



# *The Lamplighter*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 2025

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WE LOVE YOU,  
*MOMS!*



## **TENDING**

This past Sunday Pastor Bailey began a Sunday School series for these 50 days of Eastertide, that time between Easter and Pentecost. We continue our theme of our Green Lent with a focus on Tending.

Pastor Bailey led us through an exercise Sunday asking what are the things we must do to tend a garden? Answers abounded, from tilling the ground to fertilizer, to pruning, suckering, weeding and weeding and weeding and then enjoying the harvest only to begin again with dirt the foundation.

The natural analogy being that Tending is also directly applicable to our Spiritual Life. We talked about what helps and answers were: listening, reading scripture, daily and regular time for prayer, reminders to take time out for ourselves, journaling, learning and worshipping together.

We talked about what happens when we neglect the Tending, in the garden. There are weeds, plant rot, bugs and disappointment that we have no crops to harvest. In our spiritual life, we can forget to take time in prayer and talking with Jesus, we can get lost by being busy and over working ourselves instead of resting in the knowledge that Jesus is all we need. Our sins are forever forgiven and like the plants in our gardens, our lives are meant to be tending to our souls and the souls of others.

We are always asking how to grow the church. Jesus at the last supper gave us one more command, - to love one another. That the world will know you belong to Jesus if we just find a way to love one another, the best and the worst of us. Jesus loves us all. Friends, that will grow the church because it will show in every act of love you share with someone else; love attracts love like blooming flowers attract bees, hummingbirds and butterflies. Let's get busy Tending.

Know you are loved!

Pastor Tim



## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-APRIL 22

- ♦ Approved Family Conversation after worship on May 18
- ♦ Approved Barry Hain as commissioner to the April 13 Presbytery meeting
- ♦ Consider volunteering for the upcoming Financial Literacy classes in partnership with Literacy Council, Good Samaritan, Habitat for Humanity
- ♦ Consider volunteering for Art in the Park this summer.



### **JOIN US ON SUNDAY, MAY 11 AS WE ANNOUNCE OUR FPC WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR NOMINATIONS FOR FPC  
MAN OF THE YEAR. DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE  
WHO EMBODIES THE SPIRIT OF FPC AND MADE  
AN IMPACT? SEND HIS NAME TO THE CHURCH  
OFFICE OR PLEASE GIVE TO DONNA!



### **GREEN CORNER**

Don't have room for a solar farm in your front yard? No problem—you can purchase clean solar energy to offset your electricity use from the **Tennessee Valley Authority's Green Switch program**: <https://www.tva.com/energy/valley-renewable-energy/green-switch>! Check your energy bill to find your average usage. Offsets start at just \$2 for 200kWh!

Curious what your carbon footprint is? There are lots of calculators, but the one offered on Interfaith Power and Light's Cool Congregations page is particularly easy to use. Try it out and see how you stack up! <https://interfaithpowerandlight.org/coolcongregations/calculators/household-calculator/>





EXTRA, EXTRA

## Church Beautification Work Day

Thanks for Helping!!!

**Tim and Linda Leigh**  
**John and Debby Helton**  
**Bob and Deb Thompson**  
**Curry and Marcella Davis**  
**Mike and Debbie Wyatt**  
**Baily Pickens**  
**Kelli Joyce**  
**Andrew McCornack**  
**Diane Shutt**  
**Linda Knight**  
**Sue Zust**  
**Larry Smith**  
**Barry Hain**  
**Bob Heidbrink**  
**Caren Gibson**



### SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM-COMING UP SOON!

**Tuesday, May 27-Friday, August 1**

As always, the more hands the lighter the work as we deliver lunches to the less fortunate children of Simpson County this summer. Sign up calendar will be posted soon. Check your calendars for the days that work best for you. We have been volunteering for this program for 20 plus years and we couldn't do it without everyone's helps. I thank you in advance from the Christian Service Committee.

## Making Connections



Spring has sprung, and like our newly beautified garden full of bees and butterflies we are *abuzz* with activity! There's an art exhibition in the sanctuary, we're learning how tending our souls like gardens helps us bear good fruit in a difficult world (come to Sunday school!), and we're gearing up for our summer activities. **Art in the Park** will begin in June and promises to be our biggest year yet. If you want to join the team, please reach out to me at [bailey@franklinpresbyterian.org](mailto:bailey@franklinpresbyterian.org)!

I also want to invite you, if you've been considering it, to join our Read Through The Bible Study, at the church or on Zoom at 4:30 Wednesday afternoons.

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I also want to tell you about a **financial literacy class** in the works, in partnership with the Literacy Council, Good Samaritan, the Housing Authority, and Habitat for Humanity. We will be working on budgeting, goal-setting, resilience, and building confidence with people for whom money is a stressor, and we're looking for volunteers to work one-on-one or -two with participants. If you might be interested, give me a shout! I cannot wait to see what all is going to bloom for us as we seek to imitate Christ in loving our community.

