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We are pleased to welcome our new
Pastor, Daniel Van Beek and his
family to Franklin Presbyterian
Church. He will begin on
Wednesday, July 1st.

*We also want to offer the Pastor
Nominating Committee a huge thank you
for their time and effort during this process!*

Pastor's Portion

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

It is with great joy and prayer that we set out on this journey through God's world together, as we begin our time together. I am thrilled to be with you at Franklin Presbyterian Church and I can already feel the Holy Spirit moving in this place. While we continue on with safe worship at the Cornerstone, some things will at first seem quite familiar, just with a different person in the (current) pulpit.

Yet we know that it is the Holy Spirit who has brought us together, and there is great excitement for what God is doing right now in Franklin, even as we must be patient to see its fruit. Yet, I cannot help but hear the words of Isaiah 43 in my mind as I write this:

18 Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

*19 I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

The wonderful new thing I have already seen is the radical hospitality of the congregation for my family as we have been consistently doted upon with meals and snacks and prayers. We have loved seeing your faces (or at least your eyes, remember to wear your masks), and we are excited to meet those we have not yet. In fact, we are working out ways and schedules to be sure we get some socially distant yet meaningful time to share with you all in the months to come. As for that radical hospitality for your new pastor and his family, that shows just how much God has instilled in you that spirit to show to every person that kind of welcome and love, as Jesus recounts for us in Matthew 25.

While I am now serving as the pastor of the congregation, there are more celebrations in our future, as I am ordained in the Presbyterian Church and fully installed as the pastor here at Franklin Presbyterian Church. I remain steadfast in that what God has called me to do and how God has called me to serve is to join you in the connection of church and community, the deep abiding love of God and neighbor that we share.

The words of Philippians 1 have come to me time and time again over the past few weeks as I prepared to come here, knowing that the Holy Spirit has graced you all with a love and passion for service that warms my heart.

3 I thank my God every time I remember you, 4 constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, 5 because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me.

Let us enjoy each other's company, let us enjoy our God's love.

The Grace and Peace of Christ be Yours as We Love One Another!

Pastor Daniel





WE ARE A
MATTHEW 25 Church

Actively Engaged in the World

1. All Matthew 25 Churches across the country-over 850+-joined for the first ever Zoom meeting on June 10th. We heard stories from several churches and from leaders within the PCUSA. Many resources were shared, especially around Eradicating Systemic Racism, one of the 3 tenets of Matthew 25. Debbie Wyatt and Cathy Stratton joined this meeting from FPC.
2. Here at FPC, we have assembled a Matthew 25 Task Force to help us achieve our goals. Members are:
 - Jane Rahm-with a focus on Eradicating Structural Racism. She is coordinating Zoom meetings with Wanda Tuck from Greater Taylor Chapel AME Church. These virtual meetings are called, "Let's Talk: Racism". Look for details if you are interested in attending.
 - Meredith Halcomb-focusing on Eliminate Systemic Poverty with the Boys and Girls Club. We recently donated money to help fund the blue take home bags. Christian Service also donates money to the Boys and Girls Club. Check out their Facebook page. It is amazing how they are staying in touch with their students!
 - Diane Stone-focusing on Eliminate Systemic Poverty. She hopes to begin a clothes closet here at FPC. This is a service that is much needed in our county. Look for more details later.
 - Cathy Stratton-helping to coordinate in all areas of Matthew 25. She has helped with delivering supplies to a mental health facility, supplying face masks to many members of our community to help keep them safe, and too many other areas to mention!
 - Debbie Wyatt-As the Matthew 25 Task Force Coordinator, she has focused on all areas. She is coordinating with Good Samaritan and has delivered food, towels, toiletries, cookware, and other requested items. FPC has been VERY generous with an outpouring of much needed supplies. Let's keep it up! She is also focusing on Congregational Vitality. Connecting with our members and encouraging them to reach out to our community is her main focus. Shortly, a large sign will be placed on the Kentucky Street side of the church, highlighting that we are a Matthew 25 church and that we welcome everyone.

