



December
&
January
Tower Chimes





Staff Contact Information

Senior Pastor

Rev. Jerry Ernst pastor@cornerstonefredericktown.com

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Dr. J. Gary Campbell jgcampbell444@gmail.com

Facility Coordinator

Lori Wilkes facilities@cornerstonefredericktown.com

Outreach Coordinator

Laurey Grogg outreach@cornerstonefredericktown.com

Church Office

Angie Simmons office@cornerstonefredericktown.com

Custodial

Jill Rock & Christine Wenger

Financial Secretary

Al Allender finance@cornerstonefredericktown.com



Treasurer

treasurer@cornerstonefredericktown.com

Technology Coordinator

Ethan Byrom tech@cornerstonefredericktown.com



Kids Ministry

Kalvari Kershner kidsmin@cornerstonefredericktown.com

Youth Ministry Director

Brian & Julie Zimmerman

youthmin@cornerstonefredericktown.com

Nursery Coordinator

Emily Carter nursery@cornerstonefredericktown.com

Worship Leader/Praise Team Director

Ross Carter worship@cornerstonefredericktown.com

Choir Director

Mary Elder elder@gmail.com



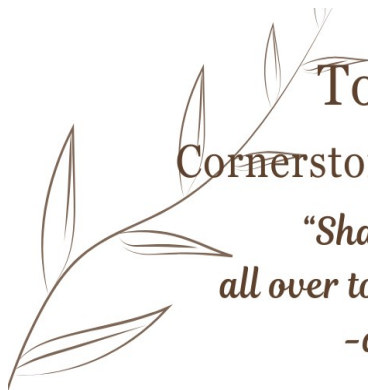
Lay Leader

Robin McClay rmccloy50@gmail.com

Fredericktown Christian Preschool

Melissa Rinehart cpreschool@cornerstonefredericktown.com





Tower Chimes

Cornerstone Community Church

*"Sharing hope in Christ
all over town- across generations
-around the world"*

123 Columbus Rd.

Fredericktown, OH 43019

(740)694-5806

office@cornerstonefredericktown.com

www.cornerstonefredericktown.org

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday Small Group

11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship



December/January 2025-2026

Dear Cornerstone Community Church family,

Matthew 1:21-23 – “(21) She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. (22) All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: (23) ‘The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel’ (which means ‘God with us’).”

Is this wonderful season we call Christmas already here? Yes, Christmas always seems to sneak up on us and reminds both the believer and non-believer - God's Son entered the world to bring Light and salvation to people (John 1:1-5, 14). I have said this statement on several occasions: “Religion is an attempt of people trying to get to God and relationship is God trying to reach people.”

This is exactly what the meaning of the Christmas season is – God trying to reach people through His only Son, Jesus Christ (John 3:15-21).

The beauty of the Christmas season can get smothered by commercialism, busyness, difficulties, and stress. My heart wants to encourage you and your family to “slim” your schedule down and enjoy this season we call Christmas. In other words, keep it simple!

In addition to the above, this newsletter elapses two months (The end of 2025 and into 2026) as a new year approaches us. May Jesus guide you, your family, our Church family, and our nation into a fruitful year ahead. I desire Cornerstone Community Church to Reach, ReTrain, ReTain, ReLease and ReProduce new believers as a Church Body and do our part in growing God’s Kingdom in 2026.

Thank you for your prayers, support, concern, faithfulness and love for your Church family and ministry. Words cannot express this enough. If you need me or the Church in any way, please reach out to us.

God bless you and keep you in His arms this Christmas and lead you into the New Year!

In Christian love,
Pastor Jerry and Abbey Ernst
Matthew 9:35-38



A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Dr. Gary Campbell, Pastor Emeritus

THE BIBLE'S MIDDLE VERSE

In my “Word of Encouragement” last spring, I shared insights the Lord gave me while I was doing daily devotions in the Bible’s longest chapter, Psalm 119. Now let me offer you the following information about the Bible as a whole—:

The longest chapter, again, is Psalm 119, with 176 verses in the English Bible. The shortest chapter, interestingly enough, is Psalm 117, with only 2 verses in the English Bible. And the middle chapter of our English Bible is...you guessed it!...Psalm 118.

