

the Lamplighter

monthly newsletter of Franklin Presbyterian Church ✦

JANUARY 2018

Pastor's Portion

January is a time of beginnings. We hang up a brand new, clean calendar. Days unmarked and fresh. In the church, we will install and ordain new church officers, we have two new committees who will be doing vital work for the church's future, (Evangelism/Church Development and Congregational Care). A youth Confirmation class begins on January 4th. Already we have begun posting the worship service to the website. This serves our homebound and ones away on Sunday, but is also an Evangelism effort for those in our community seeking a church relationship.

Our worship on January 7th focuses on Epiphany-the appearance of the Wise Men at the manger. They carried the message of our Savior's birth to yet another way. For this reason,, January focuses on our Mission outreach. This is a time in our congregation when we host the 'Wine to Water' Fundraiser for Living Waters for the World; we begin to host Room in the Inn for those who need housing in the cold weather; we provide a nurturing event of the Annual Chili Cook Off and Game Night for the congregation.

January is a call to "Go Tell It on the Mountain" to share the good news of our Savior in any way we can. This is a message the leadership of the church will be helping us to share in 2018.

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Epiphany Sunday, January 7th

Remembering the appearance of the Wise Men at the manger, we will celebrate the importance of our witness in the world. Do we consider the fact that Jesus' family were refugees, running for their lives? Herod is important to the entire Christmas story because he helps us remember what kind of world we live in and why this world still needs a Savior. *Share in this Communion worship service-then STAY and enjoy fellowship with homemade soup and sandwiches in the Cornerstone. We will then take down the Christmas decorations.*

Confirmation Class Begins

A new beginning on the journey of faith is at hand for youth in the church. On January 4th at 4 p.m. youth will begin pondering what they believe and how to live out their faith. Pastor Robyn will lead this special time and others in the congregation will be invited to share sessions. While there are quite a few youth participating in the youth program, currently, Ada Smith, Julie Cropper and Charlie Shumaker make up this faith developing experience. Youth will be confirmed during the Pentecost worship service in May.

Evangelism/Church Development Work

The Time and Talent Stewardship Survey identified a group of members interested in sharing news about our church and marketing to the area. The round table discussions in spring 2017 identified this as a critical area to address. A meeting with marketing individuals is taking place, and this group is evaluating various aspects of our facility and program related to the environment, accessibility, and being welcoming. If you are interested in participating, please contact Pastor Robyn.

Congregational Care Team

At the spring round table discussions, the congregation expressed concern about intentional, connected congregational care. Our bylaws call for 3 deacons, but congregational care needs more hands than three people. In response to the spring discussion, Pastor Robyn has organized a CC team (identified through Time and Talent Stewardship responses). This group had an organizational meeting prior to Christmas. They will work to ensure the church directory is updated in a timely fashion; work with the pastor for hospital/home visits; particular congregational needs. This group will relate to the three deacons who assign and oversee needs within the church. Their meeting is scheduled for January 22nd over lunch. If you want to share in this ministry, please contact a Deacon, Pastor Robyn, or the office.

- The Ordination and Installation of officers will be on Sun. Jan 21st. In addition to the elected elder and deacon, John Halcomb and Bobby Page will be elders, and Pat Markell will be a deacon.
- The new Elder orientation will be on Jan. 9th at 10 a.m.
- We are in need of people to record our worship services on Sunday, and also to assist with editing and posting the service to the website. Please contact Pastor Robyn if interested. *(To access the service-go to the church website; click on CONNECT; click on SERMONS.*

Ruling Elders Serving on Session

Donna Houston
Becky Stubbs
John Halcomb
Anna Smith
Caren Gibson
Mary Jo Dreher
Debbie Wyatt
Bobby Page
Prentice Knight

Deacons:

Woon Yen Prall
Pat Markell
Linda Knight



Living Waters for the World

By Deb Thompson

In November, FPC Living Waters for the World team members Larry Gibson, Donna Houston, and I returned to Guatemala to visit our partners in Chiac, and to investigate possibilities for a new partnership. LWW's In-Country Coordinator, Pablo Pérez, accompanied us.

