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The Lamplighter

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Pictured above: Our two Chili Cook-Off winners for 2022. John Halcomb won for Best Hot Chili, while Jen Van Beek won Best Mild, Vegetarian, and Best Overall Chili. For more about this year's Chili Cook-off, see the News section of this Lamplighter.

Pastor's Pen

Striving for More

Throughout the month of February, we often sang songs in worship written by Black composers or with text written by Black pastors or poets or musicians. The Black Church is integral to so much of what Christianity has been and can be in our American context. And as we sprinkled some reminders of that in worship and throughout social media with the church posts of songs and prayers, we remember that we owe a great debt to the Black Church for how we think and for how we worship today.

It is one thing to give honor and respect to those who came before, but what does it mean for us today to be a Christian church in America? A nation built upon stark lines of privilege and rights and freedom that related more to what "race" you were told you belonged to than to what religion you practiced? Is today so different? Are we still as a nation more defined by what "race" we are considered, or what gender or what sexuality or what status?

As Christians, as children of the Most High, should we not be striving for more? Rather than try to take out all of the things that make us different, we should continue to celebrate those things. Not to emphasize our difference in order to rank one another but to see the splendor in God's diverse creation, to see the many facets of the world we live in, to see how God's love is expressed in a million ways, in a million directions, and in a million expressions.

What if we truly did love like Jesus. To see everyone for who they really are, all the good and all the bad. Every bit of what makes them a unique and irreplaceable and irreplicable human full of hopes and dreams and guts and gifts. And love them for every inch of it and help them do the same. By the power of the Holy Spirit, let's strive for that. A just and loving world full of peace and understanding. A celebration of who we are and who we want to be as children of the one God who loved us so as to give us life.

Pastor Daniel



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY STARTS MARCH 9!

Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm throughout Lent, join us for a Bible Study from the Prophets called *Wind in the Wilderness*. Books are available NOW (donations accepted), simply let Pastor Daniel know you'd like one!

These sessions will be both in person at the Cornerstone and ZOOM on 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, and 4/13.

Childcare options will be available.

Link will be sent via email!



News & Notes

Matthew 25-Clothes Closet

The Matthew 25 Clothes Closet had a busy January and February. We received a lot of donations in January, and we are still processing what we received. Currently, we are in need of men's jeans (Size: 30, 32, 34, and 36), long underwear, sweatpants and tennis shoes of all sizes. As always, we can use volunteers. If you can give a few hours a month, we will put you to work. Please contact Debbie Wyatt at (270) 223-7831.

CHILI COOK-OFF

26 people attended our 2022 Chili Cook-Off with 9 pots of chili battling for the win. Our 2022 Winners: Hot-John Halcomb; Mild-Jen Van Beek; Vegetarian-Jen Van Beek; and Best Overall-Jen Van Beek

Needless to say, Jen Van Beek stole the night! She was awarded the famous "Chili Belt" that has been passed down from year to year since 2014. John and Jen not have their names emblazoned on the Chili Pot that is kept in the Cornerstone Kitchen. After dinner, the group played the game of "Loaded Questions".

It was a fun way to learn more about the people you were playing with and to see the competitive side of others.

It was clear a great time was had by all!

SAVE THE DATE-MARCH 27

AFTER WORSHIP

In these times of Covid, we haven't been able to have our annual community bean soup fundraiser for local missions. Instead, we're having an "after church bean soup lunch." The menu includes a variety of bean soups, cornbread, world famous coleslaw and dessert.

Charities that benefit from this **donations only** fundraiser are:

- ◇ Boys and Girls Club
- ◇ Habitat for Humanity
- ◇ Good Samaritan
- ◇ Backpack Program
- ◇ West Campus



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-

MARCH 1, 2022

- ◆ Set a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, March 20, after Worship for the purpose of electing a Ruling Elder to serve on Session in the Class of 2022 (Installation will be Sunday, March 27)
- ◆ Approved Community Town Hall meeting at Cornerstone for Friday, March 4
- ◆ Approved continued support of Franklin Grief Group meeting in Cornerstones the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month (pending availability re: rentals)
- ◆ Approved use of the Cornerstone for the Live the Proof Fish Fry Fundraisers at reduced cost
- ◆ Provided permission for Debby Helton, as a member of the Matthew 25 committee, to represent Franklin Presbyterian Church at the South Central Workforce Development Board meetings
- ◆ Approved the Joint Recommendation from Matthew 25 and Finance to establish a line item for the Clothes Closet within the Matthew 25 Designated Fund, for use by the Clothes Closet subcommittee and with a starting balance of \$6,957

Thank you to the Christian Service Committee for furnishing refreshments during the Grief Workshop sponsored by FPC.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all our RITI volunteers! You provided friendly, helpful hospitality! You set up! You cooked! You washed dishes! You washed sheets! You fogged and disinfected! You folded cots away! You picked up cots here and drove them there! You adapted quickly to changing circumstances! You're AWESOME!

