



# The Lamplighter

The monthly newsletter of Franklin Presbyterian Church  
September 2019

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*This Sunday (September 1st) is the first time for the new adult Sunday School class. It runs parallel to the scripture selections for Sunday worship and is called "Feasting on the Word", which is a downloaded curriculum with plenty of room for discussion. Jane Rahm will start us off as a facilitator. We are looking forward to there being a second kind of study group for a smaller group with a format that better fits smaller group discussions, as well. Please let Pastor Mike know of any interests or topics you wish to be included.*

# Pastor's Portion

Though the transitional time has its anxious moments, it is a very exciting time, as well. The first two of the five meetings of our Ministry Study has now been accomplished. What we are doing, as a people will make a richer presentation to potential candidates for ministry in our church. Part of what is exciting is that new voices have the opportunity to come into the mix of thinking and discernment in this time.

During the first meeting, we rediscovered our history of who we have been and we learned how important it is to discover those times that we each have appreciated particular times that were so positive for us that they still come back to us and keep us going. Though we have had our difficult moments as members and friends, being part of this congregation or maybe some spent most of their years in other congregations.

Last Sunday, we reviewed the responses that many of us made in the congregational survey that was just completed. Those returns show that we have been doing very well within certain important areas of our ministry and relationships. We gave ourselves "kudos" for remembering to recall what God has left us.

Then came the responses that represent the challenges to overcome. The negative responses were reframed into questions that invited positive solutions. One question: Was how we can encourage folks to offer their points of view and others to listen to those points in times of disagreement. We came to recognize the power in respecting our differences and diversity of thinking. We also, recognized that, with the multi-generational nature of the church, that we need to have a variety of ways that we get information to the congregation so that there is an effective communication. The groups offered a variety of possible solutions for the Session and the Pastor Nominating Committee to consider.

We discussed the survey question that related to whether the church's future appears bright to us. The members were split as to whether we felt positive about the future being bright or not. First, we know that we cannot change the parts of the world that is going a different way than the church, but we can remember that God through God's Son, Jesus Christ, and our belief in him and willingness to follow, the Church can be in this community for as long as God wills it. Next, we already know of areas of our lives, as followers, that there are things we know to do that we can begin doing again. The group really, then came up with several ideas for the Session to incorporate into our ministry going forward.

Remember the verse in Philippians: "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me".

*Pastor Mike*



***Due to the upcoming holiday weekend,  
there will be no Ministry Study Sunday, September 1st.***

# News & Events

Fall Break VBS will be here soon, so now is the time for gathering our supplies, training volunteers and asking children to attend. Our VBS program will be based on materials from the Society of St. Andrews with lessons to teach us about sharing and caring. Dates for the event are October 7-11 (M-F) from 9 a.m. until noon each day. Our team of leaders is still looking for a few more adults/teens to help, so check your calendar to set aside some time for our youth. Even if you can't attend every day that week, please give what time you can to help make our VBS the best ever!

For those unable to attend, you still have the opportunity to help by offering supply items for crafts and scenery, food for snacks, or money to help purchase what items aren't donated. Here is a list of items that we will need: 1 twin size white bed sheet; several clean, empty peanut butter jars (or similar size jars) with lids; 2 packages of kitchen sponges; old socks- colorful ones work best! (odd socks are fine no pairs required); packing peanuts (about a grocery bag full). Items we would like to borrow: tan, green, or gray sheets or blankets; green rugs or bathmats to use as "grass"; wooden bucket (2 if available) to use as a prop with the well.

If you can help with one or two of these items, please bring them to church as soon as possible since some of them are used ahead of time in preparing our "scenery" for the storytelling. Contact Caren Gibson at 270-647-2108 if you have questions or would like to help. The next training session for leaders will be on Tuesday, September 3rd at 5 p.m. at the church.