There is a total of 1189 chapters in the whole Bible. 594 of them come before Psalm 118, and 594 chapters follow Psalm 118. This chapter, Psalm 118, stands exactly in the middle of 1188 other chapters, 594 chapters on either side of Psalm 118!

You may or may not be as excited as I am about these Bible statistics, but I think you will be helped, as I am, to be directed to the middle verse of your Bible. The one verse in our English Bible that stands right in the middle is Psalm 118:8. In the New Revised Standard Version Bible I have before me, this verse reads:

It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to put confidence in mortals.

You and I are surrounded and sometimes feel overwhelmed by the modern world with its business and advertising, its politics and civic leaders, its sports and entertainments, its TV news and stories, and even by the Christian Church with its inspired leaders...devoted laity with wonderful skills, and clergy who are truly called and commissioned as God’s messengers. Some of these certainly influence us, and there are many who earn our trust. Unfortunately, however, even the best may disappoint us. Even good people sometimes yield to temptation, and use their place and position for personal pleasure or self-centered gain.

Ultimately, for the sake of my salvation and my eternal destiny, I am secure only by looking to my Lord rather than any human leader. I am saved by grace—God’s grace! I am kept by love—God’s love! I am guided by truth—God’s truth! It will always be better for me to look to the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, than to put confidence in mere mortals. God alone is my refuge! Indeed, God is your refuge!

Bereavement Ministry

Grieving is hard work! Anyone who has lost a loved one knows how much grieving can change your life. The loss of a loved one causes many physical problems as the body goes into the “Fight or Flight” mode, and it often takes a long time for that to wind down.

Exhaustion, issues with digestion, mental health, and memory are only a few of the feelings and effects we feel after a loss. It is suggested that you give yourself grace to not be on top of your game while grieving. Nor should you expect to be able to focus or handle “normal” tasks as you have in the past for the time being.

Letters and articles for help in processing and coping are sent periodically for a year to those in this congregation that have had a loss. If you wish to talk one-on-one please contact Joyce Thomas, Rachel Blevins or Cindy Harvel for support, so your grief can be supported and you cared for.



It's Time for Christmas Cards!
Send your church family a friendly greeting
with a Christmas card!

Place your Christmas cards in the large gray mailbox in the Welcome Center. Cards will be accepted November 30 - December 14. Sorting will take place during the week of December 14. Please alphabetize and rubber band your cards for easier sorting. Christmas cards will be distributed at church on December 21 and December 28. Cards should be limited to regular attendees. If you would like to mail a card to an out of town member, please call the church office for an address.

If you would like to help with Christmas card sorting and distribution, please contact Robin McClay at (740)358-6723.



Joy Circle

December 9th in the Great Room at 1:30

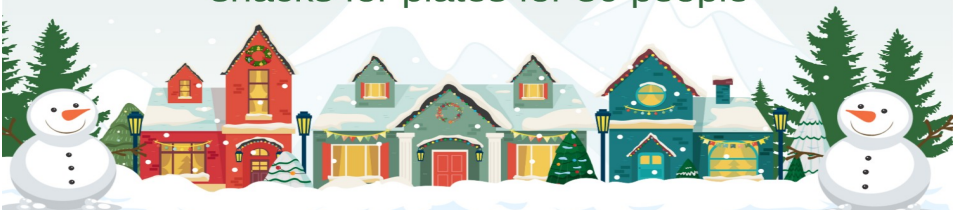
Hostess – Rachel Blevins

Co-Hostess – Debby Jones

Devotions – Charlotte Shipley

Program – Meet our New Technology Advisor
Ethan Byrom

Also, Making sunshine plates for shut-ins.
Bring individually wrapped cookies, candy or
snacks for plates for 30 people



Congregational Care Ministry

As always many are visiting shut ins; calling some on our list to offer support; sending cards of encouragement; singing to shut ins; sending birthday cards to our list; offering communion; and talking to people in both services for support.

On Sunday December 7th at 3:00pm our team will meet in the Conference Room to plan and strategize for 2026. We welcome newcomers to the ministry program and would like to hear your ideas and seek any new folks that can be added to the list for services from the Congregational Care team. Please join us! Call Joyce Thomas for information.

