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Christian Service Committee asks:

How is FPC Being a Matthew 25 Church Today?

We are not likely to see someone without clothes. Visiting people in jail has distinct limitations. So we might say we can't do what Matthew 25:31-46 urges us to do.

But FPC is responding to Christ's challenge in 2020 ways. Read in this Lamplighter about Living Waters ministry to thirsty ones. Note that each Communion Sunday we share food through Good Samaritan with hungry ones. Deacons, the pastor and others are visiting and praying for sick ones. Trying to make strangers into friends is a central purpose of our media and personal outreach.

**How to be a Matthew 25 Church
is a continuing challenge today.**

What more ways do you know we can respond?



Living Waters Update

MATTHEW 25 No one can do everything, but everyone can do something!

In Matthew 25: 35, Jesus says "When I was thirsty, ...you gave me something to drink". For the past few years, FPC has been installing clean water systems in Guatemala so that we could give to whom Christ calls, "the least of these".

Read about our next Water installation in this article from Deb Thompson.

cov•e•nant (noun) ['kəvənənt] 1. Solemn agreement

FPC has a new water partner in Guatemala!

In November 2019, at the time Caren, Deb, and Donna traveled to Guatemala to install a water purification system at the social service agency and clinic, Paz y Bien, on the eastern side of the country, they also met with a representative of a middle school to talk about the possibility of working together to provide safe water at the school.

On a trip back to Guatemala this past January, Deb and Donna met with leaders at the school. After two days of discussion and planning, **a covenant was signed.**

The Initiating Partner /Operating Partner Covenant is at the heart of all Living Waters for the World projects.

It consists of a core covenant document and supporting documents such as a Project Preparation Plan and System Management Plan. These include a number of relationship and site-specific conditions to be developed through detailed, in-depth discussion and negotiation between partners.

INEB Ernesto Chavarría Rivadeneyra is a middle grade school (7-9) serving the highly commercial city of Sanarate in the state of El Progreso, about one hour northeast of Guatemala City in Guatemala. About 500 students attend morning classes, and another 500 attend afternoon classes. The school has associated pre-schools and lower grade schools serving another 700 students. Located nearby there are several churches and a health department.

The school's primary intention is to provide safe water for the children of their schools and their families, with dreams of serving the community beyond the school's walls.

Long-term stability of the project is highly probable due to the need, the enthusiasm of the school's leadership, the school's teachers' ability to incorporate safe water education into the curriculum, and the opportunity to serve the larger community due to the proximity of the health department and churches.

Our FPC Living Waters for the World team is the Initiating Partner; the school is the Operating Partner. We are both eager to do the work over the coming year to prepare to install the LWW system in January 2021, just after students begin the new term at school.


Please talk to Caren, Deb, Donna, or Larry if you are interested in joining the traveling team, or if you would like instead to support LWW projects in another way.

Meanwhile, please keep both partners in your prayers!

And make plans to help out and attend our third annual Wine into Water fundraising dinner on Saturday, March 21!



News & Notes



*Love one another,
as I have loved you.
This is one of the commands
that Jesus gives us.*

The youth group decided to spread some of that love by preparing Valentine's bags for some of our church members. The youth group brought in lotion, candy, puzzle books and origami hearts for the bags. During youth group on February 9th, we spent some time visiting with church members and delivering the Valentine's gifts. A good time was had by all. The youth group is looking forward to spreading more love in 2020 by providing a meal at People Serving People, helping with the Summer Feeding Program and assisting the elderly in our congregation.



2020 Chili Cook-Off Winners

Cathy Stratton & Phil Dutille-MILD

Woon Yen Prall-Vegetarian

Mike Wyatt-Hot & Overall Winner



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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-FEBRUARY 25 MEETING

- Moved to approve 5th Sunday potluck on March 29, 2020
- Moved to approve a monthly craft social event be held beginning March 5, 2020.
- Moved to approve the Easter breakfast held at 9.00-10.00 am on Sunday March 29, 2020.
- Moved to approve the Society of St Andrew's (SOSA) fundraiser through March 2020, which cover costs of trucking and distribution of gleaned produce provided to shelters and families in need.
- Moved to approve \$500 out of non-local Christian Service designated fund line item to support the work of the Gartrells, missionaries sponsored by the Western Kentucky Presbytery.
- Moved to approve the Easter Egg Hunt at 10.00 am on Easter Sunday.
- Moved to approve Fall VBS on October 5-9, 2020.
- Moved to approve the Wine into Water dinner fundraiser on Saturday, March 21, 2020 for Living Waters of the World project in Guatemala.
- Moved to approve the Ministry Information Form which on approval be submitted to the Committee on Ministry of Western Kentucky Presbytery.
- Moved that the Session training and planning retreat be held on Saturday, March 14, at 9.00am -3.00 pm at Meredith Halcomb's farm.
- Moved to approve the "To be the Church" mission project be held on Sunday, April 19 with Debbie Wyatt as project leader. Seconded by Caren Gibson.

