



The Lamplighter

FEBRUARY 2023

Monthly Newsletter of
Franklin Presbyterian Church

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**God
is love,**

**AND WHOEVER
ABIDES IN LOVE
ABIDES IN GOD,
AND GOD
ABIDES IN HIM.**

FEBRUARY

ELDER OF THE MONTH: JOHN HALCOMB

ELDER HELPER: MARTHA HODGE

FRIEND OF THE MONTH: AMY GANT

Pastor's Pen

One More Time

Typical for these kinds of messages are tie-ins to the season, whether it be a holidays such as Christmas or Thanksgiving, or liturgical seasons like Advent or Lent. Given our timing of February, this might be a good time to discuss Love (St. Valentine's Day) or celebrate Black Americans (African American History Month).

Instead, perhaps we can contemplate groundhogs. February, of course, also features Groundhog Day. The Bill Murray movie is a tradition for me, I need to watch it this time of year. The silliness and sadness of someone forced to live the same day, over and over, with no hope for change.

Sometimes our lives begin to feel like that. We are into routines, even good routines, and it feels like we are reliving the same things over and over and over again. We might even crave some change but find it too difficult or too frightening.

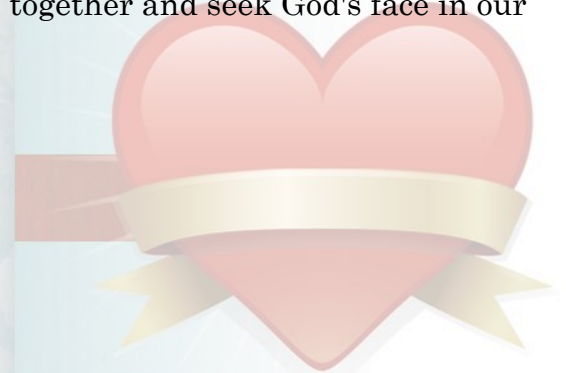
As a church, we can also feel that way. We might see opportunities for new ministries or new projects that could have wonderful ramifications for our congregation or our community. Yet, we hesitate. Or we go ahead and be bold and try something only for it to not work the way we hoped.

With most things, should we try to do anything, change anything, innovate anything on our own, we might fail. Steeping ourselves in prayer, giving ourselves to God, may offer us both the courage to step out into something new and the resiliency to see it through.

In Groundhog Day, Phil Connors (Murray) often speaks to himself to narrate the strange reality he's faced with. The film paints a picture that all of our lives are essentially this repetition of the "same old, same old." And that to truly break out of our ruts, we must see the depth and truth within life. For Phil Connors, that is a change in his treatment of others, a realization that he does care for others.

As we seek to live as Christ leads us, how can we wake up every day and do life "One More Time"? How can we find ways to break out of our routine and see how the Holy Spirit is moving in us in new and challenging and holy ways? A life of prayer makes those opportunities reveal themselves more often. May we run it back One More Time together and seek God's face in our ministry at FPC!

—*Pastor Daniel*



Stewardship Corner

January Weekly Offering Average: \$1,655.60

January Average Attendance: 55

Jan. 1	47
Jan. 8	54
Jan. 15	67
Jan. 22	45
Jan. 29	64

Jan. 1	\$1,560.00
Jan. 8	\$1,186.00
Jan. 15	\$2,170.00
Jan. 22	\$1,890.00
Jan. 29	\$1,472.00

**Average Weekly Income Needed for Budget:
\$2,692.31.**

Ruling Elders Serving on Session

Barry Hain
John Halcomb
Bob Heidbrink
Bob Thompson
Jane Rahm

Nancy Thomas
Chris Kessler
Martha Hodge
Justin Henninger

DEACONS:
Meredith Halcomb
Marcella Davis
Linda Knight

Next Regularly Stated Session Meeting: Monday, February 20 at 5 pm

Clerks of All Committees: Please submit all committee minutes to the church office for inclusion in the Session packet. **THANK YOU!**

Clerk of Session: Donna Houston

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-JANUARY 30, 2023

- ♥ Bob Thompson was elected as treasurer and Donna Houston was elected as Clerk of Session.
- ♥ John Halcomb was elected as elder commissioner to the February 14 Presbytery meeting in Paducah.
- ♥ Pastor Daniel study leave was approved for February 7-9 and March 7-9 and 12-13.
- ♥ Rev. Bailey Pickens will preach on Sunday, February 5 and was approved to celebrate communion.
- ♥ Session approved the Fellowship calendar of events for 2023. The closest event is the Chili Cookoff on Saturday, February 18th.
- ♥ Session approved communion dates for 2023.
- ♥ Session approved a portable toilet to be placed on site in order to help those in our community who do not have restroom facilities readily available. The approval of the recommendation from Matthew 25 committee is pursuant to receipt of information regarding liability issues, and an accurate plan including placement, lighting, and safety.