Many of us, in our school days, remember that we studiously explored our text books in Chemistry or Biology class to gain the "book sense" of certain meanings on the particular subject. We listened to lectures on the subjects at hand, while being left with theories to be tested. Then once a week, we went to "labs" to test the theories and demonstrate what we had learned. The next step for some was to put what we had learned into practical application. Without practical application, we tended to lose the information.

This past August, the adult Sunday School class studied Matthew 25:31-46, which is Jesus' description of the needs of the many, who are hungry, thirsty, naked, in prison and left unwelcomed. He further said: "... just as you did it to the least of these, you did it to me". Using the scripture as a backdrop, we will explore what Jesus' words mean in actual practice with our neighbors that we may have never met. We will test our thoughts of meanings and discuss how we feel called to respond to the human and spiritual needs of "the ones who Jesus loved and who we are to love, as well.

Our "book sense" that we have studied this summer from scripture is now leading us into the laboratory of life located in Franklin and beyond. Together we will discern how and to what we feel God calls us. How will we address the basic needs that people have, who may be hungry and feel all alone in our midst? The final question will be: How are we spiritually blest by our offering hospitality and care in the midst of "the least of these", who are Jesus' friends and ultimately are our friends, too?

If you wish to learn more about this community group of study and service, please speak to Debbie Wyatt or Pastor Mike with any questions that you have or to register your interest in this endeavor. Our expectation is that we will have our first gathering on September 8 in the Conference Room after getting our doughnuts and something to drink. Our goal would be to brainstorm ideas, and then break into smaller groups to delve deeper into your mission interest and put Matthew 25 into concrete action. While we cannot solve all of the world ills, we can certainly make a difference. Join us for this 5 week study as we make plans to "walk the walk" that Jesus commanded.



# News & Events (continued)

The September 29th 5th Sunday Potluck has been cancelled. Due to the 5 week Mission study that concludes on September 22nd, it was felt that everyone may want a break from eating right after church so many times.

We will share an idea Fellowship has for another activity we are hoping to hold in October.

- ⇒ *Worship Committee will meet Tuesday, September 3rd at 4 pm*
- ⇒ *Fellowship Committee will meet Tuesday, September 17th at 1 pm*

**Elementary School will be taught by Cathy Stratton during the month of September. The class meets after the Children's Sermon on September 1st and at 9:45 a.m. on September 15th. If you have guests or grandchildren coming on other Sundays in September, let Debbie Wyatt know and we may be able to provide additional 9:45 a.m. classes. Again, we are hoping to expand to EVERY Sunday when we get enough teachers and students. Call Debbie at 270-586-3410 if you are willing to take a month to teach.**



## AUGUST AVG. ATTENDANCE: 60

Aug. 4	66
Aug. 11	47
Aug. 18	66
Aug. 25	61




## AUGUST WEEKLY OFFERING AVG: \$2,282.13

Aug. 4	\$3,987.00
Aug. 11	\$1,998.51
Aug. 18	\$1,731.00
Aug. 25	\$1,412.00

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



*In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words that Lord Jesus himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive".*



***At the recent Session meeting, up to \$500 was approved to go towards a new laptop for the pastor.***

**SEPTEMBER ELDER/ELDER  
HELPER OF THE MONTH**

Larry Smith/Caren Gibson

**SEPTEMBER FRIEND OF  
THE MONTH**

Joe Shumaker



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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

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⇒ The date of the next Stated Session meeting is TBD. Please submit all committee minutes to the office to be included in the Session packet.

