

# The Lamplighter

The monthly newsletter of  
Franklin Presbyterian Church

JUNE 2020

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The church office will begin to reopen on Monday, June 1st. The **temporary** office hours for **Monday, June 1st-Thursday, June 4th** are 9 a.m. until 12 Noon.

Please call the office at (270) 586-4535 to arrange a time to come to the office should you need to or upon arrival please call the church office before entering the building. Masks will be required to enter the building.

*Thank you for your patience and understanding in continuing to maintain the health and safety of staff, members and visitors.*

### 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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## Pastor's Portion

Presbyterian Pastor, Tod Bolsinger, in his book: **Canoeing the Mountains**, uses the metaphor of the Lewis and Clark Expedition across our continent, when the rivers ran out and they had to carry their canoes over the Rockies. This book is all about living and leading when we are in “uncharted territory” times and territory. Isn't that us today?

Jesus left his early disciples the power of the Holy Spirit and then, the early believers were amazed at the events of the Holy Spirit pouring the Holy Spirit's power upon those gathered that one day that has been the day called Pentecost. Jesus' disciples and those early believers were living in uncharted territory and so are we when we look around us. Yet, we are learning to live into the day and the days to which God gives us.

We give thanks to God as God gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit that we come to “be of one accord” ourselves. We have learned that we can worship God wherever we are and that God gives us to the world that we --- “give a cup of cold water --- to one of these little one.” How we heal and help others to heal comes from the generosity and compassion that we each offer to others. Please remember to remember the ones, who are not in our daily sight.

*The Session has been meeting* (mostly by Zoom) at least six times over the last three months attempting to discern the best way forward. We are attempting to make decisions that keep our people as safe from infection as possible. Information from medical authorities is gradually helping us to make decisions that befit the times that we are now in.

*The Session*, in consultation with the Worship Committee, has decided that we can safely be in live worship in the Cornerstone Building beginning June 7, while still offering online worship for those, who, due to health reasons, cannot be present. Doctors tell us that when we wear masks that we are helping our neighbor, who comes to within six feet of us. So, we implore each of us to wear masks when entering worship on that Sunday and into the near future. We will have hand sanitizer and a few masks for anyone, who does not have such.

*Worship is going to be in the Cornerstone Building* as its layout makes a better way for folks to move in and around for keeping safe distancing. We will have no bulletins or hymnbooks, which means that we will rely on computers and screens to project our movement through worship. Since it is known that singing allows for more particles coming from our mouths, the emphasis will be less singing and more instrumental music with words projected. Keeping our children safe during worship is still a work in progress. On any of these elements, please offer any workable suggestions that you have.

*May God's blessing and our faithful perseverance keep us for God's cause!*

***Pastor Mike***

## Ruling Elders Serving on Session:

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

### DEACONS:

Diane Shurt  
Marcella Davis  
Woon Yen Prall

\*Clerks of all committees: Please submit any minutes from your meetings **to the church office** for inclusion in the Session materials.  
THANK YOU!

Elder of the Month: Mary Jo Dreher  
Elder Helper of the Month: Debbie Wyatt  
Friend of the Month: Linda Knight

## Thank you FPC!!!

Once again, we want to send a huge thank you to all the FPC members and friends who during this time of uncertainty, and no in-person services, continued to go and give above and beyond!

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



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MATTHEW 25

# Be The Church

## During May 2020

*Another month of isolation, but what amazing things are still going on with FPC. Here are just a few things that have happened:*

Due to a few generous donations to the Matthew 25 fund, we were able to accomplish several things:

- Canned meats and meals delivered to Good Samaritan and People Serving People.
- Personal supply items and activity books were delivered to Fern Terrace, a mental health facility in Bowling Green. Bingo is something that keeps the residents engaged during this time when no visitors are allowed and they were SO excited to be able to resume playing.
- 25 salad kits were donated to People Serving People from Little Bent Farm, who is using our kitchen to wash and pack their produce.
- We are partnering with the Boys and Girls Club to purchase supplies that families can pick up and then the staff will teach (through Zoom) using these materials.



- ⇒ Along with Meredith Halcomb and Debbie Wyatt, Jane Rahm has joined the Matthew 25 Task Force. She will specifically be focusing on “Dismantling Structural Racism”, one of the three tenets of being a Matthew 25 Church. To kick off this endeavor, Jane in partnership with the Franklin-Simpson Human Rights Commission will begin a Zoom conversation called, “Let’s Talk: Racism. The first session will be on Thursday, June 4th at 6 pm. Jane will be sending out the link and more information later. This could be a powerful start to our tackling of this serious issue.
- For those of you who know Harold Burton, you know how much he loved gardening. So through a grant we received, a raised bed was built and tomato and peppers planted. Much thanks to Walnut Grove Farms for donating the soil and John Halcomb and one of the employees helped Mike Wyatt fill the bed. Afterwards, Harold decided he needed some squash and cucumber plants. So Cathy Stratton took him shopping and Frankie Shumaker planted the produce. This will be a great opportunity for Harold to continue his love of gardening!
  - Masks are still being sewn to give those in need of them.
  - Food is still going to community First Responders. Contact Woon Yen if you can bake some goodies.
  - PLEASE contact Debbie at (270) 223-7831 or dkaywyatt@bellsouth.net if you have things to share. If you want to continue to see good things happening, please consider making a donation to our Matthew 25 fund.

