



The Lamplighter

FEBRUARY 2020

Monthly Newsletter of
Franklin Presbyterian Church

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True Love

For God so lo **V**ed the world,
That He g **A**ve
his on **L**y
Begott **E**n
So **N**
That whosoever
Believeth **I**n Him
Should **N**ot perish,
But have **E**verlasting life."
John 3:16

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FEBRUARY

ELDER OF THE MONTH: LARRY SMITH

ELDER HELPER: JANE RAHM

FRIEND OF THE MONTH: SHARON SMITH



“No one can do everything, but everyone can do something.”

Read this article by Guy Prall, our Room in the Inn Coordinator, to see some big ways FPC is doing what Jesus has requested of all Christians.

We had a spontaneous karaoke session one night. Another night there was dancing. Last week some of us invented stories using “Rory’s Story Cubes”. From January 1st to March 15th, every night, for twelve hours, from 6:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m., churches in our community take turns to host Room In The Inn (RITI). Host churches provide a warm and safe place for all the registered guests to spend the night. The evening starts with a family-style dinner, followed by fellowship, then cots and clean bedding. Franklin Presbyterian Church is also able to provide shower and laundry facilities. This week we were even able to provide haircuts for two of the male guests. In the morning the hosts serve breakfast before the guests depart at 6:30. So who are the guests?

Guests are those who have registered at mid-day that day. Beyond that simple requirement, there is a myriad of reasons as to why these “strangers” need a place to stay overnight. I say “stranger” because the first time they register they are strangers. But very quickly we are all on first-name terms. And, as you can imagine, after they have arrived and thawed out and eaten, conversation and jokes start to flow! We also offer refreshments at mid-day registration (nearly always accepted!). If we see there is a warm-clothing or footwear need we will try to meet it. Some of the RITI Board members will offer to help put guests into contact with appropriate services such as the Veterans’ Administration, or help them acquire missing vital documents.

The original RITI program was started by Father Strobel in 1985 in Nashville. In Simpson County we started in 2015. FPC was a founding member and catalyst to get the program going in this community. That first year, county-wide, 11 churches and 223 volunteers participated in providing food and safe warm shelter to thirty separate individuals during that cold winter. This year, which has been warmer than normal, we host between 6 and 8 guests each night. At FPC we have had a wonderful response from this vital congregation of ours, wanting to volunteer and to donate money. FPC hosts on Wednesday nights. A typical hosting sees about eight caring individuals helping (setting up the cots; providing meals; hosting; laundry; take-down the cots). There are other opportunities, too, to help with registering guests at mid-day at the Willis House.

So why do I volunteer for RITI? I don’t know if eventually I will be judged, as in Matthew 25: 31-46, to be a sheep or a goat; or whether I will just return to ashes. I do know, though, in the here and now, that I am blessed to have the health and family and resources that I do. Some other individuals are less fortunate. So, I have chosen to do what I can. And working together we can achieve miracles. Room In The Inn is about changing people, guests and hosts alike. It creates an environment with the opportunity for the guests to learn that there are people who care, and for the hosts to come to understand that the faceless, even invisible, figures on the street corners of our community are so much more than just a statistic.

***If you want to volunteer for RITI, please contact me at 270.776.5212.
If you have already volunteered or donated money, a very big thank you!***



Stewardship Corner

January Weekly Offering Average: \$2,355.00

January Average Attendance: 62

Jan. 5 56

Jan. 12 63

Jan. 19 72

Jan. 26 57

Jan. 5 \$2,218.00

Jan. 12 \$1,633.00

Jan. 19 \$2,809.00

Jan. 26 \$2,759.00

Average Weekly Income Needed for Budget:
\$2,057.69

Ruling Elders Serving on Session

John Halcomb
Caren Gibson
Mary Jo Dreher
Larry Smith
Debbie Wyatt

Bob Thompson
Jim Sowney
Jane Rahm

DEACONS:
Marcella Davis
Woon Yen Prall
Diane Shutt

Next Regularly Stated Session Meeting: February 25th. at 6 p.m.

Clerks of All Committees: Please submit all committee minutes to the church office for inclusion in the Session packet. THANK YOU!