## Living Waters

Several years ago I listened intently as Donna Houston told about the Mission of the Living Waters for the World teams and how she was getting involved in the educational component as a team member. It was surprising to hear the statistics of the number of people around the world who don't have access to clean water and how that lack of access translated into sickness, diseases, loss of wages for workers and hardships for women trying to bring water to their families. It occurred to me that I, too, could be another set of hands to help alleviate the suffering that is associated with unclean water. Since I enjoy being an educator, it was exciting to attend Clean Water U and learn how the message of clean water was explained through fun activities, colorful posters and songs. The science experiments made me think of all the activities I had taught Scouts over the years. I was into being a team member hook, line and sinker! Since that first exposure to the mission of LWW, I have had the privilege of assisting with educating groups in Belize and Guatemala. It has certainly been a rewarding experience and one that has led me to go back to Clean Water U in order to learn more about how a system is installed. My next installation trip will be as an installation leader. It's very rewarding to return to where a system has been installed to see the children growing without being sick from the water-borne bacteria because they have access now to clean, healthy water. - Caren Gibson



## May 2025 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]

#### May

##### **Thursday, May 1**

Morning: Pss. 47;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 68; 113  
Dan. 2:31–49  
1 John 2:18–29  
Luke 3:1–14

##### **Friday, May 2**

Morning: Pss. 96; 148  
Evening: Pss. 49; 138  
Dan. 3:1–18  
1 John 3:1–10  
Luke 3:15–22

##### **Saturday, May 3**

Morning: Pss. 92; 149  
Evening: Pss. 23; 114  
Dan. 3:19–30  
1 John 3:11–18  
Luke 4:1–13

##### **Sunday, May 4**

##### **Third Sunday of Easter**

Morning: Pss. 93; 150  
Evening: Pss. 136; 117  
Dan. 4:1–18  
1 Peter 4:7–11  
John 21:15–25

##### **Monday, May 5**

Morning: Pss. 97; 145  
Evening: Pss. 124; 115  
Dan. 4:19–27  
1 John 3:19–4:6  
Luke 4:14–30

##### **Tuesday, May 6**

Morning: Pss. 98; 146  
Evening: Pss. 66; 116  
Dan. 4:28–37  
1 John 4:7–21  
Luke 4:31–37

##### **Wednesday, May 7**

Morning: Pss. 99;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 9; 118  
Dan. 5:1–12  
1 John 5:1–12  
Luke 4:38–44

##### **Thursday, May 8**

Morning: Pss. 47;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 68; 113  
Dan. 5:13–30  
1 John 5:13–20 (21)  
Luke 5:1–11

##### **Friday, May 9**

Morning: Pss. 96; 148  
Evening: Pss. 49; 138  
Dan. 6:1–15  
2 John 1–13  
Luke 5:12–26

##### **Saturday, May 10**

Morning: Pss. 92; 149  
Evening: Pss. 23; 114  
Dan. 6:16–28  
3 John 1–15  
Luke 5:27–39

##### **Sunday, May 11**

##### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Morning: Pss. 93; 150  
Evening: Pss. 136; 117  
Gen. 18:22–33  
1 Peter 5:1–11  
Matt. 7:15–29

##### **Monday, May 12**

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

##### **Tuesday, May 13**

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

##### **Wednesday, May 14**

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 15**

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

**Friday, May 16**

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

**Saturday, May 17**

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 18****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 19**

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

**Tuesday, May 20**

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

**Wednesday, May 21**

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

**Thursday, May 22**

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

**Friday, May 23**

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

**Saturday, May 24**

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

**Sunday, May 25****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 26**

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 27**

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 28**

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

**Thursday, May 29****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 30**

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

**Saturday, May 31**

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

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# LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

**Elder of the Month:**  
*Justin Henninger*

**Elder Helper:**  
*Barry Hain*

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

**Lector**  
*Sylvia Pulliam*

## WEEKLY EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **BIBLE STUDY** Wednesdays at 4:30
- **GRIEF GROUP** 05/08 5 PM
- **Women's Group:** 3rd Monday 5 pm (@ D'Legion Restaurant)
- **Facilities** meets Wed. May 14 at 4
- **SESSION** meets May 27 at 5 pm

# MAY 2025

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Communion	5	6	7	8 <i>Leroy Brown</i>	9 <i>Sam Halcomb</i>	10
11 FPC WOMAN OF THE YEAR <i>Carol Switzer</i>	12 <i>Melita Joiner</i>	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 <i>Bob Thompson</i> <i>Loretta Eve</i>	21	22 <i>Maxie Key</i>	23 <i>Margaret Crowder</i> <i>Sylvia Pulliam</i>	24
25	26 Memorial Day Office Closed	27 <i>Sally Brown</i>	28	29	30	31

\* Birthdays in italics

Candice will be out of the office May 21 & 22



# Stewardship Corner

**Avg Attendance: 60**

**Avg. Offering \$2,279.50**

Apr. 6 41

Apr. 6 \$1,483.00

Apr. 13 54

Apr. 13 \$3,042.00

Apr. 20 84

Apr. 20 \$3,300.00

Apr. 27 60

Apr. 27 \$1,293.00

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

April Online Giving: \$2,539.92

## Looking Ahead..

**JUNE:**

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:**


Barry Hain

**ELDER HELPER OF THE MONTH:**

Caren Gibson

**FRIEND OF THE MONTH:**

Donna Houston



***FPC Woman of the Year  
Sunday, May 11***

***FPC Man of the Year  
Sunday, June 15***

### **Ruling Elders Serving on Session:**

Barry Hain

Keith Lawrence

Donna Houston

Bob Heidbrink

Caren Gibson

Chris Kessler

Justin Henninger

**DEACONS:**

Meredith Halcomb

Marcella Davis

Linda Knight

Sylvia Pulliam

**Clerk of Session:** Donna Houston

**THE NEXT SESSION MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE  
TUESDAY, MAY 27 AT 5 PM.**

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## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM IN THE  
CORNERSTONE

## CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays at 9:30 am



*Do you have something to go in the  
Lamplighter? Submit it to the office by  
Wednesday, May 28.*



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