*Blessings,*  
*Debbie Wyatt*  
 Matthew 25 Coordinator



# News & Events

In-person services resume on Sunday, June 7th in the Cornerstone. This will be **worship services only** for the time being. Masks are required and families are asked to sit together at the same table. There will be hand sanitizer readily available. Please contact us if a mask is needed, we may have extras.

***We appreciate your patience as we move forward in this next step.***



**Red Cross Blood Drive  
Tuesday June 9th  
12-6 in the Cornerstone**

**All types are desperately needed!  
Please schedule an appointment to  
donate and help out those in need!**

## SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM

Summer Time again and we will be starting the Summer Feeding Program on Monday, June 1st . The program runs weekdays through June and July.

The deliveries should be simpler this year as we are continuing on from what the school system has been doing to date during the quarantine period. We will deliver at one central site per trailer park/housing complex but will be picking up meals from the Middle School earlier (at 10:30am each day). Judging from past years the whole process should not take more than about 1 to 1 1/2 hours per day.

Please be planning on which days you can assist us. We will need at least 2 people each day. We will be delivering both breakfast and lunch this year (delivered together) as there are a lot of hungry children out there.

If you have dates in mind already please email me at [hain160@gmail.com](mailto:hain160@gmail.com) or text my cell: 270 253 2765.

***I thank you all in advance for sharing your time with these children in need. "Many hands make light work!"***

*Regards, Frances Hain*  
FPC Christian Service Committee





## June 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.*

### **June**

**Monday, June 1**  
Morning: Pss. 57; 145  
Evening: Pss. 85; 47  
Eccl. 2:1–15  
Gal. 1:1–17  
Matt. 13:44–52

**Tuesday, June 2**  
Morning: Pss. 54; 146  
Evening: Pss. 28; 99  
Eccl. 2:16–26  
Gal. 1:18–2:10  
Matt. 13:53–58

**Wednesday, June 3**  
Morning: Pss. 65;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 125; 91  
Eccl. 3:1–15  
Gal. 2:11–21  
Matt. 14:1–12

**Thursday, June 4**  
Morning: Pss. 143;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 81; 116  
Eccl. 3:16–4:3  
Gal. 3:1–14  
Matt. 14:13–21

**Friday, June 5**  
Morning: Pss. 88; 148  
Evening: Pss. 6; 20  
Eccl. 5:1–7  
Gal. 3:15–22  
Matt. 14:22–36

**Saturday, June 6**  
Morning: Pss. 122; 149  
Evening: Pss. 100; 63  
Eccl. 5:8–20  
Gal. 3:23–4:11  
Matt. 15:1–20

**Sunday, June 7**  
Trinity Sunday  
Morning: Pss. 103; 150  
Evening: Pss. 117; 139  
Job 38:1–11; 42:1–5  
Rev. 19:4–16  
John 1:29–34

**Monday, June 8**  
Morning: Pss. 62; 145  
Evening: Pss. 73; 9  
Eccl. 7:1–14  
Gal. 4:12–20  
Matt. 15:21–28

**Tuesday, June 9**  
Morning: Pss. 12; 146  
Evening: Pss. 36; 7  
Eccl. 8:14–9:10  
Gal. 4:21–31  
Matt. 15:29–39

**Wednesday, June 10**  
Morning: Pss. 96;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 132; 134  
Eccl. 9:11–18  
Gal. 5:1–15  
Matt. 16:1–12

**Thursday, June 11**  
Morning: Pss. 116;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 26; 130  
Eccl. 11:1–8  
Gal. 5:16–24  
Matt. 16:13–20

**Friday, June 12**  
Morning: Pss. 84; 148  
Evening: Pss. 25; 40  
Eccl. 11:9–12:14  
Gal. 5:25–6:10  
Matt. 16:21–28

**Saturday, June 13**  
Morning: Pss. 63; 149  
Evening: Pss. 125; 90  
Num. 3:1–13  
Gal. 6:11–18  
Matt. 17:1–13

**Sunday, June 14**  
Morning: Pss. 103; 150  
Evening: Pss. 117; 139  
Num. 6:22–27  
Acts 13:1–12  
Luke 12:41–48

**Monday, June 15**  
Morning: Pss. 5; 145  
Evening: Pss. 82; 29  
Num. 9:15–23; 10:29–36  
Rom. 1:1–15  
Matt. 17:14–21

