

# The Lamplighter

The monthly newsletter of  
Franklin Presbyterian Church

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## 2024 FPC WOMAN OF THE YEAR



*Donna Houston congratulates our FPC Woman of the Year for 2024, Debby Helton.*

# *Pastor's Pen*

## *A Lazy Summer?*

School is out and the weather is getting warmer. Storms are happening and people are traveling and we pray for safety all along the way.

As God's people, we see the opportunities the Spirit shows us, even in our plans for the future. We are discussing new ideas and ministries, expanding what has been working and thinking about what Jesus has in store for us.

This time is Green in the lectionary, starting this first Sunday in June and extending all the way until late November. Many call the Green time "ordinary," but it can also be a time of Growth.

How will we spend our summer at FPC? Waiting for it to end, or by Growing? Our dreams of what God is doing in our midst are big and bold. Why won't we let the Spirit speak to us anew this season?

Summer Feeding is already underway, and Art in the Park picks up soon. We are hosting a VBS this year in July. And we have started our Prayer services on Tuesdays at 11:45 am in the sanctuary. New things and old things are happening together. How will God work?

Listen to your neighbors and friends. Participate in the activities and concerts around town. Help everyone see the love of Jesus in you!

*Grace and Peace,  
Daniel*



## Ruling Elders Serving on Session:

Barry Hain  
Bob Thompson  
Bob Heidbrink  
Jane Rahm  
Nancy Thomas  
Chris Kessler  
Keith Lawrence  
Justin Henninger

**DEACONS:**  
Meredith Halcomb  
Marcella Davis  
Linda Knight  
Sylvia Pulliam

**Clerk of Session:** Donna Houston

**Clerks of all committees:** Please submit any minutes from your meetings **to the church office** for inclusion in the Session materials.  
**THANK YOU!** Next Session meeting will be on Monday, June 24.

Elder of the Month: Bob Thompson  
Elder Helper of the Month: Keith Lawrence  
Friend of the Month: Donna Houston

May Average Attendance: 56

May 5	57
May 12	66
May 19	54
May 26	47

May Average Weekly Offering:

	\$1,386.18
May 5	\$1,335.70
May 12	\$2,222.00
May 19	\$1,351.00
May 26	\$636.00

May Online Giving: \$1,930.19  
*Average Weekly Income*  
*Needed for Budget: \$2,692.31*



## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 20, 2024

- ♦ - Approved "Positive Pay" program at FB&T for use with church checking account
- ♦ - Approved that special offerings be placed in designated fund and used for peace & justice or youth upon request of Session
- ♦ - Approved Pastor Daniel serving the greater church at General Assembly in Salt Lake City June 28-July 4
- ♦ - Welcomed Karen & John McCollum and Tricia Lawrence to membership after completion of the New Members Class (Sue Zust will be joining soon too!)



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***Pastor***  
Rev. Bailey Pickens:  
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# News & Events

## **Making Connections**

In the air today I can feel that summer is coming—and it's not just the cicadas. There's a weight to the warmth of the sunshine that I welcome every year. Summer is my favorite season, harking back to my upbringing in Florida, but I've grown accustomed to the cyclical changes in daylight and temperature in the more temperate climes I've called home. Spring is becoming summer, and I know fall will come in its time.

It's a nice metaphor for an aspect of the life of faith I've been thinking about a lot this year. Following Jesus asks a lot of us: inner and outer attitudes, particular orientations to strangers and family, willingness to sacrifice and to be led. It can be overwhelming, and it can often feel like no matter what we're doing, we're neglecting something else—focusing on our individual spirituality instead of loving the world, serving our neighbors

instead of growing our own relationship with God, praying instead of working, working instead of studying Scripture... But I think that these things can also come in seasons: Sow seeds in one season to reap in another; let something lie fallow for a season to plant in another. And just as summer always comes after spring, and spring always follows winter, so we may have a season of more quiet, inwardly-focused spiritual work, followed by more outward connection, and so on.

What season are you in? What do you think might be next to you? I invite you to Sunday School this summer to explore that a little. We'll try some interior things and some exterior things, always trusting that God meets us in each thing we try and speaks to us in the wisdom of our community. It'll be fun.

*Peace,  
Bailey*



The Matthew 25 Clothes Closet would like to thank the Simpson County Democratic Party for donating 263 pairs of socks and 247 pairs of new underwear and t-shirts!

The Clothes Closet is in desperate need of men's jeans from size 28-34 and lightweight men's jackets.

*Thank you!*

## **SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM**

This year's Summer Feeding Program runs from May 28-August 2. If you choose to make this part of your "Give back to God and community", we can put you to work!

Please see the sign up sheet is in the educational wing. If you want to know more about this program, please contact Linda Knight at (270) 622-3881 or (270) 943-0305.

