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## the Lamplighter

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### Hymn Sing Sunday!

Voting has begun for our annual event. You can pick your favorite hymns. Two votes per person, per week please! You will find paper slips and the ballot boxes at the back of the church or on the organ. Write your favorite hymns on the slip and place it in the sealed ballot box. We will sing the winning selections on July 30th!



### From the Pastor

My Grandpa Brockmeier kept a team of bay horses just to plow his home garden. I guess that brought back good memories for him. I know I loved riding on them while he was plowing, but what I wanted to share with you today is what Luke meant in chapter 10 where Jesus says; "no man who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

My grandpa died before I really wondered about that statement, but a pastor friend of mine shared what his stepfather said when my friend asked him about it, because he had plowed behind horses in the 1920's.

His stepfather laughed and told him that, "if you looked back to admire the row you plowed, or to worry about how well you plowed it, or gaze about you, the horse will realize it has no guidance and wander off course. The only way to

plow a straight row is to focus on some point in the distance and head for that. Looking at the past only gets you in trouble."

It is so tempting to remember the "good old days" wistfully, but Christ calls us to focus on some point in the future with single-mindedness.

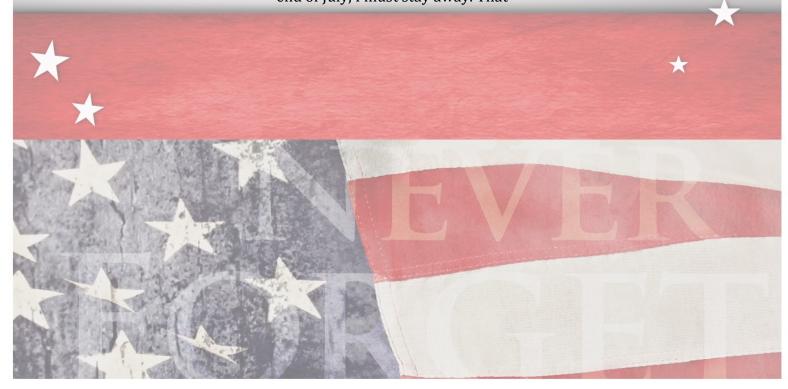
Pastor Robyn Abel will focus on that future with you. I am sure you chose well! Following this letter is a list of activities we have aimed at for your future that we still haven't accomplished. Pastor Abel may want to change that list and that is fine, but don't wait to see if she will. In the now don't "Gee!" or "Haw" keep your focus ahead and get them accomplished!

Peggy and I thank you for being so welcoming in your church and personal lives, for so many months. When I leave towards the end of July, I must stay away. That

doesn't mean I won't keep you in my thoughts and prayers as you move forward in God's embrace. Someday, when something fun is going on and I've been away long enough, I just might sneak back for a visit!

Bless you and know that all of you here at Franklin Presbyterian are loved!





### FPC Priorities-Remaining to be Done

Signs to help visitors: *Immediately*-Interior signs and door signs.

Needed soon-Refurbish road signs.

Long Range-Electronic sign to replace corner sign.

<u>Witness Committee</u>: *Immediately!* Before new pastor, start one!

Welcoming greeters at all exterior doors.

Callers to visit new visitors, same day or next, at latest.

"You're invited" classes, minimum of 5 classes, 3 times a year with

assigned present members to also attend.

Committee review new members involvement at 3, 6, and 9

months. Then again at yearly intervals. What can be done to help?

Education Committee: Develop several adult education classes. They should appeal to

differing types of people with different formats, at same and

different times.

Clean up educational spaces!

Improve sound system in Cornerstone.

Children's classes prepared, even if no children show.

<u>Fellowship Committee</u>: Must have 2 members also on Witness Committee.

Help organize fellowship events that will attract youth.

Organize events that will appeal to the 22-37 year-old adults. Remember, fellowship events are a good way to attract people to

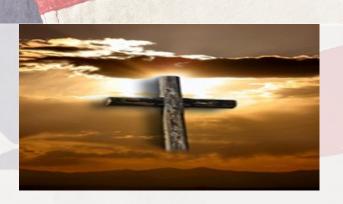
this church, and help to open them up to hear the gospel.

Worship Committee: Organize and train acolytes. A few adults serving as acolytes in a

scheduled rotation may help us retain teenagers longer.

When changing or adding something to worship, inform the congregation, and give them a time limit when you will ask how

they feel about what you have been trying.



FPC welcomes new members, Melissa, Steven and Julie Cropper, and Terri Mitchell to our church family!

### Youth Corner

Olivia Rahm attended the Montreat Conference from June 15-22.

Genevieve and Gwen Stubbs attended the Presbytery conference in Chicago from June 25-July 1. During this week, they partnered with local organizations to meet ongoing needs in the community. Students may serve all or part of their time, at a food pantry, clothing distribution center, soup kitchen, and also helping out at children and elderly facilities.

