

the Lamplighter

monthly newsletter of Franklin Presbyterian Church

JANUARY 2020



— HAPPY NEW YEAR —

**Please join us after worship on Sunday,
January 5th for a Soup & Sandwich
Potluck. Please bring sandwiches,
salads or a dessert.**

**We will be also taking down
the decorations.**

***We hope everyone has a blessed and
prosperous new year!***

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Pastor's Portion

Every year at this time, Americans are contemplating their intentions and promises called "New Years' Resolutions. Or we are in the group, who had broken them so many times that we gave it up. In the Book of James, 4:17, we read: **Anyone, then, who knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, commits sin.** There is another angle to this quote and that is when we know what to do and do not do it, we have failed ourselves and possibly others, too.

In 1975, I spent time in the Medical Student Library at the University of Louisville Medical School as a "chaplaincy trainee". A most important discovery was that the least checked out books were on how stress affects the body and mind. During the 1980's and 1990's I continued to discover modalities for how I could diminish the effects of stress on my body, mind and heart. I had learned that it is not the stressor itself, but how we manage the thoughts that we carry in our minds about the people and events. I learned that I could "reframe the thoughts and events" to such a degree that health came back to the situation.

Yet, I let life get in the way; ceased to be diligent with what I knew to be life-saving, because I seemed to be well as I went forward. Guess what I have been doing since the "event with my heart" these last few days? I have willingly dragged those modalities back into my daily routine.

This reminds me of the Apostle's words: **"...who knows the right thing to do and fails to do it."**

There are numerous avenues in life where we can apply all of this. Obviously, it can be very personal where our health is affected to the point of even death. Relationships with others and our natural environment become a necessary area for continually renewing. When we are an employee, a business owner, a voter going into the voting booth or a student attempting to complete our schooling, "doing the right things makes all of the difference in the world".

As people of faith, we can use this time of year as a time to re-commit our lives to doing whatever we perceive it is that "God would say is the right thing in our lives". *When we say that we want certain results for our own faith and the fullness of our church's ministry and fail to do the disciplines that lead to those eventualities in a positive way, are we concerned about re-committing to that new life?*

Will this next year be a great year? Obviously, there are events, circumstances and people that influence outcomes in reality. However, it is my belief that much of how good the year will be is dictated by the contents in our hearts and minds about those events and circumstances. We will be telling one another stories in the coming year. Will they be stories of promises we kept with ourselves and each other or will they be stories of a different kind?

The Peace of Christ in the coming year,

Pastor Mike



Ruling Elders Serving on Session

Larry Smith
Cathy Stratton
John Halcomb
Jim Sowney
Caren Gibson
Mary Jo Dreher
Debbie Wyatt
Jane Rahm
Bob Thompson

Deacons:
Woon Yen Prall
Diane Shutt
Marcella Davis

Clerk of Session: Woon Yen Prall

Get Involved at FPC!

Opportunities to serve Locally

These are areas where you can serve and who to contact or how to enroll:

- Franklin-Simpson Boys and Girls Club Meals** Marcella Davis
- People Serving People** (serve Wednesday meal, Thanksgiving, Christmas) Caren Gibson
- Franklin-Simpson Good Samaritan** – pantry items, funds for rent, shelter, electricity, water, and food Curry Davis
- Habitat for Humanity** – host Spring pancake fundraising meal Caren Gibson
- Room in the Inn (RITI)** - Cold Weather Homeless Shelter housing in The Cornerstone one night monthly in winter Jane Rahm, Guy Prall
- Feeding America Program** – collect produce from groceries and distribute to agencies like Good Samaritan Dick Timmerman
- Summer Feeding Program** – help deliver lunches to children during the summer months Frances Hain
- Annual Bean Soup Event in Nov.** – for Mission Projects Donna Houston
- White Christmas Offering** – deliver food baskets to area residents Caren Gibson
- TARP (Try Anything Rhino Project)** – raising funds to protect endangered rhinos in Africa. Marla Knight-Dutille
- Summer Church Yard Sale** – mission outreach Marcella Davis

Opportunities to serve Globally

- Living Waters For the World Ministry** - trains and supports teams to provide access to clean water by installing water systems Donna Houston

Opportunities to serve In the Church

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| Provide dinner for Sunday Youth Fellowship | Sign Up Sheet on Bulletin Board |
| Usher for Worship Services | Sharon Smith |
| Assist in Nursery | Debbie Wyatt |
| Video Team Recording Services | Guy Prall |
| Liturgist for Worship Services | Donna Houston |



**Get
Involved**



Living Waters for the World team members Donna Houston and Deb Thompson Return to Guatemala January 12 –19



1 Our first stop will be to visit friends at the Paz y Bien Clinic in Quezaltepeque, where we facilitated the installation of a water purification system in November 2018. This is the first support visit of the two promised under terms of our Covenant.