Clerk of Session: Woon Yen Prall

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Class of 2020: Mary Jo Dreher, John Halcomb, Debbie Wyatt

Class of 2021: Caren Gibson, Larry Smith, Bob Thompson

Class of 2022: Jane Rahm, Jim Sowney, Cathy Stratton

- Approved health leave of absence for Pastor Mike until March 1, 2020.
- Woon Yen Prall elected Clerk of Session for 2020.
- 2019 Statistical report showed annual average attendance was 59, down from 61; annual general offering down by \$9,000; mission giving went up \$2,000; two members passed away and two new members joined by re-affirmation of faith: total active membership is 86.
- Annual Chili Cook Off and Game Night set for February 22nd, 2020
- Woon Yen Prall is serving as chairperson of Young Disciples Committee.
- Parenting classes taught by Debbie Wyatt in conjunction with Community Education, weekly from last Tuesday in February-last Tuesday in March.
- Yoga classes are back in the Cornerstone. Two mornings and 2 evenings each week.
- Gospel Fest will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, February 9th, 2020 at 3 p.m.
- Elementary and Middle School Chess Club led by Jane Rahm has use of the Cornerstone on Thursdays from 4-5 p.m.

February 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.

February

Saturday, February 1
Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
Gen. 18:1–16
Heb. 10:26–39
John 6:16–27

Sunday, February 2
Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Gen. 18:16–33
Gal. 5:13–25
Mark 8:22–30

Monday, February 3
Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Gen. 19:1–17 (18–23)
24–29
Heb. 11:1–12
John 6:27–40

Tuesday, February 4
Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Gen. 21:1–21
Heb. 11:13–22
John 6:41–51

Wednesday, February 5
Morning: Pss. 96;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Gen. 22:1–18
Heb. 11:23–31
John 6:52–59

Thursday, February 6
Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
Gen. 23:1–20
Heb. 11:32–12:2
John 6:60–71

Friday, February 7
Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
Gen. 24:1–27
Heb. 12:3–11
John 7:1–13

Saturday, February 8
Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
Gen. 24:28–38, 49–51
Heb. 12:12–29
John 7:14–36

Sunday, February 9
Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Gen. 24:50–67
2 Tim. 2:14–21
Mark 10:13–22

Monday, February 10
Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Gen. 25:19–34
Heb. 13:1–16
John 7:37–52

Tuesday, February 11
Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Gen. 26:1–6, 12–33
Heb. 13:17–25
John 7:53–8:11

Wednesday, February 12
Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Gen. 27:1–29
Rom. 12:1–8
John 8:12–20

Thursday, February 13
Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
Gen. 27:30–45
Rom. 12:9–21
John 8:21–32

Friday, February 14
Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
Gen. 27:46–28:4, 10–22
Rom. 13:1–14
John 8:33–47

Saturday, February 15
Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Gen. 29:1–20
Rom. 14:1–23
John 8:47–59

Sunday, February 16
Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
Gen. 29:20–35
1 Tim. 3:14–4:10
Mark 10:23–31

Monday, February 17
Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
Gen. 30:1–24
1 John 1:1–10
John 9:1–17

Tuesday, February 18
Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
Gen. 31:1–24
1 John 2:1–11
John 9:18–41

Wednesday, February 19
Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
Gen. 31:25–50
1 John 2:12–17
John 10:1–18

Thursday, February 20
Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
Gen. 32:3–21
1 John 2:18–29
John 10:19–30

Friday, February 21
Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
Gen. 32:22–33:17
1 John 3:1–10
John 10:31–42

Saturday, February 22
Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
Gen. 35:1–20
1 John 3:11–18
John 11:1–16

Sunday, February 23
Transfiguration of the Lord
Morning Pss. 103, 150
Evening Pss. 117, 139
Mal. 4:1–6
2 Cor. 3:7–18
Luke 9:18–27

Monday, February 24
Morning Pss. 5, 145
Evening Pss. 82, 29
Prov. 27:1–6, 10–12
Phil. 2:1–13
John 18:15–18, 25–27