We will be accepting donations of wrapped Easter Candy (please no chocolate) throughout the month of March to be placed in the Easter eggs for our annual egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Please bring in your donations and place them in the middle office. Thank you!



March 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.

March

Sunday, March 1

1st Sunday in Lent

Morning Pss. 84, 150

Evening Pss. 42, 32

Dan. 9:3–10

Heb. 2:10–18

John 12:44–50

Monday, March 2

Morning Pss. 119:73–80, 145

Evening Pss. 121, 6

Gen. 37:1–11

1 Cor. 1:1–19

Mark 1:1–13

Tuesday, March 3

Morning Pss. 34, 146

Evening Pss. 25, 91

Gen. 37:12–24

1 Cor. 1:20–31

Mark 1:14–28

Wednesday, March 4

Morning Pss. 5, 147:1–11

Evening Pss. 27, 51

Gen. 37:25–36

1 Cor. 2:1–13

Mark 1:29–45

Thursday, March 5

Morning Pss. 27,

147:12–20

Evening Pss. 126, 102

Gen. 39:1–23

1 Cor. 2:14–3:15

Mark 2:1–12

Friday, March 6

Morning Pss. 22, 148

Evening Pss. 105, 130

Gen. 40:1–23

1 Cor. 3:16–23

Mark 2:13–22

Saturday, March 7

Morning Pss. 43, 149

Evening Pss. 31, 143

Gen. 41:1–13

1 Cor. 4:1–7

Mark 2:23–3:6

Sunday, March 8

2nd Sunday in Lent

Morning Pss. 84, 150

Evening Pss. 42, 32

Gen. 41:14–45

Rom. 6:3–14

John 5:19–24

Monday, March 9

Morning Pss. 119:73–80, 145

Evening Pss. 121, 6

Gen. 41:46–57

1 Cor. 4:8–20 (21)

Mark 3:7–19a

Tuesday, March 10

Morning Pss. 34, 146

Evening Pss. 25, 91

Gen. 42:1–17

1 Cor. 5:1–8

Mark 3:19b–35

Wednesday, March 11

Morning Pss. 5, 147:1–11

Evening Pss. 27, 51

Gen. 42:18–28

1 Cor. 5:9–6:11

Mark 4:1–20

Thursday, March 12

Morning Pss. 27,

147:12–20

Evening Pss. 126, 102

Gen. 42:29–38

1 Cor. 6:12–20

Mark 4:21–34

Friday, March 13

Morning Pss. 22, 148

Evening Pss. 105, 130

Gen. 43:1–15

1 Cor. 7:1–9

Mark 4:35–41

Saturday, March 14

Morning Pss. 43, 149

Evening Pss. 31, 143

Gen. 43:16–34

1 Cor. 7:10–24

Mark 5:1–20

Sunday, March 15

3rd Sunday in Lent

Morning Pss. 84, 150

Evening Pss. 42, 32

Gen. 44:1–17

Rom. 8:1–10

John 5:25–29

Monday, March 16

Morning Pss. 119:73–80, 145

Evening Pss. 121, 6

Gen. 44:18–34

1 Cor. 7:25–31

Mark 5:21–43

Tuesday, March 17

Morning: Pss. 34, 146

Evening: Pss. 25, 91

Gen. 45:1–15

1 Cor. 7:32–40

Mark 6:1–13

Wednesday, March 18
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Gen. 45:16–28
1 Cor. 8:1–13
Mark 6:13–29

Thursday, March 19
Morning: Pss. 27;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Gen. 46:1–7, 28–34
1 Cor. 9:1–15
Mark 6:30–46

Friday, March 20
Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Gen. 47:1–26
1 Cor. 9:16–27
Mark 6:47–56

Saturday, March 21
Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Gen. 47:27–48:7
1 Cor. 10:1–13
Mark 7:1–23

Sunday, March 22
4th Sunday in Lent
Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Gen. 48:8–22
Rom. 8:11–25
John 6:27–40

Monday, March 23
Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;
145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Gen. 49:1–28
1 Cor. 10:14–11:1
Mark 7:24–37

Tuesday, March 24
Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Gen. 49:29–50:14
1 Cor. 11:2–34
Mark 8:1–10

Wednesday, March 25
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Gen. 50:15–26
1 Cor. 12:1–11
Mark 8:11–26

Thursday, March 26
Morning: Pss. 27;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Exod. 1:6–22
1 Cor. 12:12–26
Mark 8:27–9:1

Friday, March 27
Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Exod. 2:1–22
1 Cor. 12:27–13:3
Mark 9:2–13

Saturday, March 28
Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Exod. 2:23–3:15
1 Cor. 13:1–13
Mark 9:14–29

Sunday, March 29
5th Sunday in Lent
Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Exod. 3:16–4:12
Rom. 12:1–21
John 8:46–59

Monday, March 30
Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;
145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Exod. 4:10–20 (21–26)
27–31
1 Cor. 14:1–19
Mark 9:30–41