Library News

New Books

Get Used to Different - Student Guide to the Chosen

Once Upon a Wardrobe by Callahan
Enchanting novel of faith is a must read
for fans of C.S. Lewi

Child of The Promise by Stormie Omartian
Paintings by Jack Terry

The Journey Home: A Walk With Bob Benson

Several cookbooks compiled by our church women over the past 40 years are available in the free book box.

Christmas books are out on the display table now.



Buddy Break



Buddy Break will be hosting its Christmas event on Saturday, Dec. 13th with a "Follow the Star" theme. We will have fun but focus on the real meaning of Christmas. Children will enjoy themed rooms such as the star room, the animals of the nativity, a wise men room and of course angels. Children will be making kindness kits for people unable to leave their homes. Watch the welcome center for ways you can help with this project.

In January, our theme will be "Walking on Ice with God's Help". Children will enjoy activities with snowballs at a snowflake station. They can explore Igloo island and Penguin Playground all the while learning how God helps us in difficult times. This event, weather permitting, will be held on January 24, 2026. Happy New Year, everyone!



Add to the beauty of our Christmas season—order a poinsettia for the sanctuary!

Sign up in the Welcome Area.
Orders due by December 2.



Prayers and Squares

Prayers and Squares will meet Dec. 3 and Jan.7. If you know of someone in need of a prayer quilt, don't hesitate to ask.

We have quilts for all ages. Just check with Kathy Toms or ask in the office.

PEACEMEAL

Thank you to all who donated, roasted and carved turkeys and baked cakes and cookies for the big Thanksgiving Feast! Our amazing cooks and kitchen serving teams deserve special recognition! They served 525 community members with love and joy!

No Peacemeals November 26
December 17 Christmas Meal with live Christmas music
No Peacemeals December 24 or December 31

Special thanks to Don and Jackie Strong, Gary and Joy Campbell and Bob and Virginia Rodgers for going to get Center of Hope groceries each month!

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."

— **Charles Dickens**



Thank you!

Thank you to everyone that brought in donations for the College Care Packages. Fifteen boxes were filled to the brim and sent to the college students. They greatly appreciate them. Kathy Toms



Thank you!

Thank you Cornerstone Church family for all the amazing items that I received at college. It is very much appreciated.

Blake Tucker



Thank You

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

THANK YOU FOR THE MANY CARE PACKAGES OVER THE YEARS INCLUDING THE ONE SENT THIS PAST OCTOBER. THEY ALWAYS SEEM TO COME AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME TO GET US THROUGH MID TERMS. WE APPRECIATE THE THOUGHTFULNESS, THE SUPPORT, AND ALL THE PRAYERS!

THANKS AGAIN,
JAKE, LAINY, AND JULIA PARTINGTON



thank you



THANK YOU! TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY FOR THE PRAYERS THAT ARE CERTAINLY FELT, THE CARDS, HUGS, OFFERS OF COMFORT, AND EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE AS WE DEAL WITH THE CHALLENGES FOR LEE. A SUPER SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE WONDERFUL GROUP OF 6 MEN, ORGANIZED BY LARRY ANDRZEWSKI, WHO HELPED TO MOVE LEE INTO DANBURY ASSISTED LIVING AT VERY SHORT NOTICE. AND TO A VERY SPECIAL FRIEND, DIANA WHO IS ALWAYS THERE FOR ME WHEN I NEED TO WALK OR JUST TALK, OR NEED A HUG, WHO STAYED WITH LEE WHILE THE MEN MOVED THE FURNITURE AND HIS BELONGINGS. HIS ADDRESS IS: 1605 VENTURE DR. ROOM 224 MT VERNON, OHIO 43050.

HE CAN HAVE AND WOULD ENJOY VISITORS.

LOVE TO ALL BECAUSE JESUS IS IN THIS CONGREGATION IN THE VOICES, AND HANDS AND FEET AND ARMS OF PEOPLE HERE.....

WE FEEL IT!!

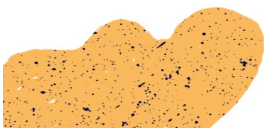
JOYCE AND LEE

Thank You

THANK YOU FOR ALL PRAYERS,
CARDS, AND PEACEMEALS WHILE I AM
RECOVERING FROM MY FALL. THANK
GOODNESS I DID NOT HAVE TO HAVE
AN OPERATION ON MY LEFT KNEE.
PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY THAT MY
KNEE WILL GET COMPLEYELY HEALED.
WITH LOVE AND BLESSINGS,
KATHLEEN (DEAN) RIDENOUR



“Peacemeals would
like to thank the
Kokosing
Construction
Company
employees for their
generous donation
of \$8,000.00.”





