



The Lamplighter

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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SEEING JESUS

All of us have either heard about or thought about or even participated in a mission trip of some kind or another. We might have spent a day at a Habitat build or a week volunteering somewhere, we might have worked a summer at a camp or gone abroad for a mission partnership with people.

In order to do that effectively, whether for a day or a month, whether in our own community or somewhere farther afield, we needed to be trained to do the work we were signing up for. Part of that training may have included some workshops on sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, depending on the entity that was organizing that trip or event. Part of that training may have been about how to understand and respect the way of life and culture of those unlike yourself.

Today, Franklin Presbyterian Church is being called by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to see him in the community around us. We are being called to share the gospel. We are being called to welcome all who need the love of God, especially those who may not seek out nor trust the church these days.

For us to do that well, we need to do some training. Time spent in prayer asking for the Holy Spirit's leading. Time spent in the Bible studying for what God is calling us to do. Time spent with one another in discernment. Time spent in our community, listening.

One of the biggest mistakes Christians can make is to see Jesus as a commodity. Have you ever heard (or even said) that we need to "bring Jesus" somewhere, whether the other side of the world, the other side of the country, or even just the other side of town?

Beloved, Jesus is already there. What we can bring is the LOVE that Jesus showed us in his life, death, and resurrection. As our community gets to know FPC in a new and exciting way, let's give everyone a glimpse of Jesus in the way we interact.

Jesus is in Franklin. Jesus is the Light of the World, let us be lamps that shine and reflect that light as we seek to bring God's love and justice wherever we go this summer and beyond!

Inviting others to join us with personal invitations to worship, to study, to serve is part of Boldly Loving God and Boldly Loving Our Neighbors. We might be surprised where the Spirit of God is already working and bringing others to be part of our church and family!

Let us not only let people see Jesus in us, let us see Jesus in other people too.

-Pastor Daniel

Be the Church

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ Vacation leave for Pastor Daniel from August 1-14, 2021
- ♦ \$1,000 from RITI Expenses to General Fund to cover additional utility costs occurred during this year's RITI
 - ♦ Woman of the Year 2021 will be presented on Mother's Day, May 9, 2021.
 - ♦ Man of the Year 2021 will be presented on Father's Day, June 20, 2021
 - ♦ Save the Date for the June 8, 2021 Live the Proof Event
 - ♦ Ribbon Cutting for Clothes Closet to be held on May 12, 2021
- ♦ Graduation Sunday on May 16, 2021 for our High School and College graduates.
 - ♦ BBQ Cook-Off Social on Saturday, May 22, 2021
 - ♦ BG Hot Rods Baseball game outing on Friday, June 11, 2021
- ♦ \$1,000 from Non-Local designated fund to help Nashville tornado victims
 - ♦ Annual Yard Sale to be held on Saturday, August 7, 2021
 - ♦ Summer Feeding Program in June/July 2021
- ♦ Approved use of the Cornerstone Outdoor Area during the Summer Vibes Music Festival on Saturday, August 28, 2021

Help us keep our Church Directory up to date! If you have changed your address, phone number or email, please contact the church office. Also, if you would like a printed copy of the church directory, please call the church office and we'll be glad to make sure you get a copy!

SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM-COMING UP SOON!

Summer Feeding Program - It's nearly that time of year again for FPC members to deliver lunches to hungry children around town. Beginning in June and continuing through July, daily deliveries will be made and volunteers will be needed. During the month of June, Linda Knight has agreed to be our coordinator for the volunteers. Please check your calendars for days you will be able to help.

Specific times will be announced later, but generally this begins around 11:45 each day, Monday through Friday.

"What does it entail?" you might ask. Two people arrive at the church, pick up the church van, drive to the school to pick up the meals (in coolers), drive to our designated locations, hand out meals and beverages to hungry children, drive back to the church to empty the coolers to dry overnight, and go home. All that takes is about 90 minutes of your time to make nearly 75 children happy!

Linda will have sign up sheets available by the middle of June. We are in need of a coordinator to oversee the first two weeks of July (the last 2 weeks are taken care of already!) The coordinator simply makes sure someone is there each day to deliver meals and should be ready to pitch in if the need arises.

Last year, we discovered that many couples found it worked well to take an entire week. Less likely to forget that it's your day! Please consider giving your time to make this program successful again this year. We've been doing this for about 20 years! Here's to the next 20!

Upcoming Events

BARBEQUE COOK-OFF

Our Annual Chili Cook-Off had to be cancelled due to Covid, but a new event is scheduled for our competitive cooks! Whether your specialty is pork chicken, or beef BBQ, it is time to get cooking! At 5:30 pm on May 22, we will hold our first ever BBQ Cook-Off. If possible, bring it in a crockpot and if you have a special sauce, bring that as well. As a side competition, bring in your favorite banana pudding to be judged. This is an Adults Only Event. Sign ups are located on the board in the Educational Wing!



