

# The Lamplighter

The monthly newsletter of  
Franklin Presbyterian Church

**JUNE 2021**

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**The Matthew 25 Clothes Closet Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on May, 12, 2021.**

*(for story see News & Events section)*

# *Pastor's Pen*

## ***Extraordinary Experiences in Ordinary Time***

The past year plus has taught us many things: patience, empathy, concern for one another, patience, the importance of connection, and even patience.

As we enter June and find that in more and more ways our lives are beginning to resemble what they were before this pandemic began, we might get a sense of relief and a moment in which we want to rest and relax. That makes a lot of sense, especially as summer arrives!

In the church year, too, this is a new time. We have journeyed together through Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. And now we enter the long trek through what is called Ordinary Time.

So as our lives and our church life begin to turn into places of "normal" and "ordinary," we can easily go from a well-deserved time of rest into a time of complacency. Jesus has called us to something greater than our own experiences, and we have been commissioned as the disciples were, to spread the Good News of the Gospel.

We can do that by telling people about Jesus, yes, and we can also do that by treating others as we would treat Jesus himself, as our Matthew 25 initiatives do. We can also listen like Jesus did, to those that society has marginalized.

Entering conversation with those who are different in many ways is not easy, but this June there may be opportunities to engage new people.

June is Pride Month and the LGBTQIA+ community commemorates the Stonewall riots that occurred in June of 1969 over gay and lesbian rights. Pride is now a celebration of the diversity of human sexuality and gender identity. Perhaps we can celebrate Pride by contemplating ways our congregation can continue to and be more welcoming to the queer community.

Later this month, our community offers a celebration of Juneteenth, which commemorates the news of enslaved Black peoples being freed reaching Galveston, Texas, nearly 2-1/2 years after the Emancipation Proclamation. Lincoln Park is the site of a music and liberation festival on June 19 this year and we are invited to volunteer and help with the running of the event.

As we feel the Spirit moving in our lives and we hear the command of Jesus to love one another, perhaps this June will give us a chance to mingle and get to know people unlike ourselves in new and exciting ways. May we be known even more as Franklin Presbyterian Church, the church that welcomes all in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, and that's something Extraordinary in times that are beginning to feel a little more normal and ordinary.

***Pastor Daniel***

# Ruling Elders Serving on Session:

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

## DEACONS:

Meredith Halcomb  
Marcella Davis  
Donna Houston

**Clerk of Session:** Woon Yen Prall

Clerks of all committees: Please submit any minutes from your meetings to the church office for inclusion in the Session materials.  
THANK YOU!

Elder of the Month: CJ Hall  
Elder Helper of the Month: Bob Thompson  
Friend of the Month: Donna Houston

## May Average Attendance: 52

May 2	39
May 9	52
May 16	61
May 23	52
May 30	54

## May Average Weekly Offering:

	\$1,316.80
May 2	\$1,220.00
May 9	\$1,280.00
May 16	\$1,500.00
May 23	\$1,500.00
May 30	\$1,084.00



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



## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

### MAY 25, 2021

- ◊ WORSHIP GUIDELINES UPDATED TO ALLOW FULLY VACCINATED FOLKS TO REMOVE MASKS AND TO OPEN ALL ENTRANCES AND EXITS BEFORE AND AFTER WORSHIP.
- ◊ ADDITIONAL UPDATES TO BE CONSIDERED IN JUNE SESSION MEETING.
- ◊ FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PARTICIPATING IN PRESBYTERY'S VITAL CONGREGATION PROGRAM.
- ◊ REV. CURRY DAVIS APPROVED FOR PULPIT SUPPLY ON AUGUST 1, 2021.
- ◊ THE LORD'S SUPPER WILL BE CELEBRATED AT THE AUGUST 15, 2021 WORSHIP.
- ◊ THE ANNUAL YARD SALE WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 14, 2021.
- ◊ PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP UPDATED TO THE FOLLOWING: JOHN HALCOMB, BECKY STUBBS, DIANE SHUTT, SARAH HALCOMB AND BOB THOMPSON.
- ◊ LIVE THE PROOF TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER ON FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2021.