Please join us after worship on August 20th, for the youth fundraiser lunch to hear them tell all about their trips!!!

As said previously, instead of our annual VBS, FPC youth will be going on an overnight camping trip on Friday, August 4th at the Hain farm.

More details to come!



### Summer Feeding Program

Sign ups for the Summer Feeding Program are now posted on the bulletin board in the education wing.

### Volunteers for July are still needed!

What is the Summer Feeding Program?

Participants form FPC pick up pre-made lunches at the local middle school and then transport and hand out lunches and milks at three locations in Franklin. This effort helps to ensure that children in our local community continue to receive nourishment when school is not in session.

We will pair up every day of delivery during the summer (2 people on each delivery day). To make sure that at least one person knows the ropes, please put an "X" by your name if you have participated in the past. If this is your first time helping with the Summer Feeding Program, just sign your name up with someone whose name has an "X" by it! Please also put "car" by your name if you are willing to drive that day (and if you have space for three small boxes, two large coolers, and the other person in your car).

For more detailed information on the program or what is required of volunteers, just ask volunteer coordinator, Linda Knight!

### MUSIC AND ITS PLACE IN YOUR WORSHIP



There has been a lot of discussion about the worship experience at Franklin Presbyterian during our search for a new pastor. First, to truly worship, each of us must prepare our own heart and be "plugged in" as God speaks to us through the thoughtful reading of scripture, the message of the sermon, and prayer—both public and private. The spiritual leading of the choir through music and the exuberate and thoughtful singing of our hymns of faith are also extremely important for a complete worship experience.

On that note, [please forgive the pun], perhaps it would be interesting to share with you the "process" that happens as music is chosen for each Sunday and for special services. Some of you may be a bit surprised!

First, there are many days in the church year that musicians get excited about: Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Christ the King, etc. Our hymns and choral music are chosen to fit the focus of those Sundays and the choosing is rather straight forward. But what about the more "ordinary" Sundays when there is not an obvious theme for the service?

In our Presbyterian Lectionary there is scripture designated for each Sunday of the year—an Old Testament reading, two New Testament readings, and a Psalm. The pastor chooses from these scriptures, and his sermon is usually centered on one of them. When a sermon topic is given to me in advance by the pastor, I try, if possible, to coordinate the scripture and sermon text with appropriate choral music. Each hymn is chosen in the same way. Of course, there is occasionally a Sunday when nothing in our repertoire of choral music or hymns seems to fit the scripture OR the sermon as we would like! On those Sundays we simply draw from our great treasury of hymns and the shelves of our Music Library.

If you will look carefully at your hymnal you will see [in the upper right hand corner of each page] that the hymns are laid out in sections according to the church year and/or general subject matter. Some of these include Lent, Palm Sunday, Life in Christ, Communion, God, etc. In the back of the hymnal one can also find different cross-referencing of hymns to specific scripture, the listing of hymns by composer, by the meter of the hymn [how many pulses each phrase has], etc. All of these are helpful tools in creating a service that is cohesively tied by a common thread. In attempting to create that thread, however, it is sometimes impossible to choose only the most familiar or most singable hymn tunes. Likewise, it is also very true that the texts [or words] of some hymns are much stronger and more meaningful than their melodies [and vice versa]. Other considerations in the choosing of hymns include making sure that all of our hymns on any given Sunday are not all the same tempo [bor-ing!] There are also range, difficulty level, and key signature considerations that often play a part in hymn selection.

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### MUSIC AND ITS PLACE IN YOUR WORSHIP (continued)

As you can see, the process of choosing choral music and hymns includes a bit more than just opening the hymnal or music library and choosing something fun, nostalgic, or a personal favorite. The many pieces of the puzzle *must* come together to facilitate a meaningful worship experience. That is the ultimate goal of every service and every musical choice.

The worship committee is presently discussing opening each Sunday Service with an extra hymn [or two or three]—so called "Gathering Hymns. [Thank you Sharon Smith for the suggestion!] In this way each member of the church family can have an active part in choosing hymns that will best prepare our hearts for worship—and be personal favorites as well. As we tweak the idea, let us know what you think. Sounds great to me!

As a postscript, As you know by now it is time for our annual **Hymn Sing Sunday!** This year it will be on the fifth Sunday [**July 30**<sup>th</sup>-**Potluck Sunday, too**]!! Think about your favorites and sharpen those pencils. **Vote!** 

Other things in the works include the possibility of choosing a new hymnal and starting a minibeginning music reading class in the fall. Let me know if you or a someone you know might be interested. Until then.....

Keep a song in your heart! It's biblical!!! Carolle

P.S. Summer is a great time to "try out" choir!