**Tuesday, June 16**  
Morning: Pss. 42; 146  
Evening: Pss. 102; 133  
Num. 11:1–23  
Rom. 1:16–25  
Matt. 17:22–27

Wednesday, June 17  
Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 1; 33  
Num. 11:24–33 (34–35)  
Rom. 1:28–2:11  
Matt. 18:1–9

Thursday, June 18  
Morning: Pss. 97;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 16; 62  
Num. 12:1–16  
Rom. 2:12–24  
Matt. 18:10–20

Friday, June 19  
Morning: Pss. 51; 148  
Evening: Pss. 142; 65  
Num. 13:1–3, 21–30  
Rom. 2:25–3:8  
Matt. 18:21–35

Saturday, June 20  
Morning: Pss. 104; 149  
Evening: Pss. 138; 98  
Num. 13:31–14:25  
Rom. 3:9–20  
Matt. 19:1–12

Sunday, June 21  
Morning: Pss. 19; 150  
Evening: Pss. 81; 113  
Num. 14:26–45  
Acts 15:1–12  
Luke 12:49–56

Monday, June 22  
Morning: Pss. 135; 145  
Evening: Pss. 97; 112  
Num. 16:1–19  
Rom. 3:21–31  
Matt. 19:13–22

Tuesday, June 23  
Morning: Pss. 123; 146  
Evening: Pss. 30; 86  
Num. 16:20–35  
Rom. 4:1–12  
Matt. 19:23–30

Wednesday, June 24  
Morning: Pss. 15;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 48; 4  
Num. 16:36–50  
Rom. 4:13–25  
Matt. 20:1–16

Thursday, June 25  
Morning: Pss. 36;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 80; 27  
Num. 17:1–11  
Rom. 5:1–11  
Matt. 20:17–28

Friday, June 26  
Morning: Pss. 130; 148  
Evening: Pss. 32; 139  
Num. 20:1–13  
Rom. 5:12–21  
Matt. 20:29–34

Saturday, June 27  
Morning: Pss. 56; 149  
Evening: Pss. 118; 111  
Num. 20:14–29  
Rom. 6:1–11  
Matt. 21:1–11

Sunday, June 28  
Morning: Pss. 67; 150  
Evening: Pss. 46; 93  
Num. 21:4–9, 21–35  
Acts 17:(12–21) 23–24  
Luke 13:10–17

Monday, June 29  
Morning: Pss. 57; 145  
Evening: Pss. 85; 47  
Num. 22:1–21  
Rom. 6:12–23  
Matt. 21:12–22

Tuesday, June 30  
Morning: Pss. 54; 146  
Evening: Pss. 28; 99  
Num. 22:21–38  
Rom. 7:1–12  
Matt. 21:23–32

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## Temporary Church Office Hours:

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resume Monday, June 8th)

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appointment if you're needing to  
come to the church, or call upon  
arrival. Masks are required to  
access entry into the church.

*Please contact the office with any  
questions or concerns.*

- Hand Bells: TBD
- Choir: TBD
- AA Meetings: TBD

| Sun   | Mon                             | Tue                                   | Wed | Thu                     | Fri                                  | Sat                 |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
|   | 1                               | 2<br><i>Deb Thompson</i>              | 3   | 4                       | 5                                    | 6                   |
| 7<br>In Person<br>Worship in<br>Cornerstone | 8                               | 9<br>Red Cross<br>Blood Drive<br>12-6 | 10  | 11                      | 12                                   | 13                  |
| 14  | 15                              | 16                                    | 17  | 18<br>Beth<br>Timmerman | 19<br>Linda Felts<br>Everett Halcomb | 20                  |
| 21  | 22                              | 23                                    | 24  | 25<br>Frances Strickler | 26<br>Genevieve<br>Stubbs            | 27<br>David Hoffman |
| 28  | 29<br><i>George<br/>Halcomb</i> | 30                                    |     |                         |                                      |                     |

\*Birthdays in italics



# Looking Ahead...

## JULY

ELDER OF THE MONTH:

BOB THOMPSON

ELDER HELPER OF THE MONTH:

JIM SOWNEY

FRIEND OF THE MONTH:

MARGARET CROWDER

- **JULY 4: HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!**



*The Lord delights in  
those who fear Him,  
who put their hope in  
His unfailing love.*

Psalm 147:11 NIV

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***Mission Statement:*** Franklin Presbyterian Church exists to help make our community a great place for all people by sharing God's love and the Christian gospel through nurturing worship, fellowship, education, service to others and caring for the earth. Our mission extends outward to transform the world.

***Vision Statement:*** Franklin Presbyterian Church is deeply integrated with the local community to transform lives through our ministries inspired by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*Will resume at a later date.*

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*Will resume at a later date.*

**TODDLERS**

If you have a question about the availability of childcare during this time, please contact the church office with any questions.

**ADULT CHOIR**

*Will resume at a later date.*

**HANDBELL CHOIR**

*Will resume at a later date.*

**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? If so, please contact an elder or deacon.

Do you have something to go in the Lamplighter? Submit it to the office by the 25th of each month.



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