June



*"For I am the LORD, your God, who  
takes hold of your right hand and says  
to you, Do not fear; I will help you."*

ISAIAH 41:13

#### CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Daniel Van Beek: **Pastor**  
Candice Mendoza: **Office Manager**  
Donna Houston: **Organist**  
Shirley Crutcher: **Nursery**

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# News & Events

*The Matthew 25 Clothes Closet celebrated with a Ribbon Cutting on May 12, 2021. Chamber of Commerce Director, Steve Thurmond and Franklin Mayor Larry Dixon, acknowledged the Clothes Closet as a valuable and necessary asset for the Franklin-Simpson community. Pastor Daniel and Cathy Stratton explained the mission of a Matthew 25 Church and our commitment to **Boldly Loving God and Boldly Loving Neighbors**.*

*There were approximately 40 guests in attendance, including Ken Dick, Tom Moody, pastors from other churches, local community leaders, and of course members of FPC!*

*A tour of the Closet and an outdoors sack lunch was provided. Many thanks to all the different committee volunteers who made this a huge success for the FPC Matthew 25 Clothes Closet.*



## FELLOWSHIP NEWS

We held our very first BBQ Cook-off on May 22 with 23 in attendance. BBQ entries included: Caren Gibson, Donna Houston, Guy Prall, Brandon Stubbs, and Nancy Thomas. All were tasty, but Guy Prall was the Grand Prize Winner who has the honor of wearing our infamous Cook-off Belt. In the picture, Becky stood in for her husband, Brandon, and Steve stood in for Nancy who was too busy washing dishes! We also had a Banana Pudding Contest that was won by Debbie Wyatt with Larry Gibson coming in a close second.



The women of the church are invited to a dessert potluck held at the home of Mike and Debbie Wyatt. This will be at 7:00 pm on JUNE 23. Everyone (except Mary Jo) should bring a dessert of their choice. Drinks will be provided, although if you want to contribute wine, that would be appreciated.



We are excited to bring back our Annual 4th of July Party to be held on Sunday the 4th at 5 pm. Please bring a dish to share.

Fellowship will provide drinks, burgers and hot dogs!



Red Cross Blood Drive  
Tuesday June 8th  
12-6 in the Cornerstone

## SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM

It's that time of year again! The Summer Feeding program will run from June to early August. Please see the sign up sheet in the educational wing to sign up. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the church office or Linda Knight!

## June 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.*

### **Tuesday, June 1**

Morning: Pss. 54; 146  
Evening: Pss. 28; 99  
Deut. 12:1–12  
2 Cor. 6:3–13 (14–7:1)  
Luke 17:11–19

### **Wednesday, June 2**

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 125; 91  
Deut. 13:1–11  
2 Cor. 7:2–16  
Luke 17:20–37

### **Thursday, June 3**

Morning: Pss. 143;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 81; 116  
Deut. 16:18–20; 17:14–20  
2 Cor. 8:1–16  
Luke 18:1–8

### **Friday, June 4**

Morning: Pss. 88; 148  
Evening: Pss. 6; 20  
Deut. 26:1–11  
2 Cor. 8:16–24  
Luke 18:9–14

### **Saturday, June 5**

Morning: Pss. 122; 149  
Evening: Pss. 100; 63  
Deut. 29:2–15  
2 Cor. 9:1–15  
Luke 18:15–30

### **Sunday, June 6**

Morning: Pss. 108; 150  
Evening: Pss. 66; 23  
Deut. 29:16–29  
Rev. 12:1–12  
Matt. 15:29–39

### **Monday, June 7**

Morning: Pss. 62; 145  
Evening: Pss. 73; 9  
Deut. 30:1–10  
2 Cor. 10:1–18  
Luke 18:31–43

### **Tuesday, June 8**

Morning: Pss. 12; 146  
Evening: Pss. 36; 7  
Deut. 30:11–20  
2 Cor. 11:1–21a  
Luke 19:1–10

### **Wednesday, June 9**

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 132; 134  
Deut. 31:30–32:14  
2 Cor. 11:21b–33  
Luke 19:11–27

### **Thursday, June 10**

Morning: Pss. 116;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 26; 130  
Song of Sol. 1:1–3, 9–11,  
15–16a; 2:1–3a  
2 Cor. 12:1–10  
Luke 19:28–40

### **Friday, June 11**

Morning: Pss. 84; 148  
Evening: Pss. 25; 40  
Song of Sol. 2:8–13; 4:1–4a,  
5–7, 9–11  
2 Cor. 12:11–21  
Luke 19:41–48

### **Saturday, June 12**

Morning: Pss. 63; 149  
Evening: Pss. 125; 90  
Song of Sol. 5:10–16; 7:1–2  
(3–5) 6–7a (9); 8:6–7  
2 Cor. 13:1–13  
Luke 20:1–8

### **Sunday, June 13**

Morning: Pss. 103; 150  
Evening: Pss. 117; 139  
Exod. 6:2–13; 7:1–6  
Rev. 15:1–8  
Matt. 18:1–14

### **Monday, June 14**

Morning: Pss. 5; 145  
Evening: Pss. 82; 29  
1 Sam. 1:1–20  
Acts 1:1–14  
Luke 20:9–19