## September 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**

### **SEPTEMBER**

#### **Sunday, September 1**

Morning: Pss. 108; 150  
Evening: Pss. 66; 23  
1 Kings 8:22–30 (31–40)  
1 Tim. 4:7b–16  
John 8:47–59

#### **Monday, September 2**

Morning: Pss. 62; 145  
Evening: Pss. 73; 9  
2 Chron. 6:32–7:7  
James 2:1–13  
Mark 14:53–65

#### **Tuesday, September 3**

Morning: Pss. 12; 146  
Evening: Pss. 36; 7  
1 Kings 8:65–9:9  
James 2:14–26  
Mark 14:66–72

#### **Wednesday, September 4**

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 132; 134  
1 Kings 9:24–10:13  
James 3:1–12  
Mark 15:1–11

#### **Thursday, September 5**

Morning: Pss. 116;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 26; 130  
1 Kings 11:1–13  
James 3:13–4:12  
Mark 15:12–21

#### **Friday, September 6**

Morning: Pss. 84; 148  
Evening: Pss. 25; 40  
1 Kings 11:26–43  
James 4:13–5:6  
Mark 15:22–32

#### **Saturday, September 7**

Morning: Pss. 63; 149  
Evening: Pss. 125; 90  
1 Kings 12:1–20  
James 5:7–20  
Mark 15:33–39

#### **Sunday, September 8**

Morning: Pss. 103; 150  
Evening: Pss. 117; 139  
1 Kings 12:21–33  
Acts 4:18–31  
John 10:31–42

#### **Monday, September 9**

Morning: Pss. 5; 145  
Evening: Pss. 82; 29  
1 Kings 13:1–10  
Phil. 1:1–11  
Mark 15:40–47

#### **Tuesday, September 10**

Morning: Pss. 42; 146  
Evening: Pss. 102; 133  
1 Kings 16:23–34  
Phil. 1:12–30  
Mark 16:1–8 (9–20)

#### **Wednesday, September 11**

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 1; 33  
1 Kings 17:1–24  
Phil. 2:1–11  
Matt. 2:1–12

#### **Thursday, September 12**

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 16; 62  
1 Kings 18:1–19  
Phil. 2:12–30  
Matt. 2:13–23

#### **Friday, September 13**

Morning: Pss. 51; 148  
Evening: Pss. 142; 65  
1 Kings 18:20–40  
Phil. 3:1–16  
Matt. 3:1–12

#### **Saturday, September 14**

Morning: Pss. 104; 149  
Evening: Pss. 138; 98  
1 Kings 18:41–19:8  
Phil. 3:17–4:7  
Matt. 3:13–17

#### **Sunday, September 15**

Morning: Pss. 19; 150  
Evening: Pss. 81; 113  
1 Kings 19:8–21  
Acts 5:34–42  
John 11:45–57

#### **Monday, September 16**

Morning: Pss. 135; 145  
Evening: Pss. 97; 112  
1 Kings 21:1–16  
1 Cor. 1:1–19  
Matt. 4:1–11

#### **Tuesday, September 17**

Morning: Pss. 123; 146  
Evening: Pss. 30; 86  
1 Kings 21:17–29  
1 Cor. 1:20–31  
Matt. 4:12–17



**Wednesday, September 18**

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 48; 4  
1 Kings 22:1–28  
1 Cor. 2:1–13  
Matt. 4:18–25

**Thursday, September 19**

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 80; 27  
1 Kings 22:29–45  
1 Cor. 2:14–3:15  
Matt. 5:1–10

**Friday, September 20**

Morning: Pss. 130; 148  
Evening: Pss. 32; 139  
2 Kings 1:2–17  
1 Cor. 3:16–23  
Matt. 5:11–16

**Saturday, September 21**

Morning: Pss. 56; 149  
Evening: Pss. 118; 111  
2 Kings 2:1–18  
1 Cor. 4:1–7  
Matt. 5:17–20

**Sunday, September 22**

Morning: Pss. 67; 150  
Evening: Pss. 46; 93  
2 Kings 4:8–37  
Acts 9:10–31  
Luke 3:7–18

**Monday, September 23**

Morning: Pss. 57; 145  
Evening: Pss. 85; 47  
2 Kings 5:1–19  
1 Cor. 4:8–21  
Matt. 5:21–26

**Tuesday, September 24**

Morning: Pss. 54; 146  
Evening: Pss. 28; 99  
2 Kings 5:19–27  
1 Cor. 5:1–8  
Matt. 5:27–37

