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# The Lamplighter

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## Lent Begins March 1

Ash Wednesday Worship  
Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00

Lent is a time of penitence and centering, a time of preparation and examination of our brokenness. Throughout our worship time together we will have extended confession and time for examination of our lives in the light of God's grace.

*"Ash Wednesday is a fast day, a day of mourning for our sin and the sin of all humanity before God, a recognition of our mortality, save for the grace of God and a request that the Lord remember our creation and breathe new life into our burned-out, dusty lives once more."*

# Announcements

## Pastor's Portion

Nomadic Arabs tell a story about a modern man whose car breaks down in the desert. He begins walking, and soon runs out of water. Finally, very exhausted and dehydrated, he sees a fountain and trees only about a mile ahead. Sure that all he is seeing is a mirage, he lays his head down on the sand and dies. A short time later, some Arabs find him, and one says to the other, "modern man, right in front of a fountain of fresh water, he dies of thirst."

Does the gospel of Jesus Christ seem like a mirage to you at times? Does it seem unreal, unconnected to your daily life? Are you tempted to end the walk of faith? These are common temptations, but that's what they are, temptations. The reality of life is that Jesus Christ is the bread of life, the thirst quenching drink. The only bread that fills, the only drink that satisfies.

Lent is a time to lift your head from the sand and get walking, through bible study and through prayer back to your church, where we feast on the real that bread that satisfies.

*Blessings,  
Pastor Jeff Otto*

### Food for Thought

"Worry never robs tomorrow  
of its sorrow, it only saps today  
of its strength."

### *19 Things you might consider giving up (this Lent and beyond) that are not chocolate:*

1. **Fear:** God is on my side. In Him I am more than a conqueror. (See Romans 98)
2. **The need to please everyone:** I can't please everyone anyway. There is only one I need to strive to please.
3. **Envy:** I am blessed. My value is not found in my possessions, but in my relationship with my Heavenly Father.
4. **Impatience:** God's timing is the perfect timing.
5. **Sense of entitlement:** The world does not owe me anything. God does not owe me anything. I live in humility and grace.
6. **Bitterness and Resentment:** The only person I am hurting by holding onto these is myself.
7. **Blame:** I am not going to pass the buck. I will take responsibility for my actions.
8. **Gossip and Negativity:** I will put the best construction on everything when it comes to other people. I will also minimize my contact with people who are negative and toxic and bring other people down.
9. **Comparison:** I have my own unique contribution to make and there is no one else like me.
10. **Fear of failure:** You don't succeed without experiencing failure. Just make sure you fall forward.
11. **A spirit of poverty:** Believe with God that there is always more than enough and never a lack.
12. **Feelings of unworthiness:** You are fearfully and wonderfully made by your creator. (see Psalm 139)
13. **Doubt:** Believe God has a plan for you that is beyond anything you could imagine. The future is brighter than you could ever realize.
14. **Self-pity:** God comforts us in our sorrow so that we can comfort others with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.
15. **Retirement:** As long as you are still breathing, you are here for a reason. You have a purpose to influence others for Christ. That does not come to an end until the day we die.
16. **Excuses:** A wise man once said, if you need an excuse, any excuse will do.
17. **Lack of counsel:** Wise decisions are rarely made in a vacuum.
18. **Pride:** Blessed are the humble.
19. **Worry:** God is in control and worrying will not help.

# Youth Corner

## Upcoming Activities

**Beginning March 8th!**  
**All elementary -aged students:**

Join us for  
"Jesus and Me" (J.A.M.)  
on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Dinner is provided with  
the youth group .

We welcome Melanie Dean to the  
Youth Group family as one of our  
Youth Sunday School teachers!

### *Elementary Sunday School Teachers*

March-Barbara Shriver  
April-Linda Knight

The Youth Group will be stuffing the  
Easter Eggs on Wednesday, April  
12th, and will be organizing the Easter  
Egg Hunt to be held Easter Sunday.

More details in the April  
Lampighter!!!



\*\*\*NEWS!!!\*\*\*

In lieu of the normal weeklong VBS  
at FPC, this year the youth will be  
attending an overnight camping trip  
in July at the Hain farm.  
More details in the months ahead!

The Youth Group meets on  
Wednesdays (beginning March 8th)  
from 6-7 p.m. at the Cornerstone.  
Dinner will be 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.

