

# *the* Lamplighter

October 2020

*Monthly newsletter of Franklin Presbyterian Church*

## *“Seeking God, Serving People”*

This year, Franklin Presbyterian Church will be hosting an “at-home” Vacation Bible School, which can be completed during the school fall break, October 5-9. Our theme continues from last year’s *Society of St. Andrews* program, titled “Abundance Orchard.” This three-day program will focus on three different bible stories. Each day the children will listen to a bible story, will listen to follow up questions and a prayer, have a bible verse to learn, enjoy crafts to go along with the story, song suggestions, and will have a food suggestion for the day, that goes along with the theme. With this “at-home” way of presenting Vacation Bible School, the church is able to reach out to the community, sharing this program with other children. Extra packets will be available at the church for anyone who is interested.



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## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### ***Boldly Leaping into Fall***

What a cool moment we are experiencing, as if the chill in the air of late fall is already arriving as we just begin this autumn season. There's a bit of "bold cold" creeping into our mornings these days.

This past year has seen its fair share of change at Franklin Presbyterian Church. We've experienced a new beginning, as God called us here to minister and worship with all of you. We've experienced a goodbye, wishing Pastor Mike all the best after his faithful service as our interim. We've experienced the rollercoaster of the pandemic, with virtual services, in-person worship at the Cornerstone, more virtual worship, and a return to the sanctuary.

These experiences have been bittersweet. We know that the right thing to do to stay safe isn't always the thing we want to do. We want to sing as a congregation, we want the choir to be back together singing as well, we want to be able to shake hands and hug and share meals together like we used to. Yet we also have been able to gather together once again. And begin to see the new reality we have, the new things God has been doing in our congregation.

Earlier this year, Session approved A Bold Approach, a plan that outlines the goals of connecting FPC more deeply with the community of Franklin. This includes carrying on with all of the wonderful ministries that FPC has been involved with for many years, like Good Samaritan, Feeding America, People Serving People, Boys & Girls Club, Living Waters for the World, and many, many more. And it also challenges our congregation to expand and enhance those but also develop new relationships and partnerships, new connections and conversations with churches, organizations, and individuals.

That "Bold Approach" has been our rally cry for 2020, knowing that new leadership would arrive and our plans can take shape for the future.

The future is here. Session recently approved a 2021 VISION Statement: **BOLDLY LOVING GOD, BOLDLY LOVING NEIGHBOR**. Based on the Greatest Commandments that Jesus tells us about, echoing what God told the Israelites in the Old Testament, this Vision builds upon the Bold Approach in a way that shines a light on our past and present ministries while keeping space open for new ones, while working hand in hand with Matthew 25 initiative.

More is coming from both Session and the Committees about how we will be living into this Vision for 2021. In the meantime, ponder these verses that inspired the statement: Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Leviticus 19:17-18, Matthew 22:36-40, and Hebrews 10:23-25.

Let us boldly love one another as God has loved us.

***Pastor Daniel***



- ◇ Join us as we celebrate The Lord's Supper on Sunday, October 4.
- ◇ Limited Worship Seating. Remember to stay distanced. Choir loft seating available!
- ◇ Peacemaking offering on Sunday, October 4. PC(USA) initiatives for peace and reconciliation in our world, 25% supports local ministry, 25% supports Presbytery/Regional ministry, 50% supports nationwide and global ministry.
- ◇ Good Samaritan Sundays RETURN-First Sunday of the Month

# News & Notes



## *Peace and Global Witness Offering*

*Sunday, October 4th*

*For more information visit [pcusa.org/peace-global](http://pcusa.org/peace-global).*



Regrettably, our Bean Soup Lunch is cancelled this year. We will miss all the work, fellowship, and the time that the community enjoys when they gather and stay to enjoy one another's company! The funds that we usually receive from Bean Soup go to support organizations in our town like Boys and Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity, Literacy, Good Samaritan, the Simpson County Backpack program. We are asking humbly for donations to help cover our loss this year. If you usually contribute food or pies, or buy tickets, please consider donating what you would usually spend. *Hopefully 2021 will bring us back together again.*

## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

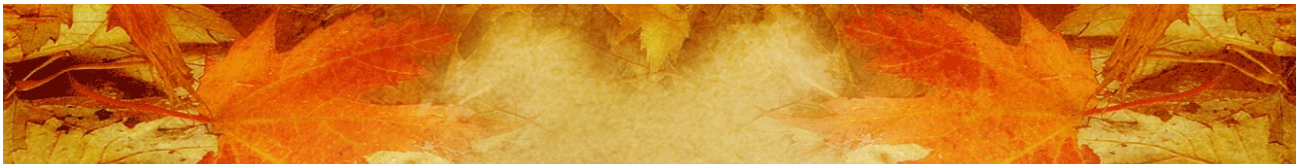
**Tuesday, October 6th**

**12-6 p.m.**

**In the Cornerstone**



With no Halloween party able to be held, Fellowship is sponsoring a special event for the youth in our church. The Youth are invited to wear their costumes to church on Sunday, November 1. A special Children's Time will be held and treat bags will be passed out. Members who are willing to donate candy are asked to put their donations in a box in the parlor as you enter church on Sundays.



*Please join us on Sunday, October 4 after church to let Beth and Dick Timmerman know how much we love and appreciate them, and that we wish them well on their new journey. We are hoping to hold it outside the Cornerstone with masks and social distancing. "Grab and Go" refreshments will be served. Several groups that Dick has been involved with are invited also, but times of their arrival will be staggered.*





# CLOTHES CLOSET

**The Matthew 25 Clothes Closet** believes clothing can open the door to a better future by providing the confidence needed to ace a job interview, project a healthy self-image in a school or social situation or provide safety from inclement weather.

Our mission statement is two fold:

1. To provide free, clean and gently used clothing to adults and children who are in need.
2. As a Matthew 25 church, the Clothes Closet will continually strive toward building congregational vitality by actively engaging with the community, through human service organizations, schools, jails, local businesses and other churches.

**The Matthew 25 Clothes Closet** will serve anyone experiencing poverty, homelessness, students, veterans, elderly, disabled, victims of domestic abuse, individuals returning from incarceration, and those who have emergency needs because of fire, flood or other natural disaster. We are looking forward to beginning serving our community (by appointment only) in mid-October. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Cathy Stratton at (270) 223-6548.

## *Stewardship Corner*

### September Weekly Offering

**Average: \$2,269.00**

Sept. 6 \$1,650.00

Sept. 13 \$2,261.00

Sept. 20 \$4,155.00

Sept. 27 \$1,010.00

### September Avg. Attendance: 47

Sept. 6 N/A

Sept. 13 45

Sept. 20 52

Sept. 27 43

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

### 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





*I will say of the LORD,  
He is my refuge and my fortress.  
In Him I will trust...*

-Psalm 91:2

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-SEPTEMBER

- Session approved The Lord's Supper to be celebrated on October 4 using disposable pre-filled cups and wafers.
- Congregational Meeting is scheduled for October 18 to approve the Nominating Committee for 2020. Session appointed Cathy Stratton and Jim Sowney and accepted the appointment of Marcella Davis by the Deacon board. Two FPC members will be elected by the congregation on October 18. The Nominating Committee will provide recommendations for 3 Elders and 1 Deacon to serve 3-year terms beginning in 2021.
- Session approved pulpit supply for October 11 (Steve Thurmond), November 29 (Caren Gibson), and December 27 (Curry Davis).
- Session received confirmation that Pastor Daniel Van Beek's ordination service will be October 11, 2020, at First Presbyterian Church in Benton Harbor, Michigan, at 1 PM ET (12 PM CT). The service will be streamed on Facebook Live via the church's Facebook page.
- Session approved Fellowship events, including children wearing costumes to worship on November 1 (plus receiving treats), a farewell for the Timmermans on October 4 after worship, and a "tailgate" reception to celebrate the installation of Pastor Daniel on October 25 (date tentative pending presbytery approval).
- Session requested that the Matthew 25 Task Force begin development of the next Matthew 25 sign. Signs will be rotated quarterly. The current sign will remain until the next sign is produced.

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## Ruling Elders Serving on Session

Debbie Wyatt  
Larry Smith  
John Halcomb  
Mary Jo Dreher  
Jim Sowney

Caren Gibson  
Bob Thompson  
Cathy Stratton  
Jane Rahm

DEACONS:  
Diane Shutt  
Marcella Davis  
Woon Yen Prall

**CLERK OF SESSION:** Woon Yen Prall

**Next Regularly Stated Session Meeting: October 27 at 6 p.m.**

**Clerks of All Committees:** Please submit any minutes to the church office by October 22 for inclusion in the Session packet.