February 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

Wednesday, February 1

Morning: Pss. 96;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Isa. 52:13–53:12
Gal. 4:21–31
Mark 8:11–26

Thursday, February 2

Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
Isa. 54:1–10 (11–17)
Gal. 5:1–15
Mark 8:27–9:1

Friday, February 3

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
Isa. 55:1–13
Gal. 5:16–24
Mark 9:2–13

Saturday, February 4

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
Isa. 56:1–8
Gal. 5:25–6:10
Mark 9:14–29

Sunday, February 5

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Isa. 57:1–13
Heb. 12:1–6
John 7:37–46

Monday, February 6

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Isa. 57:14–21
Gal. 6:11–18
Mark 9:30–41

Tuesday, February 7

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Isa. 58:1–12
2 Tim. 1:1–14
Mark 9:42–50

Wednesday, February 8

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Isa. 59:1–21
2 Tim. 1:15–2:13
Mark 10:1–16

Thursday, February 9

Morning: Pss. 97;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
Isa. 60:1–22
2 Tim. 2:14–26
Mark 10:17–31

Friday, February 10

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
Isa. 61:1–9
2 Tim. 3:1–17
Mark 10:32–45

Saturday, February 11

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Isa. 61:10–62:5
2 Tim. 4:1–8
Mark 10:46–52

Sunday, February 12

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
Isa. 62:6–12
1 John 2:3–11
John 8:12–19

Monday, February 13

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
Isa. 63:1–6
1 Tim. 1:1–17
Mark 11:1–11

Tuesday, February 14

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
Isa. 63:7–14
1 Tim. 1:18–2:8 (9–15)
Mark 11:12–26

Wednesday, February 15

Morning: Pss. 15;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
Isa. 63:15–64:9
1 Tim. 3:1–16
Mark 11:27–12:12

Thursday, February 16

Morning: Pss. 36;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
Isa. 65:1–12
1 Tim. 4:1–16
Mark 12:13–27

Friday, February 17

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
Isa. 65:17–25
1 Tim. 5:(1–16) 17–22
(23–25)
Mark 12:28–34

Saturday, February 18

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
Isa. 66:1–6
1 Tim. 6:(1–5) 6–21
Mark 12:35–44

**Sunday, February 19
Transfiguration of the Lord**

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Dan. 7:9–10, 13–14
2 Cor. 3:1–9
John 12:27–36a

Monday, February 20

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Deut. 6:1–15
Heb. 1:1–14
John 1:1–18

Tuesday, February 21

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Deut. 6:16–25
Heb. 2:1–10
John 1:19–28

Wednesday, February 22**Ash Wednesday**

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Jonah 3:1–4:11
Heb. 12:1–14
Luke 18:9–14

Thursday, February 23

Morning: Pss. 27;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Deut. 7:6–11
Titus 1:1–16
John 1:29–34

Friday, February 24

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Deut. 7:12–16
Titus 2:1–15
John 1:35–42

Saturday, February 25

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Deut. 7:17–26
Titus 3:1–15
John 1:43–51

Sunday, February 26**First Sunday in Lent**

Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Jer. 9:23–24
1 Cor. 1:18–31
Mark 2:18–22

Monday, February 27

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;
145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Deut. 8:1–20
Heb. 2:11–18
John 2:1–12

Tuesday, February 28

Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Deut. 9:(1–3) 4–12
Heb. 3:1–11
John 2:13–22



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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month:

John Halcomb

Elder Helper:

Martha Hodge

Ushers:

*Diane Shutt
Bob Heidbrink*

Lector

Mike Pulliam

WEEKLY EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Handbells: Wed. 5:15 pm
- Choir: Wed. 6:30 pm
- Greif Group: Feb. 9 & 23 6 pm