HELPING HAND



TAKING LEAVE

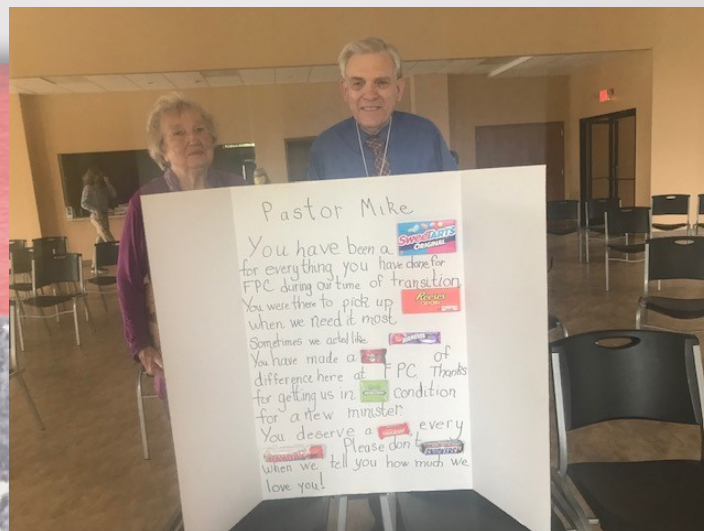
God does have the last word with us. Yesterday, as we were reciting the Apostle's Creed at the point of saying: "he rose again...." A very loud clap of thunder drowned out our recitation that stopped us all momentarily. This is my way of saying that I truly believe God is having God's last word in all that we have been these last months, as Dot and I have shared with you.

You have truly walked this journey and not just waited for a new pastor. We are all sincerely being touched by the Holy Spirit in these days, knowing that God has much to tell us in these coming months. You and Pastor Daniel are entering into a time of great challenge that can be the greatest of times to be a follower, who listens for the call to discipleship.

As in our Presbyterian tradition, we who are leaving are asked to cease our ministry activities to allow the new pastor to really be your pastor in the fullest sense, but we always want to be friends with each other and possibly after time, we may want to slip into a back pew when it is appropriate. Thank you all for the gifts of yourselves and for the gifts that we received from you yesterday. Your hospitality and friendship toward Dot and me will go with us always.

In the Peace of Christ,

Pastor Mike and Dot



Stewardship Corner

June Average Attendance:

47

June 7	41
June 14	42
June 21	46
June 28	59

June Weekly Offering Average:

\$1,617.56

June 7	\$2,893.25
June 14	\$1,917.00
June 21	\$620.00
June 28	\$1,040.00

Average weekly income
needed for budget: \$2,057.69

Ruling Elders Serving on Session

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

DEACONS:

Diane Shurtliff
Marcella Davis
Woon Yen Prall

Next Regular
Session meeting:
July 28th at
6 p.m. in the
Cornerstone

Clerks of all committees: Please
submit any minutes from your
meetings **to the church office by**
Monday, July 27th for inclusion in
the Session materials.
THANK YOU!



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July 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.

July

Wednesday, July 1

Morning: Pss. 65;
147:1–11

Evening: Pss. 125; 91
Num. 22:41–23:12

Rom. 7:13–25
Matt. 21:33–46

Thursday, July 2

Morning: Pss. 143;
147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Num. 23:11–26

Rom. 8:1–11
Matt. 22:1–14

Friday, July 3

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20

Num. 24:1–13
Rom. 8:12–17

Matt. 22:15–22

Saturday, July 4

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63

Num. 24:12–25
Rom. 8:18–25

Matt. 22:23–40

Sunday, July 5

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23

Num. 27:12–23
Acts 19:11–20

Mark 1:14–20

Monday, July 6

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9

Num. 32:1–6, 16–27
Rom. 8:26–30

Matt. 23:1–12

Tuesday, July 7

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7

Num. 35:1–3, 9–15, 30–34
Rom. 8:31–39

Matt. 23:13–26

Wednesday, July 8

Morning: Pss. 96;
147:1–11

Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Deut. 1:1–18

Rom. 9:1–18
Matt. 23:27–39

Thursday, July 9

Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 26; 130
Deut. 3:18–28

Rom. 9:19–33
Matt. 24:1–14

Friday, July 10

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40

Deut. 31:7–13, 24–32:4
Rom. 10:1–13

Matt. 24:15–31

Saturday, July 11

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90

Deut. 34:1–12
Rom. 10:14–21

Matt. 24:32–51

Sunday, July 12

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139

Josh. 1:1–18
Acts 21:3–15

Mark 1:21–27

Monday, July 13

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29

Josh. 2:1–14
Rom. 11:1–12

Matt. 25:1–13

Tuesday, July 14

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133

Josh. 2:15–24
Rom. 11:13–24

Matt. 25:14–30

Wednesday, July 15

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11

Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Josh. 3:1–13

Rom. 11:25–36
Matt. 25:31–46

Thursday, July 16

Morning: Pss. 97;
147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 16; 62
Josh. 3:14–4:7