Education



Paz Y Bien Director, Adolfo, and Team



System Training in Water Building



Chiac's Water Building

2 Next we travel to see our partners in the village of Chiac, site of our first system, installed in 2016.

3 Our next to the last stop will be in Sanarate to visit our next potential partner at the school shown below. Initially, an estimated 150 families will benefit, with safe water eventually becoming more accessible to surrounding community members.



Ernesto Chavarria Rivadeneyra School in Sanarate

4 Our final stop will be especially joyous. Since our first visit to Guatemala, we have been accompanied and guided by In-Country Coordinator, Pablo Pérez Siliézar. Pablo is an amazingly capable young man, whom we've grown to love like a son. He's getting married—at Camp Monte Sion near Guatemala City—and we're going to be there! Better yet, participating! Donna is providing music and Deb is translating.



Pablo and Carmi

Questions? Ask Donna or Deb
Want to help?

- Pray for FPC Team and all our friends in Guatemala.
- Join the team!

News & Announcements

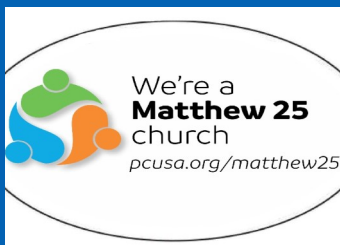
CHRISTMAS JOY
OFFERING
TOTAL: \$655.00

The White Christmas Offering total for 2019 was \$1,800.00. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to brighten the holidays for many families in our community.

“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

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



By Debbie Wyatt

As everyone should be aware of by now, Franklin Presbyterian Church has signed on to be a Matthew 25 Congregation. Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. This means we will ALL make a concerted effort to live out the call to action that Jesus commands. Each month, another FPC member will write an article about what they are doing to fulfill our Matthew 25 initiative.

One of my priorities is to focus on “Dismantling Structural Racism”. I am currently reading a book called *Dark Money* by Jane Mayer. It has opened my eyes to ways our country has marginalized minorities and the poor. I would highly recommend this book. You can also go to www.PCUSA.org/Matthew25 to find out more about what you can do.

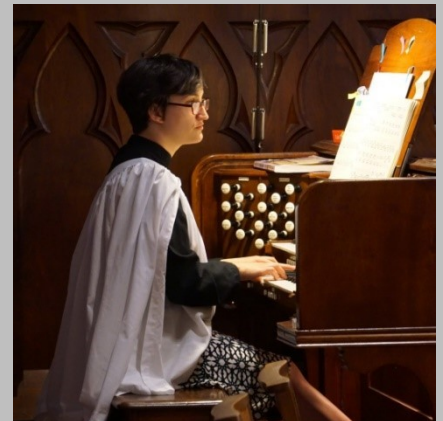
I have been meeting with Wanda Tuck and other members of the Greater Taylor Chapel AME Church. I will be working with the Human Rights Commission, and working here in our county to find ways to break down barriers and lift others up. Just this past week, we received a blessing of frozen meat that was donated to Greater Taylor to spread around the community to those in need. We will be using it for Room in the Inn, feeding at People Serving People, and possibly making meals to freeze and then take to those in need.

Please contact me if you are interested in seeing how you can help to dismantle structural racism here in our community.

Remember:

NO ONE can do EVERYTHING, but EVERYONE can do SOMETHING. What are you willing to do?

We would like to welcome Heather Kirkconnell to FPC as substitute organist for the months of January and February. Heather is an organist and music pedagogue based in Bowling Green, Kentucky. She has experience teaching and leading music for children and adults of all ages. She studied in Oberlin, OH where she completed a B.A. in French and a B.Mus. in Organ Performance, with a minor in Historical Performance. Before relocating, Heather was the Director of Music at Grace Episcopal Church in Newton, Massachusetts.



January 2020 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 2]

January

Wednesday, January 1

Morning: Pss. 98; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 99; 8
Isa. 62:1–5, 10–12
Rev. 19:11–16
Matt. 1:18–25

Thursday, January 2

Morning: Pss. 48; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 9; 29
1 Kings 19:1–8
Eph. 4:1–16
John 6:1–14

Friday, January 3

Morning: Pss. 111; 148
Evening: Pss. 107; 15
1 Kgs. 19:9–18
Eph. 4:17–32
John 6:15–27

Saturday, January 4

Morning: Pss. 20; 149
Evening: Pss. 93; 97
Josh. 3:14–4:7
Eph. 5:1–20
John 9:1–12, 35–38

Sunday, January 5

2nd Sunday of Christmas
Morning: Pss. 99; 150
Evening: Pss. 96; 110
1 Kgs. 3:5–14
Col. 3:12–17
John 6:41–47

