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# The Lamplighter

The monthly newsletter of Franklin Presbyterian Church  
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We have returned to online worship services only. From now through the end of August, please look for our weekly worship services on our website or on our Facebook page.

*Please continue to stay safe, and contact the office with any questions.*



# *Pastor's Portion*

## ***August & Everything After***

We continue to navigate this new reality, church. We are working together to worship our God and serve our community in new ways, taking on new challenges, and offering up new ways of following Jesus Christ. It is not easy, it is not something we've done before. Yet, it is what God is calling us to do.

Franklin has already provided so many good things in our lives, my friends. Whether we have been here four weeks or forty years (or more), this community is one in which the Holy Spirit has been, is, and will continue to work. Are we ready to answer the call and give more of who we are in an effort to see God's good news be activated and realized right here?

Will we feed those we see hungry?

Will we clothes those we see naked?

Will we visit (or write or call) those we know are sick or alone or in prison?

Will we do what we say we will do? Will we lean into being uncomfortable in dismantling structural racism in our community, or in alleviating systemic poverty, or in eradicating the injustice and oppression happening here?

This is not easy work, but neither is following Jesus Christ. He warned his disciples that the road is not easy, that they may face major challenges as they sought to spread his message. He warned us that we are to take up our cross in order to follow him.

The dichotomy we see today is striking. On one hand, we are seeking safety in our homes, in our workplaces, we are wearing masks and washing hands and taking precautions to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus. On the other, we are seeking radical change in our lives, in our community, and in our church as we try to find a more fitting way of living the life that Jesus taught us to live. Can we have both? Should we have both?

For the race is long that I have set before, says the LORD, but we must continue what we have set out to do. We are in this thing together, both the important work of keeping one another safe and the important work of proclaiming God's kingdom is near and that it is here. The love of God in Jesus Christ liberates us all from the oppression we have caused and the oppression we have suffered under. The love of God transforms us radically to be the people we are called to be.

In August, we have an opportunity to look deeply into the face of God and see what we are becoming as Christians. Let us strive toward God's calling together, let us thrive in the assurance that the Holy Spirit is leading us, and let us live into the victory Jesus Christ has won for us over sin and death.

What comes after August? God knows, and we can continue to seek God's face to find out!



***Pastor Daniel***

## News & Events



We as a church of love and outreach are in the process of opening the **Matthew 25 "Clothes Closet"** in the early fall. In Matthew 25: 31-40, Jesus taught that we as Christ's followers are to love by caring for others needs no matter their station in life. In this way we are the hands, mouth, and ears of Christ. Those that are hurting are looking for help, support , and hospitality at their time of need.

This is where our newly created **"Clothes Closet"** fits into our community. Those that we will be helping include victims of domestic abuse, home fires, poverty, homeless, and releases from jails and prison.

We come to ask for donations of clothing for all ages of infants, children and adults. The suggested items are: In season (clean) clothes, shoes, underclothing, diapers, bath soaps, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Please let us know if you learn of such a need as this. The church family will be happy to assist and give.

The Matthew 25 Clothes Closet will be housed in the basement (Old Fellowship Hall). If you have anything to donate, you can take your items down there. If you cannot take them there, you may leave them on the pew in the Parlor.

You can phone the church at 270-586-4535 or Diann at 615-419-3222 for more information.

Blessings,

*Diann Stone*

Matthew 25 Clothes Closet Coordinator



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**RED CROSS BLOOD  
DRIVE  
TUESDAY, AUGUST  
11TH  
12-6 P.M.**

### **Summer Feeding Program**

*This year's program ends on August 14th. To all of you who assisted this summer with the program,  
**THANK YOU!!!***





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**AUGUST ELDER/ELDER  
HELPER OF THE MONTH**

Debbie Wyatt/Caren Gibson

**AUGUST  
FRIEND OF THE MONTH**

Nancy Thomas



## Stewardship Corner

**July Average Attendance: 49 (first 2 weeks)**

July 5	54
July 12	43
July 19	N/A
July 26	N/A

**July Weekly Offering Average: \$ 1,230.50**

July 5	\$1,445.00
July 12	\$1,742.00
July 19	\$870.00*
July 26	\$865.00*

*(\*sent to FPC directly during canceling of  
in person services)*

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

## Ruling Elders Serving on Session

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

**DEACONS:**

Diane Shatt  
Marcella Davis  
Woon Yen Prall

**Next Regularly Stated Session Meeting:  
Tuesday, August 25th at 6 p.m.**

## August 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.*

### **August**

**Saturday, August 1**

Morning: Pss. 122; 149  
Evening: Pss. 100; 63  
Judg. 5:19–31  
Acts 2:22–36  
Matt. 28:11–20

