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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 2016

Living Waters FPC Team Update

We have bought our airline tickets! We have an itinerary! The dream is becoming a reality!

FPC Living Waters for the World team will be traveling this November to install the water purification system (on display in the Cornerstone building for a year, now) in Chiac Guatemala.

Larry and Caren Gibson, Prentice Knight, Deb Thompson, and Donna Houston will be leaving in the wee hours of November 12th for the system installation and health education for the Chiac Community. Joining them on the installation will be Pablo Siliezar, in-country coordinator, and Jhonny Hernandez, Living Waters for the World technician for Guatemala. Pablo will serve as translators and technical support.

Chiac is a small Mayan village in the mountains of Guatemala. The main livelihood for the people there is growing corn and vegetables for their families to eat and to sell at market.

The team will be installing in partnership with Iglesia El Shaddai in Chiac. The church's minister, Pastor Domingo, heard about a Living Waters installation in Salama, a nearby town which happens to be the home of Omar Marroquin, the in-country director for Living Waters for the World in Guatemala.

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Living Waters (cont.)

After they visited the system in Salama they decided that their community needed a system. The pastor's brother in law donated land for the system and, on faith, they built a water building to the specifications of Living Waters for the World! They also dug a well to ensure a constant water supply.

Deb and Donna visited with the people of Chiac last March and were warmly welcomed. Over the course of two days with the pastor, his wife, and members and youth from the church, a bond was formed and a covenant was signed –an agreement that we will work together to build a sustainable water purification project for their community. Water will be shared with the local school and with the health clinic, which is right next to the water building. They will also sell water at an affordable price to people in the community so that they will have money to sustain their system.

The bond –the partnership –is not just between our Living Waters team and the village church in Chiac

The bond the partnership is between Franklin Presbyterian Church and Iglesia El Shaddai in Chiac.

You, the church, have worked to raise money for this project.

The youth of the church have raised money to buy much needed supplies for the Living Waters Warehouse in Guatemala.

You, the church, have offered support and prayers for our team.

What can you do now?

Continue to pray for our project, our team members, and for our partners in Guatemala.

Continue to give to future Living Waters fundraisers. We hope that this will be the first of many installations for FPC.

Consider attending Clean Water U to be trained as a team member for FPC.

Consider these facts:

- 3.3 million people die from water-related health problems each year. Many of these are children.
- Americans use about 100 gallons of water at home each day. Millions of the world's poorest subsist on fewer than five.
- 46% of people on earth do not have water piped to their homes.
- One out of eight people lacks access to clean water.



The beautiful building in Chiac where the water will be installed.



Signing the covenant between FPC and Iglesia El Shaddai.



Deb, Pablo and Omar

Did you know?

Women in developing countries walk an average of 3.7 miles to get water.



Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse invites you to help with "Operation Christmas Child" by filling a shoebox with toys, etc. to be sent to needy children overseas. Franklin Graham says, "as you pack a shoebox and send it off with a prayer you are partnering with local believers around the world to share the Gospel."

In our church office we have colorful boxes and complete instructions. Operation Christmas Child National Collection week is November 14-21, but you are encouraged to bring your full box and \$7 for shipping to church anytime before then. Please bring all boxes to the mail room at FPC, and place in the designated location. FPC will take care of getting your filled box to the collection location.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

September Attendance:

1st Sunday	52
2nd Sunday	49
3rd Sunday	58
4th Sunday	53

September Weekly Offering Average:

\$3,184.96

1st Sunday	\$6,233.84
2nd Sunday	\$1,758.00
3rd Sunday	\$2,819.50
4th Sunday	\$1,928.50

Average Weekly Income Needed for Budget:

\$2,355.77



Domestic Violence Awareness

October is “Domestic Violence Awareness” month. With this in mind, we’d like to share the following excerpts from a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Pamela Patrick Cole entitled “Saturday People.” The sermon first appeared in *Journal for Preachers*, Lent, volume XXII, number 2, 1999.

“...When we ignore the hurting God, the yearning God, the angry God, the aching God, we end up ignoring those in our midst—maybe all of us?—who are hurting and yearning and angry. When we ignore the God who is absent, we kick out those among us who feel God is absent in their lives. From the Psalms we hear, ‘Thou didst hide thy face, I was dismayed.’ ‘How long, O Lord, Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?’

