



# *The Lamplighter*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 2023

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WE LOVE YOU,  
*MOMS!*

## *Pastor's Pen*

### **Rereading the Future**

Do you ever like to reread books you've already read? (Say that five times fast!) I used to do this a lot more, but now I find that I'm often looking forward to new books, because there's so many good ones to choose from!

When it comes to the Bible, we might be tempted to skim or read quickly a story or psalm or part of a New Testament letter we've read many times before. We think we've heard this before, we know what it says, why bother slowing down if we already know what it says!

I used to be the person who highlighted and bookmarked key things in his Bible. Until one day I realized that I made a note once that I no longer agreed with. Or that didn't seem to make as much sense to me, or that wasn't as cut and dried as I thought. I can't truly remember the exact verse or the exact note, but I do recall that it changed the way I read the Bible.

Instead of highlighting or making comments that greeted me each time I reread a Scripture, I began to let the Holy Spirit work in my mind and in my heart anew each time. To fall fresh on me each time I read the Bible. Now I'm not saying that if you're a notes and highlighting kind of person that you need to stop! I'm merely telling you my journey.

But that experience taught me that what I once thought is not what I'll always think.

Even before I arrived, this congregation made a commitment to be a Matthew 25 Church. In fact, since I've been here, some folks have shared wonderful stories of how FPC was a Matthew 25 Church before there was any kind of designation for it!

And that is beautiful.

Some of the ministry we've done, the programs we've built, and the partnerships we've fostered came out of that Matthew 25 Vision for FPC. They tied directly into the Bold Approach thinking, the way God is calling us to use the abundance we've been given in our resources, our buildings, and our talents and time, to further the kingdom of God.

Now if we look back on what it means for FPC to be a Matthew 25 Church or to take a Bold Approach, how is it different today than when we first made that commitment? What would we do differently? How do we feel God is leading us to continue? Or to change?

This summer might just be a great time to reread our vision or our mission as FPC. To discern how things have been going, whether good or bad. To reexamine what we feel we've been asked to do as Christ's disciples in this world and in this community.

I encourage a season of prayer, as I am committing myself to, for listening to the Holy Spirit.

Perhaps if we listen, we'll collectively find God's call more clearly.

And I invite any of you to talk more about how you think FPC is doing in our ministry to our community, what you love, what you don't like, what you think we should be doing. What a blessing it would be to hear how God is stirring your hearts and minds too!

*May the grace and peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be yours in abundance!*

***-Pastor Daniel***



## *SESSION HIGHLIGHTS*

- ◆ Session approved \$500 (from Local Christian Service funds) to be sent to Harvesters Warehouse Pentecostal Church to help offset utility usage by Live the Proof, LLC.
- ◆ Chris Kessler was elected as Elder Commissioner to the May 9 Presbytery meeting in Murray.
- ◆ Pastor Daniel study leave was approved for July 9-13, 2023
- ◆ Pastor Daniel vacation time was approved for June 4-8, and June 11-13, 2023.
- ◆ Rev. Bailey Pickens will preach on Sunday, June 4 and Sunday, July 9, 2023.
- ◆ Rev. Curry Davis will preach on Sunday, June 11.
- ◆ Session approved the dispersal of \$650 from Mustard Seeds funds for their latest project.
- ◆ Session approved communion dates for 2023.
- ◆ Session approved moving Melissa, Julie & Steven Cropper to the Inactive roll.
- ◆ Session approved a plan with the goal of making the FPC campus non-smoking. The plan includes the posting of no smoking signs and a designated smoking spot. The plan will be re-evaluated in July.



- WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST MAY 28TH: Red is the traditional color of Pentecost, the "birthday" of the church! Wear your best flame, cherry, firetruck, poppy, beet, and cardinal shades to celebrate!