MEETINGS

Fellowship: Feb. 7 at 2 pm

Matthew 25: Feb. 14 at 4 pm

Facilities Feb. 15 at 4 pm

SESSION: Feb. 20 at 5 pm

FEBRUARY 2023

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

18Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Steven Cropper	2 Mary Frances Page	3	4
5 Communion	6 RED CROSS 12-6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 John Helton	14	15	16 Don Chandler	17	18 CHILL COOK OFF
19 Melanie Dean	20	21 Charlie Shumaker	22 ASH WEDNESDAY Bill Sparley Jason Matteson	23	24	25
26	27	28				

* Birthdays in italics *Pastor Daniel OUT Feb. 7-9; Pastor Bailey OUT Feb. 6-9*

News & Events

MATTHEW 25 CLOTHES CLOSET

The Clothes Closet ended the month of January with a 37% increase over the previous January in the amount of clothes given away. We were blessed with another donation of sweatshirts from a company in Louisville. Annabelle and Ashe and Simply Southern Boutique also gave us generous donations. Our community partners are such a blessing!

This past week, we were able to give layettes to 2 moms-to be. Definitely a fun part of our job. If you know anyone with a baby who could donate clothes, we could definitely use newborn clothes, and blankets. Just when we think we have all our donated clothes processed, more come in and we are backed up on sorting and getting things on the shelves again. This is obviously never going to end! Let Debbie Wyatt know if you can volunteer for an hour or 2.

Sweat pants (all sizes), men's jeans in sizes 30, 32,34, and men's shoes are always needed.



CLOTHES
CLOSET

FPC Men's Fellowship - Next Meeting Saturday, February 4th, at 9:00 AM in the Cornerstone

A group of 10 men from our congregation met on January 27th to discuss the formation of an informal FPC Men's Fellowship. We spent most of the meeting hearing each person give a brief back story of his life. (We have a very interesting group.) There was unanimous agreement that we should form an informal FPC men's fellowship. At our next meeting - Saturday, Feb. 4th, at 9:00 AM in the Cornerstone - we will discuss more about the purpose and logistics of the group. Coffee, donuts and some healthy snacks provided. We are meeting on Saturday so that employed men may join us if they wish. Please contact Prentice Knight if you have questions or suggestions.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 18 at 6 pm for our Annual Chili Cook-Off.



You can enter the competition for Mild, Hot or Vegetarian. Competition is always strong, so get your recipes ready for a friendly battle for the best chili's!

If you do not wish to enter the competition, we will still be needing sides such as Fritos, tortilla chips, sour cream, shredded cheese, salsa & desserts. You can also learn line dancing from Sylvia Pulliam!

The sign up sheet is up is on the board in the educational wing.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

CLOTHES CLOSET HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday
12:00-2:00 p.m.

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CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Daniel Van Beek,
Pastor

Rev. Bailey Pickens
**Community Connections
Director**

Candice Mendoza,
Office Manager

Jason Matteson, **Music Director**

Donna Houston, **Organist**

Shirley Crutcher, **Nursery**

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- ♥ ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:45 AM IN THE CORNERSTONE
- ♥ CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:45 AM WITH MS. SHIRLEY
- ♥ WORSHIP SERVICES—10:45 AM
- ♥ KIDS' CLUB—EACH SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP

Lent Adult *Not-the-Bible* Bible Study: Practicing Prayer

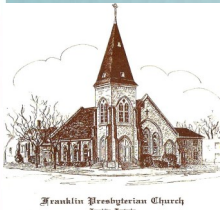
"It is a pity that so many Christians do not have ways to pray that they find life-giving. Our infinitely creative God made each of us and wants us all to draw near, abiding in him as close as a branch is to the vine from which it grows. But countless faithful people learn one way to pray—from a book, their pastor or their own imagination—and if it does not seem joyful when they try it, they figure they are just not good at prayer."

- Gary Neal Hansen, *Kneeling With Giants*

Do you feel "good at prayer"? I (Bailey) will go ahead and confess that I don't. I'd love for you to join me for a Tuesday night not-the-Bible "Bible Study" on ***Practicing Prayer***. Over the weeks of Lent, we will try many different ways of praying—verbal and non-verbal, scriptural and not, scripted and spontaneous, with and without physical accessories—practicing each one for a time and sharing our experiences, whatever they may be.

We will be guided by Dr. Hansen's book, but this is not a book study and you don't need to buy anything. If you have a strong habit of prayer, come take on the challenge of seeing how else you might draw near to God.

If you don't always know where to start with prayer, come see if any of these ways, some modern and some very old, connect for you. Come if you're just curious! We will begin February 27th and continue for six weeks,



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