THANKYOU!

## October 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.*

### **October**

#### **Thursday, October 1**

Morning: Pss. 116;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 26; 130  
Hos. 4:1–10  
Acts 21:27–36  
Luke 6:1–11

#### **Friday, October 2**

Morning: Pss. 84; 148  
Evening: Pss. 25; 40  
Hos. 4:11–19  
Acts 21:37–22:16  
Luke 6:12–26

#### **Saturday, October 3**

Morning: Pss. 63; 149  
Evening: Pss. 125; 90  
Hos. 5:1–7  
Acts 22:17–29  
Luke 6:27–38

#### **Sunday, October 4**

Morning: Pss. 103; 150  
Evening: Pss. 117; 139  
Hos. 5:8–6:6  
1 Cor. 2:6–16  
Matt. 14:1–12

#### **Monday, October 5**

Morning: Pss. 5; 145  
Evening: Pss. 82; 29  
Hos. 6:7–7:7  
Acts 22:30–23:11  
Luke 6:39–49

#### **Tuesday, October 6**

Morning: Pss. 42; 146  
Evening: Pss. 102; 133  
Hos. 7:8–16  
Acts 23:12–24  
Luke 7:1–17

#### **Wednesday, October 7**

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 1; 33  
Hos. 8:1–14  
Acts 23:23–35  
Luke 7:18–35

#### **Thursday, October 8**

Morning: Pss. 97;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 16; 62  
Hos. 9:1–9  
Acts 24:1–23  
Luke 7:36–50

#### **Friday, October 9**

Morning: Pss. 51; 148  
Evening: Pss. 142; 65  
Hos. 9:10–17  
Acts 24:24–25:12  
Luke 8:1–15

#### **Saturday, October 10**

Morning: Pss. 104; 149  
Evening: Pss. 138; 98  
Hos. 10:1–15  
Acts 25:13–27  
Luke 8:16–25

#### **Sunday, October 11**

Morning: Pss. 19; 150  
Evening: Pss. 81; 113  
Hos. 11:1–11  
1 Cor. 4:9–16  
Matt. 15:21–28

#### **Monday, October 12**

Morning: Pss. 135; 145  
Evening: Pss. 97; 112  
Hos. 11:12–12:1  
Acts 26:1–23  
Luke 8:26–39

#### **Tuesday, October 13**

Morning: Pss. 123; 146  
Evening: Pss. 30; 86  
Hos. 12:2–14  
Acts 26:24–27:8  
Luke 8:40–56

#### **Wednesday, October 14**

Morning: Pss. 15;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 48; 4  
Hos. 13:1–3  
Acts 27:9–26  
Luke 9:1–17

#### **Thursday, October 15**

Morning: Pss. 36;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 80; 27  
Hos. 13:4–8  
Acts 27:27–44  
Luke 9:18–27

#### **Friday, October 16**

Morning: Pss. 130; 148  
Evening: Pss. 32; 139  
Hos. 13:9–16  
Acts 28:1–16  
Luke 9:28–36



Saturday, October 17  
Morning: Pss. 56; 149  
Evening: Pss. 118; 111  
Hos. 14:1–9  
Acts 28:17–31  
Luke 9:37–50

Sunday, October 18  
Morning: Pss. 67; 150  
Evening: Pss. 46; 93  
Micah 1:1–9  
1 Cor. 10:1–13  
Matt. 16:13–20

Monday, October 19  
Morning: Pss. 57; 145  
Evening: Pss. 85; 47  
Micah 2:1–13  
Rev. 7:1–8  
Luke 9:51–62

Tuesday, October 20  
Morning: Pss. 54; 146  
Evening: Pss. 28; 99  
Micah 3:1–8  
Rev. 7:9–17  
Luke 10:1–16

Wednesday, October 21  
Morning: Pss. 65;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 125; 91  
Micah 3:9–4:5  
Rev. 8:1–13  
Luke 10:17–24

Thursday, October 22  
Morning: Pss. 143;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 81; 116  
Micah 5:1–4, 10–15  
Rev. 9:1–12  
Luke 10:25–37

Friday, October 23  
Morning: Pss. 88; 148  
Evening: Pss. 6; 20  
Micah 6:1–8  
Rev. 9:13–21  
Luke 10:38–42

