



The Lamplighter

The monthly newsletter of Franklin Presbyterian Church
September 2025

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Let us pray: O Lord,
you mark the journey of
life with change. Once
again we witness your
creation moving from
one season to the
other. Change is your
instrument of growth
that brings us to a
deeper relationship
with you. May your
Word be the lantern
that guides the roads of
change in our lives.



Pastor's Pen

HOSPITALITY

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it" (Hebrews 13:2).

This passage is part of our readings for Sunday, August 31, so by the time you read it, I am sure it is etched in your mind! It follows on the heels of us talking about the importance of seeing, being seen, and touching others with words and actions of love, acceptance, and grace as Jesus would have and would have you and me do as well. It follows that accepting the stranger, the "other" amongst us, openly and without condition, is almost a duh-huh moment. But still, saying we are going to be accepting and loving is much easier than actually practicing that principle.

All kinds of church growth studies will tell us the same thing, asking someone to join in you in a small group (Bible Study, Men's Fellowship, working in the Clothes Closet, helping out with Brews, Hymns & Bluegrass, volunteering with Live the Proof) remains the single highest entry point for people to come to church. David Brooks, in a piece for the Atlantic on Why We Have Become So Mean talks about the loneliness so many feels, the isolation we have crept into, and the desire expressed in one survey after another to find a place where people can meet, experience community and do meaningful service for others.

Story after story in the New Testament reveals that Jesus' time was spent in meeting people where they were, as they were without condition, He ate and drank with tax collectors, prostitutes, those on the margin. His sheer act of hospitality was enough to change each of their lives. He saw people, he touched people, and He invites us to do the same.

As we enter the fall and look at all the church is doing, now is a good time to think about who you are being called to see, touch, and invite.

Whomever it is, we look forward to seeing them!

Know you are loved!

Pastor Tim

Take a Look...



MATTHEW 25

CLOTHES CLOSET



Our 6 month data show that we:

1. Served 1,922 people of which 138 were first time clients
2. Gave away 12,816 items of clothing
3. Gave away 173 coats
4. Gave away 537 pairs of shoes

If this trend continues, we will surpass our 2024 totals. Our current needs include:

1. Men's jeans sizes 34 and smaller
2. Underwear — all sizes
3. Shoes — especially tennis shoes or casual shoes

We will be planning an "Undie Sunday" for the month of December to replenish our underwear which seems to fly off the shelves!

YOU ARE INVITED!

What: WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:
Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ

When:
Third Thursday Each Month at 11:00 AM
September 15, 2025

Where: Cornerstone
In August we began our yearlong study with a lesson about Mary Magdalene, the Tower. In September, Sylvia Pulliam will lead our discussion for Lesson Two: Mary "of a Certain Village."



LESSON TWO: Mary "of a Certain Village"

Session Highlights

AUGUST 26, 2025

- ♦ Average Attendance in July was 49
- ♦ Total Active Membership is 65
- ♦ We received a request from First Presbyterian, Escanaba, MI, for the transfer of the membership of Ezra VanBeek and Lois VanBeek.
- ♦ Our Christian Services Committee donated to the Society of Saint Andrew, a non-local mission.
- ♦ Approved a request for a 15-minute radio show on WFKN from 8 AM to 8:15 AM for six months. A mini talk show with church activities, like Living Waters, to partner conversations with The Gallery, Live the Proof, and Literacy Center.
- ♦ Approved the cost of a lift for further repairs to flashing and the roof.

AUGUST AVG. ATTENDANCE: 56

Aug. 3	71
Aug. 10	47
Aug. 17	39
Aug. 24	57
Aug. 31	65

SEPTEMBER
ELDER/ELDER HELPER
Chris Kessler/Bob Heidbrink
FRIEND OF THE MONTH
Chris Kessler



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AUGUST WEEKLY OFFERING AVG: \$1,748.00

Aug. 3	\$2,693.00
Aug. 10	\$1,681.16
Aug. 17	\$1,905.00
Aug. 24	\$1,155.00
Aug. 31	\$1,306.00

Avg. weekly income needed for budget:
\$2,692.31

August Online Giving: \$2,255.97

Ruling Elders Serving on Session

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

DEACONS:
Linda Knight
Marcella Davis
Meredith Halcomb
Sylvia Pulliam



*Save
The
Date!*

**Brews - Hymns &
Bluegrass
Saturday, October 25**



September 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]

September

Monday, September 1

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
2 Chron. 6:32–7:7
James 2:1–13
Mark 14:53–65

Tuesday, September 2

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
1 Kings 8:65–9:9
James 2:14–26
Mark 14:66–72

Wednesday, September 3

Morning: Pss. 96;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
1 Kings 9:24–10:13
James 3:1–12
Mark 15:1–11