...When we ignore the God who is crucified, we ignore those who are fighting tooth and nail with death in their lives. From Matthew, ‘From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani” which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”’ Walter Brueggemann has pointed out that the words are not ‘My God, my God, why does it seem like you have forsaken me?’

Brueggemann told a story about a renowned teacher who lost his child in an accident. The teacher had written a lot about the pain of his loss and the agony of being forsaken by God. After a moving discussion by this teacher of the reality of gut wrenching pain in the Christian life, someone stood up and told the teacher that the death of his child was really...good. Good.

That is exactly what we are apt to do to our sisters and brothers in Christ when they are hurting. Rather than allowing them to hurt, to rage, to question, to doubt, to ache, we say ‘Don’t worry. God is in control.’ We say, ‘God is good.’ Once in my clinical pastoral education year at Spartanburg Regional Hospital, one of my colleagues told a woman whose son had just died by suicide that it was a sin for her to be angry—that she needed to confess her anger to God and accept God’s will.

Oh, we may not say such egregious things, but we can say them in our actions and in our terror to push down our own doubts, fears, and rage. We come to church and smile at everybody even if we are hurting. We are afraid to say, ‘I hurt. I do not know if God cares very much.’ Instead we say, ‘Things are fine, just fine, just fine.’ Maybe things are so unfine that we do not come to church at all.

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Domestic Violence Resources

Barren River Area Safe Space, Inc.
www.barrenriverareasafespace.com
(270) 843-1183

Hope Harbor, Inc.
24 Hour Crisis Line: 1-800-656-4673

National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-4799-7233



OCTOBER
NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH

Reminder:

Good Samaritan Food Pantry

On the first Sunday of each month, we partake of the Lord's Supper together in worship. On each first Sunday, we also bring our gifts of canned goods and pantry items for the Good Samaritan food pantry. These items are placed in the red bin at the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you to all who have given over these past months and years, and thank you to all who will continue to give in the future! Let us find nourishment at God's table each month, that we may be sent out to nourish God's world.



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Domestic Violence Awareness (cont.)

We do not have the breath to utter words of faith when our hearts are empty.

When we give this flimsy message of hope to those who are hurting, when we give this flimsy message of hope to ourselves, we are denying the full, deep, real experience of being God's people. We are denying the full, rich, complex God revealed to us in Scripture. When we give this flimsy message of hope to those who are hurting we are ignoring the Saturday God. We all know about the pain of Good Friday—we all know the suffering of death. And we all know the hope of new life, resurrection Sunday. Seldom, however, do we Christians allow people to be in Saturday. Saturday. Saturday was the day on which it looked as if God were dead and that was that. Saturday was the day that no one knew. No one knew what was going to happen. Because we look back with joy upon the resurrection, it is difficult for us to remember what Saturday must have been like. Or is it?"

The full sermon and resources from PC(USA) for observing "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" can be found at the following link: http://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/phewa/pdfs/padvn-2015_packet.pdf.

Benevolence Update

Thanks to our interest income from FPC's investments and generous donations from the congregation, the Pastor's Benevolence fund has paid out over \$1,520 so far in 2016 to help people with rent, shelter, electricity, water, and food, among other things. The balance of the fund is \$1,887.28.

Thank you for feeding, clothing, and ministering to our sisters & brothers in the community through your donations!

If you would like to donate to the Pastor's Benevolence Fund, please note "Benevolence" in the memo portion of your check.

“Jesus and Me”

Attention all elementary-aged students!

Join us for
“Jesus and Me”
(J.A.M.) on the
1st and 3rd
Wednesdays of the
month.
Dinner is provided
with the youth group.

Thank you!

Thank you to all those that donated baked goods, as well as their time to support our FPC Youth Camp Fund at this year's Youth Bake Sale at the Festival on the Square. While the weather didn't cooperate, we were able to raise \$313.50 to support our youth!

