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Hymn Sing Sunday!

Voting has been going on for this year's Hymn Sing Sunday. It's not too late to vote for your selections. Please turn your votes in by Sunday, July 7th, and then join us the following Sunday as we sing the winning selections!



Pastor's Portion

Timber cutters of past generations knew from experience that before they went into the forest the most important thing they needed to do was to sharpen their axe. Without a sharpened axe, the tree cutting could take twice, maybe three or four times as long to fell the tree.

For the last two generations our denomination has taken a valuable lesson from the lumberman's advice to sharpen the axe first. During this time, many of our churches have taken the time to sharpen our focus upon what God would have us to be doing in the future of our mission and ministry. Even though it takes a couple of months, more or less, to do this study, the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) usually has a lot better success in attracting the next ministerial candidates. The church's Session drives the process up to and until we have a PNC.

On Sunday, June 30th, our church's Session meets for the first time since Dot and I arrived. This is to plan our direction for the study and process for getting a PNC. After this next Sunday, we can tell you more about when we start what we call the "Mission Study" (our total look in ministry) and when we will have a PNC in place. It has been my experience that it is best to ask all, who attend worship on Sundays to participate in the "Mission Study" so that we can impart the very best sense of the congregation to pastors, who will be interested in learning more about us.

As soon as we are able to get a nomination process in place (Session), you will be presented with a slate of nominees to serve on the PNC at a called Congregational Meeting. The PNC will then assist in the continuance of the "Mission Study" and begin assimilating the information that has come from the "Mission Study", which came from you. The PNC, once they have a completed "Ministry Information Form" (MIF), will send the MIF to the Presbyterian headquarters where our information and preferences will be matched with candidates for a call, possibly ones interested in our church. They can also, accept self-referrals.

This seems to be a bit laborious task in one way, but it is an exciting time in another. It is a time that children, youth and adults can have their say. If you have ever said that you wish that someone would listen to you. Everyone has that chance and who knows, your words just might wind up in the introduction portion that tells pastoral candidates who we are as a people.

Jesus cautions us in Luke 9:62, when putting ones hands on the plow handles to not look back, but to keep the focus on where the plow is going.

The Peace of Christ,
Pastor Mike

The Adult Sunday School class is presently studying a book recommended by our national body in the Presbyterian Church entitled: *Neighborhood Church: Transforming Your Congregation into A Powerhouse for Mission*. For three more Sundays, we will discuss how this book gives our congregation inspiration and new ideas for sustaining our ministry beyond our times today. This book is valuable for giving added flavor to the PNC in their work in the future.

Watch for a survey where you can tell the Adult Education Committee your wishes for Sunday School and studies during the week.

HYMNS AND THE JOY OF SINGING

On July 14th all of God's children will be making "a joyful noise" at Franklin Presbyterian as we sing the hymns that are the most meaningful to YOU! What a special day and what a special opportunity to worship God!

Our hymns, if we let them, will take us to another place—a place where each of us can openly express what can not be put into words alone: LOVE [Though I May Speak]; JOY [Joy to the World]; REVERENCE [How Great Thou Art]; HOPE [My Hope is Built on Nothing Less]; SORROW [Beneath the Cross of Jesus]; FAITH [My Shepherd Will Supply My Need], to name a few—and the lists go on and on. What a wonderful treasure we have! Hymns have the power to signal the beginning and ending of life, to comfort the grieving, to melt hardened hearts, and fill the soul with joy. They connect people over space and time, define who we are as Christians, teach us the truths we find in scripture, and simply, make our world a better place. We should never sing them casually or choose them lightly.

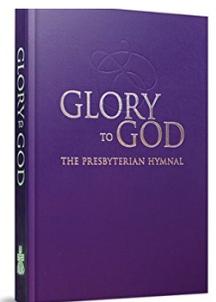
After Hymn Sing Sunday is over, we will continue worshiping with the hymns that we have grown to love, but, with new hymnals in hand, we will also be learning the hymns of a new generation. That sounds great to me! New treasures are waiting. Those of you who know me well know that I would sing all day if I could! (By the way, if you would like to know me better, we would love for you to join us in choir: Wednesdays, 6:00–7:30 in the new downstairs choir room.)

July 7th you will get one last chance to vote for YOUR favorite hymn! Don't be caught napping. Vote for your favorites. Then, on Hymn Sing Sunday, sing like no one is watching! Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Come into his presence with singing! Also, enjoy a special treat as dulcimers join us in worship as well. Come ready to share a smile and participate in a meaningful worship experience.

-Carolle

Jesus Loves Me!

*Come, Thou Fount of
Every Blessing*



HOLY,
HOLY,
HOLY

Make A Joyful Noise
to God!

News & Events

***Annual Pool Party at the Wyatt's
(496 Hickory Flat-Rapids Rd.)***

***Sunday, July 7th
after Worship Services
Meat and drinks are being
provided.***

Please bring a side dish to share.



Educational Wing Open House

We will be having a dedication during church and an open house following church on Sunday, July 14th. Members of the Renovation Team will be giving tours and light refreshments will be served. Stay and help us celebrate this exciting time for our congregation.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE NEWS

The Christian Service Committee has sent \$500 to the Simpson Co. Schools Backpack Program, and \$500 to the Boys & Girls Club from funds earned at the Annual Bean Soup Luncheon. We also sent \$1,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Relief Assistance from funds raised from last year's Yard Sale.

The Annual Yard Sale has been scheduled for 2020. Flooding in the basement caused loss of items and "old faithful" workers will be unavailable this year. Save your stuff (basement water problem is fixed), and get ready for a great sale next year!