**Sunday, August 2**

Morning: Pss. 108; 150  
Evening: Pss. 66; 23  
Judg. 6:1–24  
2 Cor. 9:6–15  
Mark 3:20–30

**Monday, August 3**

Morning: Pss. 62; 145  
Evening: Pss. 73; 9  
Judg. 6:25–40  
Acts 2:37–47  
John 1:1–18

**Tuesday, August 4**

Morning: Pss. 12; 146  
Evening: Pss. 36; 7  
Judg. 7:1–18  
Acts 3:1–11  
John 1:19–28

**Wednesday, August 5**

Morning: Pss. 96;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 132; 134  
Judg. 7:19–8:12  
Acts 3:12–26  
John 1:29–42

**Thursday, August 6**

Morning: Pss. 116;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 26; 130  
Judg. 8:22–35  
Acts 4:1–12  
John 1:43–51

**Friday, August 7**

Morning: Pss. 84; 148  
Evening: Pss. 25; 40  
Judg. 9:1–16, 19–21  
Acts 4:13–31  
John 2:1–12

**Saturday, August 8**

Morning: Pss. 63; 149  
Evening: Pss. 125; 90  
Judg. 9:22–25, 50–57  
Acts 4:32–5:11  
John 2:13–25

**Sunday, August 9**

Morning: Pss. 103; 150  
Evening: Pss. 117; 139  
Judg. 11:1–11, 29–40  
2 Cor. 11:21b–31  
Mark 4:35–41

**Monday, August 10**

Morning: Pss. 5; 145  
Evening: Pss. 82; 29  
Judg. 12:1–7  
Acts 5:12–26  
John 3:1–21

**Tuesday, August 11**

Morning: Pss. 42; 146  
Evening: Pss. 102; 133  
Judg. 13:1–15  
Acts 5:27–42  
John 3:22–36

**Wednesday, August 12**

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 1; 33  
Judg. 13:15–24  
Acts 6:1–15  
John 4:1–26

**Thursday, August 13**

Morning: Pss. 97;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 16; 62  
Judg. 14:1–19  
Acts 6:15–7:16  
John 4:27–42

**Friday, August 14**

Morning: Pss. 51; 148  
Evening: Pss. 142; 65  
Judg. 14:20–15:20  
Acts 7:17–29  
John 4:43–54

**Saturday, August 15**

Morning: Pss. 104; 149  
Evening: Pss. 138; 98  
Judg. 16:1–14  
Acts 7:30–43  
John 5:1–18

**Sunday, August 16**

Morning: Pss. 19; 150  
Evening: Pss. 81; 113  
Judg. 16:15–31  
2 Cor. 13:1–11  
Mark 5:25–34

**Monday, August 17**

Morning: Pss. 135; 145  
Evening: Pss. 97; 112  
Judg. 17:1–13  
Acts 7:44–8:1a  
John 5:19–29

Tuesday, August 18  
Morning: Pss. 123; 146  
Evening: Pss. 30; 86  
Judg. 18:1–15  
Acts 8:1–13  
John 5:30–47

Wednesday, August 19  
Morning: Pss. 15;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 48; 4  
Judg. 18:16–31  
Acts 8:14–25  
John 6:1–15

Thursday, August 20  
Morning: Pss. 36;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 80; 27  
Job 1:1–22  
Acts 8:26–40  
John 6:16–27

Friday, August 21  
Morning: Pss. 130; 148  
Evening: Pss. 32; 139  
Job 2:1–13  
Acts 9:1–9  
John 6:27–40

Saturday, August 22  
Morning: Pss. 56; 149  
Evening: Pss. 118; 111  
Job 3:1–26  
Acts 9:10–19a  
John 6:41–51

Sunday, August 23  
Morning: Pss. 67; 150  
Evening: Pss. 46; 93  
Job 4:1–6, 12–21  
Rev. 4:1–11  
Mark 6:1–6a

Monday, August 24  
Morning: Pss. 57; 145  
Evening: Pss. 85; 47  
Job 4:1; 5:1–11, 17–21,  
26–27  
Acts 9:19b–31  
John 6:52–59

Tuesday, August 25  
Morning: Pss. 54; 146  
Evening: Pss. 28; 99  
Job 6:1–4, 8–15, 21  
Acts 9:32–43  
John 6:60–71

Wednesday, August 26  
Morning: Pss. 65;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 125; 91  
Job 6:1; 7:1–21  
Acts 10:1–16  
John 7:1–13

Thursday, August 27  
Morning: Pss. 143;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 81; 116  
Job 8:1–10, 20–22  
Acts 10:17–33  
John 7:14–36

Friday, August 28  
Morning: Pss. 88; 148  
Evening: Pss. 6; 20  
Job 9:1–15, 32–35  
Acts 10:34–48  
John 7:37–52

Saturday, August 29  
Morning: Pss. 122; 149  
Evening: Pss. 100; 63  
Job 9:1; 10:1–9, 16–22  
Acts 11:1–18  
John 8:12–20

Sunday, August 30  
Morning: Pss. 108; 150  
Evening: Pss. 66; 23  
Job. 11:1–9, 13–20  
Rev. 5:1–14  
Matt. 5:1–12

Monday, August 31  
Morning: Pss. 62; 145  
Evening: Pss. 73; 9  
Job 12:1–6, 13–25  
Acts 11:19–30  
John 8:21–32

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# AUGUST 2020

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:  
9 A.M.-2:30 P.M.

