

the Lamplighter

monthly newsletter of Franklin Presbyterian Church

THANK YOU & WELCOME!

JANUARY 2023

Franklin Presbyterian Church would love to show our appreciation for Becky Stubbs, Ruling Elder Class of 2022, for her willingness to serve on Session this past year. At the December 11 Congregational Meeting, the Nominating Committee presented its new slate of Ruling Elders, Deacon, and the 2023 Nominating Committee. All nominees were elected by the congregation!

SESSION (RULING ELDERS)

CLASS OF 2023 - Barry Hain, Bob Heidbrink, John Halcomb

CLASS OF 2024 - Jane Rahm, Bob Thompson, Nancy Thomas

CLASS OF 2025 - Martha Hodge, Justin Henninger, Chris Kessler

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2023 - Meredith Halcomb

CLASS OF 2024 - Linda Knight

CLASS OF 2025 - Marcella Davis

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2023

ELDERS - Barry Hain, Nancy Thomas

DEACON - Linda Knight

MEMBERS - Tori Henninger, Craig Kessler

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What We've Been Waiting For

After an eventful Advent, a time of reflection, contemplation, and anticipation, we have arrived in the Christmas season. We have received what we have been waiting for. A Savior.

So now what? We are in the midst of the Twelve Days of Christmas, a time of great celebration. Coming from contemplation of the return of Jesus, we are snapped back into the reality of our lives right here, right now, as the calendar turns to 2023.

So now what? We know who our Savior is, we know our call to be disciples, yet what might change this coming year? How can our spiritual lives adapt and grow?

Prayer will be one of our themes this coming year. When we pray, we are asking God to be present in our lives in more complete and meaningful ways. Jesus taught us to pray, Jesus models how to pray throughout the Gospels.

Prayer takes many forms, from thanksgiving and praise, to petitions and laments. Scripture gives us a variety of strategies for prayer, from Psalms to Epistles.

A new habit is often a goal for a new year. Perhaps FPC could take on a new habit of prayer together? Perhaps we could seek God together and ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance for our congregation and our community.

A New Prayer for a New Year. Praying that God shows us a New Thing!

Pastor Daniel

*Give, although your heart may never
To a grateful tear respond;
Deeds of kindness bless forever,
Reaching to the world beyond.*

*Do you see the air that closes
When the arrow speedeth by?
Or the scents that rise from roses?
Or the spirit's glancing eye?*

*So you never may discover
Where a kindly act shall fall,
Nor the angel hosts that hover,
Watching and directing-all.*

*Give not grudgingly but freely,
With a heart allied to God,
And your alms will prove to be the
Winglets scattering love abroad.*

from Benevolence by Daniel Clement Colesworthy



Get Involved at FPC!

Opportunities to serve Locally

These are areas where you can serve and who to contact or how to enroll:

Franklin-Simpson Boys and Girls Club Meals Marcella Davis

People Serving People (serve Wednesday meal, Thanksgiving, Christmas) Caren Gibson

Franklin-Simpson Good Samaritan – pantry items, funds for rent, shelter, electricity,
water, and food Curry Davis

Habitat for Humanity – host Spring pancake fundraising meal Caren Gibson

Room in the Inn (RITI) - Cold Weather Homeless Shelter housing in The Cornerstone
Bailey Pickens

Summer Feeding Program – help deliver lunches to children during the summer months
Linda Knight

Annual Bean Soup Event in Nov. – for Mission Projects Donna Houston

White Christmas Offering – deliver food baskets to area residents Caren Gibson

Summer Church Yard Sale – mission outreach Marcella Davis

Opportunities to serve Globally

Living Waters For the World Ministry - trains and supports teams to provide access to clean
water by installing water systems Donna Houston

Opportunities to serve In the Church

Assist with Youth Program

Jen Van Beek

Usher for Worship Services

Donna Houston

Matthew 25 Clothes Closet

Debbie Wyatt

Video Team Recording Services

Bailey Pickens

Liturgist for Worship Services

Bailey Pickens





MISSION & MINISTRY BY THE NUMBERS AT FPC

Franklin Presbyterian Church utilizes four (4) ways in which to fund and operate the mission and ministry we do in our congregation and community. The largest is our annual Operational Budget, recently approved by Session for 2023 and presented at the December 11 Congregational Meeting. Supplementing that Budget is A Bold Approach (ABA), monies derived from the Clendining Bequest Fund. ABA funds are primarily used for ministry programs, including the personnel who run those programs. More details will come soon in a future Lamplighter.

Other ministries are funded through Designated Funds. These were established for such well-known programs as Living Waters for the World, Matthew 25 Programs, Clothes Closet, and Christian Service. Funds for each have been raised through fundraisers, grants, or donations. These funds are set aside for the programs to which those monies have been allocated.

