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Congratulations to FPC Man of the Year
for 2025 Andrew MacCornack! Thank you for
all you've done in the last year in reflection of
the mission of FPC!

*Sorry an image was not available due
to streaming difficulties.*



SUMMER OF LOVE

Be a part of the Summer of Love ---no, not the 1960s version! 1 John 4:8 says. "Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love." All sounds right. But what exactly does that mean to you and me? Together, we will explore five ways to love God, through loving our friends, our community, our family, our God, and finally, our enemies. This could mean praying for them, forgiving them, or even showing them kindness in small ways.

With all the things happening around us and too many voices telling us what it all means, it becomes hard to put on our loving faces for everyone to see. Many of us find ourselves stressed out, concerned about what might happen next. It seems like there is something new every day, and we haven't been able to process yesterday's news, much less anything more. So, what are you and I to do?

Perhaps one response is to be a safe place where anyone can come and know they are wanted and included. No judgment, no preaching, just being present for one another. That is what we are called to be, present for others, even when they don't agree with how we feel or think.

We need to move past the "issues" and see the people. People like you and me. People who have a heartbeat, a body, and a soul, just like you and me. Behind every issue or cause is a human being. We must remember that, so we can begin to love others as we love ourselves. We are all made from the same ingredients. We are all loved by the same God, redeemed by the same Savior, Jesus Christ, and all receive the same promise of forgiveness and acceptance. God does not love Jesus more than you. God does not love Jesus more than he loves your enemy. God just loves.

Paul, in his letter to the Galatians, addresses an issue that was causing division in the church at that time. He said it best, and I summarize some of chapter five, "Mark my words, I Paul, tell you, that ***the only thing*** that matters is faith working itself out through love! The only thing that matters is love working itself out in faith. Not the intellectual part of faith, but the practical, everyday aspects of faith - we, as a church, living our lives trusting God's grace and showing that through acts of kindness. It may not be the answer to all the issues of the day, but it is guaranteed to give you a more peaceful life, one focused on loving our God and our neighbor as we love ourselves.

Know you are loved, always and unconditionally, by the God who is love.

Pastor Tim

Mark Your Calendar Family Meeting - July 20

Sponsored by the Pastor Nominating Committee
We'll be talking in small groups. Think about these questions:

- What do you want a pastor to do for you?
- What do you want a pastor to do for your church?
- What do you want a pastor to do in the larger community?

CLOTHES CLOSET

As we finish the first half of 2025, the Clothes Closet has given away 10,474 items of clothing. We have 12 weekly volunteers with another 6 who pitch in as needed. Processing clothes and getting them on our racks or bins is definitely the most time-consuming part of our work. We are definitely blessed, but can always put more people to work if you are able. We will take you weekly, bi-monthly, monthly, quarterly - whatever you are able to give.

Clothes Closet Current Needs: Individual toothbrushes, toothpaste (Dollar Tree has good prices), children's clothes size 5,6,7,8; shorts, all sizes; tennis shoes, all sizes.

Church Dinner Night

There has been a group from FPC who meet every Thursday night at 6 pm for dinner. For the month of July, we are making a change of locations. For July ONLY, we will meet at D'Legion restaurant. Then in August, we will return to El Potrero.



ANNUAL POOL PARTY & CHURCH COOK OUT SUNDAY, JULY 6

AT THE HOME OF MIKE & DEBBIE WYATT

**SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE BOARD IN
THE EDUCATIONAL WING!**

*The FPC Women's Group
will be meeting every third
Monday of the month at
11 am in the Cornerstone
beginning Monday,
July 21.*

Stewardship Corner

June Average Attendance: 56

★	June 1	64
	June 8	55
	June 15	54
	June 22	60
	June 29	49

June Weekly Offering Average: \$1,819.80

June 1	\$3,848.00
June 8	\$2,168.00
June 15	\$1,596.00
June 22	\$795.00
June 29	\$692.00

July Online Giving: \$1,779.65
Average weekly income
needed for budget: \$2,692.31

Ruling Elders Serving on Session

Barry Hain
Keith Lawrence
Donna Houston
Bob Heidbrink
Caren Gibson
Chris Kessler
Justin Henninger

DEACONS:
Meredith Halcomb
Sylvia Pulliam
Marcella Davis
Linda Knight

Clerks of all committees: Please
submit any minutes to the church
office for inclusion in the
Session packet.
THANK YOU!

Next Session meeting:
Tuesday, July 22 at 5 pm

Clerk Of Session: Donna Houston

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-TUESDAY, JUNE 24

- ♦ Approved a family conversation after worship on July 20.
- ♦ Approved the baptism of Genevieve Henninger on July 6 at the Wyatt pool.
- ♦ Approved a Committee Rally after worship on August 31 in conjunction with the 5th Sunday potluck. Each committee will have a space to share information about their committee. Consider joining a committee!
- ♦ Approved Youth Bake Sales during 5th Sunday potlucks.
- ♦ Approved funds for Youth trip to Beech Bend.
- ♦ Approved extra funds for a lift in order to finish the sanctuary windows restoration.
- ♦ Average attendance for May was 57.
- ♦ Approve Committee Rally after church on August 31 in conjunction with 5th Sunday Potluck. Each committee will set up a table with information about the committee and in hopes that people will be motivated to join a committee.

