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Father, I pray that You help our children to grasp hold of what they need to know and learn. I ask You to give them the aptitude for understanding and wisdom.

Thank You that they have the mind of Christ and that their memory is blessed.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

*(Daniel 1:17, 20; 1 Corinthians 2:16 ,
Proverbs 10:7)*

Pastor's Portion

The Apostle Paul wrote these words to the Philippians: "Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Paul's endeavor to attain "the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" was his total focus. We, too, are called to do our utmost to do our part to honor our call of God in our small part of the universe.

The message is still the same today as it was in Paul's day, yet the terrain under our feet has changed so much over the years and particularly in the last ten to twenty years. In all of this, we change and so does the culture around us. For this reason, we will come together as a congregation on five Sunday afternoons (Ministry Study) beginning August 18th for a couple of hours each to share with each other the best we can offer in recovering who we have been and leading into gaining insight as to who it is that we sense we are together as a missional community.

The ultimate goal of these gatherings is for us to offer the best of who we are to be passed through the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) and on to pastoral candidates for the PNC's consideration. The richer our discussions and discernments are the more unique we appear to the candidates that we attract. We, thus, make the work of the PNC much more easily accomplished as we do our part in these meetings in August and September.

Writers of speeches for public presentation have always said that it is of utmost importance to develop a strong introduction to the speech. Offering the materials for a strong introduction to the Ministry Information Form (MIF) that the PNC will write for the introduction of our church to prospective pastoral candidates is the work of our first meeting on August 18.

The first meeting will include a light lunch to be served immediately after worship. The larger group will then decide the hour of day that best suits the most folks. We are looking into having child care for our children and encourage all, who regularly worship with us to feel invited to participate in the meetings.

Several years ago we had successfully completed a very effective Ministry Study and the PNC presented their best effort in writing a MIF that went to the pastors interested in being considered for an interview. One pastor, who because the pastor in that church, told the PNC that their MIF was the only one that he read that did not sound "generic", which could have been any church in the country. We will do well.

May God's blessing be with us during this time.

Pastor Mike

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-June 30th & July 21st

- ♦ Building and Maintenance is hard at work trying to solve the water problem in the catacombs. Session approved funds to repair the sump pump and to seal the floors in the catacombs with dri-lock.
- ♦ There have been questions about replacing the windows in the education wing. Session is asking the Finance Committee for recommendations about finding/raising funds for replacing the windows.
- ♦ There will be a parenting class held in the Cornerstone building on Thursday evenings from September 12 to October 24. The class will be taught by Debbie Wyatt.
- ♦ Session approved Christian Service request to send \$1,000 (from yard sale funds) to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to be earmarked for helping unaccompanied children/immigrants in distress. Also approved is an appeal to the congregation to donate to PDA.
- ♦ Session is working and talking with Pastor Mike regarding the church mission study. Mission study sessions will begin on August 18th after church with a "Sunday Night love" format. A light meal will be served.

News & Events

Christian Service News

Through the endeavors of the whole church, Christian Service Committee is able to serve many groups with monies raised by the Yard Sale (non-local use) and Bean Soup (local use-Simpson Co. only).

During 2019 Christian Service has sent \$2,000 to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, \$1,000 to the Humanitarian Respite Center to assist people at the southern U.S. border, and \$995 to the Society of St. Andrew—a gleaning society which saves surplus produce and uses every \$.03 donated to provide one serving of healthy foods.

From local funds we have sent \$500 to the Boys & Girls Club and \$500 to the Backpack Program.



**RED CROSS BLOOD
DRIVE
TUESDAY, AUGUST
13TH
12-6 P.M.**

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

During August, the Elementary Sunday School Class will meet August 4th immediately following the Children's Sermon and leave to our classroom until the end of church. Then on August 15th, we will meet at 9:45 which is the regular Sunday School time. Depending on the participation, we will either continue this 1st and 3rd Sunday schedule, or, hopefully, be able to meet weekly at 9:45. If you have a grandchild visiting and would like them to go to Sunday School, call Debbie Wyatt at 270-586-3410 by Friday of that week and we will do our best to accommodate them.

The youth inspired us on July 28th at the morning worship as they shared with the whole congregation how the weeklong youth conference at Montreat affected them personally and spiritually. They challenged us with the conference theme: "Let Love Lead" by demonstrating how we can open our love for others by supporting the Good Samaritan Center by bringing items on the first Sunday of the month to be placed in the donation box at the back of the sanctuary. It was noted that vegetable and meat items that have proteins in them are some of the most needed items to donate.



