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Monthly Newsletter of
Franklin Presbyterian Church

The Lamplighter

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Bean Soup

This year's Annual Bean Soup Lunch Fundraiser is on Tuesday, November 5th. We are in need of corn muffins, homemade pies, and 12-packs (or more) of canned soda (Coke, Diet Coke, & Sprite). Please see the sign up sheet on the education wing bulletin board to sign up today. You can join us at Noon on Monday, November 4th for the Chopping party.

The Luncheon will be from 11:00-1:30, and the cost is \$6.00. (Children 6 and under eat free). Pass the word, and invite a friend or two!

**All proceeds benefit
Local Christian Service missions!**

Pastor's Portion



There is a Welsh Proverb that tells us: "A seed hidden in the heart of an apple is an orchard invisible." The transitional time between pastors is something like the seed in the apple analogy. This time, within which we now exist, is a perfect opportunity for each of us to release the "seeds of an invisible orchard" of ministry into our church. The answer to gaining long term growth of Spirit and effective ministry is not just about moving quickly to elect another pastor, but to move with intention to develop that spirit of ministry, who matches the skills and spirit of the pastor that "God is sending to us".

I never cease to be amazed at the new ministry ideas that spring from one person or two, who have been invisibly carrying the seed of ministry that had never come forth before. In one congregation within which I served, there was a woman, a retired school teacher in her 80's who had harbored the dream of there being a Boys & Girls Club in her community of need. While I was at the church, the timing was right and she gave the needed leadership for the club to be organized. It so happened that the program was lodged in the Family Life Center of the Presbyterian Church and what started as a community service became the core mission of that church.

I encourage us to remain open to the prospect that God may be calling any one and all of us to new ministry that has not been thought about before. One path for furthering ministry is for us to have strong Sessional Committees where members at large can share in the kind of leadership where new ideas and ways can originate. You may be one, who is asked to serve on a particular committee or you may be one, who would bring forth a ministry idea, which may become the core of the church's mission.

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It is for us all to be transformed into new beings. Read Romans 12:1-2.

"...Be transformed by the renewing of your minds...discern what is the will of God." As we become new beings in Christ, our church becomes renewed. We become a new beginning in Christ. Let us become the "clay" and the vessels for God's work in the world. It is a new day. We can support each other in all that we do for God and for ourselves.

May this New Year truly be a beginning!

Pastor Mike



The Session has called a meeting of the congregation to occur after worship on November 10, 2019 for the purpose of hearing a report from the Congregational Officer Nominating Committee and proceed toward electing elders, deacons for the coming year and to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee. After the report of nominees, you may, if they wish to, nominate from the floor with the proviso that you would have asked the potential nominee their willingness to serve before hand.

NEWS & EVENTS

Merry Christmas Rehearsals!

Christmas is around the corner and the FPC choir is getting ready for the plunge into Advent & Christmas music! If you have been thinking about "trying us out", this would be a wonderful time to jump in! We will be having our annual Christmas Choir Retreat on Saturday, November 9th in the Cornerstone from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Coffee and pastries will be provided as well as lunch brought to us by Tanglewood. (\$10.00 per person). Try us out! Then every Wednesday evening from 6-7:30 we will be working on and polishing our Advent and Christmas Eve music in our new choir room.

We also need percussionists for small rhythm instruments. If you are a music reader or have good rhythmic sense, we need you on some of our selections. See Carolle Tracy for more information!



**"Let us come
before him with
Thanksgiving."**



Psalms 95:2

Christian Service News

- ⇒ Christian Service Committee has completed giving budgeted monies to Good Samaritan, Boys & Girls Club, and the Backpack Program.
- ⇒ We served about 225 children a light meal at the Boys & Girls Club on October 28th. We will serve the meal again in February and always need people to help serve or to donate money for food.
- ⇒ The Boys and Girls Club always needs snacks for 225 children. Cheese sticks, go-gurt and fruit are favorites.

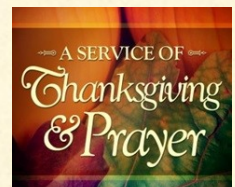
Many thanks to everyone who donated books for 'Stories from the Heart'. We have collected 184, which was so many more than we thought possible. Know that your donations will make a difference in the lives of both the inmates and their families.

