



The Lamplighter

The monthly newsletter of Franklin Presbyterian Church
September 2021

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Thank you to all our volunteers who worked on Friday, August 13 to bring up donated items and to all who worked the Yard Sale on Saturday, August 14. This year's Yard Sale raised over \$3,000 to support our Non-Local Christian Service Missions!

On August 26, Christian Service sent \$1,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Relief to help the response to the earthquake and hurricane which has devastated Haiti. If you want to further donate to this cause, please place a check in the offering noted Haiti or you can give directly to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, account number DR000064.

As always, thank you for your continued support!

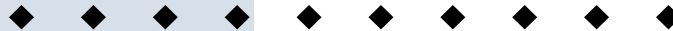
Pastor's Pen

Wondering What Is Next

Beloved, we find ourselves in a mixture of joy and confusion this fall. We have the joy of continuing to understand our role as Christians in this world and in this community, of realizing how God is calling each of us as individuals and as a church to love our neighbors more boldly. We have the confusion of how exactly will we do that? We have the joy of welcoming our Community Connections Director, the Reverend Bailey Pickens, to the FPC team (more about the position below). We have the confusion of how we will best do the good things we've been doing and start up those challenging and exciting (and perhaps confounding) new partnerships and ministries we've been thinking about. We have the joy of a sizable New Member's Class starting this month too!

Maybe instead of "wondering" what is next, perhaps we can commit ourselves to some extra, focused prayer about this throughout September. As we say goodbye to summer, let us gain some additional time with our Savior Jesus Christ in prayer, knowing that we have the Holy Spirit to guide our way through this exciting, joyful, and sometimes confusing time. May our God lead us to more opportunities to not only serve our community but find ways to participate in God's justice on earth as it is in heaven.

Pastor Daniel



A Note of Appreciation for the Personnel Committee

The FPC Personnel Committee met numerous times over three months to write the job description, interview candidates, and prepare a recommendation to the Session. Hours of meetings in-person and on Zoom were accompanied by time in prayer. Many thanks for the hard work and dedication of the Personnel Committee members: Sarah Halcomb, Bob Thompson, Becky Stubbs, John Halcomb, and Diane Shutt.

Our New Position: Community Connections Director

Part of the FPC Bold Approach Vision, this position will focus in two main areas: 1) making connections in the community, across all lines of denomination, ethnicity, and faith so that we can participate more fully with other churches and organizations, and 2) leading and coordinating children and youth volunteers with Kids Club, Youth Group, Youth Sunday School, and any new activities for young people. Additionally, the position will coordinate tech volunteers and staff regarding livestreaming as well as working with staff regarding social media strategy to communicate about and with FPC to the community. The position is a full-time staff job, and as such is not an installed clergy position at this time. The key words for this position are communication, connection, creativity and collaboration.

Our New Staff Person: Bailey Pickens

During the search, Bailey Pickens stood out in terms of ability, knowledge, dedication, and spiritual calling. Bailey is an ordained Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and most recently served St. Mark's Presbyterian in Tucson, AZ as the Pastor of Faith Formation, while also serving in campus ministry at the University of Arizona and as a hospital chaplain. Not only is Bailey personable, compassionate, respectful, and intelligent, her experiences leading a Millennials/Gen Z Bible Study, integrating faith formation with worship, activity partnering with different groups, and commitment connecting congregations to communities are a great fit with FPC.

please see page 5 of this newsletter for a personal note from Bailey...

News & Events



Living Waters for the World trains, equips, and supports volunteers in forming global, clean-water mission partnerships. These mission partnerships empower international communities to install and sustain water purification systems and health education programs that transform lives. Becoming a cupbearer is a way to help support this wonderful organization when you become a cupbearer you receive this cool mug. We already have some cupbearers at FPC, and would like to add to that number. Be on the lookout for upcoming Cupbearer Sunday at FPC!

*To find out more about our partners in Guatemala and the Living Waters for the World team at FPC, please ask:
Donna Houston, Caren Gibson
or Deb Thompson.*



FELLOWSHIP

On Saturday, September 18 at 6:30 pm, we will hold our Board Game Night in the Cornerstone. Bring a snack to share and any game you might want to play. We will have round tables out with 4 per table for games. We will have several games for young children so PLEASE sign up on the board in the Educational Wing so we can have appropriate games for them. A head count will help us determine how many tables to put out. Fellowship will provide drinks.

You can start out Saturday, September 18 by attending the Habitat for Humanity Pancake Breakfast in the Cornerstone and the car and craft show on the square!

Mark your calendars for our 2nd Halloween Party scheduled for Saturday, October 30. Come in costumes if you wish and prizes will be awarded. This event was cancelled last year so this year we will be staying as safe as possible with masks.

A big thank you to all the silent saints who are taking home dirty dish rags and towels to launder. It really helps with so much activity going on in the Cornerstone. There will be 17 activities going on in the Cornerstone, not including Yoga and Feed the Need. Most are rentals, but we are staying VERY busy!