### **Tuesday, June 15**

Morning: Pss. 42; 146  
Evening: Pss. 102; 133  
1 Sam. 1:21–2:11  
Acts 1:15–26  
Luke 20:19–26

### **Wednesday, June 16**

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 1; 33  
1 Sam. 2:12–26  
Acts 2:1–21  
Luke 20:27–40

### **Thursday, June 17**

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 16; 62  
1 Sam. 2:27–36  
Acts 2:22–36  
Luke 20:41–21:4



**Friday, June 18**

Morning: Pss. 51; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 142; 65  
 1 Sam. 3:1–21  
 Acts 2:37–47  
 Luke 21:5–19

**Saturday, June 19**

Morning: Pss. 104; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 138; 98  
 1 Sam. 4:1b–11  
 Acts 4:32–5:11  
 Luke 21:20–28

**Sunday, June 20**

Morning: Pss. 19; 150  
 Evening: Pss. 81; 113  
 1 Sam. 4:12–22  
 James 1:1–18  
 Matt. 19:23–30

**Monday, June 21**

Morning: Pss. 135; 145  
 Evening: Pss. 97; 112  
 1 Sam. 5:1–12  
 Acts 5:12–26  
 Luke 21:29–36

**Tuesday, June 22**

Morning: Pss. 123; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 30; 86  
 1 Sam. 6:1–16  
 Acts 5:27–42  
 Luke 21:37–22:13

**Wednesday, June 23**

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 48; 4  
 1 Sam. 7:2–17  
 Acts 6:1–15  
 Luke 22:14–23

**Thursday, June 24**

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 80; 27  
 1 Sam. 8:1–22  
 Acts 6:15–7:16  
 Luke 22:24–30

**Friday, June 25**

Morning: Pss. 130; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 32; 139  
 1 Sam. 9:1–14  
 Acts 7:17–29  
 Luke 22:31–38

**Saturday, June 26**

Morning: Pss. 56; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 118; 111  
 1 Sam. 9:15–10:1  
 Acts 7:30–43  
 Luke 22:39–51

**Sunday, June 27**

Morning: Pss. 67; 150  
 Evening: Pss. 46; 93  
 1 Sam. 10:1–16  
 Rom. 4:13–25  
 Matt. 21:23–32

**Monday, June 28**

Morning: Pss. 57; 145  
 Evening: Pss. 85; 47  
 1 Sam. 10:17–27  
 Acts 7:44–8:1a  
 Luke 22:52–62

**Tuesday, June 29**

Morning: Pss. 54; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 28; 99  
 1 Sam. 11:1–15  
 Acts 8:1b–13  
 Luke 22:63–71

**Wednesday, June 30**

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 125; 91  
 1 Sam. 12:1–6 (7–15) 16–25  
 Acts 8:14–25  
 Luke 23:1–12



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Elder of the Month:  
CJ Hall

Elder Helper:  
Bob Thompson

Ushers:  
Melissa Cropper  
Margaret Crowder

WEEKLY EVENTS &  
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **Hand Bells:** TBD
- **Choir:** TBD

**MEETINGS**

**Fellowship-**Mon. Jun. 7-1 pm  
**Personnel-**Mon. Jun. 7-8 pm (ZOOM)  
**Worship-**Tues. Jun. 8-Time TBD  
**SESSION-**Tues. Jun. 22-6 pm  
**Build. Maint.-**Thurs. Jun. 24-4 pm

# JUNE 2021

## FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Deb Thompson</i>	3	4	5
6 Communion	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 <i>Beth Timmerman</i>	19 <i>Linda Felts Everett Halcomb</i>
20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Frances Strickler</i>	26 <i>Genevieve Stubbs</i>
27 <i>David Hoffman</i>	28	29 <i>George Halcomb</i>	30			

\*Birthdays in italics



# Looking Ahead...

JULY

**Elder of the Month:**  
**Caren Gibson**  
**Elder Helper of the Month:**  
**John Halcomb**

**Friend of the Month:**  
**Margaret Crowder**

**July 4:**  
***Happy Independence Day!***



*The Lord delights in  
those who fear Him,  
who put their hope in  
His unfailing love.*

Psalm 147:11 NIV

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***Mission Statement:*** Franklin Presbyterian Church exists to help make our community a great place for all people by sharing God's love and the Christian gospel through nurturing worship, fellowship, education, service to others and caring for the earth. Our mission extends outward to transform the world.

***Vision Statement:*** Franklin Presbyterian Church is deeply integrated with the local community to transform lives through our ministries inspired by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*Sundays at 9:45 am in the Cornerstone*

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

*Wednesdays at 6:30 pm on ZOOM*

*Please look for the email containing the link and more information!*

**NO Youth or Kids Sunday School or meetings in June!**



*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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