Providing winter shelter is a huge group effort. THANK YOU for your time, energy and love! I am so proud to belong to a congregation that loves with its words AND its actions!

-Rev. Bailey

Live the Proof will again be offering fish fry meals from 11-1 on these Fridays in March. (3/4, 3/18, 3/25) For a suggested \$10 donation, receive a meal of fish, baked beans, coleslaw, and dessert.



**MARCH-
ELDER OF THE MONTH:**

Barry Hain

ELDER HELPER:

John Halcomb

FRIEND OF THE MONTH:

Chris Kessler



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Stewardship Corner

February Average Attendance: 53

Feb. 6	54
Feb. 13	45
Feb. 20	58
Feb. 27	55

February Weekly Offering Average: \$1,495

Feb. 6	\$2,115.00
Feb. 13	\$1,205.00
Feb. 20	\$2,115.00
Feb. 27	\$544.00

**Average Weekly Income Needed for Budget:
\$2,472.85**

Ruling Elders Serving on Session

Barry Hain
Bob Thompson
John Halcomb
Bob Heidbrink
Nancy Thomas
Jane Rahm

DEACONS:
Linda Knight
Marcella Davis
Meredith Halcomb

CLERK OF SESSION: Donna Houston

Next Regularly Stated Session Meeting:
Tuesday, March 29 at 6 pm

March 2022 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, March 1

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Prov. 30:1–4, 24–33
Phil. 3:1–11
John 18:28–38

Wednesday, March 2

Ash Wednesday

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Amos 5:6–15
Heb. 12:1–14
Luke 18:9–14

Thursday, March 3

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Hab. 3:1–10 (11–15) 16–18
Phil. 3:12–21
John 17:1–8

Friday, March 4

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Ezek. 18:1–4, 25–32
Phil. 4:1–9
John 17:9–19

Saturday, March 5

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Ezek. 39:21–29
Phil. 4:10–20
John 17:20–26

Sunday, March 6

First Sunday in Lent

Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Dan. 9:3–10
Heb. 2:10–18
John 12:44–50

Monday, March 7

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80; 145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Gen. 37:1–11
1 Cor. 1:1–19
Mark 1:1–13

Tuesday, March 8

Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Gen. 37:12–24
1 Cor. 1:20–31
Mark 1:14–28

Wednesday, March 9

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Gen. 37:25–36
1 Cor. 2:1–13
Mark 1:29–45

Thursday, March 10

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Gen. 39:1–23
1 Cor. 2:14–3:15
Mark 2:1–12

Friday, March 11

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Gen. 40:1–23
1 Cor. 3:16–23
Mark 2:13–22

Saturday, March 12

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Gen. 41:1–13
1 Cor. 4:1–7
Mark 2:23–3:6

Sunday, March 13

Second Sunday in Lent

Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Gen. 41:14–45
Rom. 6:3–14
John 5:19–24

Monday, March 14

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80; 145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Gen. 41:46–57
1 Cor. 4:8–20 (21)
Mark 3:7–19a

Tuesday, March 15

Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Gen. 42:1–17
1 Cor. 5:1–8
Mark 3:19b–35

Wednesday, March 16

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 27; 51
 Gen. 42:18–28
 1 Cor. 5:9–6:11
 Mark 4:1–20

Thursday, March 17

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 126; 102
 Gen. 42:29–38
 1 Cor. 6:12–20
 Mark 4:21–34

Friday, March 18

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
 Evening: Pss. 105; 130
 Gen. 43:1–15
 1 Cor. 7:1–9
 Mark 4:35–41

Saturday, March 19

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
 Evening: Pss. 31; 143
 Gen. 43:16–34
 1 Cor. 7:10–24
 Mark 5:1–20

Sunday, March 20**Third Sunday in Lent**

Morning: Pss. 84; 150
 Evening: Pss. 42; 32
 Gen. 44:1–17
 Rom. 8:1–10
 John 5:25–29

Monday, March 21

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;
 145
 Evening: Pss. 121; 6
 Gen. 44:18–34
 1 Cor. 7:25–31
 Mark 5:21–43

Tuesday, March 22

Morning: Pss. 34; 146
 Evening: Pss. 25; 91
 Gen. 45:1–15
 1 Cor. 7:32–40
 Mark 6:1–13

Wednesday, March 23

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 27; 51
 Gen. 45:16–28
 1 Cor. 8:1–13
 Mark 6:13–29

Thursday, March 24

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 126; 102
 Gen. 46:1–7, 28–34
 1 Cor. 9:1–15
 Mark 6:30–46

Friday, March 25

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
 Evening: Pss. 105; 130
 Gen. 47:1–26
 1 Cor. 9:16–27
 Mark 6:47–56

Saturday, March 26

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
 Evening: Pss. 31; 143
 Gen. 47:27–48:7
 1 Cor. 10:1–13
 Mark 7:1–23

