
27 - Corn

Thanks for your help, Neighbor!
Rod and Linda Combs

SATELLITES

On September 9th we will go to Depot

Pizza at 11:30 am.

You can call or text Diane

Bascone @ 419.680.0190 to

RSVP or for directions. Bring a friend!



BLOODMOBILE

The American Red Cross will be bringing the bloodmobile to 1020 Kentucky Ave on:

• Tuesday, September 29, 2026

• 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Please call the Red Cross at

1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment.

If you would like to volunteer to help or bake cookies for the workers, please call Blanche McCormick or Cheryl Magargle.



American
Red Cross

Hi, I'm Debbie Cheek. I am your new administrative assistant. I am a wife, mother and grandmother. I am also a retired teacher. I still work for the schools part time and babysit. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. My personal number is 419-307-4489.

A BITTERSWEET "SEE YOU LATER"

After more than 10 years, I am stepping away from being your administrative assistant. Life for me has grown and changed in many wonderful ways since I started here in February of 2016. My three children are all married and are now having children of their own. I love being a grandma, and look forward to extra time with my three sweet grandbabies, as well as time with the rest of my family. My husband now travels almost full time for work, and I have the option to travel with him on occasion. I am very involved in my home church and have new opportunities for ministry that God has laid on my heart. Just as you are celebrating your next chapter as Fremont Presbyterian Church, it is time for my next chapter. I have met so many of you over the years, have grown to love you, and I will miss working with you. I will miss serving you as I have tried to do over the years, but I know you are in good hands with your new administrative assistant, Debbie. I'm sure this is not "good-bye", but simply "see you later". Thank you for the friendship you have showed me, the things you have taught me, the chats you have taken time to have with me, the kind notes you have written to me, the prayers you have prayed for me, and the thoughtful gifts you have given me. I pray that God will bless you and keep you. I pray that God will make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. I pray that He will lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

See you later, Amy Monk

DEDICATION WORSHIP SERVICE

There will be a Dedication Worship Service on September 20, 2026. Members will receive their Fremont Presbyterian Church membership certificates. Lunch will be provided following the service.

Pray for our children and teachers returning to school this month.



COFFEE HOUR

Join us for Coffee Hour the first Sunday of every month after worship!



September 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 1-3p - Church Office Hours	2	3	4	5
6 10:30a - Worship - Coffee Hour	7 	8 1-3p - Church Office Hours	9 11:30a - Satellites	10	11	12
13 10:30a - Worship	14	15 1-3p - Church Office Hours	16	17	18	19
20 10:30a - Worship Newsletter Articles Due	21	22 1-3p - Church Office Hours	23	24	25	26
27 10:30a - Worship	28	29 1-3p - Church Office Hours 11:30a-5:30p - Bloodmobile	30			

Birthdays

9/10 – Beth Provonsha

9/21 – Dennis Weiler

9/24 – Rick Keck

9/28 – Cheryl Magargle

9/29 – Jon Detwiler

Anniversaries

9/13 – William and Carolyn Taylor



SESSION

Linda Combs
Barb Haynes
Cheryl Magargle, Clerk
Ann Weiler
Moderator, Ed Bettendorf

BOARD OF DEACONS

Rod Combs
Pat Damschroder
Melissa Detwiler
Anne Humberger
Blanche McCormick
Bill Taylor

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THE CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

Pulpit Supply	Jim Boroff
Administrative Assistant	Debbie Cheek
Children's Ministry	Nicole Whetstone
Coordinator	
Co-Treasurers	Linda Combs, Barb Haynes
Custodian	Scott Slatter
Session Moderator	Edward Bettendorf

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Thank you!
Debbie Cheek, Administrative Assistant

MAILING LIST CHANGES

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