Thursday, September 4

Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
1 Kings 11:1–13
James 3:13–4:12
Mark 15:12–21

Friday, September 5

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
1 Kings 11:26–43
James 4:13–5:6
Mark 15:22–32

Saturday, September 6

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
1 Kings 12:1–20
James 5:7–20
Mark 15:33–39

Sunday, September 7

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
1 Kings 12:21–33
Acts 4:18–31
John 10:31–42

Monday, September 8

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
1 Kings 13:1–10
Phil. 1:1–11
Mark 15:40–47

Tuesday, September 9

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
1 Kings 16:23–34
Phil. 1:12–30
Mark 16:1–8 (9–20)

Wednesday,

September 10

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
1 Kings 17:1–24
Phil. 2:1–11
Matt. 2:1–12

Thursday, September 11

Morning: Pss. 97;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
1 Kings 18:1–19
Phil. 2:12–30
Matt. 2:13–23

Friday, September 12

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
1 Kings 18:20–40
Phil. 3:1–16
Matt. 3:1–12

Saturday, September 13

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
1 Kings 18:41–19:8
Phil. 3:17–4:7
Matt. 3:13–17

Sunday, September 14

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
1 Kings 19:8–21
Acts 5:34–42
John 11:45–57

Monday, September 15

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
1 Kings 21:1–16
1 Cor. 1:1–19
Matt. 4:1–11

Tuesday, September 16

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
 Evening: Pss. 30; 86
 1 Kings 21:17–29
 1 Cor. 1:20–31
 Matt. 4:12–17

**Wednesday,
September 17**

Morning: Pss. 15;
 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 48; 4
 1 Kings 22:1–28
 1 Cor. 2:1–13
 Matt. 4:18–25

Thursday, September 18

Morning: Pss. 36;
 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 80; 27
 1 Kings 22:29–45
 1 Cor. 2:14–3:15
 Matt. 5:1–10

Friday, September 19

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
 Evening: Pss. 32; 139
 2 Kings 1:2–17
 1 Cor. 3:16–23
 Matt. 5:11–16

Saturday, September 20

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
 Evening: Pss. 118; 111
 2 Kings 2:1–18
 1 Cor. 4:1–7
 Matt. 5:17–20

Sunday, September 21

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
 Evening: Pss. 46; 93
 2 Kings 4:8–37
 Acts 9:10–31
 Luke 3:7–18

Monday, September 22

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
 Evening: Pss. 85; 47
 2 Kings 5:1–19
 1 Cor. 4:8–21
 Matt. 5:21–26

Tuesday, September 23

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
 Evening: Pss. 28; 99
 2 Kings 5:19–27
 1 Cor. 5:1–8
 Matt. 5:27–37

**Wednesday,
September 24**

Morning: Pss. 65;
 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 125; 91
 2 Kings 6:1–23
 1 Cor. 5:9–6:11
 Matt. 5:38–48

Thursday, September 25

Morning: Pss. 143;
 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 81; 116
 2 Kings 9:1–16
 1 Cor. 6:12–20
 Matt. 6:1–6, 16–18

Friday, September 26

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
 Evening: Pss. 6; 20
 2 Kings 9:17–37
 1 Cor. 7:1–9
 Matt. 6:7–15

Saturday, September 27

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
 Evening: Pss. 100; 63
 2 Kings 11:1–20a
 1 Cor. 7:10–24
 Matt. 6:19–24

Sunday, September 28

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
 Evening: Pss. 66; 23
 2 Kings 17:1–18
 Acts 9:36–43
 Luke 5:1–11

Monday, September 29

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
 Evening: Pss. 73; 9
 2 Kings 17:24–41
 1 Cor. 7:25–31
 Matt. 6:25–34

Tuesday, September 30

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
 Evening: Pss. 36; 7
 2 Chron. 29:1–3; 30:1
 (2–9) 10–27
 1 Cor. 7:32–40
 Matt. 7:1–12

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LECTOR/USHER
SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month:

Chris Kessler

Elder Helper:

Bob Heidbrink

Ushers:

*Larry & Sharon Smith
TBD*

Lector

*Amy Gant
Sylvia Pulliam*

WEEKLY EVENTS &
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **BIBLE STUDY** Wednesdays at 4:30
- **Facilities:** 09/10 at 4 pm
- **GRIEF GROUP:** 09/11 at 5 PM
- **Women's Group:** 09/16 11 am in the Cornerstone
- **SESSION** meets 09/23 at 5 pm

SEPTEMBER 2025

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Marcella Davis</i>
7 Communion	8	9	10 <i>Charmaine Alsager</i>	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 <i>Debbie Sorney</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 <i>Stephanie Halcomb</i>	30	31			

*Birthdays in italics

Pastor Tim is out September 10–14.