Youth Corner

THE YOUTH GROUP MEETS ON THE 1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 6-7 P.M. AT THE CORNERSTONE. SUPPER IS PROVIDED AND THE MEETING OPENS AND CLOSES WITH PRAYER. AFTER A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OR SCRIPTURE STUDY, WE WILL DISCUSS UPCOMING MISSION PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES AND PLAY SOME GAMES. ANDREW GARRET IS THE YOUTH GROUP LEADER.

Upcoming Activities

NOTE: Bolded activities are for all young disciples of FPC.

- **October: Saturday 29-Fall Festival 6-8 p.m.** For youth of all ages at the FPC yard and Cornerstone. There will be a campfire! Cook your own hot dogs, s'mores, bob for apples, as well as numerous other games and activities including face-painting!
- November: Camp Loucon Fall Retreat November 4-6 for students in 6th-12th grade. Jane Rahm will be the chaperone/church group leader.
- December: Giving away hot chocolate during Christmas parade.

October 2016 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 1993). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

October

Saturday, October 1

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
Hos. 5:1-7
Acts 22:17-29
Luke 6:27-38

Sunday, October 2

20th Sunday after
Pentecost
Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Hos. 5:8-6:6
1 Cor. 2:6-16
Matt. 14:1-12

Monday, October 3

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Hos. 6:7-7:7
Acts 22:30-23:11
Luke 6:39-49

Tuesday, October 4

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Hos. 7:8-16
Acts 23:12-24
Luke 7:1-17

Wednesday, October 5

Morning: Pss. 89:1-18;
147:1-11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Hos. 8:1-14
Acts 23:23-35
Luke 7:18-35

Thursday, October 6

Morning: Pss. 97;
147:12-20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
Hos. 9:1-9
Acts 24:1-23
Luke 7:36-50

Friday, October 7

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
Hos. 9:10-17
Acts 24:24-25:12
Luke 8:1-15

Saturday, October 8

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Hos. 10:1-15
Acts 25:13-27
Luke 8:16-25

Sunday, October 9

21st Sunday after
Pentecost
Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
Hos. 11:1-11
1 Cor. 4:9-16
Matt. 15:21-28

Monday, October 10

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
Hos. 11:12-12:1
Acts 26:1-23
Luke 8:26-39

Tuesday, October 11

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
Hos. 12:2-14
Acts 26:24-27:8
Luke 8:40-56

Wednesday, October 12

Morning: Pss. 15;
147:1-11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
Hos. 13:1-3
Acts 27:9-26
Luke 9:1-17

Thursday, October 13

Morning: Pss. 36;
147:12-20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
Hos. 13:4-8
Acts 27:27-44
Luke 9:18-27

Friday, October 14

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
Hos. 13:9-16
Acts 28:1-16
Luke 9:28-36

Saturday, October 15

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
Hos. 14:1-9
Acts 28:17-31
Luke 9:37-50



Sunday, October 16
22nd Sunday after
Pentecost
Morning: Pss. 67; 150
Evening: Pss. 46; 93
Micah 1:1–9
1 Cor. 10:1–13
Matt. 16:13–20

Monday, October 17
Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Micah 2:1–13
Rev. 7:1–8
Luke 9:51–62

Tuesday, October 18
Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Micah 3:1–8
Rev. 7:9–17
Luke 10:1–16

Wednesday, October 19
Morning: Pss. 65;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
Micah 3:9–4:5
Rev. 8:1–13
Luke 10:17–24

Thursday, October 20
Morning: Pss. 143;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Micah 5:1–4, 10–15
Rev. 9:1–12
Luke 10:25–37

Friday, October 21
Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
Micah 6:1–8
Rev. 9:13–21
Luke 10:38–42

Saturday, October 22
Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
Micah 7:1–7
Rev. 10:1–11
Luke 11:1–13

Sunday, October 23
23rd Sunday after
Pentecost
Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Jonah 1:1–17a
1 Cor. 10:15–24
Matt. 18:15–20

Monday, October 24
Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Jonah 1:17–2:10
Rev. 11:1–14
Luke 11:14–26

Tuesday, October 25
Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Jonah 3:1–4:11
Rev. 11:14–19
Luke 11:27–36

Wednesday, October 26
Morning: Pss. 96;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Nahum 1:1–14
Rev. 12:1–6
Luke 11:37–52