It was good to see our friends in Chiac, and to see all the good things they have going on. Pablo's assessment is that they have made as much progress in one year as most make in four to five years. Since the installation of their water purification system in November 2016, they have produced and sold or donated more than 61,000 gallons of water. Their management, marketing, and distribution systems help explain their success. Their initiative is another factor. The best example of that is their purchase of a water bagging machine. Now, they not only sell or donate water in 5 gallon jugs, but also in 400 ml plastic bags.

In the municipality of Chiquimula (Chee kee moo la), we visited a Quaker Center. In the complex, there is a church, a school, a radio station, a book store, and a seminary. The complex serves free breakfasts to a shantytown sort of area down the hill behind the seminary. They are just beginning to think about the how's and where's of the water system.

The village we visited is an hour long, four-wheel-drive pick-up ride up the mountain from La Union. The 125 inhabitants there now get free (contaminated) water from a source piped from even farther up the mountain. We learned from community leaders that it would be hard to sell water to villagers who get free water from the mountain and who do not yet understand the connection between their babies' diarrhea and their unsafe water. We planted a seed there for the future.

The last site we visited, Tuncushá (Toon koo shah), has a room available and ready to be outfitted for the water system. It is in Quetzaltepeque (Ket sahl te pek kay), a municipality of 15,000 inhabitants in the department of Chiquimula. Tuncushá was established in 2007 by a Spanish priest stationed in Chiquimula. His dream was to help create a society of well-being – by first believing in the people, and then by providing basic services like education, nutrition, and health. Tuncushá is funded by the Spanish organization Paz Y Bien (Peace and Good).

Today, they provide education and housing for about 30 children with disabilities, helping them to be able to live independently. Since 2008, they have given scholarships to over 500 children in Quetzaltepeque and surrounding villages, providing school supplies, clothing, transportation assistance, and medical assistance so that the children can continue attending school. For teachers and families affected by hearing disabilities, they provide sign language classes. Through their on-site kitchen, they provide meals to over 100 school children. In the surrounding rural communities, they distribute nutritional supplements. Their agriculture program teaches villagers with little land water how they can have good harvests. Raising domestic animals is an important source of income for the villagers, with the animals running loose or living with the families. The agriculture program helps villagers increase productivity by teaching them animal containment methods.

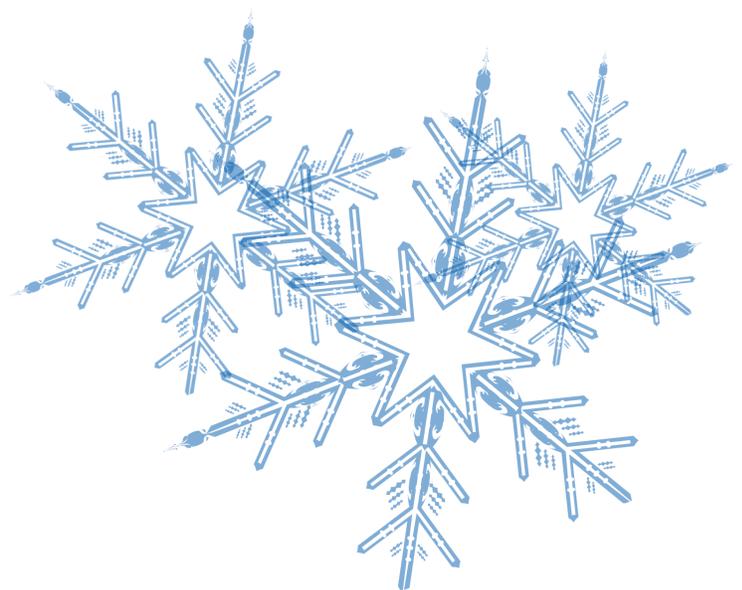
There is a medical clinic with various doctors on staff – general practitioners, pediatricians, gynecologists, dentists, psychologists – as well as a pharmacy, dental clinic, and hospital rooms for six patients. On-site medical and X-ray labs help medical staff treat their patients. Never imagining the need, they established a psychological clinic in 2014 to help patients suffering from problems such as mistreatment, divorce, or pregnancies resulting from sexual abuse. Surprising to us was the great need for treatment of bone fractures suffered as a result of walking on dangerous paths with only natural light – meaning only the light from the moon and stars at night. Other programs – which will greatly benefit from the availability of safe water – are dental hygiene and nutrition. To extend these programs, medical professionals utilize their radio station to inform listeners about medical needs, treatments, and services provided in their clinic.