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

With Covid precautions being taken, the BG Hot Rods are opening back up for fans. On June 11, we are organizing a family outing for FPC. Here are the details:

- ◆ Tickets are \$10 and must be paid for by May 16.
- ◆ Groups will be socially distanced so tickets are very limited. Refreshments will be available, but likely vendors will take orders in the stands.
- ◆ We will leave the FPC parking lot (and taking those interested in the church van) at 5:15 pm for the 6:35 pm game.



GRADUATION SUNDAY

Help us celebrate our FPC upcoming 2021 graduates on Sunday, May 16. We will be honoring the following students who are graduation from either high school or college:

Steven Cropper, Becky Stubbs, Gwen Stubbs
and Ezra Van Beek.

Following worship, we will gather in the Cornerstone for cupcakes and fellowship honoring the achievement of these students.



May 2021 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.

Saturday, May 1

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Jer. 31:23–25
Col. 3:12–17
Luke 7:18–28 (29–30) 31–35

Sunday, May 2

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Isa. 32:1–8
2 Thess. 2:13–17
Matt. 7:7–14

Monday, May 3

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Jer. 32:1–15
Col. 3:18–4:18
Luke 7:36–50

Tuesday, May 4

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Jer. 32:16–25
Rom. 12:1–21
Luke 8:1–15

Wednesday, May 5

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Jer. 32:36–44
Rom. 13:1–14
Luke 8:16–25

Thursday, May 6

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Jer. 33:1–13
Rom. 14:1–12
Luke 8:26–39

Friday, May 7

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Deut. 31:30–32:14
Rom. 14:13–23
Luke 8:40–56

Saturday, May 8

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Deut. 32:34–41 (42) 43
Rom. 15:1–13
Luke 9:1–17

Sunday, May 9

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Deut. 15:1–11
1 Tim. 3:14–4:5
Matt. 13:24–34a

Monday, May 10

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Deut. 8:1–10
or Deut. 18:9–14
James 1:1–15
Luke 9:18–27

Tuesday, May 11

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Deut. 8:11–20 or Deut. 18:15–22
James 1:16–27
Luke 11:1–13

Wednesday, May 12

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Deut. 19:1–7
James 5:13–18
Luke 12:22–31

Thursday, May 13

Ascension of the Lord

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Ezek. 1:1–14, 24–28b
Heb. 2:5–18
Matt. 28:16–20

Friday, May 14

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Ezek. 1:28–3:3
Heb. 4:14–5:6
Luke 9:28–36

Saturday, May 15

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Ezek. 3:4–17
Heb. 5:7–14
Luke 9:37–50

Sunday, May 16

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Ezek. 3:16–27
Eph. 2:1–10
Matt. 10:24–33, 40–42

Monday, May 17

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Ezek. 4:1–17
Heb. 6:1–12
Luke 9:51–62

Tuesday, May 18

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Ezek. 7:10–15, 23b–27
Heb. 6:13–20
Luke 10:1–17

Wednesday, May 19

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 9; 118
 Ezek. 11:14–25
 Heb. 7:1–17
 Luke 10:17–24

Thursday, May 20

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 68; 113
 Ezek. 18:1–4, 19–32
 Heb. 7:18–28
 Luke 10:25–37

Friday, May 21

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
 Evening: Pss. 49; 138
 Ezek. 34:17–31
 Heb. 8:1–13
 Luke 10:38–42

Saturday, May 22

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
 Evening: Pss. 23; 114
 Ezek. 43:1–12
 Heb. 9:1–14
 Luke 11:14–23

Sunday, May 23**Day of Pentecost**

Morning: Pss. 104; 150
 Evening: Pss. 29; 33
 Isa. 11:1–9
 1 Cor. 2:1–13
 John 14:21–29

Monday, May 24

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
 Evening: Pss. 97; 112
 Deut. 4:9–14
 2 Cor. 1:1–11
 Luke 14:25–35

Tuesday, May 25

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
 Evening: Pss. 30; 86
 Deut. 4:15–24
 2 Cor. 1:12–22
 Luke 15:1–10

Wednesday, May 26

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 48; 4
 Deut. 4:25–31
 2 Cor. 1:23–2:17
 Luke 15:1–2, 11–32

Thursday, May 27

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 80; 27
 Deut. 4:32–40
 2 Cor. 3:1–18
 Luke 16:1–9

Friday, May 28

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
 Evening: Pss. 32; 139
 Deut. 5:1–22
 2 Cor. 4:1–12
 Luke 16:10–17 (18)

Saturday, May 29

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
 Evening: Pss. 118; 111
 Deut. 5:22–33
 2 Cor. 4:13–5:10
 Luke 16:19–31

Sunday, May 30**Trinity Sunday**

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
 Evening: Pss. 117; 139
 Deut. 6:1–9 (10–15)
 Eph. 4:1–16
 John 1:1–18

Monday, May 31

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
 Evening: Pss. 85; 47
 Deut. 11:13–19
 2 Cor. 5:11–6:2
 Luke 17:1–10

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May Ushers:
Melissa Cropper
Margaret Crowder

For Youth/Children
Worship Schedule please
check the back page of
this newsletter or our
weekly emails!

