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Join us for our 4th of July Cookout and Pool Party after church on Sunday, July 3.. It will be held at the Wyatt's at 496 Hickory Flat Rapids Road. Bring a dish to share! Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided. If you haven't signed up, but still plan on attending, please call Debbie at 270 223-7831.

HEARING EACH OTHER (EVEN WHEN IT'S TOUGH)

In our day to day, we notice things differently from one another. We may see the positive side of an event, while our neighbor sees the negative side. We may see the individual impact of a policy, while our neighbor sees the societal or community impact.

There are times in this Christian life where we are going to disagree with each other. We are going to fundamentally see things differently. When that happens, what will we do?

Traditionally, Christians have dug their feet into their positions and said that there is ONE way to believe about whatever topic is top of mind. Throughout history, these have been theological and cultural, societal and governmental. Should Christians support monarchies or democracies? Should Christians support an equality in the Trinity or a subjugation of the Son and Spirit to the Father? Should Christians support capitalism or socialism? Should Christians believe in infant or adult baptism? Should Christians support slavery or abolition? Should Christians support complementarianism or egalitarianism?

These issues have long divided the Church, and created many different traditions who all confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We are standing in a place in today's United States of America where the dividing lines among Christians seem incredibly stark. It's very easy for me or for you to point out the errors of others' ways, whether in their politics or their theology. Yet that is some long-hanging fruit.

Even among those we disagree with, Jesus calls us to understand their perspective. Not to the detriment or harm of those perhaps targeted by different understandings. For those Christians opposed to any gun regulation, or to inclusive marriages, or to reproductive rights, or to examinations of structural racism, Christians who believe anything else are often seen as unfaithful or uneducated in the Bible. Yet what brought us to these differing perspectives? What DO we agree ON?

Seeking to understand each other does not mean having to agree. The wide and easy path is to write off those who seek to restrict the lives of others based on their own beliefs. The narrow and difficult path is to remain in conversation with those folks with whom we fundamentally disagree. What would Jesus do? Did Jesus only teach those whom he thought would agree with him? Or did he only seek out those who were in power and likely to disagree?

Following this path takes patience and prayer, love and understanding. Living and learning as Christian disciples is difficult at times. Thankfully, our God is with us.

Pastor Daniel

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Kaylynn Henninger will be baptized by immersion on Sunday, July 3 at the pool of Mike & Debbie Wyatt.
- Opportunity for giving—consider donating to a love offering for the Tammie McCorry family during the month of July.
- Opportunity for service—On recommendation from the Matthew 25 committee, Session approved use of the church van to assist Live the Proof with driving folks to work and to the Drop-In Center as needed. Drivers will be church members and affiliates approved by Session. Prayerfully consider this opportunity for service.
- July 31—potluck in the Cornerstone following Hymn Sing Sunday! It will also be a farewell for Guy & Woon Yen Prall.
- Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 20, after worship, for Hanging of the green preceded by a soup/sandwich/dessert lunch in the Cornerstone.
- Session received, with great appreciation for service, the resignation of Debbie Wyatt as Cornerstone event coordinator, effective January 1, 2023.
- A task force has been named for the purpose of determining next steps for Cornerstone Coordination.
- Session approved a vacation day for Pastor Daniel on July 17 so that he might attend his daughter Lois' last concert at camp in Michigan, pending Covid restrictions. Also approved Bailey Pickens for pulpit supply that day, providing Pastor Daniel can attend the concert.

Christian Service Committee has sent \$2,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Relief for humanitarian aid in Ukraine. Yard Sale and Bean Soup have generated these funds. The committee voted to give \$1,000 to the Backpack Program during the "Donate Your Lunch Money" event in September 2022. Our FPC Annual Yard Sale is scheduled for August 6. Because FPC now has a clothes closet, we ask you to bring your other treasures to the church during July. What you don't need, someone else might—and the result will be Christian Service.

Western Kentucky Tornado Relief Update!

Very shortly after the tornadoes last December, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance landed in Western Kentucky to help us begin the long work of rebuilding. What often happens in a disaster is a big flurry of help and attention in the immediate aftermath, with less awareness that recovery takes months and years. It takes weeks or even months just to take stock of what has happened and make decisions about what kind of rebuilding to try to do, and then more time to work through the various government and other organizations and insurance companies to get funds to carry out those plans. And sometimes, it's hard to even know what's needed!