Rom. 12:1–8
Matt. 26:1–16

Friday, July 17

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65

Josh. 4:19–5:1, 10–15
Rom. 12:9–21

Matt. 26:17–25

Saturday, July 18
Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Josh. 6:1–14
Rom. 13:1–7
Matt. 26:26–35

Sunday, July 19
Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
Josh. 6:15–27
Acts 22:30–23:11
Mark 2:1–12

Monday, July 20
Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
Josh. 7:1–13
Rom. 13:8–14
Matt. 26:36–46

Tuesday, July 21
Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
Josh. 8:1–22
Rom. 14:1–12
Matt. 26:47–56

Wednesday, July 22
Morning: Pss. 15;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
Josh. 8:30–35
Rom. 14:13–23
Matt. 26:57–68

Thursday, July 23
Morning: Pss. 36;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
Josh. 9:3–21
Rom. 15:1–13
Matt. 26:69–75

Friday, July 24
Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
Josh. 9:22–10:15
Rom. 15:14–24
Matt. 27:1–10

Saturday, July 25
Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
Josh. 23:1–16
Rom. 15:25–33
Matt. 27:11–23

Sunday, July 26
Morning: Pss. 67; 150
Evening: Pss. 46; 93
Josh. 24:1–15
Acts 28:23–31
Mark 2:23–28

Monday, July 27
Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Josh. 24:16–33
Rom. 16:1–16
Matt. 27:24–31

Tuesday, July 28
Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Judg. 2:1–5, 11–23
Rom. 16:17–27
Matt. 27:32–44

Wednesday, July 29
Morning: Pss. 65;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
Judg. 3:12–30
Acts 1:1–14
Matt. 27:45–54

Thursday, July 30
Morning: Pss. 143;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Judg. 4:4–23
Acts 1:15–26
Matt. 27:55–66

Friday, July 31
Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
Judg. 5:1–18
Acts 2:1–21
Matt. 28:1–10

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Please call the church office at (270) 586-4535 to make an appointment or call upon arrival if you're needing assistance. Masks are required upon entering the building.

Please contact the office with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your understanding!

WEEKLY EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

JULY 2020

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 <i>Cheyenne Brown</i>	4
5	6	7 <i>Kate Halcomb</i>	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 <i>Marla Knight-Dutille</i>	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 <i>Frankie Shumaker Curry Davis</i>	28 SESSION <i>Jane Rahm</i>	29	30	31	

*Birthdays in italics



News & Notes

CHURCH DIRECTORY

If anyone has any of their information that needs updating in the church directory, phone number, email address, physical address, please send it to the church office. As we have learned the last few months, communication is important and this helps us keep our directory up to date.

Thank you!

AUGUST:

Elder of the Month: Debbie Wyatt

Elder Helper: Caren Gibson

Friend of the Month: Nancy Thomas

• Aug. 13 Red Cross Blood Drive



At this time, while we are unsure about when our next Annual Yard Sale will take place, or how it can be done safely while still benefitting the church, we are continuing to take your donations should you have any. You can call the church to discuss arrangements about bringing items in, or pick up can also be arranged.

Thanks for your continued support!



***Now the Lord
is the Spirit,
And where the Spirit
of the Lord is,
there is freedom.***

2 Corinthians 3:17



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

TBD

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

TBD

TODDLERS

(please see Ms. Shirley or Caren Gibson for nursery information)

ADULT CHOIR

TBD

HANDBELL CHOIR

TBD

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 you have interest in participating in new members classes, please contact the church office or Pastor Daniel.

If you have anything you would like added to the August Lamplighter, please send it to the office no later than Wednesday, July 29th.
Thanks for your cooperation!



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