The Pastor's Benevolence Fund receives its funding quarterly through specific investment dividends. The total is about \$1,800 per year. In 2022, due to the rising needs in our community, Pastor's Benevolence provided more than \$10,000 in assistance through utility payments, gas vouchers, food vouchers, emergency housing (motels), and other assistance. This was possible due to one large donation made in 2021 as well as some regular gifts by members of the church and the community. To be able to continue to help as much as we have, additional funding will need to be found. This could mean a new way of funding Pastor's Benevolence through our church investments, or fundraising programs, or additional donations.

One difficult part of doing ministry in modern day America is that it all costs money. Each of these funding sources is important for FPC to do the work it does in Franklin. The operational budget provides the foundation for our facilities and staff to administer ministry. The Bold Approach funding helps pay for new ministries and opportunities. The designated funds offer specific options for local and international mission work, while the Benevolence fund helps alleviate immediate need as we seek to Love our Neighbors.

Keep all of these wonderful things happening at FPC in your prayers and if there are new ways to help and serve, let us know! If there are new ways to help fund these missions and ministries, let us know! God's already been doing a great work in us, FPC, and if we keep following Jesus, even more great work will be done!

AMEN!

For more detailed numbers and information about our Benevolence and outreach programs at FPC, please pick up a handout on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

**YOUR GIVING
MATTERS!**



News & Announcements



Help provide a warm WELCOME with Room in the Inn!

Room in the Inn is an overnight shelter for people experiencing homelessness for a host of reasons. Again this year, we are providing food and a warm bed to those who need it. There are lots of ways to get involved: Setup, takedown, serving dinner, being "innkeeper" overnight, and more. We will be hosting on Sunday, January 1st, and then each Wednesday in January and February. There's a job for everyone, whatever your availability and skillset!

For information on tasks, concerns, or any information pertaining to Room In The Inn, please contact Pastor Bailey @franklinpresbyterian.org.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING
TOTAL: \$663.00

Join us after Worship on Sunday, January 8 to help 'Take Down the Green' and enjoy a soup potluck also!

The White Christmas Offering total for 2022 was \$880.00. Thanks to your donations, we were able to give over 30 boxes to families and individuals in our community to help make their holiday season a little brighter. Thank you again to those that helped pack and deliver the boxes. We're already looking forward to doing it again next year!

Clothes Closet Blessings

December was a month of blessings for the Matthew 25 Clothes Closet.

First, we collected over 800 pairs of new underwear, 200 pairs of socks and about a dozen bras from our "Undie Sunday" drive. Many thanks to FPC members, and the following churches and companies who donated: Franklin United Methodist, First Baptist, Zion Lutheran, Calvary Baptist, and Crocker Animal Hospital.

Next, we got a HUGE delivery of new spring and summer clothes from Walmart. We had so much, we had to store some at another location!

Next, we received 19 Boxes of new sweatshirts and hoodies. Our clients will stay warm!

Finally, a community member who believed in what we are doing, donated 30 pairs of new Sketcher shoes.

These donations have kept us busy, but feeling blessed.

In 2022, we have given out over 10,000 items of clothing to over 1,000 clients.

All in all, we had a wonderful year helping our neighbors in need in 2022. If you donated clothes or helped to work, thank you so much!

Debbie Wyatt
Matthew 25 Clothes Closet Coordinator

New Years is all about getting another chance. A chance to forgive, to do better, to do more, to give more, to love more. And stop worrying about 'what if' and **start embracing** what would be.

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January 2023 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.

Year One

Sunday, January 1 **First Sunday of Christmas**

Morning: Pss. 98; 150
Evening: Pss. 99; 8
Isa. 62:6–7, 10–12
Heb. 2:10–18
Matt. 1:18–25

Monday, January 2

Morning: Pss. 48; 145
Evening: Pss. 9; 29
Gen. 12:1–7
Heb. 11:1–12
John 6:35–42, 48–51

Tuesday, January 3

Morning: Pss. 111; 146
Evening: Pss. 107; 15
Gen. 28:10–22
Heb. 11:13–22
John 10:7–17

Wednesday, January 4

Morning: Pss. 20; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 93; 97
Exod. 3:1–5
Heb. 11:23–31
John 14:6–14

Thursday, January 5

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 96; 110
Josh. 1:1–9
Heb. 11:32–12:2
John 15:1–16

Friday, January 6 **Epiphany of the Lord**

Morning: Pss. 72; 148
Evening: Pss. 100; 67
Isa. 52:7–10
Rev. 21:22–27
Matt. 12:14–21

Saturday, January 7

Morning: Pss. 46 or 97; 149
Evening: Pss. 27; 93 or 114
Isa. 52:3–6
Rev. 2:1–7
John 2:1–11

Sunday, January 8 **Baptism of the Lord**

Morning: Pss. 104; 150
Evening: Ps. 29
Isa. 40:1–11
Heb. 1:1–12
John 1:1–7, 19–20, 29–34