When a disaster occurs, PDA commutes to two things: Financial and other resource support, and accompaniment. There are many faith-based and other non-profit disaster recovery groups (the Catholic Church, Lutheran Church, and Mennonite groups are some of who's at work in Kentucky, for instance) who each have their specialties, such as case workers for system navigation, or physical rebuilding. PDA partners with them and with congregations, presbyteries, and local Long-Term Recovery Groups to bring its resources where they are most needed, from the perspective of people in the affected region. It also provides support for congregations who have facilities that can be used as hospitality centers for volunteers, and helps connect these congregations with "work partners": Groups who specialize in the physical work of rebuilding, such as the Habitat for Humanity, CrossRoads, Inspiritus, Mennonite Disaster Services, Homes and Hope for KY, and many others.

Our Presbytery has lots going on! First Presbyterian in Madisonville jumped into action as a volunteer hospitality center for Hopkins County very early and has been providing that ministry for several months. Central Presbyterian in Princeton has also opened for volunteer hospitality for projects in Hopkins and Caldwell Counties. And most recently, First Presbyterian in Calvert City is getting fitted with a shower building to open as a hospitality site in Marshall County this month! Grants from Western Kentucky Presbytery and PDA have provided funds and guidance for the shower building, a half-time hospitality coordinator in Calvert City, a half-time recovery coordinator in Caldwell County, and more. Long Term Recovery Groups are picking up steam in Warren and Christian Counties as well and reaching out to our Presbytery for assistance. It's good to be a connectional church!

You may be wondering how things are going in Mayfield, where the Presbyterian church and many other buildings were completely destroyed. Talking of things taking time... While some houses are already under construction, other buildings are still a ways away from beginning that work and some people are not even sure what aid they are entitled to (this is a particular concern for people who were renting). The Mayfield church site is finishing clearing the debris away and working on the circuitous FEMA aid disbursement process; it may yet be some months before work starts on their new building.

Curious how you can pitch in? There are lots of ways! Please continue to pray for everyone affected by the December storms. Money is always useful, since it can be turned into people and supplies! And if you want to put on some work gloves and pick up a trash bag or a hammer and a nail, get in touch with me and we'll work on a volunteer trip! —Bailey

DID YOU KNOW? Rev. Bailey Pickens is the moderator of the Western Kentucky Presbytery's Tornado Recovery Team?

Stewardship Corner

June Average Attendance:

56

June 5 51
June 12 56
June 19 66
June 26 50

June Weekly Offering Average:

\$1,690.50

June 5 \$1,387.00
June 12 \$3,050.00
June 19 \$925.00
June 26 \$1,400.00

Average weekly income
needed for budget: \$2,472.85

Ruling Elders Serving on Session

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

DEACONS:

Meredith Halcomb
Marcella Davis
Donna Houston

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

THANK YOU!

Many have asked how they can help the Tammie McCory family in the tragic loss of Tierra Williams. Session has approved an ongoing Love Offering the next few weeks. If you would like to help with funeral and gravesite expenses, and expenses (including legal) helping raise Tierra's infant daughter, you can include 'McCory Love Offering' on the memo line on your check and place in the offering plate.



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July 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.

Friday, July 1

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
Num. 24:1–13
Rom. 8:12–17
Matt. 22:15–22

Wednesday, July 6

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Deut. 1:1–18
Rom. 9:1–18
Matt. 23:27–39

Monday, July 11

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Josh. 2:1–14
Rom. 11:1–12
Matt. 25:1–13

Saturday, July 2

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
Num. 24:12–25
Rom. 8:18–25
Matt. 22:23–40

Thursday, July 7

Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
Deut. 3:18–28
Rom. 9:19–33
Matt. 24:1–14

Tuesday, July 12

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Josh. 2:15–24
Rom. 11:13–24
Matt. 25:14–30

Sunday, July 3

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Num. 27:12–23
Acts 19:11–20
Mark 1:14–20

Friday, July 8

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
Deut. 31:7–13, 24–32:4
Rom. 10:1–13
Matt. 24:15–31

Wednesday, July 13

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Josh. 3:1–13
Rom. 11:25–36
Matt. 25:31–46

Monday, July 4

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Num. 32:1–6, 16–27
Rom. 8:26–30
Matt. 23:1–12

Saturday, July 9

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
Deut. 34:1–12
Rom. 10:14–21
Matt. 24:32–51