**Feeding the
Community**

Summer Feeding Program

A huge thank you to everyone who assisted in this year's Summer Feeding Program. It was once again a huge success that wouldn't have been possible without all our church volunteers! So once again....*thank you!*

The Burton Family would like to express their gratitude for all the food, cards and visits during this difficult time of Jean's death. Your support means so much to us and especially to Harold.

(Please see the thank you card posted on the bulletin board)



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AUGUST ELDER/ELDER HELPER OF THE MONTH

Becky Stubbs/Debbie Wyatt

AUGUST FRIEND OF THE MONTH

Marcella Davis



Stewardship Corner

July Average Attendance: 60

July 7	47
July 14	83
July 21	49
July 28	60

July Weekly Offering Average: \$2, 088.25

July 7	\$2,391.00
July 14	\$2,414.00
July 21	\$2,508.00
July 28	\$1,050.00

Average Weekly Income Needed for Budget:
\$2,282.69

Ruling Elders Serving on Session

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

DEACONS:

Diane Shatt
Pat Markell
Woon Yen Prall

Next Regularly Stated Session Meeting:
Sunday, August 18th.

August 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

AUGUST

Thursday, August 1

Morning: Pss. 143;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
2 Sam. 4:1–12
Acts 16:25–40
Mark 7:1–23

Friday, August 2

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
2 Sam. 5:1–12
Acts 17:1–15
Mark 7:24–37

Saturday, August 3

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
2 Sam. 5:22–6:11
Acts 17:16–34
Mark 8:1–10

Sunday, August 4

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
2 Sam. 6:12–23
Rom. 14:7–12
John 1:43–51

Monday, August 5

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
2 Sam. 7:1–17
Acts 18:1–11
Mark 8:11–21

Tuesday, August 6

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
2 Sam. 7:18–29
Acts 18:12–28
Mark 8:22–33

Wednesday, August 7

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
2 Sam. 9:1–13
Acts 19:1–10
Mark 8:34–9:1

Thursday, August 8

Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
2 Sam. 11:1–27
Acts 19:11–20
Mark 9:2–13

Friday, August 9

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
2 Sam. 12:1–14
Acts 19:21–41
Mark 9:14–29

Saturday, August 10

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
2 Sam. 12:15–31
Acts 20:1–16
Mark 9:30–41

Sunday, August 11

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
2 Sam. 13:1–22
Rom. 15:1–13
John 3:22–36

Monday, August 12

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
2 Sam. 13:23–39
Acts 20:17–38
Mark 9:42–50

Tuesday, August 13

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
2 Sam. 14:1–20
Acts 21:1–14
Mark 10:1–16

Wednesday, August 14

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
2 Sam. 14:21–33
Acts 21:15–26
Mark 10:17–31

Thursday, August 15

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
2 Sam. 15:1–18
Acts 21:27–36
Mark 10:32–45

Friday, August 16

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
2 Sam. 15:19–37
Acts 21:37–22:16
Mark 10:46–52

Saturday, August 17

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
2 Sam. 16:1–23
Acts 22:17–29
Mark 11:1–11

Sunday, August 18

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
 Evening: Pss. 81; 113
 2 Sam. 17:1–23
 Gal. 3:6–14
 John 5:30–47

Monday, August 19

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
 Evening: Pss. 97; 112
 2 Sam. 17:24–18:8
 Acts 22:30–23:11
 Mark 11:12–26

Tuesday, August 20

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
 Evening: Pss. 30; 86
 2 Sam. 18:9–18
 Acts 23:12–24
 Mark 11:27–12:12

Wednesday, August 21

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 48; 4
 2 Sam. 18:19–33
 Acts 23:23–35
 Mark 12:13–27

Thursday, August 22

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 80; 27
 2 Sam. 19:1–23
 Acts 24:1–23
 Mark 12:28–34

Friday, August 23

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
 Evening: Pss. 32; 139
 2 Sam. 19:24–43
 Acts 24:24–25:12
 Mark 12:35–44

Saturday, August 24

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
 Evening: Pss. 118; 111
 2 Sam. 23:1–7, 13–17
 Acts 25:13–27
 Mark 13:1–13

Sunday, August 25

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
 Evening: Pss. 46; 93
 2 Sam. 24:1–2, 10–25
 Gal. 3:23–4:7
 John 8:12–20

Monday, August 26

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
 Evening: Pss. 85; 47
 1 Kings 1:(1–4) 5–31
 Acts 26:1–23
 Mark 13:14–27