**Annual Lion's Club
Pancake Fry
Saturday, Nov. 23rd
6 a.m.-12 p.m.
FSHS Cafeteria**

Community Thanksgiving Worship

The Sunday before Thanksgiving, people from all churches in Franklin will gather at 6 p.m. at Harvesters Warehouse Church to praise God from whom all blessings come.

The service will be led by pastors in the FS Ministerial Fellowship, and Rev. Chris Patterson, new pastor of First United Methodist Church will preach.



Advent Sundays

First Sunday of Advent, December 1

The Advent journey begins with the lighting of the Candle of Hope as we proclaim the coming of the Light of God in to the world.

Second Sunday of Advent, December 8

We will light the Candle of Peace as we recall the prophecy told to Isaiah. A special guest, Isaiah, will share in the worship service as he tells the story of God's message to him.



Third Sunday of Advent, December 15

The Candle of Joy will be lit as we celebrate the promise of Good News of great joy. Mary will make a visit to our time together – accompanied by the angels who conveyed the joyous news.

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22

We will light the Candle of Love. Christmas is a time of worship. The moment when the busiest of us pause in wonder. Christmas happens when God comes to us in love through Jesus Christ and fills us with love for all humankind.

*Candle lighters are
needed for Advent
Sundays and also
Christmas Eve.*

⇒ *Please see the "Looking Ahead"
section in this newsletter
for more information
on news & events in December!*

**Save the date for
Hanging of the Greens
on Saturday November
30th at 9 a.m.**



**"The earth is
full of His
unfailing love."**

Psalms 33:15



Stewardship Corner

October Average Attendance: 59

Oct. 6 47
Oct. 13 62
Oct. 20 61
Oct. 27 64

October Weekly Offering Average: \$2,103.75

Oct. 6 \$1,857.00
Oct. 13 \$2,732.00
Oct. 20 \$2,601.00
Oct. 27 \$1,225.00

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

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- From the Building and Maintenance Committee: A special thank you to Stephanie Halcomb for her work in researching insurance information for FPC. Session approved a new insurance carrier- Selective to Insurance Board. The change results in better coverage at a lower price.
- From the Building and Maintenance Committee: Session was informed about the upcoming narthex renovation. Plans include a dropped ceiling, wall repair, paint and the repair, stripping and staining of all wood surfaces.
- On recommendation from the Personnel Committee, Session approved the revitalization of the 'Young Disciples' committee. The responsibilities of the committee shall be reworked and the committee will have member connections to all age groups, from cradle to senior high.
- Living Waters: Part of our Living Waters for the World team will be traveling to Guatemala in January to visit our partners at a church in Chiac and at a health clinic in Quetzaltepeque. Session approved negotiations with a new partner-a school close to Guatemala City. Also approved, was expenditure of funds from the Living Waters fundraising account. The funds will be used in connection with in-country staff expenses incurred on the trip.
- We are very fortunate to have Rev. Mike Chamberlain as our Interim Pastor. Session renewed our contract with him for another six months beginning on December 1.
- The next stated Session meeting will be Tuesday, November 19th at 4 p.m.

Committees are an integral part of the church, made up of dedicated members of our church community who serve in leadership roles which contribute to the success of the church's ministry and mission. Every month Session receives reports and recommendations from our committees here at FPC. Be sure to thank committee chairs and members for the hard work they put in each month.

*FPC session members: Mary Jo Dreher, Caren Gibson, John Halcomb, Linda Felts, Bob Thompson
Larry Smith, Jim Sowney, Becky Stubbs, Debbie Wyatt*

November 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

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 1

All Saints' Day

Neh. 2:1–20 or Lam. 4:1–22

Rev. 6:12–7:4

Matt. 13:24–30

Alternate readings for All Saints' Day:

Morning: Pss. 84; 148

Evening: Pss. 25; 40

Isa. 26:1–4, 8–9, 12–13, 19–21

Rev. 21:9–11, 22–27 (22:1–5) or Heb. 11:32–12:2

Matt. 5:1–12

Saturday, November 2

Morning: Pss. 63; 149

Evening: Pss. 125; 90

Neh. 4:1–23 or Lam. 5:1–22

Rev. 7:(4–8) 9–17

Matt. 13:31–35

Sunday, November 3

Morning: Pss. 103; 150

Evening: Pss. 117; 139

Neh. 5:1–9 or Ezra 1:1–11

Acts 20:7–12

Luke 12:22–31

Monday, November 4

Morning: Pss. 5; 145

Evening: Pss. 82; 29

Neh. 6:1–19 or Ezra 3:1–13

Rev. 10:1–11

Matt. 13:36–43

Tuesday, November 5

Morning: Pss. 42; 146

Evening: Pss. 102; 133

Neh. 12:27–31a, 42b–47

or Ezra 4:7, 11–24

Rev. 11:1–19

Matt. 13:44–52

Wednesday, November 6

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;

147:1–11

Evening: Pss. 1; 33

Neh. 13:4–22

or Hag. 1:1–2:9

Rev. 12:1–12

Matt. 13:53–58

Thursday, November 7

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 16; 62

Ezra 7:(1–10) 11–26

or Zech. 1:7–17

Rev. 14:1–13

Matt. 14:1–12

Friday, November 8

Morning: Pss. 51; 148

Evening: Pss. 142; 65

Ezra 7:27–28; 8:21–36

or Ezra 5:1–17

Rev. 15:1–8

Matt. 14:13–21

Saturday, November 9

Morning: Pss. 104; 149

Evening: Pss. 138; 98

Ezra 9:1–15 or Ezra 6:1–22

Rev. 17:1–14

Matt. 14:22–36

Sunday, November 10

Morning: Pss. 19; 150

Evening: Pss. 81; 113

Ezra 10:1–17 or Neh. 1:1–11

Acts 24:10–21

Luke 14:12–24

Monday, November 11

Morning: Pss. 135; 145

Evening: Pss. 97; 112

Neh. 9:1–15 (16–25)

or Neh. 2:1–20

Rev. 18:1–8

Matt. 15:1–20

Tuesday, November 12

Morning: Pss. 123; 146

Evening: Pss. 30; 86

Neh. 9:26–38 or Neh. 4:1–23

Rev. 18:9–20

Matt. 15:21–28

Wednesday, November 13

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11

Evening: Pss. 48; 4

Neh. 7:73b–8:3, 5–18

or Neh. 5:1–19

Rev. 18:21–24

Matt. 15:29–39

Thursday, November 14

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 80; 27

Neh. 6:1–19

Rev. 19:1–10

Matt. 16:1–12

Friday, November 15

Morning: Pss. 130; 148

Evening: Pss. 32; 139

Neh. 12:27–31a, 42b–47

Rev. 19:11–16

Matt. 16:13–20

Saturday, November 16

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
 Evening: Pss. 118; 111
 Neh. 13:4–22
 Rev. 20:1–6
 Matt. 16:21–28

Sunday, November 17

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
 Evening: Pss. 46; 93
 Ezra 7:(1–10) 11–26
 Acts 28:14b–23
 Luke 16:1–13

Monday, November 18

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
 Evening: Pss. 85; 47
 Ezra 7:27–28; 8:21–36
 Rev. 20:7–15
 Matt. 17:1–13

Tuesday, November 19

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
 Evening: Pss. 28; 99
 Ezra 9:1–15
 Rev. 21:1–8
 Matt. 17:14–21

Wednesday, November 20

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 125; 91
 Ezra 10:1–17
 Rev. 21:9–21
 Matt. 17:22–27

Thursday, November 21

Morning: Pss. 143;
 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 81; 116
 Neh. 9:1–15 (16–25)
 Rev. 21:22–22:5
 Matt. 18:1–9

Friday, November 22

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
 Evening: Pss. 6; 20
 Neh. 9:26–38
 Rev. 22:6–13
 Matt. 18:10–20

Saturday, November 23

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
 Evening: Pss. 100; 63
 Neh. 7:73b–8:3, 5–18
 Rev. 22:14–21
 Matt. 18:21–35

Sunday, November 24
Christ the King / Reign of Christ

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
 Evening: Pss. 66; 23
 Isa. 19:19–25
 Rom. 15:5–13
 Luke 19:11–27