Monday, January 9

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Isa. 40:12–24
Eph. 1:1–14
Mark 1:1–13

Tuesday, January 10

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Isa. 40:25–31
Eph. 1:15–23
Mark 1:14–28

Wednesday, January 11

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Isa. 41:1–16
Eph. 2:1–10
Mark 1:29–45

Thursday, January 12

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
Isa. 41:17–29
Eph. 2:11–22
Mark 2:1–12

Friday, January 13

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
Isa. 42:(1–9) 10–17
Eph. 3:1–13
Mark 2:13–22

Saturday, January 14

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Isa. (42:18–25) 43:1–13
Eph. 3:14–21
Mark 2:23–3:6

Sunday, January 15

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
Isa. 43:14–44:5
Heb. 6:17–7:10
John 4:27–42

Monday, January 16

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
Isa. 44:6–8, 21–23
Eph. 4:1–16
Mark 3:7–19a

Tuesday, January 17

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
Isa. 44:9–20
Eph. 4:17–32
Mark 3:19b–35

Wednesday, January 18

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
Isa. 44:24–45:7
Eph. 5:1–14
Mark 4:1–20

Thursday, January 19

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
Isa. 45:5–17
Eph. 5:15–33
Mark 4:21–34

Friday, January 20

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
Isa. 45:18–25
Eph. 6:1–9
Mark 4:35–41

Saturday, January 21

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
Isa. 46:1–13
Eph. 6:10–24
Mark 5:1–20

Sunday, January 22

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
Evening: Pss. 46; 93
Isa. 47:1–15
Heb. 10:19–31
John 5:2–18

Monday, January 23

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Isa. 48:1–11
Gal. 1:1–17
Mark 5:21–43

Tuesday, January 24

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Isa. 48:12–21 (22)
Gal. 1:18–2:10
Mark 6:1–13

Wednesday, January 25

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
Isa. 49:1–12
Gal. 2:11–21
Mark 6:13–29

Thursday, January 26

Morning: Pss. 143;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Isa. 49:13–23 (24–26)
Gal. 3:1–14
Mark 6:30–46

Friday, January 27

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
Isa. 50:1–11
Gal. 3:15–22
Mark 6:47–56

Saturday, January 28

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
Isa. 51:1–8
Gal. 3:23–29
Mark 7:1–23

Sunday, January 29

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Isa. 51:9–16
Heb. 11:8–16
John 7:14–31

Monday, January 30

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Isa. 51:17–23
Gal. 4:1–11
Mark 7:24–37

Tuesday, January 31

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Isa. 52:1–12
Gal. 4:12–20
Mark 8:1–10

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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month:

Bob Thompson

Elder Helper:

Nancy Thomas

Ushers:

Don Chandler

Donna Houston

Lector

Tori Henninger

WEEKLY EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Handbells: Wed. 5:15 pm
 - Choir Wed. 6:30 pm,
- MEETINGS**
- Fellowship:** Jan. 3 at 2 pm
Matthew 25: Jan. 10 at 4 pm
Facilities Jan. 18 at 4 pm
SESSION: Jan. 30 at 6 pm

JANUARY 2023

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

18Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion	2 Office Closed	3	4	5 <i>Jen Van Beek</i>	6 <i>Joe Shumaker</i>	7
8 Take Down the Green/ Potluck	9 <i>Donna Houston</i>	10 <i>Will Rahm</i>	11	12	13	14 <i>Jo Becker</i>
15	16 <i>Beth Lagani</i>	17 <i>Pat Chai</i>	18	19 <i>Ada Stubbs</i>	20 <i>Terry Joiner</i>	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 <i>Dan Ware</i>	28
29	30	31				

* Birthdays in italics

JANUARY

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Bob Thompson

ELDER HELPER: Nancy Thomas

FRIEND OF THE MONTH: Debbie Wyatt

Looking Ahead

FEBRUARY

6th Red Cross Blood Drive 12-6

22nd Ash Wednesday

CHURCH STAFF

REV. DANIEL VAN BEEK,
PASTOR

REV. BAILEY PICKENS,
COMMUNITY
CONNECTIONS
DIRECTOR

CANDICE MENDOZA,
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Stewardship Corner

DECEMBER AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 51

DEC. 4 36
DEC 11 58
DEC. 18 70
DEC. 25 40

DECEMBER AVERAGE OFFERING: \$3,505.50

DEC. 4 \$1,595.00
DEC 11 \$4,576.00
DEC. 18 \$6,531.00
DEC. 25 \$1,320.00

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS AT 9:45 AM IN THE CORNERSTONE

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45 am with Ms. Shirley

Kids' Club-Each Sunday after Worship

WINTER BIBLE STUDY

*Beginning Tuesday January 10
Each Tuesday evening at 6:30pm
in the Cornerstone & on ZOOM.*

*Have an item you would like
to add to next month's
Lamplighter? Please submit it
to the office by Monday,
January 30.*



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