Anna Smith is the Youth Group leader.



The Youth Group is asking for  
volunteers from the congregation  
to help provide the youth meals  
on Wednesday evenings.

Please come and interact with our  
youth by providing a meal for  
them. Be on the look out for the  
sign up sheet in the education  
wing. We look forward to this new  
opportunity here at FPC! Thanks in  
advance!



**MARCH-  
ELDER OF THE MONTH:**

**Barry Hain**

**ELDER HELPER:**

**Becky Stubbs**

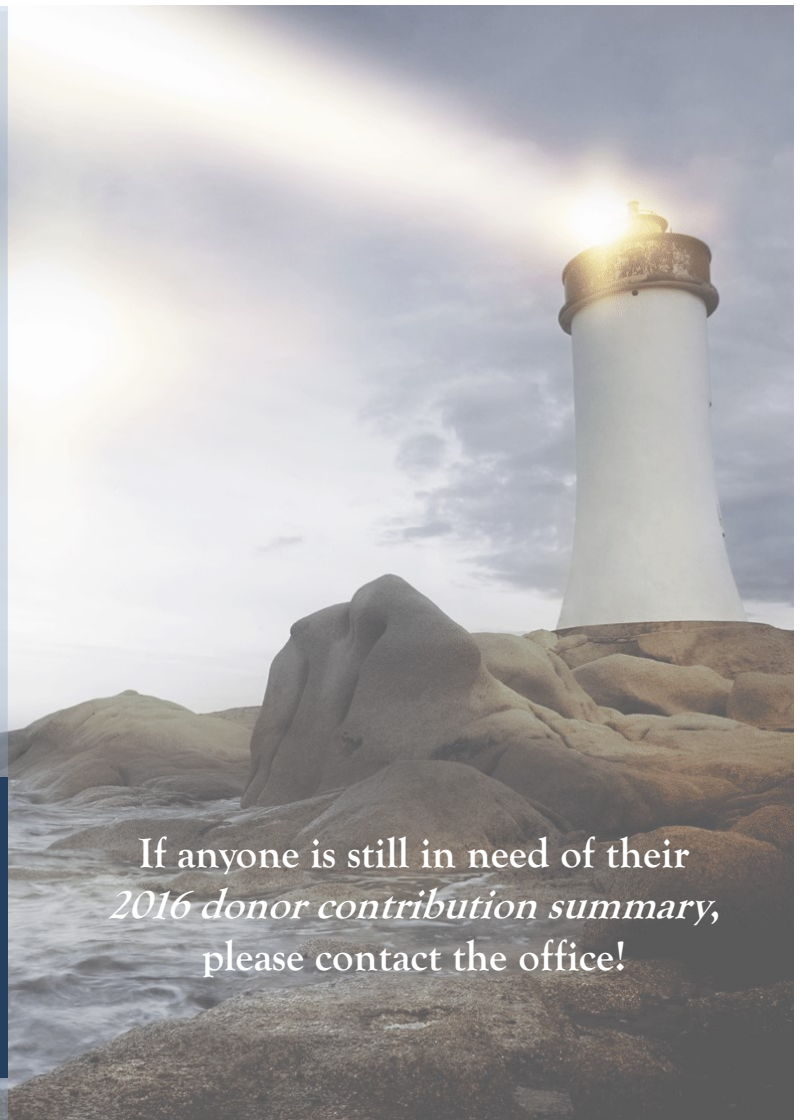
**FRIEND OF THE MONTH:**

**Barbara Shriver**



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We can face our sin boldly, confessing before God, knowing that Jesus Christ is our host at the table. Our Lord has promised to forgive all who come with repentant hearts. Neither death nor sin will have the final word, for the final word is the Word of God-Jesus Christ.