Dear Church Family,

After a journey the past four months, I am home for good (I hope). Thank you so much for all your prayers, visits, phone calls, transportation, help with our yard, flowers, food, and other acts of kindness. We are truly blessed at Cornerstone Community Church to have such a family of believers under the leadership of Pastor Jerry.

Thank you all,
Bill Moody



Thank You!



Thank you to the incredible wood cutting crew for providing us with the much-needed supply of wood. Your generosity and hard work have made a significant difference for us during this time. With one less worry on our minds, we can focus on my health as I continue to receive care at the Cleveland Clinic. We truly appreciate your kindness and support.

Blessings,
Gregory Helinski



ShopRaise

Scan to sign up



**Please join our Honduras Mission Team Fundraiser
during your holiday shopping season!**

You can do your typical shopping for the holidays,
and the vendor will donate a percentage to our mission project!

1. Scan the QR code.
2. Download the app.
3. Shop through this app and make your purchases as normal.
4. Buy a gift card through the app, then shop in store or online to double the percentage.

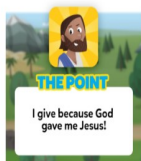


ShopRaise.com/support/Cornerstonefredericktown



KID ZONE

The Kid Zone Nursery is for newborns through preschoolers. We provide a fun place to learn about Jesus during both worship services. During the small group hour, we take a BIBLE ADVENTURE! We learn our verse and the answer to the question of the month. The Kid Zone is also open on Wednesday nights during the IGNITE worship services.



SMALL GROUP HOUR

January



If you are unable to serve on your scheduled week, please try to switch with someone. If you cannot find a replacement, please reach out to

Emily.

Truly Grateful for you.



12/7- OUR NURSERY CHILDREN WILL BE PART OF BOTH SERVICES! WE WILL BE DRESSING THEM AS ANGELS AND WE WILL COME INTO THE SERVICE TO HELP PREPARE THE MANGER FOR BABY JESUS.

9:00 Service

11:15 Service

12/7	Matt & Jessica Moore	Emily Carter
12/14	Leslie Ruggles & Laurey Grogg	Rob & Angie Simmons
12/21	Emily Carter	Hunter & Montana Huvier
12/28	Caleb & Ashlyn Carter	Elizabeth & Leah Napier
1/4	Bethany Goeppinger & Madi Bender	Lyneea Clevenger & Leah Lindeman
1/11	Heather Miller & Emily Carter	Melissa & Steve Rinehart
1/18	Larry Andrejewski & Emily Carter	Cale & Gloria Grubb
1/25	Emily Carter	Emily Carter

We love our Volunteers



FCP News



PRESCHOOL NEWS: A BUSY AND BLESSED FALL

We've made it through the first three months of school, and what an incredible journey it's been so far! Our students have made amazing progress as they continue to learn the ins and outs of preschool. We are continually amazed at how much these little ones have learned and how much they have taught us along the way.

5-Day Class Highlights:

Our 5-day students have been exploring how our community works together to keep us safe. They had the opportunity to visit the local firehouse, where they learned all about fire trucks and the equipment firefighters use to put out fires. A big thank you to the firefighters for taking the time to teach our students about fire safety! We also had a visit from a local police officer who shared how they work to keep our town safe. We are so grateful for their time and dedication to our community!

In October, we celebrated Dad's Night, with the generous support of the Huvler family, who donated pumpkins for the event. Our 5-day students had a blast with the pumpkins and even making their own jack o'lanterns.



2-Day Class Highlights:

Our 2-day students have been learning about the importance of staying healthy and the five senses that God has given us. They also enjoyed their own pumpkin fun, exploring how pumpkins grow and participating in activities like floating and sinking experiments. They had a fantastic time at their own pumpkin party, which was full of hands-on learning and fun!

Preschool Sunday and Community Support:

We were so blessed to share Preschool Sunday with our Cornerstone Community Church family. The children's joyful singing was a beautiful way to share the love of Jesus with everyone who attended. Thank you to all the families who came, danced with the kids, and stayed for lunch. We are so thankful for the incredible support we've received this fall! A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Hamloaf and Calendar Sale! With your help, we were able to sell every calendar and 320 lbs of hamloaf! A special shout-out to the amazing group of parents and family members who came together to prepare the hamloaf. Many hands truly make light work—and a lot of fun!