Monday, January 6

Epiphany of the Lord
Morning: Pss. 72; 145
Evening: Pss. 100; 67
Isa. 49:1–7
Rev. 21:22–27
Matt. 12:14–21

Tuesday, January 7

Morning: Pss. 46 or 97; 146
Evening: Pss. 27; 93; or 114
Deut. 8:1–3
Col. 1:1–14
John 6:30–33, 48–51

Wednesday, January 8

Morning: Pss. 46 or 47;
147:1–10
Evening: Pss. 27; 93; or 114
Exod. 7:1–7
Col. 1:15–23
John 7:37–52

Thursday, January 9

Morning: Pss. 46 or 47;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 27; 93; or 114
Isa. 45:14–19
Col. 1:24–2:7
John 8:12–19

Friday, January 10

Morning: Pss. 46 or 47; 148
Evening: Pss. 27; 93; or 114
Jer. 23:1–8
Col. 2:8–23
John 10:7–17

Saturday, January 11

Morning: Pss. 46 or 47; 149
Evening: Pss. 27; 93; or 114
Isa. 55:3–9
Col. 3:1–17
John 14:6–14

Sunday, January 12

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 13

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 14

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

Wednesday, January 15

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

Friday, January 17
Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
Gen. 6:1–8
Heb. 3:12–19
John 2:1–12

Saturday, January 18
Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Gen. 6:9–22
Heb. 4:1–13
John 2:13–22

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

Monday, January 20
Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
Gen. 8:6–22
Heb. 4:14–5:6
John 2:23–3:15

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

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

Thursday, January 23
Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
Gen. 11:1–9
Heb. 6:13–20
John 4:1–15

Friday, January 24
Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
Gen. 11:27–12:8
Heb. 7:1–17
John 4:16–26

Saturday, January 25
Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
Gen. 12:9–13:1
Heb. 7:18–28
John 4:27–42

Sunday, January 26
Morning: Pss. 67; 150
Evening: Pss. 46; 93
Gen. 13:2–18
Gal. 2:1–10
Mark 7:31–37

Monday, January 27
Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Gen. 14:(1–7) 8–24
Heb. 8:1–13
John 4:43–54

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

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

Thursday, January 30
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 31
Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
Gen. 17:15–27
Heb. 10:11–25
John 6:1–15



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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

- **Sunday, January 5th**
LECTOR: DEBBIE WYATT
USHERS: D. SHUTT/B. THOMPSON
- **Sunday, January 12th**
LECTOR: TBA
USHERS: D. SHUTT/B. THOMPSON
- **Sunday, January 19th**
LECTOR: DICK TIMMERMAN
USHERS: D. SHUTT/B. THOMPSON
- **Sunday, January 26th**
LECTOR: DICK TIMMERMAN
USHERS: D. SHUTT/B. THOMPSON

WEEKLY EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **Handbells:** Wed. 4:45-5:45 pm
- **Choir:** Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm
- **AA Meetings:** M, T, R, & F @ 7:30 pm; W @ 6:00pm; M, Sat. @ 8:00 a.m.

JANUARY 2020

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Closed Happy New Year!	2	3	4
5 Elder Install Communion Potluck Lunch <i>Jo Nell Rice</i>	6 <i>Joe Shumaker</i>	7	8	9 <i>Donna Houston</i>	10 <i>Will Rahm</i>	11
12 <i>Wilson Webb</i>	13	14 <i>Jo Becker</i>	15	16 <i>Beth Gibson Lagani</i>	17 <i>Pat Chai</i>	18
19 <i>Ada Strubbs</i>	20 <i>Terry Joiner</i>	21	22	23	24 <i>Danny Joiner</i>	25
26	27 <i>Dan Ware</i>	28	29	30	31	

*Birthdays in italics

JANUARY

ELDER OF THE MONTH: John Halcomb

ELDER HELPER: Mary Jo Dreher

FRIEND OF THE MONTH: Debbie Wyatt

Looking Ahead

FEBRUARY

11th Red Cross Blood Drive 12-6

26th Ash Wednesday

MARCH

8th Daylight Savings Time Begins

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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Monday thru Thursday
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Stewardship Corner

DECEMBER AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 59

DEC. 1 51
DEC 8 53
DEC. 15 73
DEC. 22 74
DEC. 29 46

DECEMBER AVERAGE OFFERING: \$1,936.60

DEC. 1 \$1,975.00
DEC 8 \$3,159.00
DEC. 15 \$2,001.00
DEC. 22 \$1,833.00.
DEC. 29 \$715.00

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Time: Sunday, 9:45 a.m.

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

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

HANDBELL CHOIR

Wednesday, 4:45-5:45

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



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