CALL AHEAD OR UPON  
ARRIVAL. MASKS ARE  
REQUIRED FOR ENTRY INTO  
BUILDING.

THANKS FOR YOUR  
COOPERATION!

WEEKLY EVENTS &  
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Handbells: TBD
  - Choir: TBD
  - AA Meetings: TBD
- Aug. 20 Finance Comm. 3 p.m.  
Aug. 25 Session at 6 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 <i>Larry Gibson</i>	6	7	8 Presbytery Zoom Meeting <i>Zipporah Bley</i>
9 <i>Russ Tracy</i>	10 <i>Caren Gibson</i> <i>Amy Wyatt</i>	11 Red Cross Blood Drive 12-6	12 <i>Sarah Halcomb</i>	13	14 <i>Gwen Stubbs</i>	15 <i>Terri Mitchell</i>
16	17 <i>Harold Burton</i>	18	19 <i>Brandon Stubbs</i>	20	21 <i>Janet Crocker</i>	22
23	24	25 <i>Pastor Daniel</i>	26	27	28 <i>Becky Stubbs</i>	29 <i>Tomas Williams</i>
30	31 <i>Linda Knight</i>					

# Session Highlights & More

- ⇒ Session approved an increase in the congregation's to the presbytery's Unified Mission Giving up to \$4,000 per year. FPC's support is now in line with the presbytery average.
- ⇒ Christian Service committee graciously donated the clothes given for the yard sale to the new Matthew 25 Clothes Closet hosted in our church basement!
- ⇒ Session approved the purchase of a new mower for the church, using both individual donations and money from the Memorial Fund
- ⇒ The August meeting of the Presbytery of Western Kentucky originally scheduled to be hosted here at Franklin Presbyterian Church will be on Zoom. Pastor Daniel Van Beek will be examined for formal entry into the presbytery. Elder Cathy Stratton will be our commissioner.
- ⇒ Session approved a modified 2020 budget that encompasses the first implementation of the Bold Approach, including our new full-time pastor.
- ⇒ Fall VBS will be online over fall break and headed by Sarah Halcomb.
- ⇒ Session heard from Franklin resident Tammie McCorry about a plan for a drop-in community center in town. Discussion involved continued FPC conversation with Mr. McCorry and area agencies and churches to identify the best ways we can support this important endeavor.
- ⇒ Casey Cassetty, Melissa Cropper, and Loyd Gant will be the youth group leaders for this year. A kickoff event and fall study of the book "Uprooting Racism" is scheduled.

## September:

### ELDER/ELDER H ELPER OF THE MONTH:

*Jane Rahm/Bob Thompson*

### FRIEND OF THE MONTH:

*Debbie Sowney*

### September:

- 7th: Labor Day (office closed)

Starting September 6, you are invited to take part in a 6 week biblical study called, *Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community Antiracism*, a study provided by the PCUSA. Each Sunday we will meet via ZOOM at 6pm for discussion. Themes include: biblical imperative to racism, envisioning a new way of life together, PCUSA and racial reconciliation, racism 101, enduring legacy of racism in the US, and responding as a community of faith. If you would like to take part in this study/discussion, let Jane Rahm know and she will send you the information needed to get started.



Father, I pray that You help our children to grasp hold of what they need to know and learn. I ask You to give them the aptitude for understanding and wisdom. Thank You that they have the mind of Christ and that their memory is blessed.  
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

*(Daniel 1:17, 20; 1 Corinthians 2:16 ,  
Proverbs 10:7)*



## CONNECT TO FPC!

Have you visited our website lately? ([www.franklinpresbyterian.org](http://www.franklinpresbyterian.org)) This is the way to find out the latest news, watch the latest worship services online, get information on upcoming events, and download copies of the monthly Lamplighter newsletter. If your information is not up to date, please contact the office so we have your correct address, phone, email, etc.

### ONLINE DIRECTORY

If we have your e-mail address, you will be able to access the mobile app with your smart phone. **You can also print a copy of the directory from our website!** To access, use: fpc5864535 as the password.

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## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

TBD

## **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**

TBD

## **NURSERY**

*(contact Caren or Ms. Shirley with any questions)*

## **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.

*"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 20th of each month.



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