Veterans Day:

On Veterans Day, we had a special guest, SGT Caleb Carter (Mrs. Carter's middle son), who came to read to the children. He shared about his military uniform, his job, and how the people around us—both in our neighborhood and beyond—serve in the military. It was a great learning experience for the kids, and we are so grateful for his time and dedication to sharing with us.



Thankfulness and Giving Back:

This fall, our students have been learning about thankfulness and the many ways we can show gratitude to God for all that He provides. In the spirit of giving, we are collecting Mac n' Cheese for Interchurch Ministries, teaching the kids how we can bless others in our community.

Looking Ahead:

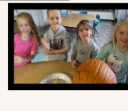
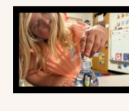
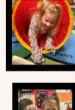
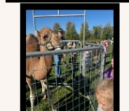
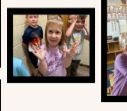
As we approach the holiday season, the children are practicing their songs for the Fredericktown Christmas Walk. We invite you to join us at 5:15 PM on the town square to hear the children sing and celebrate the season together! The kids are also preparing for their Christmas programs, where they'll act out the beautiful story of the birth of our Savior. It's sure to be a memorable time for all of our families.

After Christmas, we'll transition into winter units, with lots of creative ways to keep the children active indoors through large motor activities and fun winter-themed lessons.

Thank You for Your Support!

As we reflect on all that we've accomplished so far, we are incredibly thankful for the support of our families and the community.

Together, we are providing our children with a rich, loving, and faith-filled preschool experience. We look forward to all that God has in store for the rest of the year!



We have a few spots open in each of our programs if you know of any 3-5 year olds that are still looking.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON
PRESCHOOL SUNDAY AND THE HAMLOAF
MISSION DINNER**

CORNERSTONE

Kids



**Kids participating in upcoming
Sunday Services:**

Sunday Nov 30th:

NURSERY ANGELS

Prepare the manger



Christmas Eve Services:

Dec 24 @ 6pm & 8pm

Youth and Kids will be portraying the people and animals at the very first Christmas. Please let Kalvari Kershner and Krsitne Lindeman know which service your family will attend so we can plan!



Sunday Dec 7th:

KIDS OF ALL AGES



Sunday Dec 21st:





Our Mission:

To raise children to know God's love
Leading them to seek, serve, and adore Him.

Fall Family Fun day pics!



Small Group TIME!

Sunday Mornings 10-11am

Jr Church TIME!

During 9 and 11:15 service



EPIC

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM!

FIRST DAY: OCT 1st

Every Wednesday 4-5pm

MUST SIGN UP!!!



HAPPY

Birthday



12/01 Charlotte Shipley
12/01 Vonda Turner
12/01 James Stansberry
12/03 Ryan Bender
12/05 Keith Bohley
12/05 Hunter Huvler
12/08 Jeff Toms
12/09 Laine Hannan
12/10 Irma James
12/12 Andrew Kershner
12/14 Wade Grogg
12/14 Gary Alverson
12/15 Tom Tenney
12/15 Kristine Lindeman
12/16 Colin Grogg
12/17 Pat Dumbaugh
12/17 Lillian Shade
12/18 Tony Partington
12/20 Asa Ducharme
12/21 Landyn Donalon
12/21 Brian Zimmerman
12/21 Owen Flynn
12/26 Owen Flynn
12/27 Teegan Ruhl
12/28 Mary Lou Hannan
12/29 Holy Pozderac

HAPPY

Anniversary

12/01 Brian & Heather Tucker
12/07 Ross & Emily Tucker
12/14 Tony & Tammy Partington
12/15 Bill & Gail Kershner
12/18 Michael & Susan Link
12/20 Larry & Mary Andrzejewski
12/28 John & Janet Lantz
12/31 Lee & Joyce Thomas