**Wednesday, September 25**

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 125; 91  
2 Kings 6:1–23  
1 Cor. 5:9–6:11  
Matt. 5:38–48

**Thursday, September 26**

Morning: Pss. 143;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 81; 116  
2 Kings 9:1–16  
1 Cor. 6:12–20  
Matt. 6:1–6, 16–18

**Friday, September 27**

Morning: Pss. 88; 148  
Evening: Pss. 6; 20  
2 Kings 9:17–37  
1 Cor. 7:1–9  
Matt. 6:7–15

**Saturday, September 28**

Morning: Pss. 122; 149  
Evening: Pss. 100; 63  
2 Kings 11:1–20a  
1 Cor. 7:10–24  
Matt. 6:19–24

**Sunday, September 29**

Morning: Pss. 108; 150  
Evening: Pss. 66; 23  
2 Kings 17:1–18  
Acts 9:36–43  
Luke 5:1–11

**Monday, September 30**

Morning: Pss. 62; 145  
Evening: Pss. 73; 9  
2 Kings 17:24–41  
1 Cor. 7:25–31  
Matt. 6:25–34

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## LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

- **Sunday, September 1**  
LECTOR: MARGARET CROWDER  
USHERS: B. HAIN/P. KNIGHT
- **Sunday, September 8**  
LECTOR: MARGARET CROWDER  
USHERS: B. HAIN/P. KNIGHT
- **Sunday, September 15**  
LECTOR: MARGARET CROWDER  
USHERS: B. HAIN/P. KNIGHT
- **Sunday, September 22**  
LECTOR: MARGARET CROWDER  
USHERS: B. HAIN/P. KNIGHT
- **Sunday, September 29**  
LECTOR: MARGARET CROWDER  
USHERS: B. HAIN/P. KNIGHT

## WEEKLY EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **Handbells:** Wed. 4:45-5:45 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.
- Sept. 3** Worship Comm. 4 p.m.
- Sept. 17** Fellowship 1 p.m.

# SEPTEMBER 2019

## FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day <i>Office Closed</i>	3	4	5	6 <i>Marcella Davis</i>	7 <i>Julie Cropper</i>
8	9	10 <i>Charmaine Alsager</i>	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 <i>Bobby Keith</i>	18 <i>Melissa Cropper</i>	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 <i>Stephanie Halcomb</i>	30 <i>Ron Stiles</i>					

\*Birthdays in italics



# Looking Ahead...

## October

### **ELDER/ELDER HELPER :**

Debbie Wyatt/Mary Jo Dreher

### **FRIEND OF THE MONTH:**

Carolle Tracy

- Oct. 6th-Peace & Global Witness Offering
- Oct. 8th-Red Cross Blood Drive 12-6



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Christian Service Committee provides an after-school meal to the children at the Franklin-Simpson Boys & Girls Club four times during the school year . Please contact Marcella Davis or Woon Yen Prall if you wish to help prepare , serve or sponsor \$ the meal.

A plated meal of chicken, mac n cheese, and carrots was served to 150 children at the Boys & Girls Club. Many children came back for seconds of mac n cheese and carrots !



**If your phone number, mailing address,  
or email address have changed,  
please notify the church office so that we may keep our  
directory up to date.**

### **CONTACT US:**

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday thru Thursday  
9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

LUNCH: A half hour between  
11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

### **TELEPHONE**

(270) 586-4535

### **FAX**

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### **CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Mike Chamberlain

**Interim Pastor**

Candice Mendoza,

**Office Manager**

Carolle Tracy, **Music Director**

Donna Houston, **Organist**

Shirley Crutcher, **Nursery**

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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

(In 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.

### YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

*(Please see the News & Events section of this newsletter)*

### 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

Choir/Hand Bell Room

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

### HANDBELL CHOIR

Wednesday, 4:45-5:45 p.m.

Choir/Hand Bell 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?

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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