July 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]

July

Tuesday, July 1

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
1 Sam. 11:1–15
Acts 8:1b–13
Luke 22:63–71

Wednesday, July 2

Morning: Pss. 65;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
1 Sam. 12:1–6
(7–15) 16–25
Acts 8:14–25
Luke 23:1–12

Thursday, July 3

Morning: Pss. 143;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
1 Sam. 13:5–18
Acts 8:26–40
Luke 23:13–25

Friday, July 4

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
1 Sam. 13:19–14:15
Acts 9:1–9
Luke 23:26–31

Saturday, July 5

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
1 Sam. 14:16–30
Acts 9:10–19a
Luke 23:32–43

Sunday, July 6

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
1 Sam. 14:36–45
Rom. 5:1–11
Matt. 22:1–14

Monday, July 7

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
1 Sam. 15:1–3, 7–23
Acts 9:19b–31
Luke 23:44–56a

Tuesday, July 8

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
1 Sam. 15:24–35
Acts 9:32–43
Luke 23:56b–24:11 (12)

Wednesday, July 9

Morning: Pss. 96;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
1 Sam. 16:1–13
Acts 10:1–16
Luke 24:13–35

Thursday, July 10

Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
1 Sam. 16:14–17:11
Acts 10:17–33
Luke 24:36–53

Friday, July 11

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
1 Sam. 17:17–30
Acts 10:34–48
Mark 1:1–13

Saturday, July 12

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
1 Sam. 17:31–49
Acts 11:1–18
Mark 1:14–28

Sunday, July 13

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
1 Sam. 17:50–18:4
Rom. 10:4–17
Matt. 23:29–39

Monday, July 14

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
1 Sam. 18:5–16 (17–27a)
27b–30
Acts 11:19–30
Mark 1:29–45

Tuesday, July 15

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
1 Sam. 19:1–18 (19–24)
Acts 12:1–17
Mark 2:1–12

Wednesday, July 16

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
1 Sam. 20:1–23
Acts 12:18–25
Mark 2:13–22

Thursday, July 17

Morning: Pss. 97;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
1 Sam. 20:24–42
Acts 13:1–12
Mark 2:23–3:6

Friday, July 18

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
1 Sam. 21:1–15
Acts 13:13–25
Mark 3:7–19a

Saturday, July 19

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
1 Sam. 22:1–23
Acts 13:26–43
Mark 3:19b–35

Sunday, July 20

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
1 Sam. 23:7–18
Rom. 11:33–12:2
Matt. 25:14–30

Monday, July 21

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
1 Sam. 24:1–22
Acts 13:44–52
Mark 4:1–20

Tuesday, July 22

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
1 Sam. 25:1–22
Acts 14:1–18
Mark 4:21–34

Wednesday, July 23

Morning: Pss. 15;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
1 Sam. 25:23–44
Acts 14:19–28
Mark 4:35–41

Thursday, July 24

Morning: Pss. 36;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
1 Sam. 28:3–20
Acts 15:1–11
Mark 5:1–20

Friday, July 25

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
1 Sam. 31:1–13
Acts 15:12–21
Mark 5:21–43

Saturday, July 26

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
2 Sam. 1:1–16
Acts 15:22–35
Mark 6:1–13

Sunday, July 27

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
Evening: Pss. 46; 93
2 Sam. 1:17–27
Rom. 12:9–21
Matt. 25:31–46

Monday, July 28

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
2 Sam. 2:1–11
Acts 15:36–16:5
Mark 6:14–29

Tuesday, July 29

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
2 Sam. 3:6–21
Acts 16:6–15
Mark 6:30–46

Wednesday, July 30

Morning: Pss. 65;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
2 Sam. 3:22–39
Acts 16:16–24
Mark 6:47–56

Thursday, July 31

Morning: Pss. 143;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
2 Sam. 4:1–12
Acts 16:25–40
Mark 7:1–23

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LECTOR/USHER
SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month:

Caren Gibson

Elder Helper:

Donna Houston

Ushers:

Terry Joiner & Others

Lector

Various

WEEKLY EVENTS &
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **BIBLE STUDY** Wednesdays at 4:30
- **GRIEF GROUP:** 07//10 at 5 PM
- **Family Conv:** 07/20 after Worship
- **Women's Group:** 07/21 11 am in the Cornerstone
- **SESSION** meets 07/22 at 5 pm

JULY 2025

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 <i>Cheyenne Brown</i>	4	5
6 Pool Party @ Wyatt's	7 <i>Kate Halcomb</i>	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 <i>Marla Knight-Dutille</i>	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 <i>Frankie Shumaker Curry Davis</i>	28 <i>Jane Rahm</i>	29	30	31		

*Birthdays in italics

Bailey is out of the office the week of the 27th

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ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays at 4:30 pm
'Reading Through the Bible'

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30 AM

★ **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**
9:30 AM

AUGUST:

Elder of the Month: Justin Henninger

Elder Helper: Chris Kessler

Friend of the Month: Chris Kessler

Aug. 4

RED CROSS 12-6

Aug. 9

FPC ANNUAL YARD SALE

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If you have anything you would like
added to the August Lamplighter,
please send it to the office no later than
Tuesday, July 29.



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