DECEMBER



Usher/greeter schedule

9:00 am service

Gary Alverson

Ray Davis

Bill Elder

Michael Link

Kathleen Ridenour

Scripture Readers

12/07 Mark Wildermuth

12/14 Cheryl White

12/21 Janet Boone

12/28 Robin McClay

Visitor Care

Cheryl White

Usher/greeter schedule

11:15 am service

Mark Maxwell

Jayne Maxwell

Kevin Ducharme

Michelle Gregg

Scripture Readers

12/07 Marissa Simmons

12/14 Worship Team

12/21 Meg Bender

12/28 Ryan Conley

Visitor Care

Meg Bender

Coffee Clean-up

Ken Goeppinger





01/01 Aaron Tedrow

01/02 Kathy Luckmeier

01/03 Ben Blevins

01/05 Heather Tucker

01/07 Jamie Sanders

01/08 Brian Tucker

01/08 Phil Hicks

01/09 Janice Clayton

01/09 Bill Byler

01/10 Jill Rock

01/11 Rick Scott

01/11 Kaira Ruggles

01/12 Donald Divelbiss

01/12 Ty Thorne

01/13 Dustin Ruggles

01/14 Rachel Blevins

01/17 Kevin Adams

01/18 James Napier

01/18 Thomas Kinton

01/19 Kassie Hicks

01/19 Melissa Rhinehart

01/20 Julia Partington

01/20 Thomas Shade

01/21 Brent Jones

01/21 Elaina Partington

01/26 Mark Boone

01/26 Kendall Grubb

01/27 Ray Davis

01/28 Karen Moody

01/29 Kyle Randall

01/29 Carl Wampler

Happy
ANNIVERSARY

01/21 Duane & Judy Leedy





JANUARY



Scripture Readers 9:00 a.m.

01/04 Bill Byler

01/11 Susan Link

01/18 Rev. Gary Campbell

01/25 Tom Bolton

Visitor Care

Rev. Gary & Joy
Campbell

Usher/Greeters 9:00 a.m.

Cheryl White

Tom Goeppinger

Rhonda Goeppinger

Duane Leedy

Judy Leedy

Robin McClay

Coffee Pot Clean-up

Cale Grubb

Scripture Readers 11:15 a.m.

01/04 Worship Team

01/11 Larry Andrzejewski

01/18 Jennifer Stansberry

01/25 Worship Team

Visitor Care

Andy Clevenger

Usher/Greeters 11:15 a.m.