Tuesday, February 25
Morning Pss. 42, 146
Evening Pss. 102, 133
Prov. 30:1–4, 24–33
Phil. 3:1–11
John 18:28–38

Wednesday, February 26
Ash Wednesday
Morning Pss. 5, 147:1–11
Evening Pss. 27, 51
Amos 5:6–15
Heb. 12:1–14
Luke 18:9–14

Thursday, February 27
Morning Pss. 27,
147:12–20
Evening Pss. 126, 102
Hab. 3:1–10 (11–15)
16–18
Phil. 3:12–21
John 17:1–8

Friday, February 28
Morning Pss. 22, 148
Evening Pss. 105, 130
Ezek. 18:1–4, 25–32
Phil. 4:1–9
John 17:9–19

Saturday, February 29
Morning Pss. 43, 149
Evening Pss. 31, 143
Ezek. 39:21–29
Phil. 4:10–20
John 17:20–26

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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

- **Sunday, February 2**
LECTOR: MARGARET CROWDER
USHERS: TERRY JOINER
DANNY JOINER
- **Sunday, February 9**
LECTOR: MARGARET CROWDER
USHERS: TERRY JOINER
DANNY JOINER
- **Sunday, February 16**
LECTOR: MARGARET CROWDER
USHERS: TERRY JOINER
DANNY JOINER
- **Sunday, February 23**
LECTOR: MARGARET CROWDER
USHERS: TERRY JOINER

WEEKLY EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **Handbells:** Wednesdays, 4:45-5:45
- **Choir:** Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm
- **AA Meetings:** M, T, R, & F
@ 7:30 pm; W @ 6:00pm;
Sat. @ 8:00 a.m.
- Feb. 4** Fellowship Comm. 1 PM
- Feb. 9** Bldg. after Worship

FEBRUARY 2020

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Steven Cropper</i>
2 Communion	3 <i>Ginny Brown</i>	4 <i>Jennifer Prall</i>	5 RITI	6	7	8 <i>John Freas</i>
9 Gospel Fest 3 pm	10 RED CROSS 12-6	11 <i>Charlie Shumaker</i>	12 <i>CJ Hall</i> RITI	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 <i>Melanie Dean</i> RITI	20	21	22 <i>Bill Sparley</i> Chili Cook-Off
23	24	25 SESSION	26 RITI	27	28	29

* Birthdays in italics

News & Events

Chili Cook-Off featuring Family Feud

Join in the fun on Saturday, February 22th at 5:30 p.m. for our annual chili-cook off. This year's entertainment will be the exciting return of Family Feud with our guest host, Brian Davis of WFKN.

The chili contest will feature 3 types of chili: mild, hot and vegetarian. Look for the food signup on the board outside the sanctuary, so we know how many are coming. This is a great event to invite a friend.

This is an ADULTS ONLY Fellowship event.

See you there!



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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

12 P.M.-6 P.M.

IN THE CORNERSTONE



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February Pulpit Supply

- ♥ Rev. Curry Davis/February 2nd
- ♥ Margaret Crowder/February 9th
- ♥ Jackie Thurmond/February 16th
- ♥ Caren Gibson/February 23rd

Card Making Class

If you are a Friend of the Month or just interested in making greeting cards for your personal use, join Debbie Wyatt on Tuesday, February 4th at 2:30 p.m. She will bring supplies and have pre-cut ideas. If you have a small paper cutter, please bring that as well. In addition to birthday cards, we will also make Valentine Cards. RSVP to Debbie at (270) 223-7831 or sign up on the board in the Educational Wing. Drop ins are fine, but it will help to know how many are coming so there are enough work stations for everyone.



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CONTACT US:

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Mike Chamberlain,

Interim Pastor

Candice Mendoza,

Office Manager

Carollee 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

Location: 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

Youth Sunday School

9:45

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

HANDBELL CHOIR

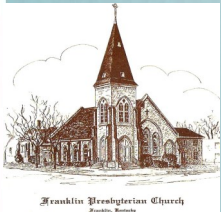
Wednesday, 4:45pm-5:45pm

ADULT CHOIR

Wednesday, 6:00pm-7:30pm

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

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



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