



# The Lamplighter

The monthly newsletter of Franklin Presbyterian Church  
**September 2020**

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*We appreciate everyone who has been watching our online worship services and a huge thank you to all of you who have worked hard and contributed to make these worship videos possible.*

# *From the Pastor's Desk*

## **September Begins Anew**

Much like the rains sweeping through Franklin this weekend, washing away old debris and freshening up the plants and grass, we have a new opportunity this fall to start fresh in some unexpected but exciting ways.

As we have begun to delve into the Book of Exodus, we see God's incredible love and deliverance, God's unsurpassed faithfulness to the Israelites and we know that God holds that for us as well. While we do not always know the plans God has for us, we know that liberation in Christ is the gift we have been given.

Perhaps it is the Exodus readings, or maybe it is the fact that we are deep into an election cycle, but my mind has been set on FREEDOM. What does freedom mean to a Christian? How has God given us the freedom to choose how to live? How has Christ freed us from the chains of sin and death? How has the Spirit illumined our path to freedom from all the toils and snares we have already escaped?

Freedom is integral to our understanding of being American citizens. It's also inherent in our understanding of being God's children. How do those two kinds of freedom fit together? How don't they? Keep that in your mind as you read the news or read the Bible this month.

Franklin Presbyterian Church has been blessed throughout its history and continues to be through the loving work of its people. We embark on a new era here with trepidation and excitement, perhaps in equal amounts. What is God calling us to do and be?

As your pastor, that is not for me to decide, but I encourage us all to dream big, see new ways to connect to our community. Which organizations and churches could we partner with to both Seek God and Serve ALL People? Maybe you know someone who needs a kind word or someone who needs a church home or someone interested in finding a place to serve their community, invite them!

Even during this pandemic, we should be sharing the Good News as best we can, caring for one another in this congregation, but also looking for those who need a prayer or a smile or a meal. Once you know about Jesus Christ, and the love he has for us, and for you, it's hard not to share it!

*-Pastor Daniel*

# News & Events

## YOUTH NEWS

Loyd Gant has agreed to co-lead Youth Group with Casey Cassetty. Youth Group will meet every other Sunday beginning Sunday, September 20th at 12:30 p.m. Casey will be teaching terms and issues from the book "Uprooting racism".

*There was a pool party for the Youth Group on August 23. A big thank you to Maxie Key for hosting!*

**Instead of on Sundays, the Youth Sunday School class will be lead by Melissa Cropper via Zoom on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. beginning on September 9th. She will be using the PCUSA Curriculum, "Faith Questions".**

Elementary Sunday School, now called "Kids Club", will be led by Jen Van Beek using the "Illustrated Ministry" curriculum, also on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. beginning September 9th.

*There will be a pool party on Saturday, September 12th from 2-4 p.m. at the home of Sam and Stephanie Halcomb for all elementary school aged children*



Matthew 25 offers an insight into the mind of Jesus Christ and a command about how to treat one another. Not only are we called to treat the least of these as we would Jesus himself, this is the determination for how we will be judged as true followers of Christ. That sounds pretty heavy duty, but it also is incredibly simple! That's partially why the Matthew 25 Task Force sees needs in our community and moves quickly to take action.

The Clothes Closet is nearly completed and ready for the first appointments for Franklin community members to get clothing they need. *When I was naked, you clothed me.*

The Task Force also donated funds for Simpson County Schools to buy manipulatives for the young students at Franklin Elementary. Matthew 25 also recommended that the Cornerstone be used as a Wi-Fi Hot Spot for SCS students (and a parent/guardian) during this time of distance learning. Session approved this action and if you would like to volunteer, contact Cathy Stratton or Debbie Wyatt. While there isn't a verse in Matthew 25 saying "When I was distance learning..." it certainly seems a good way to serve.

Education this past month involved Pastor Daniel attending a four-week course on Awakening to Structural Racism as part of the PC(USA) Matthew 25 Invitation, as well as Debbie Wyatt attending a seminar on Congregational Vitality. An action church is a stronger church, and a stronger church can serve not only our congregation but our community in new and exciting ways!



# Session Highlights

## AUGUST:

- Presbytery of Western Kentucky approved Pastor Daniel Van Beek's call to FPC and he has tentatively scheduled an ordination service in Michigan for October 11, 2020, followed by an installation service at FPC (date TBD).
- Session approved the Christian Service committee recommendation that \$500 be donated to Feeding America.
- Session approved Pastor Daniel's vacation and study leave weeks for the remainder of 2020 - October 5-11, November 23-29, and December 25-31.
- Young Disciples reported that Youth Group kicked off with a pool party and will be starting on September 13 with meetings every other Sunday. Sunday School for Youth and Children will begin on Wednesdays over Zoom in September.
- Three elders will be rolling off of Session at the end of 2020, all of whom are eligible for a second term. The Session discussed naming a Nominating Committee by September.
- Session approved the Matthew 25 Task Force recommendation to donate \$500 to Simpson County Schools to provide manipulatives to kindergarten students.
- Pastor Daniel reported that Adult Sunday School will start later in September, likely on Thursdays to start.
- Pastor Daniel reported that a New Member's Class will start later in September as well.
- Fall VBS will be online over fall break and headed by Sarah Halcomb.
- Session appointed a group to work on policies and procedures for reopening worship.
- It was approved to allow the Cornerstone be used as a Wi-fi hotspot for Simpson Co. School students accompanied by a parent.