Choir practices are on Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. in the upstairs wing.

Come join us!

O Come and Sing Unto the Lord

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength









### Ruling Elders Serving on Session

Anna Smith
Caren Gibson
Barry Hain
CJ Hall
Donna Houston
Emma Jean Kirby
Prentice Knight
Meredith Halcomb
Becky Stubbs

**DEACONS:** 

Mary Frances Page Marcella Davis Woon Yen Prall

Clerks of all committees: Please submit any minutes from your meetings to the church office by Wednesday, July 19th for inclusion in the Session materials.

THANK YOU!

Next Regular Session meeting: July 23rd



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### July 2017 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.

Saturday, July 1 Morning: Pss. 56; 149 Evening: Pss. 118; 111 1 Sam. 9:15-10:1 Acts 7:30-43 Luke 22:39-51

Sunday, July 2 4th Sunday after Pentecost Morning: Pss. 67; 150 Evening: Pss. 46; 93 1 Sam. 10:1-16 Rom. 4:13-25 Matt. 21:23-32

Monday, July 3 Morning: Pss. 57; 145 Evening: Pss. 85; 47 1 Sam. 10:17-27 Acts 7:44-8:1a Luke 22:52-62

Tuesday, July 4 Morning: Pss. 54; 146 Evening: Pss. 28: 99 1 Sam. 11:1-15 Acts 8:1b-13 Luke 22:63-71

Wednesday, July 5 Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1-11 Evening: Pss. 125; 91 1 Sam. 12:1-6 (7-15) 16-25 Acts 8:14-25 Luke 23:1-12

Thursday, July 6 Morning: Pss. 143; 147:12-20 Evening: Pss. 81; 116 1 Sam. 13:5-18 Acts 8:26-40 Luke 23:13-25

Friday, July 7 Morning: Pss. 88; 148 Evening: Pss. 6; 20 1 Sam. 13:19-14:15 Acts 9:1-9 Luke 23:26-31

Saturday, July 8 Morning: Pss. 122; 149 Evening: Pss. 100; 63 1 Sam. 14:16-30 Acts 9:10-19a Luke 23:32-43

Sunday, July 9 5th Sunday after Pentecost Morning: Pss. 108; 150 Evening: Pss. 66; 23 1 Sam. 14:36-45 Rom. 5:1-11 Matt. 22:1-14

Monday, July 10 Morning: Pss. 62; 145 Evening: Pss. 73: 9 1 Sam. 15:1-3, 7-23 Acts 9:19b-31 Luke 23:44-56a

Tuesday, July 11 Morning: Pss. 12; 146 Evening: Pss. 36; 7 1 Sam. 15:24-35 Acts 9:32-43 Luke 23:56b-24:11 (12)

Wednesday, July 12 Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11 Evening: Pss. 132; 134 1 Sam. 16:1-13 Acts 10:1-16 Luke 24:13-35

Thursday, July 13 Morning: Pss. 116; 147:12-20 Evening: Pss. 26; 130 1 Sam. 16:14-17:11 Acts 10:17-33 Luke 24:36-53

Friday, July 14 Morning: Pss. 84: 148 Evening: Pss. 25; 40 1 Sam. 17:17-30 Acts 10:34-48 Mark 1:1-13

Saturday, July 15 Morning: Pss. 63; 149 Evening: Pss. 125; 90 1 Sam. 17:31-49 Acts 11:1-18 Mark 1:14-28

Sunday, July 16 6th Sunday after Pentecost Morning: Pss. 103: 150 Evening: Pss. 117; 139 1 Sam. 17:50-18:4 Rom. 10:4-17 Matt. 23:29-39

Monday, July 17 Morning: Pss. 5; 145 Evening: Pss. 82; 29 1 Sam. 18:5-16 (17-27a) 27b-30 Acts 11:19-30 Mark 1:29-45

Tuesday, July 18 Morning: Pss. 42; 146 Evening: Pss. 102; 133 1 Sam. 19:1–18 (19–24) Acts 12:1–17 Mark 2:1–12

Wednesday, July 19 Morning: Pss. 89:1–18; 147:1–11 Evening: Pss. 1; 33 1 Sam. 20:1–23 Acts 12:18–25 Mark 2:13–22

Thursday, July 20 Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20 Evening: Pss. 16; 62 1 Sam. 20:24–42 Acts 13:1–12 Mark 2:23–3:6

Friday, July 21 Morning: Pss. 51; 148 Evening: Pss. 142; 65 1 Sam. 21:1–15 Acts 13:13–25 Mark 3:7–19a

Saturday, July 22 Morning: Pss. 104; 149 Evening: Pss. 138; 98 1 Sam. 22:1–23 Acts 13:26–43 Mark 3:19b–35