Tuncushá was ready and so were we. Our missions, those of Franklin Presbyterian Church, Living Waters for the World, and Tuncushá, are tied together – serving God's people, providing sustainable clean water and building relationships, and believing in people and helping them make better lives for themselves. Perfect fit.

On December 16, we signed a three-year covenant with Tuncushá's Director Adolfo Oliva. Our tentative plan is to return there next November, after the rainy season, to install the system.

You have the opportunity to celebrate our new partnership at our second annual Wine to Water Fundraising Dinner on Thursday, January 18. Over the life of a three-year project, the total cost is about \$30,000 (including costs paid by team members for their own travel). You can understand how all your contributions matter.

The FPC Living Waters for the World team would like to thank everyone who continues to make all of these clean water efforts possible by donating their time and money to LWW. It truly is a partnership, and we are blessed to be able to provide clean water and education to our partners!





WINE TO WATER FUNDRAISER DINNER

Thursday, January 18 at 6 pm
Appetizers provided by Brickyard Café
Dinner

Dessert Auction

The Cornerstone
Franklin Presbyterian Church
201 North College Street

\$45 per person

Tickets are available at FPC church office

9:00 – 2:30, Mon – Thurs

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A benefit for Franklin Presbyterian Living Waters Project
Sharing the gift of clean water with all God's children in Guatemala

News & Announcements

CHRISTMAS JOY
OFFERING
TOTAL: \$476.00

ADVENT
CONSPIRACY
2017 TOTAL:
\$2,096.25

LIVING WATERS
OF THE WORLD
\$1,963.12

FRANKLIN-
SIMPSON
BOYS & GIRLS
CLUB: \$133.13

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothes, I was in prison and you came to me.” ~

Matthew 25:35-36

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.

The White Christmas Offering total for 2017 was \$1,058. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to brighten the holidays for over 50 families in our community.

Also, thanks to everyone who helped pack and deliver the boxes. Your help and continued support is greatly appreciated!



CHILI COOK OFF & GAME NIGHT!

Join in the fun on Saturday night, January 27 at 6:00 p.m. for our 5th annual FPC chili cookoff. This year's entertainment will be a game of FPC Win, Lose or Draw!

The Chili Contest will feature 3 types of chili: mild, hot, and vegetarian. Please sign up to enter one of these chili contests (you can enter all 3 if you'd like!). We also have a sign-up sheet for soft drinks/tea, fritos, cheese and desserts. (This event is also BYOB). And while we're enjoying our yummy chili, we'll be entertained by a rousing game of Win, Lose or Draw, led by WFKN's Brian Davis.

We had so much fun playing Match Game in 2016 and Family Fued in 2017, we've decided to keep things rolling with another FPC game. We'll need around 20 FPC contestants to play. Please sign up early (sign-up sheet in the parlor) to ensure your slot as a contestant. It will be great fun!