Sunday, March 27**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Morning: Pss. 84; 150
 Evening: Pss. 42; 32
 Gen. 48:8–22
 Rom. 8:11–25
 John 6:27–40

Monday, March 28

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;
 145
 Evening: Pss. 121; 6
 Gen. 49:1–28
 1 Cor. 10:14–11:1
 Mark 7:24–37

Tuesday, March 29

Morning: Pss. 34; 146
 Evening: Pss. 25; 91
 Gen. 49:29–50:14
 1 Cor. 11:2–34
 Mark 8:1–10

Wednesday, March 30

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 27; 51
 Gen. 50:15–26
 1 Cor. 12:1–11
 Mark 8:11–26

Thursday, March 31

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 126; 102
 Exod. 1:6–22
 1 Cor. 12:12–26
 Mark 8:27–9:1

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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

• Sunday, March 6

LECTOR: JOEY HODGE
USHERS: CRAIG KESSLER
CHRIS KESSLER

• Sunday, March 13

LECTOR: JOEY HODGE
USHERS: CRAIG KESSLER
CHRIS KESSLER

• Sunday, March 20

LECTOR: JOEY HODGE
USHERS: CRAIG KESSLER
CHRIS KESSLER

• Sunday, March 27

LECTOR: JOEY HODGE
USHERS: CRAIG KESSLER
CHRIS KESSLER

*Daylight Savings time begins
March 13!*

MEETINGS

Worship: Mon. Mar. 7 at 4:30 pm
Fellowship: Tues. Mar. 8 at 2 pm
Matthew 25: Tues. Mar. 8 at 4pm
Bldg/Mnt. Wed. Mar. 16 at 4pm
Young Disc. Thurs. Mar. 17 4:30
SESSION: Tues. Mar. 29 at 6pm

MARCH 2022

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm	3	4	5
6 Communion	7 <i>Dewey Strickler</i>	8	9	10 <i>Pat Markell</i>	11	12
13 <i>Olivia Rahm</i>	14	15 <i>Mary Joiner</i>	16 <i>Meredith Halcomb</i>	17 <i>Violet Lagani</i>	18	19
20 <i>Phil Dutille</i>	21 <i>Sydney & Lizzie Halcomb</i>	22	23	24 <i>Woon Yen Prall</i>	25	26
27 Bean Soup Lunch <i>Barry Hain</i>	28 <i>Suzanne Joiner Diane Shutt</i>	29 <i>Sharon Smith</i>	30	31		

* Birthdays in italics

CONNECT TO FPC!

Have you visited our website lately?
(www.franklinpresbyterian.org) This is the way to find out the latest news, watch the latest worship services online, get information on upcoming events, and download copies of the monthly Lamplighter newsletter. If your information is not up to date, please contact the office so we have your correct address, phone, email, etc.

ONLINE DIRECTORY

If we have your e-mail address, you will be able to access the mobile app with your smart phone.

You can also print a copy of the directory from our website! To access, use: fpc5864535 as the password.



Sync Our Church Directory to Your Mobile Device

Now you can sync our church directory directly to your Apple, Android or Kindle Fire device with a FREE app!

Search for other members, and then email, call or text – right from the directory app.

It's Easy!

1. Scan this QR code:



(If you don't have a QR code scanner app, go to your device's app store and search for "Instant Church Directory.")

2. Enter your email as it's listed in our church directory.
3. Enter the assigned password into the app to begin syncing.



Looking Ahead...

April

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Nancy Thomas

ELDER HELPER: Bob Heidbrink

FRIEND OF THE MONTH: Nancy Thomas

Apr. 12-Red Cross Blood Drive



Reminder:
**Good
Samaritan
Food Pantry**

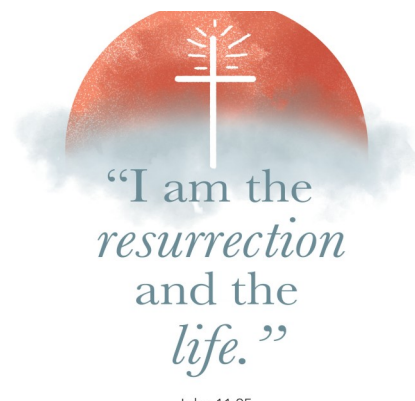
On the first Sunday of each month, we partake of the Lord's Supper together in worship. On each first Sunday, we also bring our gifts of canned goods and pantry items for the Good Samaritan food pantry. These items are placed in the red bin at the back of the sanctuary.

Holy Week Schedule



Apr. 10	Palm Sunday
Apr. 14	Maundy Thursday 7 pm
Apr. 17	Easter Sunday <i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i>

Please continue to check your email and our social media for updates regarding other Holy Week and Easter services and events as they become available!



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays at 9:45 am-CORNERSTONE
Rev. Bailey Pickens leads the study of the
“Sermon on the Mount” in Matthew.



KIDS' CLUB

EACH SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP

YOUTH GOOGLE MEET

SUNDAYS AT 7 PM



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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