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Join us for our 4th of July Cookout and Pool Party at 5 pm on Sunday, July 4th. It will be held at the Wyatt's at 496 Hickory Flat Rapids Road. Bring a dish to share and drinks, meat, and paper products will be provided. If you haven't signed up yet, call Debbie at 270 223-7831. Chairs and tables have to be brought in from the Cornerstone, so we need to know in advance how many will be coming.

TURN UP THE HEAT

As the calendar turns the page into July, one of the first things we encounter is a heat wave. We have learned from Jesus that being "hot" all the time and "cold" all the time is not ideal, but it is a lot better (either one) than being lukewarm. We read in Revelation Chapter 3:

15 "I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. **16** So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

There is something uncomfortable about hearing that. We sometimes want to stay away from the extremes of hot and cold. We want to reside somewhere in the middle. That's climate control comfort!

In the 1600s in Geneva, Switzerland, the reformer John Calvin often called his opponents "lukewarm" or "indifferent" if he considered their faith to be one of convenience or comfort rather than the radical call to personal and community change that Jesus Christ offered to us.

There's where things can get "too hot," however. When we try to apply our own personal piety onto the lies and actions of others. When we hope to alter what faith in action looks like from our perspective into a template for all to follow. That's when we are interpreting the Bible in a way that esteems our own understanding of God's Holy Word rather than as a divine gift that offers hope and peace to all who believe it. Too often, we want to decide what is holy and pure and deride those who disagree.

Even Calvin didn't like that too much. Knowing that the true holiness is not something we can attain, but is rather God's own self that is holy, he wrote: "We should not insist on absolute perfection of the gospel in our fellow Christians, however we may strive for it ourselves." (The Golden Booklet, page 21).

We can strive toward perfection and holiness, we can try to be consistently on fire for God, we can attempt to fan the flames of the Holy Spirit at all times, yet we are still human. We experience sin and pain all around us. We are deeply embedded in systems that produce poverty through others' power or that produce violence through others' wealth.

Rather than press on toward a bolder stance on "hot button" issues, it is much easier to avoid that altogether. But that, Jesus says, makes us distasteful to him. Lukewarm water is no good for cleaning or drinking. Hot can clean and purify, cold can refresh and cool.

Are we called to be lukewarm in today's environment, where sin envelops us in racism, homophobia, opposition to refugees and those experiencing poverty? Even Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was inspired by Jesus's words in Revelation as he contemplated the way Christians can stand alongside the fight for truth and justice in our modern society.

In his Letter from a Birmingham Jail, King wrote: "Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will. Lukewarm acceptance is much more bewildering than outright rejection."

Within the heat of our days, let us find cool. But in the heat of our conversations and difficult topics to consider, let us not be bystanders but let us turn up the heat. Let us not accept the injustices of our world as someone else's problems. Let us not be lukewarm or distasteful to our Savior Jesus Christ.

That means being bold, beloved. And we have a lot of chances to listen for God's call to do what is right in our world, to spread the Gospel of Jesus and to be spurred to action by the Holy Spirit. This is where we experience God's hope, faith, and love in our lives!



IN THE NEWS

Matthew 25

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 4th at 9 am for a special 3 hour educational session on Racial Equity. The Reverend Leonard Curry of Ashland, Kentucky will be presenting a half day program for us to better understand how the church can be involved in diversity, equity, and inclusion. Because he is traveling about 4 hours to get here, and we are paying for both his fee and a hotel room, we really want a good attendance. The Human Rights Commission is also going to be helping. Let Jane Rahm, Pastor Daniel, or Debbie Wyatt know if you think you might be interested in attending.

We can get you some books to read to help prepare you.

The Clothes Closet

Over 60 articles of clothing were passed out to six people during June.

We have finally processed all the backlog of clothes and shoes, and are currently in need to men's smaller sized jeans and women's shorts.

Event Coordinator

Things are in full swing for rentals at the Cornerstone. We are getting several requests per week, and some days even have 2-3 events the same day! Debbie Wyatt is looking for people to help with opening and closing. She will be doing a training session after church on Sunday, July 18th after church. This will be held in the Cornerstone. Thanks in advance for being willing to help.

The Youth Group will gather at the home of Guy and Woon Yen Prall on Saturday, July 24 from 5-7 pm for dinner and games. We will have cornhole set up, but please feel free to bring other outdoor games. Please let Melissa Cropper know by July 17th if you plan to attend. We look forward to a fun evening!

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Worship Guidelines updated to provide Communion using bread and individually filled cups at four stations starting July 4.
- Additional updates to be considered at August meeting.
- Pastoral Study Leave will be July 26-August 1.
- A By-Laws Task Force has been established to review and recommend changes to the congregation.
- Discussion began regarding the positions of Clerk and Treasurer for 2022.
- Approved working with AA to begin meetings using the upstairs meeting room.
- Upcoming: Presbytery meeting will be August 14 in Mayfield.



HYMN SING SUNDAY
AUGUST 8

**LOOK FOR THE BOXES AND
GET YOUR VOTES IN!!!**



FPC Members enjoying the night at the BG Hot Rods Game!



Stewardship Corner

June Average Attendance: 49

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| June 6 | 50 |
| June 13 | 47 |
| June 20 | 43 |
| June 27 | 55 |

June Weekly Offering Average:

\$1,141.25

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| June 6 | \$1,940.00 |
| June 13 | \$445.00 |
| June 20 | \$735.00 |
| June 27 | \$1,445.00 |

Average weekly income
needed for budget: \$2,096.15

Ruling Elders Serving on Session

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

DEACONS:

Meredith Halcomb
Marcella Davis
Donna Houston

Next Regular
Session meeting:
July 20th at
6 p.m. in the
Cornerstone

Clerks of all committees: Please
submit any minutes to the church
office for inclusion in the
Session packet.