HELP PAINT PENTECOST DECORATIONS: Want to lend a creative hand to deck our sanctuary out for Pentecost? Supplies will be out May 7th and 14th after the service, so grab your coffee and snack and jump in. There will be help and instruction.

# News & Events



Thank you to everyone who helped out on 'Be the Church Sunday'. Extensive work was done in our Clothes Closet, around the church grounds and even at Jim Roberts Community Park!  
Many thanks again!



## GRADUATION RECOGNITION

On Sunday, May 7 join us as we honor our two graduates of the Class of 2023:  
Lois Van Beek & Ada Stubbs!

## SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM- COMING UP SOON!

More details to come very soon! Be thinking about if you would like to help out this summer!



## May 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

#### **Monday, May 1**

Morning: Pss. 97; 145  
Evening: Pss. 124; 115  
Jer. 30:1–9  
Col. 1:1–14  
Luke 6:1–11

#### **Tuesday, May 2**

Morning: Pss. 98; 146  
Evening: Pss. 66; 116  
Jer. 30:10–17  
Col. 1:15–23  
Luke 6:12–26

#### **Wednesday, May 3**

Morning: Pss. 99;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 9; 118  
Jer. 30:18–22  
Col. 1:24–2:7  
Luke 6:27–38

#### **Thursday, May 4**

Morning: Pss. 47;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 68; 113  
Jer. 31:1–14  
Col. 2:8–23  
Luke 6:39–49

#### **Friday, May 5**

Morning: Pss. 96; 148  
Evening: Pss. 49; 138  
Jer. 31:15–22  
Col. 3:1–11  
Luke 7:1–17

#### **Saturday, May 6**

Morning: Pss. 92; 149  
Evening: Pss. 23; 114  
Jer. 31:23–25  
Col. 3:12–17  
Luke 7:18–28 (29–30)  
31–35

#### **Sunday, May 7**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
Morning: Pss. 93; 150  
Evening: Pss. 136; 117  
Isa. 32:1–8  
2 Thess. 2:13–17  
Matt. 7:7–14

#### **Monday, May 8**

Morning: Pss. 97; 145  
Evening: Pss. 124; 115  
Jer. 32:1–15  
Col. 3:18–4:18  
Luke 7:36–50

#### **Tuesday, May 9**

Morning: Pss. 98; 146  
Evening: Pss. 66; 116  
Jer. 32:16–25  
Rom. 12:1–21  
Luke 8:1–15

#### **Wednesday, May 10**

Morning: Pss. 99;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 9; 118  
Jer. 32:36–44  
Rom. 13:1–14  
Luke 8:16–25

#### **Thursday, May 11**

Morning: Pss. 47;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 68; 113  
Jer. 33:1–13  
Rom. 14:1–12  
Luke 8:26–39

#### **Friday, May 12**

Morning: Pss. 96; 148  
Evening: Pss. 49; 138  
Deut. 31:30–32:14  
Rom. 14:13–23  
Luke 8:40–56

#### **Saturday, May 13**

Morning: Pss. 92; 149  
Evening: Pss. 23; 114  
Deut. 32:34–41 (42) 43  
Rom. 15:1–13  
Luke 9:1–17

#### **Sunday, May 14**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
Morning: Pss. 93; 150  
Evening: Pss. 136; 117  
Deut. 15:1–11  
1 Tim. 3:14–4:5  
Matt. 13:24–34a

#### **Monday, May 15**

Morning: Pss. 97; 145  
Evening: Pss. 124; 115  
Deut. 8:1–10  
or Deut. 18:9–14  
James 1:1–15  
Luke 9:18–27

**Tuesday, May 16**

Morning: Pss. 98; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 66; 116  
 Deut. 8:11–20  
 or Deut. 18:15–22  
 James 1:16–27  
 Luke 11:1–13

**Wednesday, May 17**

Morning: Pss. 99;  
 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 9; 118  
 Deut. 19:1–7  
 James 5:13–18  
 Luke 12:22–31