## AUGUST AVG. ATTENDANCE: N/A

Aug. 2	N/A
Aug. 9	N/A
Aug. 16	N/A
Aug. 23	N/A
Aug. 30	N/A



## AUGUST WEEKLY OFFERING AVG: \$1,568.00

Aug. 2	\$1,525.00
Aug. 9	\$1,880.00
Aug. 16	\$2,140.00
Aug. 23	\$1,795.00
Aug. 30	\$500.00

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



*In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words that Lord Jesus himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive".*



**SEPTEMBER ELDER/ELDER  
HELPER OF THE MONTH**

Jane Rahm/Bob Thompson

**SEPTEMBER FRIEND OF  
THE MONTH**

Debbie Sowney



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**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

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⇒ The date of the next Stated Session meeting is Tuesday, September 22nd at 6 p.m..  
Please submit all committee minutes to the office to be included in the Session packet.

## September 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.*

### **September**

**Tuesday, September 1**  
Morning: Pss. 12; 146  
Evening: Pss. 36; 7  
Job 12:1; 13:3–17, 21–27  
Acts 12:1–17  
John 8:33–47

**Wednesday, September 2**  
Morning: Pss. 96;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 132; 134  
Job 12:1; 14:1–22  
Acts 12:18–25  
John 8:47–59

**Thursday, September 3**  
Morning: Pss. 116;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 26; 130  
Job 16:16–22; 17:1, 13–16  
Acts 13:1–12  
John 9:1–17

**Friday, September 4**  
Morning: Pss. 84; 148  
Evening: Pss. 25; 40  
Job 19:1–7, 14–27  
Acts 13:13–25  
John 9:18–41

**Saturday, September 5**  
Morning: Pss. 63; 149  
Evening: Pss. 125; 90  
Job 22:1–4, 21–23; 7  
Acts 13:26–43  
John 10:1–18

**Sunday, September 6**  
Morning: Pss. 103; 150  
Evening: Pss. 117; 139  
Job 25:1–6; 27:1–6  
Rev. 14:1–7, 13  
Matt. 5:13–20

**Monday, September 7**  
Morning: Pss. 5; 145  
Evening: Pss. 82; 29  
Job 32:1–10, 19–33:1,  
19–28  
Acts 13:44–52  
John 10:19–30

**Tuesday, September 8**  
Morning: Pss. 42; 146  
Evening: Pss. 102; 133  
Job 29:1–20  
Acts 14:1–18  
John 10:31–42

**Wednesday, September 9**  
Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 1; 33  
Job 29:1; 30:1–2, 16–31  
Acts 14:19–28  
John 11:1–16

**Thursday, September 10**  
Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 16; 62  
Job 29:1; 31:1–23  
Acts 15:1–11  
John 11:17–29

**Friday, September 11**  
Morning: Pss. 51; 148  
Evening: Pss. 142; 65  
Job 29:1; 31:24–40  
Acts 15:12–21  
John 11:30–44

**Saturday, September 12**  
Morning: Pss. 104; 149  
Evening: Pss. 138; 98  
Job 38:1–17  
Acts 15:22–35  
John 11:45–54

**Sunday, September 13**  
Morning: Pss. 19; 150  
Evening: Pss. 81; 113  
Job 38:1, 18–41  
Rev. 18:1–8  
Matt. 5:21–26

**Monday, September 14**  
Morning: Pss. 135; 145  
Evening: Pss. 97; 112  
Job 40:1–24  
Acts 15:36–16:5  
John 11:55–12:8

**Tuesday, September 15**  
Morning: Pss. 123; 146  
Evening: Pss. 30; 86  
Job 40:1; 41:1–11  
Acts 16:6–15  
John 12:9–19

**Wednesday, September 16**  
Morning: Pss. 15;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 48; 4  
Job 42:1–17  
Acts 16:16–24  
John 12:20–26

**Thursday, September 17**  
Morning: Pss. 36;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 80; 27  
Job 28:1–28  
Acts 16:25–40  
John 12:27–36a



Friday, September 18  
Morning: Pss. 130; 148  
Evening: Pss. 32; 139  
Esther 1:1–4, 10–19  
Acts 17:1–15  
John 12:36b–43