Mark Maxwell

Jayne Maxwell

Brian Zimmerman

Julie Zimmerman

Alivia Zimmerman





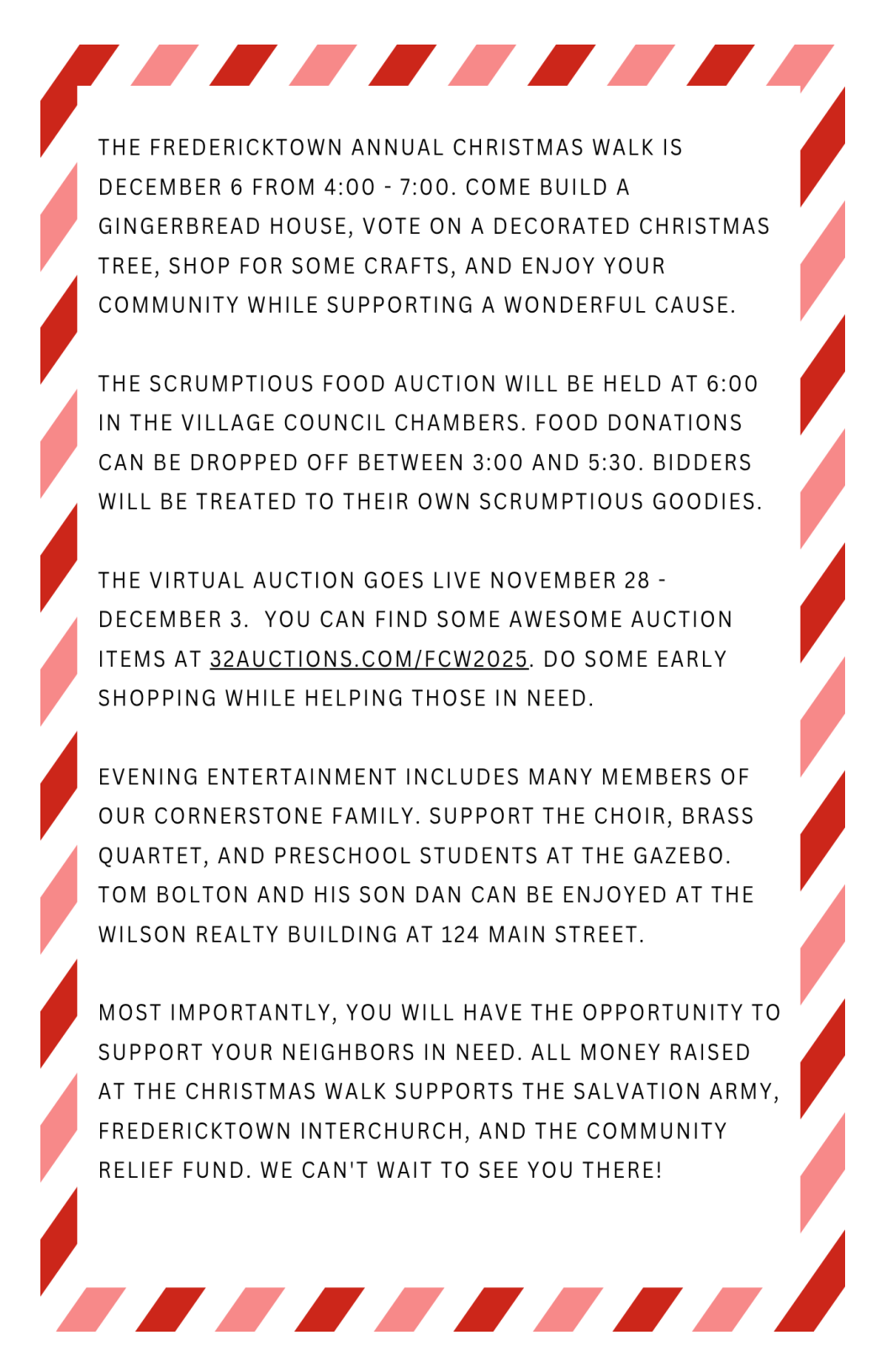
We extend our heartfelt thanks to Cornerstone Community Church for their incredible generosity during this year's baby bottle campaign! The impressive total of \$1,297.11, not including personal checks written directly to Starting Point, highlights your compassion and support. Starting Point is truly grateful for your unwavering commitment to our cause. Thank you for making a difference! If you want to learn more about Starting Point visit knoxstartingpoint.org.

Experience the Light of the World—

*Christmas
at
Cornerstone*



Sundays
9AM, 11:15AM
123 Columbus Road
Fredericktown



THE FREDERICKTOWN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WALK IS
DECEMBER 6 FROM 4:00 - 7:00. COME BUILD A
GINGERBREAD HOUSE, VOTE ON A DECORATED CHRISTMAS
TREE, SHOP FOR SOME CRAFTS, AND ENJOY YOUR
COMMUNITY WHILE SUPPORTING A WONDERFUL CAUSE.

THE SCRUMPTIOUS FOOD AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT 6:00
IN THE VILLAGE COUNCIL CHAMBERS. FOOD DONATIONS
CAN BE DROPPED OFF BETWEEN 3:00 AND 5:30. BIDDERS
WILL BE TREATED TO THEIR OWN SCRUMPTIOUS GOODIES.

THE VIRTUAL AUCTION GOES LIVE NOVEMBER 28 -
DECEMBER 3. YOU CAN FIND SOME AWESOME AUCTION
ITEMS AT 32AUCTIONS.COM/FCW2025. DO SOME EARLY
SHOPPING WHILE HELPING THOSE IN NEED.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDES MANY MEMBERS OF
OUR CORNERSTONE FAMILY. SUPPORT THE CHOIR, BRASS
QUARTET, AND PRESCHOOL STUDENTS AT THE GAZEBO.
TOM BOLTON AND HIS SON DAN CAN BE ENJOYED AT THE
WILSON REALTY BUILDING AT 124 MAIN STREET.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED. ALL MONEY RAISED
AT THE CHRISTMAS WALK SUPPORTS THE SALVATION ARMY,
FREDERICKTOWN INTERCHURCH, AND THE COMMUNITY
RELIEF FUND. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

Cornerstone Community Church

123 Columbus Rd.

Fredericktown, OH 43019