Thursday, July 14

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
Josh. 3:14–4:7
Rom. 12:1–8
Matt. 26:1–16

Tuesday, July 5

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Num. 35:1–3, 9–15, 30–34
Rom. 8:31–39
Matt. 23:13–26

Sunday, July 10

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Josh. 1:1–18
Acts 21:3–15
Mark 1:21–27

Friday, July 15

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
Josh. 4:19–5:1, 10–15
Rom. 12:9–21
Matt. 26:17–25

Saturday, July 16

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
 Evening: Pss. 138; 98
 Josh. 6:1–14
 Rom. 13:1–7
 Matt. 26:26–35

Sunday, July 17

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
 Evening: Pss. 81; 113
 Josh. 6:15–27
 Acts 22:30–23:11
 Mark 2:1–12

Monday, July 18

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
 Evening: Pss. 97; 112
 Josh. 7:1–13
 Rom. 13:8–14
 Matt. 26:36–46

Tuesday, July 19

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
 Evening: Pss. 30; 86
 Josh. 8:1–22
 Rom. 14:1–12
 Matt. 26:47–56

Wednesday, July 20

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 48; 4
 Josh. 8:30–35
 Rom. 14:13–23
 Matt. 26:57–68

Thursday, July 21

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 80; 27
 Josh. 9:3–21
 Rom. 15:1–13
 Matt. 26:69–75

Friday, July 22

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
 Evening: Pss. 32; 139
 Josh. 9:22–10:15
 Rom. 15:14–24
 Matt. 27:1–10

Saturday, July 23

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
 Evening: Pss. 118; 111
 Josh. 23:1–16
 Rom. 15:25–33
 Matt. 27:11–23

Sunday, July 24

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
 Evening: Pss. 46; 93
 Josh. 24:1–15
 Acts 28:23–31
 Mark 2:23–28

Monday, July 25

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
 Evening: Pss. 85; 47
 Josh. 24:16–33
 Rom. 16:1–16
 Matt. 27:24–31

Tuesday, July 26

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
 Evening: Pss. 28; 99
 Judg. 2:1–5, 11–23
 Rom. 16:17–27
 Matt. 27:32–44

Wednesday, July 27

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 125; 91
 Judg. 3:12–30
 Acts 1:1–14
 Matt. 27:45–54

Thursday, July 28

Morning: Pss. 143;
 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 81; 116
 Judg. 4:4–23
 Acts 1:15–26
 Matt. 27:55–66

Friday, July 29

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
 Evening: Pss. 6; 20
 Judg. 5:1–18
 Acts 2:1–21
 Matt. 28:1–10

Saturday, July 30

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
 Evening: Pss. 100; 63
 Judg. 5:19–31
 Acts 2:22–36
 Matt. 28:11–20

Sunday, July 31

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
 Evening: Pss. 66; 23
 Judg. 6:1–24
 2 Cor. 9:6–15
 Mark 3:20–30

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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month:
Barry Hain

Elder Helper:
Bob Thompson

Ushers:
Bob & Deb Thompson

Lector
Curry Davis

*Pastor Daniel will be out for Greater Service
Louisville from July 5-9.*

MEETINGS

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Fellowship: 07/05/22 at 2 pm
Matthew 25: -07/12/22 at 4 pm
SESSION: 07/18/22 at 6 pm
Bldg. & Maint. 07/20/22 at 4 pm
Young Disc. 01/20/22 4:30 pm
 Handbells-Wed. at 5:15
 Grief Group-07/07 & 07/21 6pm

JULY 2022

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

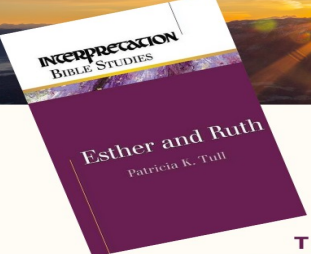
* Birthdays in italics

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
★ 9:45 AM
KIDS' CLUB AFTER WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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SUMMER BIBLE STUDY



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@ 6:00 PM
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THE BOOK OF RUTH
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AUGUST:

Elder of the Month: Bob Thompson
Elder Helper: Nancy Thomas

Friend of the Month: Debbie Sowney

Aug. 6 FPC ANNUAL YARD SALE

Aug. 9 RED CROSS 12-6

Aug. 12-13 PRESBYTERY AT FPC
★

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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