WEEKLY EVENTS &
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Hand Bells: TBD
- Choir: TBD

MEETINGS

Fellowship: 05/03/21 1 pm
Matthew 25: -05/13/21 4 pm
Young Disc.: 05/14/21 1:30 pm
SESSION: 05/25/21 6 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion	3	4	5	6	7	8 Leroy Brown
9 Sam Halcomb	10	11 Carol Switzer	12 M25 Closet Ribbon Cutting Malita Joiner	13	14 Live the Proof Ribbon Cutting	15
16 Graduation Sunday	17	18	19 Mary Jo Dreher	20 Loretta Eve Bob Thompson	21	22 BBQ Cook Off Maxie Key
23 Sylvia Van Beek Margaret Crowder	24	25	26	27 Sally Brown Frances Hain	28	29 Bobby Page
30	31					

Christian Service News

During the pandemic the Christian Service Committee has not been as engaged as in previous years, but we have continued to serve as we could. We provided meals in January and February for Live the Proof and served a meal to People Serving People in late 2020.

We have sent \$500 to Good Samaritan and \$300 to the Backpack Program from FPC budget allocated funds. In the April meeting, we voted to send \$1,000 to Simpson County Habitat for Humanity and \$1,000 to the Nashville Tornado Response Fund.

The committee also agreed to have the Annual Yard Sale this summer if pandemic protocols allow!

Matthew 25

Have you noticed the clothes line hung on the railing on Kentucky Street? We started giving away hats, gloves, and scarves, and now are doing a brisk business with our sock giveaway. We have had many positive comments and are clearly making a statement about our passion for helping others.

The Clothes Closet has received generous donations of new clothing from Annabelle and Ashe Children's Store and new t-shirts from a business out of Louisville. We also packed up extra clothes and gave over 50 boxes to the Mennonite Clothes Ministry. We have transitioned to our spring and summer clothes and have given away over 599 articles of clothing since starting in late October.

On Wednesday, May 12 at 11:00 am, we will be celebrating with a ribbon cutting ceremony by the Chamber of Commerce. Everyone is invited to attend and a sack lunch will be provided. This new program has been a blessing to those who are helping as well as those who are receiving the clothing.

Thanks so much for the strong support from our congregation!

Feed the Need Soup Kitchen continues to prepare lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tammie McCorry, the founder, is looking for assistance in preparing meals. You can provide your own food, or work with him and he will make sure you have whatever you need. Just lending a helping hand would be a way for FPC to support this community mission.

Volunteers will need to be there from 10 am-12:30 pm (or earlier, depending on the food for that day) and 2-3 people are needed. Please contact Debbie Wyatt at (270) 223-7831 if you are interested in helping!



Write your Troubles
in the Sand
Carve your Blessings
in Stone

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Stewardship Corner

Avg Attendance: 50 Avg. Offering . \$2,817.25

Apr. 4	50	Apr. 4	\$7,972.00
Apr. 11	48	Apr. 11	\$1,341.00
Apr. 18	49	Apr. 18	\$1,156.00
Apr. 25	52	Apr. 25	\$800.00

Average Weekly Income Needed for Budget: \$2,096.15


Looking Ahead..

JUNE:

ELDER OF THE MONTH:
Cathy Stratton

ELDER HELPER OF THE MONTH:
Bob Thompson

FRIEND OF THE MONTH:
Donna Houston



FPC Woman of the Year
Sunday, May 9

FPC Man of the Year
Sunday, June 20

Ruling Elders Serving on Session:

Woon Yen Prall
CJ Hall
Larry Smith
John Halcomb
Bob Thompson
Caren Gibson
Jane Rahm
Cathy Stratton

DEACONS:

Meredith Halcomb
Marcella Davis
Donna Houston

Clerk of Session: Woon Yen Prall

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45-In the Cornerstone

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH GROUP

May 2-Sunday School at 9:45 am

May 9- Mother's Day-No Sunday School/No Youth Group

May 16- Sunday School at 9:45 am-last day of Sunday School until August

May 23-Google Meet for Youth Group at 7pm

May 30-No Sunday School/No Youth Group

KIDS' CLUB

No Kids' Club-May 2

More info to come!

TODDLERS

(ages 5 and under) are welcome in the nursery

For more information, please see Ms. Shirley.

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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