Feed the Need is asking for donations of bottled water for the Soup Kitchen. Hot weather means lots of thirsty guests. Just drop them off in the Cornerstone kitchen.

Thank you!

Session Highlights

AUGUST:

- Approved the hiring of the Rev. Bailey Pickens as the full-time FPC Community Connections Director beginning September 16; a Meet & Greet will be held after the congregational meeting on September 19
- Discussed the cancellation of the Antiracism workshop for September 4 and hopes to reschedule it
- Approved the updated Bylaws for distribution to the Congregation for review and discussion at the Congregational Meeting
- Called a Congregational Meeting for September 19 after worship to receive feedback from FPC members about updates to the Bylaws
- Approved Christian Service donation of \$1000 for Haiti relief through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program and offered opportunity for congregation to give as well
- Approved new Icemaker purchased for Cornerstone using Fellowship's Designated funds plus Building & Maintenance general fund
- Approved the new Coffee Time to be held concurrently with Kids Club after Worship

⇒ *Next Session Meeting will be Tuesday, September 28 at 6 pm.*

AUGUST AVG. ATTENDANCE: 46

Aug. 1	45
Aug. 8	34
Aug. 15	55
Aug. 22	45
Aug. 29	53



AUGUST WEEKLY OFFERING AVG: \$1,944.20

Aug. 1	\$3,551.01
Aug. 8	\$1,095.00
Aug. 15	\$2,930.00
Aug. 22	\$1,080.00
Aug. 29	\$1,065.00

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 19

CONGREGATION FEEDBACK ON
UPDATED BY LAWS



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MEET OUR NEW COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS DIRECTOR

A Note from Bailey Pickens:

Dear Franklin Presbyterian Church:

Hello! I am so excited to join you all, and so I'm excited to write this note to connect with you just a little bit before I arrive in your midst.

I'm a cradle Presbyterian, and I grew up in a town about Franklin's size in Florida, in a family-sized congregation, where everyone knew everyone's name. I've lived all over the place, most recently in Tucson, AZ. My wife and I moved to Nashville at the end of July so that she can start a PhD in Sacramental Theology at Vanderbilt, and we are so happy to be a little closer to home: we've been Southern expats sojourning in strange lands for long enough.

I want to tell you why I am so, jazzed about Franklin Presbyterian Church: Y'all "get" it! Churches and their relationships to the world around them have been changing my whole life, and I'm sure you have all noticed it too. So FPC's embrace of the Matthew 25 initiative, your full-throttle approach to service, and your desire to know your community and the community's needs absolutely light me up, because I think this is how we should be! I've been hearing a lot about how you are being the church in an active, visible, and inviting way. I want to be a part of that!

The Community Connections Director role is a complex one, but I think there are good ways for community relationships, growth and fun for young people and their families, and online presence and accessibility to interweave with one another. I think they all connect fundamentally to the congregation as a whole and to God's call on each member and on the body. I am excited about things to try, and about the slower work of learning to be a part of a new community, both the congregation and Franklin itself, too. My prayer is that I will be a good partner and resource for this congregation in the work you are already doing. I can't wait to meet you all and jump in.

*Peace,
Bailey Pickens*



Ruling Elders Serving on Session

CJ Hall

Caren Gibson

Larry Smith

Bob Thompson

Woon Yen Prall

Jane Rahm

John Halcomb

Cathy Stratton

DEACONS:

Donna Houston

Marcella Davis

Meredith Halcomb

SEPTEMBER

ELDER/ELDER HELPER

Woon Yen Prall/Cathy Stratton

FRIEND OF THE MONTH

Diane Shutt

**JOIN US FOR A MEET & GREET POTLUCK AFTER
THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19, AS WE WELCOME OUR NEW
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS DIRECTOR,
BAILEY PICKENS!**

September 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.

Wednesday, September 1

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
1 Kings 9:24–10:13
James 3:1–12
Mark 15:1–11

Thursday, September 2

Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
1 Kings 11:1–13
James 3:13–4:12
Mark 15:12–21

Friday, September 3

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
1 Kings 11:26–43
James 4:13–5:6
Mark 15:22–32

Saturday, September 4

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
1 Kings 12:1–20
James 5:7–20
Mark 15:33–39

Sunday, September 5

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
1 Kings 12:21–33
Acts 4:18–31
John 10:31–42

Monday, September 6

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
1 Kings 13:1–10
Phil. 1:1–11
Mark 15:40–47

Tuesday, September 7

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
1 Kings 16:23–34
Phil. 1:12–30
Mark 16:1–8 (9–20)

Wednesday, September 8

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
1 Kings 17:1–24
Phil. 2:1–11
Matt. 2:1–12

Thursday, September 9

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
1 Kings 18:1–19
Phil. 2:12–30
Matt. 2:13–23

Friday, September 10

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
1 Kings 18:20–40
Phil. 3:1–16
Matt. 3:1–12

Saturday, September 11

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
1 Kings 18:41–19:8
Phil. 3:17–4:7
Matt. 3:13–17