**Thursday, May 18****Ascension of the Lord**

Morning: Pss. 47;  
 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 68; 113  
 Ezek. 1:1–14, 24–28b  
 Heb. 2:5–18  
 Matt. 28:16–20

**Friday, May 19**

Morning: Pss. 96; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 49; 138  
 Ezek. 1:28–3:3  
 Heb. 4:14–5:6  
 Luke 9:28–36

**Saturday, May 20**

Morning: Pss. 92; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 23; 114  
 Ezek. 3:4–17  
 Heb. 5:7–14  
 Luke 9:37–50

**Sunday, May 21****Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Morning: Pss. 93; 150  
 Evening: Pss. 136; 117  
 Ezek. 3:16–27  
 Eph. 2:1–10  
 Matt. 10:24–33, 40–42

**Monday, May 22**

Morning: Pss. 97; 145  
 Evening: Pss. 124; 115  
 Ezek. 4:1–17  
 Heb. 6:1–12  
 Luke 9:51–62

**Tuesday, May 23**

Morning: Pss. 98; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 66; 116  
 Ezek. 7:10–15, 23b–27  
 Heb. 6:13–20  
 Luke 10:1–17

**Wednesday, May 24**

Morning: Pss. 99;  
 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 9; 118  
 Ezek. 11:14–25  
 Heb. 7:1–17  
 Luke 10:17–24

**Thursday, May 25**

Morning: Pss. 47;  
 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 68; 113  
 Ezek. 18:1–4, 19–32  
 Heb. 7:18–28  
 Luke 10:25–37

**Friday, May 26**

Morning: Pss. 96; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 49; 138  
 Ezek. 34:17–31  
 Heb. 8:1–13  
 Luke 10:38–42

**Saturday, May 27**

Morning: Pss. 92; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 23; 114  
 Ezek. 43:1–12  
 Heb. 9:1–14  
 Luke 11:14–23

**Sunday, May 28****Day of Pentecost**

Morning: Pss. 104; 150  
 Evening: Pss. 29; 33  
 Isa. 11:1–9  
 1 Cor. 2:1–13  
 John 14:21–29

**Monday, May 29**

Morning: Pss. 135; 145  
 Evening: Pss. 97; 112  
 Deut. 4:9–14  
 2 Cor. 1:1–11  
 Luke 14:25–35

**Tuesday, May 30**

Morning: Pss. 123; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 30; 86  
 Deut. 4:15–24  
 2 Cor. 1:12–22  
 Luke 15:1–10

**Wednesday, May 31**

Morning: Pss. 15;  
 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 48; 4  
 Deut. 4:25–31  
 2 Cor. 1:23–2:17  
 Luke 15:1–2, 11–32

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LECTOR/USHER  
SCHEDULE

**Elder of the Month:**

*Nancy Thomas*

**Elder Helper:**

*Chris Kessler*

**Ushers:**

*Deb Thompson  
Bob Thompson*

**Lector**

*Tori Henninger  
Sylvia Pulliam  
Lois Van Beek*

WEEKLY EVENTS &  
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **Handbells:** Wed. 5:15 pm
- **Choir:** Wed. 6:30 pm
- **Grief Group:** May 11 & 25 at 6 pm

**MEETINGS**

- Fellowship:** May 2 at 2 pm
- FPC Men's:** May 13 & 27 10-12
- M 25:** May 7 at 4 pm on ZOOM
- SESSION:** May 15 at 5 pm
- Facilities** May 17 at 4 pm