WIN,
LOSE
OR
DRAW

benevolence Update

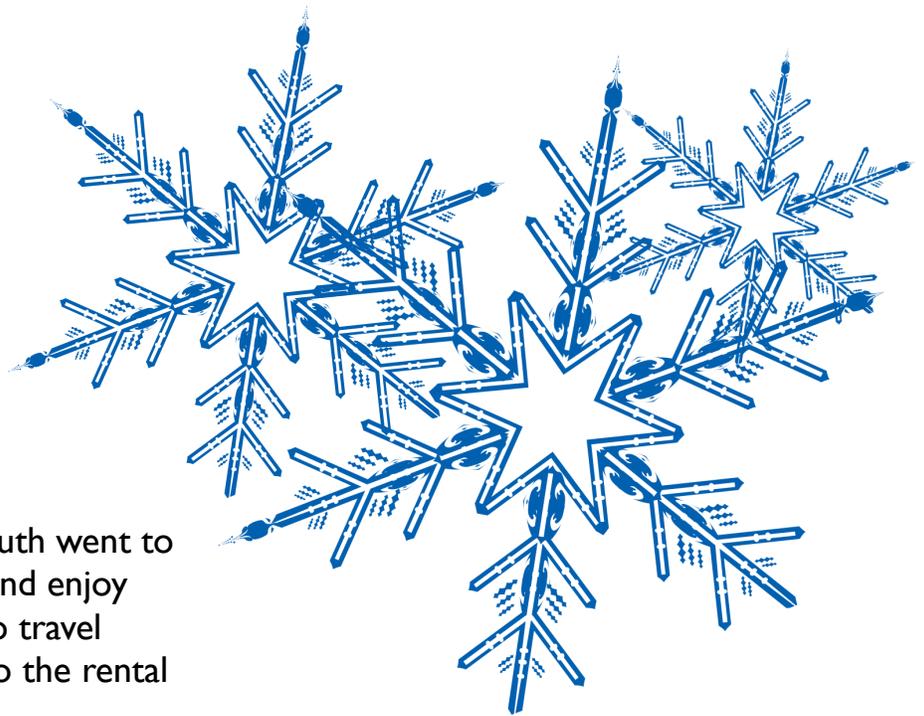
Thanks to the interest income from FPC's investments and generous donations from the congregation, the Pastor's Benevolence fund paid out over \$2,500 in 2017 to help people with rent, utilities, food, etc. The balance of the fund is \$676.64.

Reminder:

**Good
Samaritan
Food Pantry**



YOUTH CORNER



Youth Holiday Outing

On Friday, December 15th, the FPC Youth went to Gaylord Opryland to go snow tubing and enjoy the Christmas lights! They were able to travel together which led to the fun thanks to the rental of a van!

(See pictures next page)

Christmas Party

The youth held their Christmas party on Wednesday, December 20th. They enjoyed food and fellowship and even painted the youth room!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Did you miss out on your chance to provide the youth meal in the fall, or would you like to do it again? We are needing volunteers to sign up for winter and spring! Please see the sign up sheet in the educational wing, and sign up today!

All elementary -aged students:
Join us for “Jesus and Me” (J.A.M.) each
Wednesday of the month*.
Dinner is provided with the youth group.

The Youth Group
meets each
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.

Anna Smith is the
Youth Group leader.

⇒ SEE THE SHEET IN THE EDUCATIONAL WING TO SIGN UP TO DO OUR CHILDREN’S SERMONS ON SUNDAYS!

*during the school year



FPC IN PICTURES

YOUTH OUTING TO OPRYLAND



LIVING WATERS TRIP



HANGING OF THE GREENS



January 2018 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.

January

Monday, January 1

Morning: Pss. 98; 145
Evening: Pss. 99; 8
Isa. 62:1–5, 10–12
Rev. 19:11–16
Matt. 1:18–25

Tuesday, January 2

Morning: Pss. 48; 146
Evening: Pss. 9; 29
1 Kings 19:1–8
Eph. 4:1–16
John 6:1–14

Wednesday, January 3

Morning: Pss. 111; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 107; 15
1 Kgs. 19:9–18
Eph. 4:17–32
John 6:15–27

Thursday, January 4

Morning: Pss. 20; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 93; 97
Josh. 3:14–4:7
Eph. 5:1–20
John 9:1–12, 35–38