*If anyone is still in need of their  
2016 donor contribution summary,  
please contact the office!*

## Stewardship Corner

**February Average Attendance:**

Feb. 5	58
Feb. 12	61
Feb. 19	59
Feb. 26	59

**February Weekly Offering Average:**

**\$2,306.14**

Feb. 5	\$2,013.00
Feb. 12	\$3,452.00
Feb. 19	\$928.00
Feb. 26	\$2,831.57

**Average Weekly Income Needed for Budget:  
\$2,403.85**

## Ruling Elders Serving on Session

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

**DEACONS:**  
Mary Frances Page  
Marcella Davis  
Woon Yen Prall

**CLERK OF SESSION:** Donna Houston

**Next Regularly Stated Session Meeting:**  
March 26

**Monday, February 27**

Morning: Pss. 5; 145  
 Evening: Pss. 82; 29  
 Deut. 6:1–15  
 Heb. 1:1–14  
 John 1:1–18

**Tuesday, February 28**

Morning: Pss. 42; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 102; 133  
 Deut. 6:16–25  
 Heb. 2:1–10  
 John 1:19–28

**March****Wednesday, March 1**

**Ash Wednesday**  
 Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 27; 51  
 Jonah 3:1–4:11  
 Heb. 12:1–14  
 Luke 18:9–14

**Thursday, March 2**

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 126; 102  
 Deut. 7:6–11  
 Titus 1:1–16  
 John 1:29–34

**Friday, March 3**

Morning: Pss. 22; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 105; 130  
 Deut. 7:12–16  
 Titus 2:1–15  
 John 1:35–42

**Saturday, March 4**

Morning: Pss. 43; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 31; 143  
 Deut. 7:17–26  
 Titus 3:1–15  
 John 1:43–51

**Sunday, March 5**

**1st Sunday in Lent**  
 Morning: Pss. 84; 150  
 Evening: Pss. 42; 32  
 Jer. 9:23–24  
 1 Cor. 1:18–31  
 Mark 2:18–22

**Monday, March 6**

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80; 145  
 Evening: Pss. 121; 6  
 Deut. 8:1–20  
 Heb. 2:11–18  
 John 2:1–12

**Tuesday, March 7**

Morning: Pss. 34; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 25; 91  
 Deut. 9:(1–3) 4–12  
 Heb. 3:1–11  
 John 2:13–22

**Wednesday, March 8**

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 27; 51  
 Deut. 9:13–21  
 Heb. 3:12–19  
 John 2:23–3:15

**Thursday, March 9**

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 126; 102  
 Deut. 9:23–10:5  
 Heb. 4:1–10  
 John 3:16–21

**Friday, March 10**

Morning: Pss. 22; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 105; 130  
 Deut. 10:12–22  
 Heb. 4:11–16  
 John 3:22–36

**Saturday, March 11**

Morning: Pss. 43; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 31; 143  
 Deut. 11:18–28  
 Heb. 5:1–10  
 John 4:1–26

**Sunday, March 12**

**2nd Sunday in Lent**  
 Morning: Pss. 84; 150  
 Evening: Pss. 42; 32  
 Jer. 1:1–10  
 1 Cor. 3:11–23  
 Mark 3:31–4:9

**Monday, March 13**

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80; 145  
 Evening: Pss. 121; 6  
 Jer. 1:11–19  
 Rom. 1:1–15  
 John 4:27–42

**Tuesday, March 14**

Morning: Pss. 34; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 25; 91  
 Jer. 2:1–13, 29–32  
 Rom. 1:16–25  
 John 4:43–54

**Wednesday, March 15**

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 27; 51  
 Jer. 3:6–18  
 Rom. 1:(26–27) 28–2:11  
 John 5:1–18

**Thursday, March 16**

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 126; 102  
 Jer. 4:9–10, 19–28  
 Rom. 2:12–24  
 John 5:19–29

**Friday, March 17**

Morning: Pss. 22; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 105; 130  
 Jer. 5:1–9  
 Rom. 2:25–3:18  
 John 5:30–47

**Saturday, March 18**

Morning: Pss. 43; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 31; 143  
 Jer. 5:20–31  
 Rom. 3:19–31  
 John 7:1–13

**Sunday, March 19**  
**3rd Sunday in Lent**  
Morning: Pss. 84; 150  
Evening: Pss. 42; 32  
Jer. 6:9–15  
1 Cor. 6:12–20  
Mark 5:1–20

**Monday, March 20**  
Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;  
145  
Evening: Pss. 121; 6  
Jer. 7:1–15  
Rom. 4:1–12  
John 7:14–36

**Tuesday, March 21**  
Morning: Pss. 34; 146  
Evening: Pss. 25; 91  
Jer. 7:21–34  
Rom. 4:13–25  
John 7:37–52

**Wednesday, March 22**  
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 27; 51  
Jer. 8:4–7, 18–9:6  
Rom. 5:1–11  
John 8:12–20