Tuesday, August 27

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
 Evening: Pss. 28; 99
 1 Kings 1:32–2:4 (5–46a)
 46b
 Acts 26:24–27:8
 Mark 13:28–37

Wednesday, August 28

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 125; 91
 1 Kings 3:1–15
 Acts 27:9–26
 Mark 14:1–11

Thursday, August 29

Morning: Pss. 143;
 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 81; 116
 1 Kings 3:16–28
 Acts 27:27–44
 Mark 14:12–26

Friday, August 30

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
 Evening: Pss. 6; 20
 1 Kings 5:1–6:1, 7
 Acts 28:1–16
 Mark 14:27–42

Saturday, August 31

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
 Evening: Pss. 100; 63
 1 Kings 7:51–8:21
 Acts 28:17–31
 Mark 14:43–52

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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

- **Sunday, August 4**
LECTOR: JANE RAHM
USHERS: DIANE SHUTT
MELISSA CROPPER
- **Sunday, August 11**
LECTOR: DEBBIE WYATT
USHERS: DIANE SHUTT
MELISSA CROPPER
- **Sunday, August 18**
LECTOR: DEBBIE WYATT
USHERS: DIANE SHUTT
MELISSA CROPPER
- **Sunday, August 25**
LECTOR: DEBBIE WYATT
USHERS: DIANE SHUTT
MELISSA CROPPER

WEEKLY EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **Handbells:** will resume Aug. 21
- **Choir:** Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm
- **AA Meetings:** M, T, R, & F @ 7:30pm; W @ 6pm; M. & Sat. 8am
- Aug. 4** Bldg. & Maint. meeting
- Aug. 13** Fellowship meets at 1:00

AUGUST 2019

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 <i>Larry Gibson</i>	6	7	8 <i>Zipporah Bley</i>	9	10 <i>Caren Gibson</i>
11	12 <i>Sarah Halcomb</i>	13 RED CROSS 12-6	14 <i>Tom Gillespie</i> <i>Gwen Stubbs</i>	15	16	17 <i>Harold Burton</i>
18 SESSION	19 <i>Brandon Stubbs</i>	20	21 <i>Janet Crocker</i>	22 <i>Lisa Bashant</i>	23	24
25	26	27	28 <i>Becky Stubbs</i>	29 <i>Russ Tracy</i> <i>Tomas Williams</i>	30	31 <i>Linda Knight</i>

*Birthdays in italics

Looking Ahead...

September:

ELDER/ELDER H ELPER OF THE MONTH:

Jim Sowney/Caren Gibson

FRIEND OF THE MONTH:

Joe Shumaker

September:

- 2nd: Labor Day (office closed)
- 29th: 5th Sunday Potluck

MINISTRY STUDY: NEXT STEPS

Sunday, Aug. 4

Receive "Congregational Survey" to complete.

Sunday, Aug. 11

Return completed "Congregational Survey" forms

Sunday, Aug. 18

Attend the first Ministry Study after worship, lunch and sharing the church's story and our faith stories (introduces who we are to prospective pastors).

Sunday, Aug. 25

Attend the second Ministry Study to review the results of the "survey".

Both meetings help us in making a strong introduction of who we are to prospective pastors.

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.

Adult Christian Education

Your completing the Christian Education Survey has helped us to make better plans for the future for the Adult classes. For the next four Sundays, we will continue a Bible Study based on Matthew 25:31-46 (Christ said: "As you have done it to the least of these you have done it to me"). We are studying how it is that racial inequality and poverty issues are biblically addressed by this Matthew selection.

The first Sunday in September will be the time that we begin a curriculum based on bible selections that parallel the Sunday morning worship scriptural references, known as the Lectionary recommendations for many of our churches. The survey indicated that you want bible studies and that you would like us to offer choices of subject matter and ways of presenting. Our goal is to have a second Sunday School adult class by year's end or before.



CONNECT TO FPC!

Have you visited our website lately? (www.franklinpresbyterian.org) This is the way to find out the latest news, watch the latest worship services online, get information on upcoming events, and download copies of the monthly Lamplighter newsletter. If your information is not up to date, please contact the office so we have your correct address, phone, email, etc.

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Time: 9:45am

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

ADULT CHOIR

Wednesday, 6:00pm-7:30pm

Downstairs Choir Room

"Serve The Lord With Gladness; Come Before His Presence With Singing!" Psalm 100 (It's Biblical!!)

HANDBELL CHOIR

Begins Wednesday August 21st
in the new combined Hand bell/Choir Room

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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