Friday, January 5

Morning: Pss. 99; 148
Evening: Pss. 96; 110
Jonah 2:2–9
Eph. 6:10–20
John 11:17–27, 38–44

Saturday, January 6

Epiphany of the Lord
Morning: Pss. 72; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 67
Isa. 49:1–7
Rev. 21:22–27
Matt. 12:14–21

Sunday, January 7

Baptism of the Lord
Morning: Pss. 104; 150
Evening: Ps. 29
Gen. 1:1–2:3
Eph. 1:3–14
John 1:29–34

Monday, January 8

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Gen. 2:4–9 (10–15) 16–25
Heb. 1:1–14
John 1:1–18

Tuesday, January 9

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Gen. 3:1–24
Heb. 2:1–10
John 1:19–28

Wednesday, January 10

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Gen. 4:1–16
Heb. 2:11–18
John 1:(29–34) 35–42

Thursday, January 11

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
Gen. 4:17–26
Heb. 3:1–11
John 1:43–51

Friday, January 12

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
Gen. 6:1–8
Heb. 3:12–19
John 2:1–12

Saturday, January 13

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Gen. 6:9–22
Heb. 4:1–13
John 2:13–22

Sunday, January 14

2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
Gen. 7:1–10, 17–23
Eph. 4:1–16
Mark 3:7–19

Monday, January 15

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
Gen. 8:6–22
Heb. 4:14–5:6
John 2:23–3:15

Tuesday, January 16

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
Gen. 9:1–17
Heb. 5:7–14
John 3:16–21

Wednesday, January 17
Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
Gen. 9:18–29
Heb. 6:1–12
John 3:22–36

Thursday, January 18
Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
Gen. 11:1–9
Heb. 6:13–20
John 4:1–15

Friday, January 19
Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
Gen. 11:27–12:8
Heb. 7:1–17
John 4:16–26

Saturday, January 20
Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
Gen. 12:9–13:1
Heb. 7:18–28
John 4:27–42

Sunday, January 21
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Morning: Pss. 67; 150
Evening: Pss. 46; 93
Gen. 13:2–18
Gal. 2:1–10
Mark 7:31–37

Monday, January 22
Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Gen. 14:(1–7) 8–24
Heb. 8:1–13
John 4:43–54

Tuesday, January 23
Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Gen. 15:1–11, 17–21
Heb. 9:1–14
John 5:1–18

Wednesday, January 24
Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
Gen. 16:1–14
Heb. 9:15–28
John 5:19–29

Thursday, January 25
Morning: Pss. 143;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Gen. 16:15–17:14
Heb. 10:1–10
John 5:30–47

Friday, January 26
Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
Gen. 17:15–27
Heb. 10:11–25
John 6:1–15

Saturday, January 27
Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
Gen. 18:1–16
Heb. 10:26–39
John 6:16–27

Sunday, January 28
4th Sunday after Epiphany
Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Gen. 18:16–33
Gal. 5:13–25
Mark 8:22–30

Monday, January 29
Morning: Pss. 62, 145
Evening: Pss. 73, 9
Gen. 19:1–17 (18–23)
24–29
Heb. 11:1–12
John 6:27–40

Tuesday, January 30
Morning: Pss. 12, 146
Evening: Pss. 36, 7
Gen. 21:1–21
Heb. 11:13–22
John 6:41–51

Wednesday, January 31
Morning: Pss. 96;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Gen. 22:1–18
Heb. 11:23–31
John 6:52–59

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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

- **Sunday, January 7**
LECTOR: JANE RAHM
USHERS: JIM SOWNEY/BOBBY PAGE
- **Sunday, January 14**
LECTOR: JANE RAHM
USHERS: JIM SOWNEY/BOBBY PAGE
- **Sunday, January 21**
LECTOR: JANE RAHM
USHERS: JIM SOWNEY/BOBBY PAGE
- **Sunday, January 28**
LECTOR: JANE RAHM
USHERS: JIM SOWNEY/BOBBY PAGE