Sunday, September 12

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
1 Kings 19:8–21
Acts 5:34–42
John 11:45–57

Monday, September 13

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
1 Kings 21:1–16
1 Cor. 1:1–19
Matt. 4:1–11

Tuesday, September 14

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
1 Kings 21:17–29
1 Cor. 1:20–31
Matt. 4:12–17

Wednesday, September 15

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
1 Kings 22:1–28
1 Cor. 2:1–13
Matt. 4:18–25

Thursday, September 16

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
1 Kings 22:29–45
1 Cor. 2:14–3:15
Matt. 5:1–10

Friday, September 17

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
2 Kings 1:2–17
1 Cor. 3:16–23
Matt. 5:11–16

Saturday, September 18

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
2 Kings 2:1–18
1 Cor. 4:1–7
Matt. 5:17–20

Sunday, September 19

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
 Evening: Pss. 46; 93
 2 Kings 4:8–37
 Acts 9:10–31
 Luke 3:7–18

Monday, September 20

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
 Evening: Pss. 85; 47
 2 Kings 5:1–19
 1 Cor. 4:8–21
 Matt. 5:21–26

Tuesday, September 21

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
 Evening: Pss. 28; 99
 2 Kings 5:19–27
 1 Cor. 5:1–8
 Matt. 5:27–37

Wednesday, September 22

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 125; 91
 2 Kings 6:1–23
 1 Cor. 5:9–6:11
 Matt. 5:38–48

Thursday, September 23

Morning: Pss. 143;
 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 81; 116
 2 Kings 9:1–16
 1 Cor. 6:12–20
 Matt. 6:1–6, 16–18

Friday, September 24

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
 Evening: Pss. 6; 20
 2 Kings 9:17–37
 1 Cor. 7:1–9
 Matt. 6:7–15

Saturday, September 25

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
 Evening: Pss. 100; 63
 2 Kings 11:1–20a
 1 Cor. 7:10–24
 Matt. 6:19–24

Sunday, September 26

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
 Evening: Pss. 66; 23
 2 Kings 17:1–18
 Acts 9:36–43
 Luke 5:1–11

Monday, September 27

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
 Evening: Pss. 73; 9
 2 Kings 17:24–41
 1 Cor. 7:25–31
 Matt. 6:25–34

Tuesday, September 28

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
 Evening: Pss. 36; 7
 2 Chron. 29:1–3;
 30:1 (2–9) 10–27
 1 Cor. 7:32–40
 Matt. 7:1–12

Wednesday, September 29

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 132; 134
 2 Kings 18:9–25
 1 Cor. 8:1–13
 Matt. 7:13–21

Thursday, September 30

Morning: Pss. 116;
 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 26; 130
 2 Kings 18:28–37
 1 Cor. 9:1–15
 Matt. 7:22–29

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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 5

LECTOR: JOEY HODGE

USHERS: WOON YEN PRALL

BOB THOMPSON

Sunday, September 12

LECTOR: LOIS VAN BEEK

USHERS: WOON YEN PRALL

BARRY HAIN

Sunday, September 19

LECTOR: JOEY HODGE

USHERS: WOON YEN PRALL

BOB THOMPSON

Sunday, September 26

LECTOR: JOEY HODGE

USHERS: WOON YEN PRALL

BARRY HAIN

WEEKLY EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

• AA Meetings:

Mon-7 pm in the Cornerstone
Wed/Fri-7 pm Upstairs Mtg. Room

Sept. 7 Fellowship 1 pm

Sept. 9 Worship 4:30 pm

Sept. 15 Bldg. & Maint. 4 pm

Sept. 16 Finance 3 pm

Sept. 19 Congregational after Worship
Meet & Greet Podluck

Sept. 28 SESSION 6 pm

SEPTEMBER 2021

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Communion	6 <i>Marcella Davis</i>	7 <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	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 <i>Stephanie Halcomb</i>	30 <i>Ron Stiles</i>		

*Birthdays in italics

Looking Ahead...

October

ELDER/ELDER HELPER :

Cathy Stratton/

FRIEND OF THE MONTH:

Melissa Cropper

- Oct.3-Peace & Global Witness Offering
- Oct. 4-6 FALL VBS
- Oct. 5-Red Cross Blood Drive 12-6
- Oct. 30-Halloween Party



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2021 FPC FALL VBS IS COMING!

Monday October 4
Thru
Wednesday October 6

9 am until Noon

Lunch will be provided!

*Please keep an eye out for the link
to register!*

CONTACT US:

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

TELEPHONE

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CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Daniel Van Beek ,
Pastor

Candice Mendoza,
Office Manager

Donna Houston, ***Organist***

Shirley Crutcher, ***Nursery***

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:45 am in the Cornerstone

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:45 am in the Educational Wing
(starts September 12)

PASTOR'S ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the Cornerstone
Scripture & Book Study
"Church on Purpose"

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL
"KIDS CLUB"
Sundays after Worship
(starts September 12)

FALL VBS-"Compassion Camp"
October 4-6
9 am-12 Noon

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! Class starts in late September!

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



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