Sunday, July 23 7th Sunday after Pentecost Morning: Pss. 19; 150 Evening: Pss. 81; 113 1 Sam. 23:7–18 Rom. 11:33–12:2

Monday, July 24 Morning: Pss. 135; 145 Evening: Pss. 97; 112 1 Sam. 24:1–22 Acts 13:44–52 Mark 4:1–20

Matt. 25:14-30

Tuesday, July 25 Morning: Pss. 123; 146 Evening: Pss. 30; 86 1 Sam. 25:1–22 Acts 14:1–18 Mark 4:21–34

Wednesday, July 26 Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11 Evening: Pss. 48; 4 1 Sam. 25:23–44 Acts 14:19–28 Mark 4:35–41

Thursday, July 27 Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20 Evening: Pss. 80; 27 1 Sam. 28:3–20 Acts 15:1–11 Mark 5:1–20

Friday, July 28 Morning: Pss. 130; 148 Evening: Pss. 32; 139 1 Sam. 31:1–13 Acts 15:12–21 Mark 5:21–43

Saturday, July 29 Morning: Pss. 56; 149 Evening: Pss. 118; 111 2 Sam. 1:1–16 Acts 15:22–35 Mark 6:1–13 devotionals 365 days a year

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Sunday, July 30 8th Sunday after Pentecost Morning: Pss. 67; 150

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Monday, July 31 Morning: Pss. 57; 145 Evening: Pss. 85; 47 2 Sam. 2:1–11 Acts 15:36–16:5 Mark 6:14–29 Get the Daily Prayer App!



http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/daily-prayer/

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# LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

# · Sunday, July 2

LECTOR: LARRY GIBSON USHERS: BOBBY PAGE

DANNY JOINER · Sunday, July 9

LECTOR: LARRY GIBSON USHERS: BOBBY PAGE

DANNY JOINER

· Sunday, July 16

DANNY JOINER LECTOR: LARRY GIBSON USHERS: BOBBY PAGE

· Sunday, July 23

LECTOR: LARRY GIBSON USHERS: BOBBY PAGE

DANNY JOINER

· Sunday, July 30

LECTOR: LARRY GIBSON USHERS: BOBBY PAGE DANNY JOINER

# COMMITTEE MEETINGS WEEKLY EVENTS &

- Handbells: Will resume in the Fall

  - Choir: Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm AA Meetings: M, T, R, & F @

July 9 Bldg. & Maint. after worship 7:30pm; W @ 6pm; M. & Sat. 8am July 11 Worship Comm. 5:30 p.m. July 26 Young Disciples 5 p.m.

# JULY 2017

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Tue		4 Office Closed	11	18	25 Shirley Kaπick	
Mon		3 Cheyenne Brown	10	17	24	31
Sun		2 3 Cheyen	6	16 Marla Knight- Dutille Crystal Bley- Roundtree	23 Session	30 Hymn Sing Sunday 5th Sunday Potluck

### Looking Ahead...

### FLOWERS FOR JULY

If you wish to give flowers to the glory of God in honor or in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the flower chart, located on the bulletin board in the education wing. Write your loved one's name(s), and whether your gift is in honor or memory of that special person. Flowers will be provided and you may keep the flowers on the day that your arrangement is given.

Please note on the flower chart if you wish to keep the flowers, to ensure that a proper vase may be chosen by the floral team.

Your donation of \$15 may be placed in the offering plate with the memo "flowers."



### **AUGUST**

Elder of the Month: Prentice Knight Elder Helper: Barry Hain

Friend of the Month: Pat Chai

• **Aug. 4** Pricing Party

• Aug. 4 Youth Camp Out

Aug. 5 Annual Yard Sale

• Aug. 20 Youth Fundraiser



On Sunday, August 20th, the FPC Youth will be having a fundraiser lunch after worship services. They will discuss their experiences from the Chicago and Montreat mission trips.

### **Annual Yard Sale**

Saturday, August 5th

(Pricing party on Friday, August 4th)

If you haven't started bringing in items for the Yard Sale—start now! When you bring them in, you may place them in the lower basement. If you are cleaning house please consider FPC's yard sale for your donations! All proceeds go toward Christian Service and Mission.

If you need a receipt, just ask in the church office and we'll be glad to issue one for you.

Thank you!



### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Teacher: Prentice Knight

Time: Sunday, 9:30am-10:30am 9:30-9:45 — Coffee & Fellowship

9:45-10:30 - Class Time

### YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth Sunday School

Time: 9:45am TODDLERS

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

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

#### 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

Will resume in the fall.

### **NEW MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES**

Are you considering joining FPC as a new member? Do you know someone who has been attending recently who might like to join? If you have interest in participating in new members classes, please contact the church office or Pastor Otto!



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