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.
- Jan. 2** Worship meets 5:30
- Jan. 7** Bldg. & Maint. After worship
- Jan. 8** Fellowship meets 12:30
- Jan. 14** Young Disciples after worship

JANUARY 2018

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Andrew Garrett 	2	3	4 Confirmation Classes begin	5	6 Joe Shumaker
7 Congregational Meeting Soup/Sandwich Potluck	8	9 Elder Orientation <i>Donna Houston</i>	10 <i>Will Rahm</i>	11	12 <i>Wilson Webb</i>	13 <i>Nicola Prall</i>
14	15	16 <i>Beth Lagani</i>	17 <i>Pat Chai</i>	18 Wine to Water Fundraiser	19 <i>Ada Stubbs</i>	20 <i>Terry Joiner</i> <i>Alec Gibson</i>
21 Installation of Officers Session	22	23	24 <i>Danny Joiner</i>	25	26 <i>Barbara Keith</i>	27 <i>Dan Ware</i> Chili Cook Off & Game Night
28	29	30	31			

* Birthdays in italics

JANUARY

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Becky Stubbs

ELDER HELPER: CJ Hall

FRIEND OF THE MONTH: Diane Shutt

Looking Ahead

FEBRUARY

Friend of the Month: Barbara Shriver

Feb. 13 Red Cross Blood Drive 12-6

Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

MARCH

Mar. 25 Palm/Passion Sunday

Mar. 30 Good Friday

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday

9:00am-2:30pm

LUNCH: A half hour between

11:30pm-12:30pm

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Robyn Abel

Pastor

Candice Mendoza

Pastoral

Administrative Assistant

Carolle Tracy, **Music Director**

Donna Houston, **Organist**

Shirley Crutcher, **Nursery**



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Stewardship Corner

DECEMBER AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 69

DEC. 3 75
DEC 10 61
DEC. 17 71
DEC. 24 92
DEC. 31 47

DECEMBER AVERAGE OFFERING: \$2,820.35

DEC. 3 \$3,960.00
DEC 10 \$2,451.30
DEC. 17 \$1,248.10
DEC. 24 \$3,622.00
DEC. 31 \$933.00

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 (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!!)

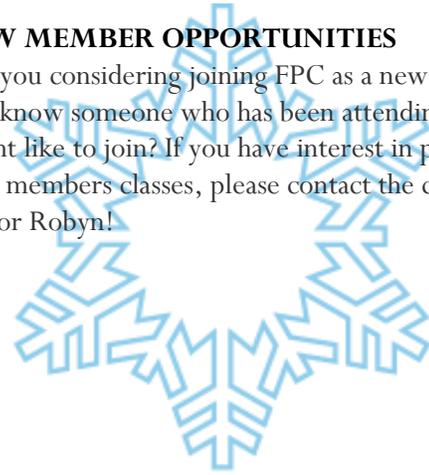
HANDBELL CHOIR

Wednesday, 5:00pm-6:00pm

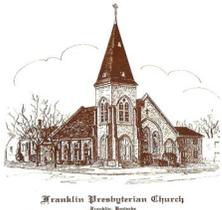
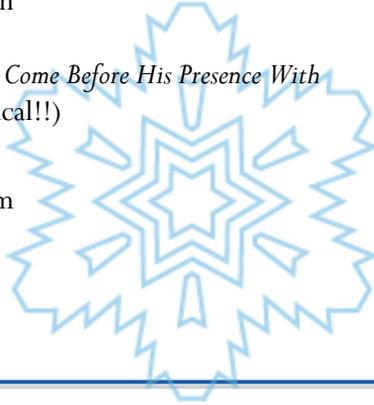
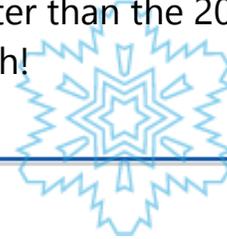
Downstairs, education wing

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 Robyn!



Have an item you would like to add to the Lamplighter? Please submit it to the office no later than the 20th of the month!



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