THANK YOU!



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July 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.

Thursday, July 1

Morning: Pss. 143;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
1 Sam. 13:5–18
Acts 8:26–40
Luke 23:13–25

Friday, July 2

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
1 Sam. 13:19–14:15
Acts 9:1–9
Luke 23:26–31

Saturday, July 3

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
1 Sam. 14:16–30
Acts 9:10–19a
Luke 23:32–43

Sunday, July 4

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
1 Sam. 14:36–45
Rom. 5:1–11
Matt. 22:1–14

Monday, July 5

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
1 Sam. 15:1–3, 7–23
Acts 9:19b–31
Luke 23:44–56a

Tuesday, July 6

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
1 Sam. 15:24–35
Acts 9:32–43
Luke 23:56b–24:11 (12)

Wednesday, July 7

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
1 Sam. 16:1–13
Acts 10:1–16
Luke 24:13–35

Thursday, July 8

Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
1 Sam. 16:14–17:11
Acts 10:17–33
Luke 24:36–53

Friday, July 9

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
1 Sam. 17:17–30
Acts 10:34–48
Mark 1:1–13

Saturday, July 10

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
1 Sam. 17:31–49
Acts 11:1–18
Mark 1:14–28

Sunday, July 11

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
1 Sam. 17:50–18:4
Rom. 10:4–17
Matt. 23:29–39

Monday, July 12

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
1 Sam. 18:5–16 (17–27a)
27b–30
Acts 11:19–30
Mark 1:29–45

Tuesday, July 13

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
1 Sam. 19:1–18 (19–24)
Acts 12:1–17
Mark 2:1–12

Wednesday, July 14

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
1 Sam. 20:1–23
Acts 12:18–25
Mark 2:13–22

Thursday, July 15

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
1 Sam. 20:24–42
Acts 13:1–12
Mark 2:23–3:6

Friday, July 16

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
1 Sam. 21:1–15
Acts 13:13–25
Mark 3:7–19a

Saturday, July 17

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
1 Sam. 22:1–23
Acts 13:26–43
Mark 3:19b–35

Sunday, July 18

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
1 Sam. 23:7–18
Rom. 11:33–12:2
Matt. 25:14–30

Monday, July 19

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
 Evening: Pss. 97; 112
 1 Sam. 24:1–22
 Acts 13:44–52
 Mark 4:1–20

Tuesday, July 20

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
 Evening: Pss. 30; 86
 1 Sam. 25:1–22
 Acts 14:1–18
 Mark 4:21–34

Wednesday, July 21

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 48; 4
 1 Sam. 25:23–44
 Acts 14:19–28
 Mark 4:35–41

Thursday, July 22

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 80; 27
 1 Sam. 28:3–20
 Acts 15:1–11
 Mark 5:1–20

Friday, July 23

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
 Evening: Pss. 32; 139
 1 Sam. 31:1–13
 Acts 15:12–21
 Mark 5:21–43

Saturday, July 24

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
 Evening: Pss. 118; 111
 2 Sam. 1:1–16
 Acts 15:22–35
 Mark 6:1–13

Sunday, July 25

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
 Evening: Pss. 46; 93
 2 Sam. 1:17–27
 Rom. 12:9–21
 Matt. 25:31–46

Monday, July 26

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
 Evening: Pss. 85; 47
 2 Sam. 2:1–11
 Acts 15:36–16:5
 Mark 6:14–29

Tuesday, July 27

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
 Evening: Pss. 28; 99
 2 Sam. 3:6–21
 Acts 16:6–15
 Mark 6:30–46

Wednesday, July 28

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 125; 91
 2 Sam. 3:22–39
 Acts 16:16–24
 Mark 6:47–56

Thursday, July 29

Morning: Pss. 143;
 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 81; 116
 2 Sam. 4:1–12
 Acts 16:25–40
 Mark 7:1–23

Friday, July 30

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
 Evening: Pss. 6; 20
 2 Sam. 5:1–12
 Acts 17:1–15
 Mark 7:24–37

Saturday, July 31

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
 Evening: Pss. 100; 63
 2 Sam. 5:22–6:11
 Acts 17:16–34
 Mark 8:1–10

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Elder of the Month:

Caren Gibson

Elder Helper:

John Halcomb

Ushers:

July 4: Becky Stubbs/
Curry Davis

July: Terry Joiner/TBD

Pastor Daniel will be out of the office from
July 26-August 1. Rev. Curry Davis will serve
as our guest preacher on Sunday, August 1.

WEEKLY EVENTS &
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

MEETINGS

Matthew 25-Thurs. July 8 4 pm

SESSION-Tues. July. 20-6 pm

*Please check your weekly
email for any updates
regarding meetings and
events!*

JULY 2021

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------|-----|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 Cheyenne Brown |
| 4 Communion POOL PARTY | 5 Office Closed | 6 | 7 Kate Halcomb | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Marla Knight Dutille | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 Frankie Shumaker Curry Davis | 28 Jane Rahm | 29 | 30 | 31 |

*Birthdays in italics

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

★ 9:45 AM
IN THE CORNERSTONE

**WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY
RETURNS THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST!
DETAILS WILL BE SENT OUT WITH
MORE INFORMATION!**

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AUGUST:

Elder of the Month: John Halcomb
Elder Helper: Jane Rahm

Friend of the Month: Debbie Sowney

Aug. 8 Hymn Sing Sunday
Aug. 14 ANNUAL YARD SALE
Aug. 15 Communion ★

If you have anything you would like
added to the August Lamplighter,
please send it to the office no later
than the last Thursday of the month.
Thanks for your cooperation!



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