Saturday, October 24  
Morning: Pss. 122; 149  
Evening: Pss. 100; 63  
Micah 7:1–7  
Rev. 10:1–11  
Luke 11:1–13

Sunday, October 25  
Morning: Pss. 108; 150  
Evening: Pss. 66; 23  
Jonah 1:1–17a  
1 Cor. 10:15–24  
Matt. 18:15–20

Monday, October 26  
Morning: Pss. 62; 145  
Evening: Pss. 73; 9  
Jonah 1:17–2:10  
Rev. 11:1–14  
Luke 11:14–26

Tuesday, October 27  
Morning: Pss. 12; 146  
Evening: Pss. 36; 7  
Jonah 3:1–4:11  
Rev. 11:14–19  
Luke 11:27–36

Wednesday, October 28  
Morning: Pss. 96;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 132; 134  
Nahum 1:1–14  
Rev. 12:1–6  
Luke 11:37–52

Thursday, October 29  
Morning: Pss. 116; 147:12–  
20  
Evening: Pss. 26; 130  
Nah. 1:15–2:12  
Rev. 12:7–17  
Luke 11:53–12:12

Friday, October 30  
Morning: Pss. 84; 148  
Evening: Pss. 25; 40  
Nahum 2:13–3:7  
Rev. 13:1–10  
Luke 12:13–31

Saturday, October 31  
Morning: Pss. 63; 149  
Evening: Pss. 117; 139  
Nah. 3:8–19  
Rev. 13:11–18  
Luke 12:32–48

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### Youth Group

Meets the first and third Sunday of the month after worship. Lunch is provided. For information, please contact Casey Cassetty.

### Youth Sunday School

Meets the second and fourth Sunday of the month at 9:30 am. Please contact Melissa Cropper for more information.

### Elementary Sunday School

Meets each Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the Educational Wing. For more information, please contact Jen Van Beek.

*Pastor Daniel will be out of the office from Monday, October 5-Sunday, October 11.*

• **Hand Bells:** TBD

• **Choir:** TBD

**AA Meetings:** TBD

### Meetings:

Oct. 12-Fellowship 1 pm

Oct. 15 Young Disciples 6:30 pm

Oct. 20 Matthew 25 6:30 pm

Oct. 27 Session at 6 pm

# OCTOBER 2020

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Communion Sunday	5	6 Red Cross Blood Drive 12-6	7	8 <i>John Halcomb</i>	9 <i>Don Hall</i>	10 <i>Barbara Shriver</i> <i>Mike Wyatt</i>
11 <i>Guest Preacher, Steve Thurmond</i> <i>Tori Brown</i>	12	13	14	15	16	17
		<i>Carolle Tracy</i>				
18	19	20	21 <i>Guy Prall</i>	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

\* Birthdays in italics

# Looking Ahead.....

## NOVEMBER

### ELDER/ELDER HELPER

Larry Smith  
Jane Rahm

### FRIEND OF THE MONTH:

TBD

- Nov. 1      *Daylight Savings Ends*  
              *All Saints Sunday*
- Nov. 26     *Thanksgiving (office closed)*



Can you believe it? It's already fall, which means the time to fill our white Christmas boxes is quickly approaching. This year more than ever, these boxes help families in our community have a merrier Christmas season. Now is the time to be looking for some of the items that we try to include that are on sale in the fall. Try purchasing a couple each week so we will be ready to pack those boxes! Shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, body wash, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dish soap, aluminum foil.  
*The collection date will be announced in November.*



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# WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 a.m. in the Cornerstone

Please join Jane Rahm & Pastor Daniel for a series on 'The Exodus Today'. For more information and materials, please RSVP Pastor Daniel.

## YOUTH & ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Youth Group** Meets 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month after worship. Lunch is provided.

**Youth Sunday School** meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 9:30 am.

**Elementary Sunday School-'Kids Club'** meets on Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

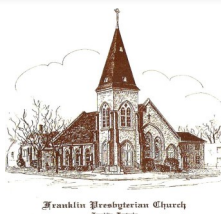
## TODDLERS

(ages 5 and under) are welcome in the nursery (ground floor of education wing) from 9:30am until worship finishes.

## ADULT CHOIR-TBD

## HANDBELL CHOIR-TBD

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



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