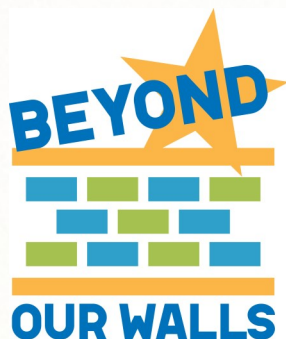
# MAY 2023

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7 Communion Graduate Recognition	8 <i>Leroy Brown</i>	9 <i>Sam Halcomb</i>	10	11 <i>Carol Switzer</i>	12 <i>Malita Joiner</i>	13
14 FPC Woman of the Year	15	16	17	18	19 <i>Mary Jo Dreher</i>	20 <i>Loretta Eve Bob Thompson</i>
21	22 <i>Maxie Key</i>	23 <i>Sylvia Van Beek Sylvia Pulliam Margaret Crowder</i>	24	25	26	27 <i>Sally Brown</i>
28 Pentecost Sunday	29 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	30	31			

\* Birthdays in italics

# Benevolence Update



As of April 30, our Benevolence Fund has paid out over \$3,000 in 2023. This amount includes everything from emergency hotel rooms, food vouchers for Piggly Wiggly, gas vouchers to help those in our community get to work or doctors appointments and also help those who are needing some short term help to keep their utilities turned on.

The majority of our funds for this program come from donations for which without, we wouldn't be able to offer the help to the level that we do. If you would like to learn more about Benevolence please contact the church office! Also, donating is easy. Just place your donation in the offering plate with Benevolence written in the memo line. Those who donate online, may also note that your donation is for Benevolence!

## Mark Your Calendars!

### JUNE

Hot Rods Game Night –date still TBD

### SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 23—Family Game Night

### OCTOBER

Saturday, October 28—Halloween Party

### NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 7—Annual Bean Soup Lunch

### DECEMBER

Sunday, December 3—Advent Breakfast

### JULY

Sunday, July 2—Pool Party at the Wyatt's

### OCTOBER

Sunday, October 1—World Communion Sunday  
with Soup & Bread Lunch

### NOVEMBER

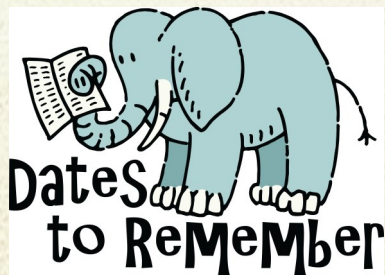
Monday, November 6—Bean Soup Prep Party

### NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 26—Hanging of the Green &  
Soup/Sandwich Lunch

### DECEMBER

Sunday, December 17—Christmas Celebration  
with Potluck & Talent Show



Dates  
to Remember



# Stewardship Corner

**Avg Attendance: 58**

Apr. 2 55

Apr. 9 79

Apr. 16 56

Apr. 23 49

Apr. 30 53

**Avg. Offering \$1,623.00**

Apr. 2 \$1,960.00

Apr. 9 \$1,272.00

Apr. 16 \$2,465.00

Apr. 23 \$861.00

Apr. 30 \$1,555.00

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

## Looking Ahead..

**JUNE:**

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:**


Barry Hain

**ELDER HELPER OF THE MONTH:**

Nancy Thomas

**FRIEND OF THE MONTH:**

Donna Houston



*FPC Woman of the Year  
Sunday, May 14*

*FPC Man of the Year  
Sunday, June 18*

### Ruling Elders Serving on Session:

Barry Hain

John Halcomb

Bob Thompson

Bob Heidbrink

Jane Rahm

Nancy Thomas

Chris Kessler

Martha Hodge

Justin Henningr

**DEACONS:**

Meredith Halcomb

Marcella Davis

Linda Knight

**Clerk of Session:** Donna Houston

**THE NEXT SESSION MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE**

**MONDAY, MAY 15 AT 5 PM.**

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**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

9:45-In the Cornerstone  
(Study of PCUSA Confessions)

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

9:45-with Ms. Shirley

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Cornerstone  
& on ZOOM (the study of 1 Peter & 2 Peter)

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Each Tuesday of the month-5:30 pm  
at the Brickyard

**HAND BELLS**

Wednesdays at 5:15 pm

**CHOIR**

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm



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



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