Saturday, September 19  
Morning: Pss. 56; 149  
Evening: Pss. 118; 111  
Esther 2:5–8, 15–23  
Acts 17:16–34  
John 12:44–50

Sunday, September 20  
Morning: Pss. 67; 150  
Evening: Pss. 46; 93  
Esther 3:1–4:3  
James 1:19–27  
Matt. 6:1–6, 16–18

Monday, September 21  
Morning: Pss. 57; 145  
Evening: Pss. 85; 47  
Esther 4:4–17  
Acts 18:1–11  
Luke (1:1–4) 3:1–14

Tuesday, September 22  
Morning: Pss. 54; 146  
Evening: Pss. 28; 99  
Esther 5:1–14  
Acts 18:12–28  
Luke 3:15–22

Wednesday, September 23  
Morning: Pss. 65;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 125; 91  
Esther 6:1–14  
Acts 19:1–10  
Luke 4:1–13

Thursday, September 24  
Morning: Pss. 143; 147:12–  
20  
Evening: Pss. 81; 116  
Esther 7:1–10  
Acts 19:11–20  
Luke 4:14–30

Friday, September 25  
Morning: Pss. 88; 148  
Evening: Pss. 6; 20  
Esther 8:1–8, 15–17  
Acts 19:21–41  
Luke 4:31–37

Saturday, September 26  
Morning: Pss. 122; 149  
Evening: Pss. 100; 63  
Esther 9:1–32  
Acts 20:1–16  
Luke 4:38–44

Sunday, September 27  
Morning: Pss. 108; 150  
Evening: Pss. 66; 23  
Hos. 1:1–2:1  
James 3:1–13  
Matt. 13:44–52

Monday, September 28  
Morning: Pss. 62; 145  
Evening: Pss. 73; 9  
Hos. 2:2–15  
Acts 20:17–38  
Luke 5:1–11

Tuesday, September 29  
Morning: Pss. 12; 146  
Evening: Pss. 36; 7  
Hos. 2:16–23  
Acts 21:1–14  
Luke 5:12–26

Wednesday, September 30  
Morning: Pss. 96;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 132; 134  
Hos. 3:1–5  
Acts 21:15–26  
Luke 5:27–39

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*Please see the Youth  
Section in this  
Lamplighter for new and  
important information  
regarding the resumption  
of Youth Group and Youth  
Sunday School classes  
and activities.*

WEEKLY EVENTS &  
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

**MEETINGS**

**Deacons-**Thurs. Aug. 10-10 a.m.  
**Matthew 25-**Tues. Aug. 15-6:30 pm  
**Young Disc.-**Thurs. Aug. 17-6:30 pm

# SEPTEMBER 2020

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 <i>Marcella Davis</i>	7 Labor Day (office closed) <i>Julie Cropper</i>	8	9	10 <i>Charmaine Alsager</i>	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 <i>Melissa Cropper</i>	19
20	21 <i>Debbie Sowney</i>	22 SESSION	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 <i>Stephanie Halcomb</i>	30 <i>Ron Stiles</i>			



# Looking Ahead...

## October

### ELDER/ELDER HELPER :

Cathy Stratton/Debbie Wyatt

### FRIEND OF THE MONTH:

Melissa Cropper

- Oct. 4th—Peace & Global Witness Offering
- Oct. 6th—Red Cross Blood Drive 12-6



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We are creating an office volunteer list. This would consist of people willing to come into the office on days the Office Manager is out. It would just be to cover the mornings only (9 a.m.-12 Noon) and would consist of: answering phones, greeting any visitors (**with guidelines in place**), and assisting Pastor Daniel if needed. Please contact the office at (270) 586-4535 or email at [franklinpresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:franklinpresbyterian@gmail.com) if you are willing to help out. **Thank you!**



If your phone number, mailing address, or email address have changed, please notify the church office so that we may keep our directory up to date.

### CONTACT US:

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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### CHURCH STAFF

Daniel Van Beek

### *Pastor*

Candice Mendoza,

### *Office Manager*

Carolle Tracy, *Music Director*

Donna Houston, *Organist*

Shirley Crutcher, *Nursery*

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### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Please check our website and Facebook page for continued updates as they become available.*

### ADULT CHOIR/HAND BELLS

*Please check frequently for updates as they become available.*

### YOUTH GROUP

Meets every other Sunday beginning September 20th at 12:30 p.m.

### YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Will be meeting on Zoom Wednesdays at 5 p.m. beginning September 9th.

### ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### "KIDS CLUB"

Wednesdays at 5 p.m. beginning September 9th.

### **NEW MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES**

Are you considering joining FPC as a new member? Do you know someone who has visited in the past and who might like to join?

Please contact the church office or Pastor Daniel!

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



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