**Thursday, March 23**  
Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 126; 102  
Jer. 10:11–24  
Rom. 5:12–21  
John 8:21–32

**Friday, March 24**  
Morning: Pss. 22; 148  
Evening: Pss. 105; 130  
Jer. 11:1–8, 14–17  
Rom. 6:1–11  
John 8:33–47

**Saturday, March 25**  
Morning: Pss. 43; 149  
Evening: Pss. 31; 143  
Jer. 13:1–11  
Rom. 6:12–23  
John 8:47–59

**Sunday, March 26**  
**4th Sunday in Lent**  
Morning: Pss. 84; 150  
Evening: Pss. 42; 32  
Jer. 14:1–9 (10–16) 17–22  
Gal. 4:21–5:1  
Mark 8:11–21

**Monday, March 27**  
Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;  
145  
Evening: Pss. 121; 6  
Jer. 16:(1–9) 10–21  
Rom. 7:1–12  
John 6:1–15

**Tuesday, March 28**  
Morning: Pss. 34; 146  
Evening: Pss. 25; 91  
Jer. 17:19–27  
Rom. 7:13–25  
John 6:16–27

**Wednesday, March 29**  
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 27; 51  
Jer. 18:1–11  
Rom. 8:1–11  
John 6:27–40

**Thursday, March 30**  
Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 126; 102  
Jer. 22:13–23  
Rom. 8:12–27  
John 6:41–51

**Friday, March 31**  
Morning: Pss. 22; 148  
Evening: Pss. 105; 130  
Jer. 23:1–8  
Rom. 8:28–39  
John 6:52–59

## April

**Saturday, April 1**  
Morning: Pss. 43; 149  
Evening: Pss. 31; 143  
Jer. 23:9–15  
Rom. 9:1–18  
John 6:60–71

**Sunday, April 2**  
**5th Sunday in Lent**  
Morning: Pss. 84; 150  
Evening: Pss. 42; 32  
Jer. 23:16–32  
1 Cor. 9:19–27  
Mark 8:31–9:1

**Monday, April 3**  
Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;  
145  
Evening: Pss. 121; 6  
Jer. 24:1–10  
Rom. 9:19–33  
John 9:1–17

**Tuesday, April 4**  
Morning: Pss. 34; 146  
Evening: Pss. 25; 91  
Jer. 25:8–17  
Rom. 10:1–13  
John 9:18–41

**Wednesday, April 5**  
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 27; 51  
Jer. 25:30–38  
Rom. 10:14–21  
John 10:1–18

**Thursday, April 6**  
Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 126; 102  
Jer. 26:1–16 (17–24)  
Rom. 11:1–12  
John 10:19–42



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## LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

- **Sunday, March 5th**  
LECTOR: Margaret Crowder  
USHERS: BOB THOMPSON  
DANNY JOINER
- **Sunday, March 12th**  
LECTOR: Margaret Crowder  
USHERS: BOB THOMPSON  
DANNY JOINER
- **Sunday, March 19th**  
LECTOR: Margaret Crowder  
USHERS: BOB THOMPSON  
DANNY JOINER
- **Sunday, March 26th**  
LECTOR: Margaret Crowder  
USHERS: BOB THOMPSON  
DANNY JOINER

### WEEKLY EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **Handbells:** Wednesdays, 5-6:00 pm
- **Choir:** Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm
- **AA Meetings:** M, T, R, & F @ 7:30 pm; W @ 6:00pm; M, Sat. @ 8:00 a.m.
- Mar. 6** Building & Maintenance 5 pm
- Mar. 7** Worship Committee 5 pm
- Mar. 8** Youth Group & J.A.M. (Wednesdays at 6 pm)
- Mar. 13** Young Disciples 6 pm