Youth Sunday School

- The middle/high school class is still meeting for Sunday School each Sunday at 9:45 a.m.
- The Elementary Sunday school class has not been meeting this summer, but we are making plans for something new and exciting for July and August. Students going into grades K-5 this fall will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Sundays. On the first Sunday, the children will have Sunday School immediately following the Children's Sermon. On the 3rd Sunday, the class will meet at 9:45 a.m. in our newly renovated upstairs classroom. Parents of these students will be contacted and sent a letter outlining our summer plans. Hopefully this will keep our kids engaged during the summer months. We currently have NO elementary aged students from the congregation that attend Sunday School on a regular basis and we are hoping to meet their needs with an alternative plan.

Reminder-Candice is on vacation from July 1st-July 4th.

Sign ups for the Summer Feeding Program are in the back of the Sanctuary.

Volunteers for July are still needed!

What is the Summer Feeding Program?

Participants from 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.

For more detailed information about Summer Feeding, please contact volunteer coordinator, Frances Hain.

Stewardship Corner

June Average Attendance: 69

June Weekly Offering Average:
\$2,275.92

June 2	68
June 9	64
June 16	76
June 23	70
June 30	66

June 2	\$5,165.00
June 9	\$872.62
June 16	\$2,491.00
June 23	\$1,558.00
June 30	\$1,293.00

Average weekly income
needed for budget: \$2,282.69

Ruling Elders Serving on Session

Mary Jo Dreher
Caren Gibson
Larry Smith
John Halcomb
Debbie Wyatt
Bob Thompson
Becky Stubbs
Jim Sowney
Linda Felts

DEACONS:
Diane Shurt
Pat Markell
Woon Yen Prall

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

Next Regular
Session meeting:
July at .



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July 2019 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press 2018). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

Year 1

JULY

Monday, July 1

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

Tuesday, July 2

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
1 Sam. 11:1–15
Acts 8:1b–13
Luke 22:63–71

Wednesday, July 3

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 4

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 5

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
1 Sam. 13:19–14:15
Acts 9:1–9
Luke 23:26–31

Saturday, July 6

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

Sunday, July 7

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
1 Sam. 14:36–45
Rom. 5:1–11
Matt. 22:1–14

Monday, July 8

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 9

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 10

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 11

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 12

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
1 Sam. 17:17–30
Acts 10:34–48
Mark 1:1–13

Saturday, July 13

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
1 Sam. 17:31–49
Acts 11:1–18
Mark 1:14–28

Sunday, July 14

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
1 Sam. 17:50–18:4
Rom. 10:4–17
Matt. 23:29–39

Monday, July 15

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 16

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 17

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 18

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 19

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

Saturday, July 20

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

Sunday, July 21

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
 Evening: Pss. 81; 113
 1 Sam. 23:7–18
 Rom. 11:33–12:2
 Matt. 25:14–30

Monday, July 22

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

Tuesday, July 23

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

Wednesday, July 24

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 25

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 26

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

Saturday, July 27

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
 Evening: Pss. 118; 111
 2 Sam. 1:1–16
 Acts 15:22–35
 Mark 6:1–13

Sunday, July 28

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
 Evening: Pss. 46; 93
 2 Sam. 1:17–27
 Rom. 12:9–21
 Matt. 25:31–46

Monday, July 29

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
 Evening: Pss. 85; 47
 2 Sam. 2:1–11
 Acts 15:36–16:5
 Mark 6:14–29

Tuesday, July 30

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
 Evening: Pss. 28; 99
 2 Sam. 3:6–21
 Acts 16:6–15
 Mark 6:30–46

Wednesday, July 31

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 125; 91
 2 Sam. 3:22–39
 Acts 16:16–24
 Mark 6:47–56

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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

• **Sunday, July 7**
LECTOR: LARRY GIBSON
USHERS: DANNY JOINER
BARRY HAIN

• **Sunday, July 14**
LECTOR: LARRY GIBSON
USHERS: BARRY HAIN
JIM SOWNEY

• **Sunday, July 21**
LECTOR: LARRY GIBSON
USHERS: BARRY HAIN
JIM SOWNEY

• **Sunday, July 28**
LECTOR: LARRY GIBSON
USHERS: BARRY HAIN
JIM SOWNEY

WEEKLY EVENTS &
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **Handbells:** Resume in the Fall
- **Choir:** Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm
- **AA Meetings:** M, T, R, & F @ 7:30 pm; W @ 6:00pm; M, Sat. @ 8:00 a.m.

July 7 Bldg. & Maint. meets after worship
Worship Comm. Meets at Pool Party

JULY 2019

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
POOL PARTY @ WYATT'S			Cheyenne Brown	Office Closed	Mason Smith	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
HYMN SING SUNDAY		Marla Knight-Dutille Crystal Bley				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Frankie Shumaker						Curry Davis
28	29	30	31			
Jane Rahm						

★ Looking Ahead...

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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: Becky Stubbs

Elder Helper: Debbie Wyatt

Friend of the Month: Marcella Davis

- Aug. 13 Red Cross Blood Drive ★



*Now the Lord
is the Spirit,
And where the Spirit
of the Lord is,
there is freedom.*

2 Corinthians 3:17



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

9:30-9:45 – Coffee & Fellowship

9:45-10:30 – Class Time

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45

TODDLERS

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

ADULT CHOIR

Wednesday, 6:00pm-7:30pm

“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 Mike!

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



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