Monday, November 25

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
 Evening: Pss. 73; 9
 Joel 3:1–2, 9–17
 1 Peter 1:1–12
 Matt. 19:1–12

Tuesday, November 26

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
 Evening: Pss. 36; 7
 Nahum 1:1–13
 1 Peter 1:13–25
 Matt. 19:13–22

Wednesday, November 27

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 132; 134
 Obad. 15–21
 1 Peter 2:1–10
 Matt. 19:23–30

Thursday, November 28

Morning: Pss. 116;
 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 26; 130
 Zeph. 3:1–13
 1 Peter 2:11–25
 Matt. 20:1–16

Friday, November 29

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
 Evening: Pss. 25; 40
 Isa. 24:14–23
 1 Peter 3:13–4:6
 Matt. 20:17–28

Saturday, November 30

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
 Evening: Pss. 125; 90
 Micah 7:11–20
 1 Peter 4:7–19
 Matt. 20:29–34

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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

- **Sunday, November 3**
LECTOR: AMY GANT
USHERS: DEBBIE WYATT
BOB THOMPSON
- **Sunday, November 10**
LECTOR: AMY GANT
USHERS: DEBBIE WYATT
BOB THOMPSON
- **Sunday, November 17**
LECTOR: AMY GANT
USHERS: DEBBIE WYATT
BOB THOMPSON
- **Sunday, November 24**
LECTOR: AMY GANT
USHERS: DEBBIE WYATT
BOB THOMPSON

WEEKLY EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **Handbells:** Wed. 4:45-5:45 pm
- **Choir:** Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm
- **AA Meetings:** M, T, R, & F @ 7:30pm; W @ 6pm; M. & Sat. 8am
- Nov. 10** Bldg & Maint. meets
- Nov. 19** Session meets at 4 pm

NOVEMBER 2019

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 All Saints Sunday <i>Larry Adamson</i>	4 Chopping Party 12 pm	5 Bean Soup Luncheon	6	7 <i>Loyd Gant</i>	8	9 Choir Retreat
10 Congregational Meeting	11	12	13 <i>Prentice Knight</i>	14	15	16
17	18	19 <i>Anna Smith</i>	20	21 <i>Eli Rahm</i> <i>Susan Hoffman</i> <i>Larry Smith</i>	22 <i>Sarah</i> <i>Wakefield</i>	23
24 <i>Dick</i> <i>Timmerman</i>	25	26	27	28	29 <i>Roy McCoy</i>	30 Hanging of the Green

*Birthdays in italics

Looking Ahead...

Christmas Celebration – Sunday, December 15

Back by popular demand, the wonderful FPC Christmas Celebration is scheduled for Sunday, December 15th. After worship service we will gather in the Cornerstone for a soup, sandwich, and dessert potluck (soup will be provided by members of the worship committee) followed by the sharing of our many and varied talents.

In past years members and friends have shared their stories (some original), poetry, song, musical instruments, and creativity. If you would like to participate with song, story, skit, musical instrument, etc. please contact Carolle Tracy or Donna Houston. In the coming weeks, look for a sign-up sheet posted in the education wing and in the choir room.



We are now accepting donations of items to be placed in this year's White Christmas boxes. You may bring: shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc. Place them in the box in the middle office. Monetary donation dates, TBA.



It's never too early to be thinking about ordering your Christmas 2019 poinsettias. Please be thinking about who you want to order a poinsettia in honor, or memory of, and let us know. The cost will be announced at a later date.



*TLC Christmas Potluck
Thursday, December 5th at Noon
Cornerstone
Please bring a \$5 gift to exchange.*



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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*



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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

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.

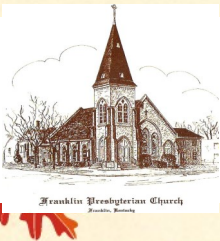
ADULT CHOIR

Wednesday, 6:00pm-7:30pm
Downstairs choir room
"Serve The Lord With Gladness; Come Before His Presence With Singing!"
Psalm 100 (It's Biblical!!)

HANDBELL CHOIR

Wednesday, 4:45-5:45 pm
Downstairs, education wing

Do you have something to go in the December Lamplighter? *Submit it to the office no later than November 26th.*



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