# MARCH 2017

## FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm	2 <i>Jean Eldred</i>	3	4 RITI <i>Caroline &amp; Elizabeth Wakefield</i>
5 Communion  Congregational Meeting	6     	7 <i>Dewey Strickler</i>	8     	9     	10 <i>Pat Markell</i>	11     
12 Congregational Meeting (FPC Growth) Daylight Savings	13 <i>Emma Jean Kirby Olivia Rahm</i>	14     	15 <i>Mary Joiner</i>	16 <i>Meredith Halcomb</i>	17 <i>Violette Gibson</i>	18     
19     	20 <i>Phil Dutille</i>	21 <i>Lizzie &amp; Sydney Halcomb</i>	22     	23     	24 <i>Woon Yen Prall</i>	25     
26    Session	27 <i>Barry Hain</i>	28 <i>Suzanne Joiner Diane Shutt</i>	29 <i>Sharon Smith</i>	30     	31     	

\* Birthdays in italics



# News & Notes

## Chili Cook Off Wrap-Up



Team "Brightest" members; Dick Timmerman, Larry Gibson, Melanie Brenner and Candice Mendoza discuss their answer while guest host, WFKN's Brian Davis waits on their response.

On Saturday February 25th, FPC held its **4th Annual Chili Cook off** and Game night. The event was well attended and had a jovial atmosphere. The evening started with samples of the eight different chilis entered in the contest. People then cast their votes for best mild, vegetarian and hot, and best overall. The winners were: *Phil Dutille for Mild, Mike Wyatt for Hot, Caren Gibson for Vegetarian*, and the overall winner was *Caren Gibson!*

After the contest, everyone ate chili and sides while we prepped for Family Feud. WFKN's Brian Davis once again acted as our FPC Game Show host. Amid bursts of laughter, we played two rounds with different teams. The winners of each round faced each other in the championship round. At the end of the night, we crowned the ultimate Family Feud Champions. Self dubbed the "Best" team, our champions were: Sally Brown, Caren Gibson, Becky Stubbs, Prentice Knight and Curry Davis.

Thanks to everyone who attended! See you next year for our 5th Annual Chili Cook off and Game night!



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## Session Highlights

- ◆ Approved a four week series to obtain vital congregational input about the future growth plans for Franklin Presbyterian Church including March 12<sup>th</sup> – after worship discussion including a light lunch for those attending; March 19<sup>th</sup> – Discussion during the Sunday School Hour; March 26<sup>th</sup> – Discussion during the Sunday School hour; April 2<sup>nd</sup> Discussion during the Sunday School Hour.
- ◆ Approved the "Read to Feed" project
- ◆ Approved a new Bible Journaling class
- ◆ Accepted, with thanks, resignation of part time church administrator Curry Davis
- ◆ Approved two Youth to attend Presbytery Mission Trip to Chicago and one youth to attend the Montreat Summer Youth Conference with Bowling Green Presbyterian group
- ◆ Approved finance committee recommendation to move \$43,000 (\$14,000 from the general account and 29,000 from the money market account to the H&L Contingency Fund. The money market amount was a payment from the Clendining estate promissory note.
- ◆ Approved expenditure of up to \$1500 in materials and labor for the painting project to include damaged areas inside the church and the exterior doors.



# Looking Ahead...

## April

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Caren Gibson

**ELDER HELPER:** Donna Houston

**FRIEND OF THE MONTH:** Sandy Sparley

April 9	Palm Sunday
April 14	Good Friday
April 16	Easter Sunday
April 28	Bingo
April 30	5th Sunday Potluck

### New This Year!

You may download the adult Bible study on Isaiah 58 written by Rev. Margaret P. Aymer Oget, PhD. Using stories from those dealing with the impacts of poverty, disaster, racism and oppression, and supported through gifts to *One Hour of Sharing*, this study will help the congregation grow both an understanding of scripture and knowledge of the important work accomplished through your generosity. Go to [presbyterianmission.org/oghs-study](http://presbyterianmission.org/oghs-study).

### 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 may be sent out to nourish God's world.

## Holy Week Schedule



Apr. 9	Palm Sunday
Apr. 14	Good Friday Services 12 p.m. at UMC 7 p.m. Tenebrae @ FPC
Apr. 16	Easter Sunrise Service 6:19 a.m. Easter Breakfast/Egg Hunt 8:45 Easter Service 10:45 a.m.

**"You Shall Be  
Called Repairers  
of the Breach."**

-Isaiah 58

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## 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

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.

## ADULT BIBLE JOURNALING CLASS

Sunday 9:45 am

## YOUTH & CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth Sunday School

Time: 9:45am

## 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, 5:00-6:00 pm.

## 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 Katie!

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



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