Looking Ahead...

October

ELDER/ELDER HELPER :
Keith Lawrence/Bob Heidbrink

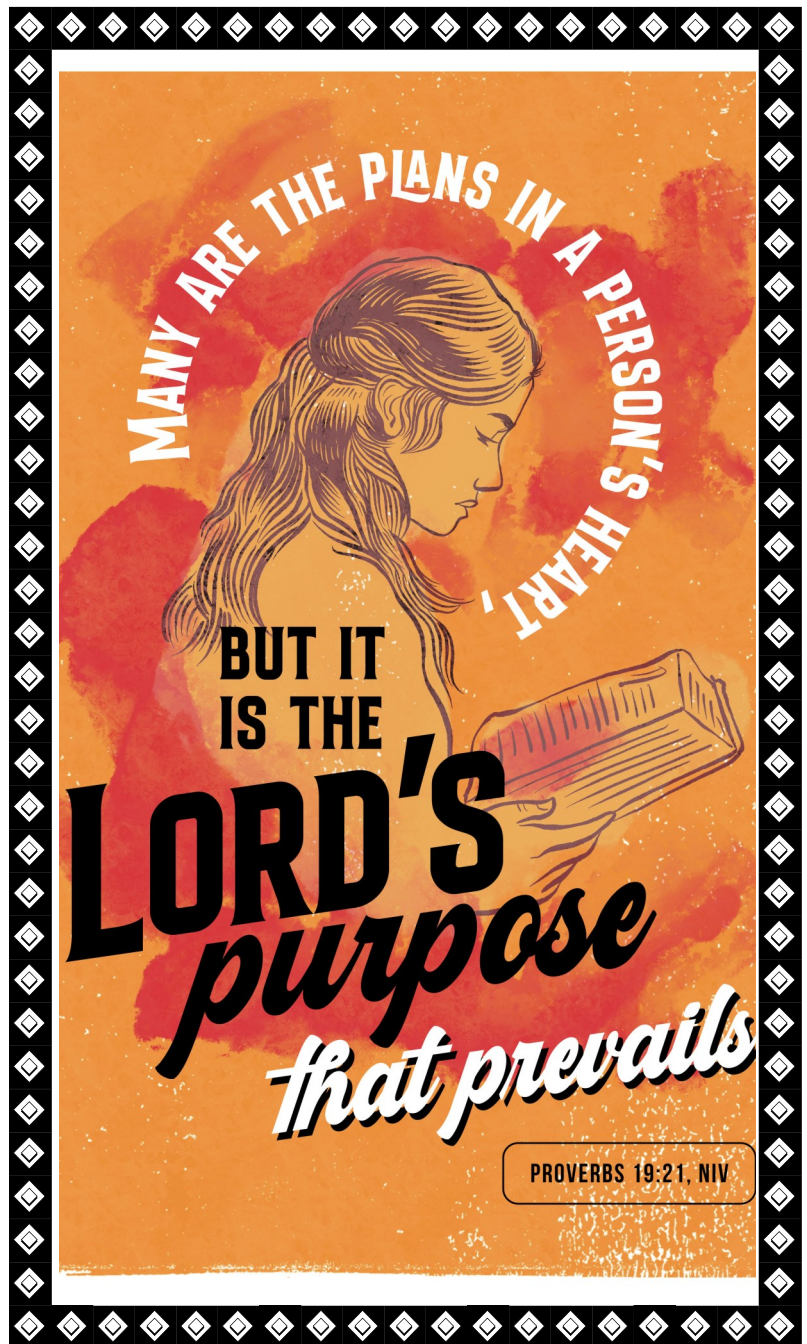
FRIEND OF THE MONTH:
Debbie Sowney

- Oct.5-Peace & Global Witness Offering
World Communion Luncheon
- Oct 25-Brews, Hymns & Bluegrass



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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CHURCH STAFF

Transitional Pastor,

Tim Leigh

Community Connections

Director,

Rev. Bailey Pickens

Office Manager,

Candice Mendoza

Music Director,

Jason Matteson

Organist,

Donna Houston

Nursery,

Shirley Crutcher

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 am

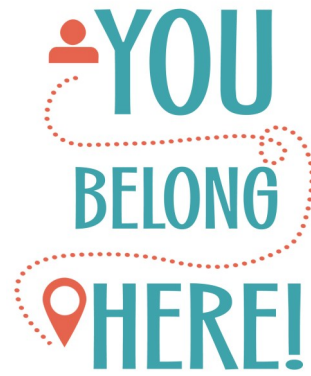
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 am in the Cornerstone

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

'Reading Through the Bible'

4:30 pm on Wednesdays



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



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