## June 2024 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 Two]**

#### **Saturday, June 1**

Morning: Pss. 56; 149  
Evening: Pss. 118; 111  
Prov. 25:15–28  
1 Tim. 6:6–21  
Matt. 13:36–43

#### **Sunday, June 2**

Morning: Pss. 67; 150  
Evening: Pss. 46; 93  
Eccl. 1:1–11  
Acts 8:26–40  
Luke 11:1–13

#### **Monday, June 3**

Morning: Pss. 57; 145  
Evening: Pss. 85; 47  
Eccl. 2:1–15  
Gal. 1:1–17  
Matt. 13:44–52

#### **Tuesday, June 4**

Morning: Pss. 54; 146  
Evening: Pss. 28; 99  
Eccl. 2:16–26  
Gal. 1:18–2:10  
Matt. 13:53–58

#### **Wednesday, June 5**

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 125; 91  
Eccl. 3:1–15  
Gal. 2:11–21  
Matt. 14:1–12

#### **Thursday, June 6**

Morning: Pss. 143;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 81; 116  
Eccl. 3:16–4:3  
Gal. 3:1–14  
Matt. 14:13–21

#### **Friday, June 7**

Morning: Pss. 88; 148  
Evening: Pss. 6; 20  
Eccl. 5:1–7  
Gal. 3:15–22  
Matt. 14:22–36

#### **Saturday, June 8**

Morning: Pss. 122; 149  
Evening: Pss. 100; 63  
Eccl. 5:8–20  
Gal. 3:23–4:11  
Matt. 15:1–20

#### **Sunday, June 9**

Morning: Pss. 108; 150  
Evening: Pss. 66; 23  
Eccl. 6:1–12  
Acts 10:9–23  
Luke 12:32–40

#### **Monday, June 10**

Morning: Pss. 62; 145  
Evening: Pss. 73; 9  
Eccl. 7:1–14  
Gal. 4:12–20  
Matt. 15:21–28

#### **Tuesday, June 11**

Morning: Pss. 12; 146  
Evening: Pss. 36; 7  
Eccl. 8:14–9:10  
Gal. 4:21–31  
Matt. 15:29–39

#### **Wednesday, June 12**

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 132; 134  
Eccl. 9:11–18  
Gal. 5:1–15  
Matt. 16:1–12

#### **Thursday, June 13**

Morning: Pss. 116;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 26; 130  
Eccl. 11:1–8  
Gal. 5:16–24  
Matt. 16:13–20

#### **Friday, June 14**

Morning: Pss. 84; 148  
Evening: Pss. 25; 40  
Eccl. 11:9–12:14  
Gal. 5:25–6:10  
Matt. 16:21–28

#### **Saturday, June 15**

Morning: Pss. 63; 149  
Evening: Pss. 125; 90  
Num. 3:1–13  
Gal. 6:11–18  
Matt. 17:1–13

**Sunday, June 16**

Morning: Pss. 103; 150  
 Evening: Pss. 117; 139  
 Num. 6:22–27  
 Acts 13:1–12  
 Luke 12:41–48

**Monday, June 17**

Morning: Pss. 5; 145  
 Evening: Pss. 82; 29  
 Num. 9:15–23; 10:29–36  
 Rom. 1:1–15  
 Matt. 17:14–21

**Tuesday, June 18**

Morning: Pss. 42; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 102; 133  
 Num. 11:1–23  
 Rom. 1:16–25  
 Matt. 17:22–27

**Wednesday, June 19**

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;  
 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 1; 33  
 Num. 11:24–33 (34–35)  
 Rom. 1:28–2:11  
 Matt. 18:1–9

**Thursday, June 20**

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 16; 62  
 Num. 12:1–16  
 Rom. 2:12–24  
 Matt. 18:10–20

**Friday, June 21**

Morning: Pss. 51; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 142; 65  
 Num. 13:1–3, 21–30  
 Rom. 2:25–3:8  
 Matt. 18:21–35

**Saturday, June 22**

Morning: Pss. 104; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 138; 98  
 Num. 13:31–14:25  
 Rom. 3:9–20  
 Matt. 19:1–12

**Sunday, June 23**

Morning: Pss. 19; 150  
 Evening: Pss. 81; 113  
 Num. 14:26–45  
 Acts 15:1–12  
 Luke 12:49–56

**Monday, June 24**

Morning: Pss. 135; 145  
 Evening: Pss. 97; 112  
 Num. 16:1–19  
 Rom. 3:21–31  
 Matt. 19:13–22

**Tuesday, June 25**

Morning: Pss. 123; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 30; 86  
 Num. 16:20–35  
 Rom. 4:1–12  
 Matt. 19:23–30

**Wednesday, June 26**

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 48; 4  
 Num. 16:36–50  
 Rom. 4:13–25  
 Matt. 20:1–16

**Thursday, June 27**

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 80; 27  
 Num. 17:1–11  
 Rom. 5:1–11  
 Matt. 20:17–28