Thursday, October 27
Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
Nahum 1:15–2:12
Rev. 12:7–17
Luke 11:53–12:12

Friday, October 28
Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
Nahum 2:13–3:7
Rev. 13:1–10
Luke 12:13–31

Saturday, October 29
Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Nah. 3:8–19
Rev. 13:11–18
Luke 12:32–48

Sunday, October 30
24th Sunday after
Pentecost
Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Zeph. 1:1–6
1 Cor. 12:27–13:13
Matt. 18:21–35

Monday, October 31
Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Zeph. 1:7–13
Rev. 14:1–13
Luke 12:49–59

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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE


- **Sunday, October 9**
LECTOR: Margaret Crowder
USHERS: Don Halcomb
Jim Sowney
- **Sunday, October 16**
LECTOR: Margaret Crowder
USHERS: Don Halcomb
Jim Sowney
- **Sunday, October 23**
LECTOR: Margaret Crowder
USHERS: Don Halcomb
Jim Sowney
- **Sunday, October 30**
LECTOR: Margaret Crowder
USHERS: Don Halcomb
Jim Sowney

WEEKLY EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **Handbells:** Wednesdays, 5-6:00 pm
- **Choir:** Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm
- **AA Meetings:** M, T, R, & F @ 7:30pm; W @ 6pm; M. & Sat. 8am
- Oct. 11** Building and Maintenance 5pm

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FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 World Communion Sunday Donald Hall	3	4	5 No Handbells	6	7	8 John Halcomb
9	10 Barbara Shriver Mike Wyatt	11 Red Cross Blood Drive Tori Brown	12 Carolle Tracy	13 Debbie Wyatt	14	15
16 Session	17	18	19	20	21 Emily Mayes Guy Prall	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Fall Festival 6-8 p.m.
30 5th Sunday Potluck	31 					

*Birthdays in italics

Looking Ahead...

NOVEMBER

ELDER/ELDER HELPER OF THE MONTH:

Bobby Page/Barry Hain

FRIEND OF THE MONTH:

Pat Chai

- Nov. 4-6: Fall Retreat at Camp Loucon for 6-12 graders. Jane Rahm will be the chaperone/group leader.
- Nov. 6: All Saints Sunday
- Nov. 7: Fellowship Meeting & Bean Soup Chopping Party
- Nov. 8: Annual Bean Soup Luncheon & Fair Trade Bazaar
- Nov. 27: Advent Breakfast
- Nov. 30: Young Disciples 6pm



In just a few weeks, it will be time again to fill our White Christmas boxes with foods and household items. These boxes help families in our community have a merrier Christmas season. Now is the time to be looking for some of the items that we try to include that are on sale in the fall. Try purchasing a couple each week so we will be ready to pack those boxes! Shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, body wash, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dish soap, aluminum foil. The collection date will be announced in November.

Next Regularly Stated Session Meeting: October 16th

Clerks of All Committees: Please submit any minutes from **September/October to the church office by Wednesday, October 12th** for inclusion in the Session packet. **THANK YOU!**

CONTACT US

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday

9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

LUNCH: A half hour between

11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Teacher: Prentice Knight

Time: Sunday, 9:30am-10:30am

9:30-9:45 – Coffee & Fellowship

9:45-10:30 – Class Time

Location: The Cornerstone (new building near the gazebo)

Bible study & thoughtful discussion of the Scripture with the purpose of fostering spiritual growth & developing a better understanding of how a follower of Christ should live in the modern world.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Time: 9:45am

Location: Elementary age meets in purple room upstairs Jr. & Sr. High Youth meets in the black & green room upstairs

TODDLERS

(ages 5 and under) are welcome in the nursery (ground floor of education wing) from 9:30am until worship finishes.

ADULT CHOIR

Wednesday, 6:00pm-7:30pm

Upstairs, education wing

“Serve The Lord With Gladness; Come Before His Presence With Singing!” Psalm 100
(It’s Biblical!!)

HANDBELL CHOIR

Wednesday, 5:00pm-6:00pm

Downstairs, education wing

Do you have something to go in the Lamplighter? Submit it to the office by the 20th of each month.



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