Tuesday, March 31
Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Exod. 5:1–6:1
1 Cor. 14:20–33a, 39–40
Mark 9:42–50

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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

- **Sunday, March 1st**
LECTOR: DEBBIE WYATT
USHERS: J. RAHM/B. HAIN
- **Sunday, March 8th**
LECTOR: DEBBIE WYATT
USHERS: J. RAHM/B. HAIN
- **Sunday, March 15th**
LECTOR: DEBBIE WYATT
USHERS: J. RAHM/B. HAIN
- **Sunday, March 22nd**
LECTOR: DEBBIE WYATT
USHERS: J. RAHM/B. HAIN
- **Sunday, March 29th**
LECTOR: DEBBIE WYATT
USHERS: J. RAHM/B. HAIN

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.
- Mar. 5** Finance Committee 3:15
- Mar. 19** Young Disciples meets 6:15

MARCH 2020

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion	2	3	4 Caroline & Elizabeth Wakefield	5	6	7 Dewey Strickler
8	9	10 Pat Markell	11	12	13 Olivia Rahm	14
15 Mary Joiner	16 Meredith Halcomb	17 Violette Gibson	18	19	20 Phil Dutille	21 Lizzie & Sydney Halcomb
22	23	24 SESSION 6 P.M. Woon Yen Prall	25	26	27 Barry Hain	28 Diane Shutt Suzanne Joiner
29 5th Sunday Potluck Sharon Smith						

*Birthdays in italics

**MARCH-
ELDER OF THE MONTH:**
Bob Thompson
ELDER HELPER:
Larry Smith
FRIEND OF THE MONTH:
Barbara Shriver



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We can face our sin boldly, confessing before God, knowing that Jesus Christ is our host at the table. Our Lord has promised to forgive all who come with repentant hearts. Neither death nor sin will have the final word, for the final word is the Word of God-Jesus Christ.



Stewardship Corner

February Average Attendance: 65

Feb. 2	59
Feb. 9	58
Feb. 16	66
Feb. 23	76

February Weekly Offering Average: \$1,461

Feb. 2	\$1,674.00
Feb. 9	\$1,542.00
Feb. 16	\$1,058.00
Feb. 23	\$1,570.00

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

Ruling Elders Serving on Session

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

DEACONS:
Diane Shutt
Marcella Davis
Woon Yen Prall

CLERK OF SESSION: Woon Yen Prall

Next Regularly Stated Session Meeting:
March 24th at 6 p.m.



Wine into Water Fundraising Dinner

Saturday, March 21st, 6 pm

In celebration of **WORLD WATER DAY**

Appetizers Provided by Brickyard Café
Wine Bar

Dinner Highlighting Typical Food of Guatemala

Dessert Auction

The Cornerstone
Franklin Presbyterian Church
201 North College Street

A Benefit for Franklin Presbyterian Church's
Living Waters for the World Project

Sharing the Gift of Clean Water With All God's Children in Guatemala

Tickets \$49 Per Person
Limited Seating

Tickets available at Franklin Presbyterian Church office
9:00 – 2:30, Mon – Thurs
270-586-4535

For More Information about World Water Day
<http://www.worldwaterday.org/>

Looking Ahead...

April

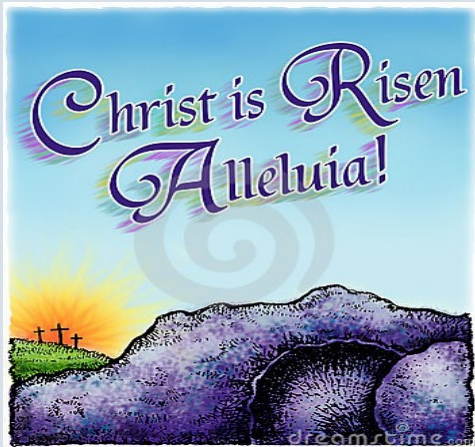
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Apr. 14th-Red Cross Blood Drive

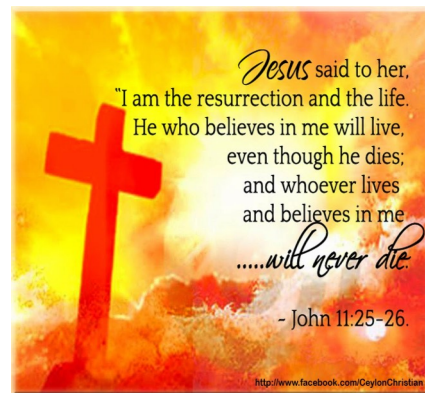
Apr. 25-Habitat for Humanity Pancake
Breakfast



Holy Week Schedule



Apr. 5	Palm/Passion Sunday
Apr. 12	Easter Breakfast 9 a.m.
	Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m.
	Worship Services 10:45
	<i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i>



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 may be sent out to nourish God's world.

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 & CHILDREN 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 pm.

Do you have something to go in the
Lamplighter? Submit it to the office by
the 27th of each month.



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