**Friday, June 28**

Morning: Pss. 130; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 32; 139  
 Num. 20:1–13  
 Rom. 5:12–21  
 Matt. 20:29–34

**Saturday, June 29**

Morning: Pss. 56; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 118; 111  
 Num. 20:14–29  
 Rom. 6:1–11  
 Matt. 21:1–11

**Sunday, June 30**

Morning: Pss. 67; 150  
 Evening: Pss. 46; 93  
 Num. 21:4–9, 21–35  
 Acts 17:(12–21) 23–24  
 Luke 13:10–17

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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

**Elder of the Month:**  
*Bob Thompson*

**Elder Helper:**  
*Keith Lawrence*

**Ushers:**  
*Sandy Sparley*  
*Bill Sparley*

**Lector**  
*Caren Gibson*  
*Amy Gant*

**MEETINGS**

**Facilities:** 05/19 at 2 pm  
**SESSION:** 05/24 at 5 pm  
**BIBLE STUDY:** Weds at 5:30 pm

FPC Men-06/01; 15; 29

# JUNE 2024

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Communion <i>Deb Thompson</i>	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Man of the Year	17	18 <i>Beth Timmerman</i>	19 <i>Linda Felts</i> <i>Everett Halcomb</i>	20	21	22
23	24	25 <i>Frances Strickler</i>	26 <i>Genevieve Stubbs</i>	27 <i>David Hoffman</i> <i>Leslee Kirkconnell</i>	28	29 <i>George Halcomb</i>
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\* Birthdays in italics    Pastor Daniel will be on vacation June 5-18.



# Looking Ahead...

## JULY

**Elder of the Month:**  
**Nancy Thomas**  
**Elder Helper of the Month:**  
**Keith Lawrence**

**Friend of the Month:**  
**Nancy Thomas**

**Thursday, July 4:**

Happy Independence Day!-Office Closed

## **HELP PAINT THE YOUTH ROOM!**

The Chili Church Tots have a vision for the youth room. Will you help bring it to life? If you're willing to swing a paintbrush, jump in after coffee hour on Sunday, June 23rd and Sunday, July 14th to help paint the youth room. We'll provide a simple lunch and all the tools; you bring hands, feet, work clothes, and love for our Young Disciples. Come one or both Sundays. Any time you have to offer will help!

## **Volunteer for Art in the Park!**

Last year, we served up to a hundred children a week with free, fun arts activities in Franklin parks. This year, we're popping up **THREE** days a week, and we need you! Just two hours includes setup, activities, and cleanup. No artistic expertise needed, just willingness to jump in where you're needed to encourage kids and chat with caregivers. Tuesday-Thursday, June 18-July 18. See Jen Van Beek or Bailey Pickens with questions, or sign up in the Education Wing!

*Art in the Park is a great way to meet children and families we hope will join us for...*



## **ART IN THE PARK AND VBS**

Summer is nearly upon us, and we are ramping up for Art in the Park and, new this year, VBS! Art in the Park will run June 18-July 18. The following week, July 22-25, will be Vacation Bible School, and we'll round out the week with an art show and ice cream social in the Cornerstone on Friday, July 26th.

**Art in the Park and Vacation Bible School both need you!** AitP is a great way to meet the families we hope will join us for Vacation Bible School, many of whom do not have a church home or are new to Simpson County. Please speak to Bailey P or Jen VB to jump in.

**Our Vacation Bible School theme will be Water All Around the World,** July 22-25, 5:00-7:30pm, we will offer Vacation Bible School, using a curriculum by Living Waters for the World. We will have lessons, games, crafts, and a light meal as we learn about the blessings and dangers of water through stories from Scripture and the daily lives of children around the world. We need a few more volunteers! Please speak to anyone on the Young Disciples committee, Debbie W, or Sylvia P to plug in!

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## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Summer Sunday School: Spiritual Practices

What is faith? Is it what you believe, or what you do? Saints and sinners alike have disagreed about this, all the way back to the differing emphases in Paul's letters and the letter of James in the New Testament. The best answer may be "both."

*Spiritual practice* is a way of doing both: Action that can deepen faith; faith expressing itself in actions small and great. You can also think of it as in "practice makes perfect": Practicing to gain greater facility with spirituality or faith. In June and July, during the Sunday School hour, come together with your FPC family to try these practices, old and new.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 AM

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**NEW BIBLE STUDY! NEW BIBLE STUDY DAY AND TIME!**  
***Bible study will move from Tuesdays to Wednesdays at 5:30pm this summer, starting June 5th.***

***We'll enjoy a light supper together too!***

This summer, Bible study and Sunday sermons will both focus on the life and times of King David. A shepherd boy, a warlord, a poet, a king—what should we make of this man, whose choices and actions brought such good and such bad to the people and nation around him? Join us for Bible study **Wednesdays at 5:30** as we explore this and other questions and learn from the story of this unrivaled figure in scripture, and then continue that exploration in worship the following Sunday morning!



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



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