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# The Franklin Presbyterian

*Responding to God's grace through worship, study, and service.*

## A PUBLICATION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### A 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CHURCH

What will the church of Jesus Christ look like as we move through the 21<sup>st</sup> century? What will the Presbyterian Church (USA) look like? What will First Presbyterian Church in Franklin look like? These were some of the questions the session discussed with consultant John Wimberly a few weeks ago. John invited us to imagine that the church can and will thrive in this new century. Our task is to discern the unique call God has for us, and to move with boldness into it. It will not be without risk, but we know something of risk. It will not be without change, but we know something of change. It will not be without faith and trust, but we know something of faith and trust.

The Strategic Planning Team (Ray Bowling, Sarah Fox, Therese Howell, Jessica Lahey, Jim Petersen, Jim Roberts, and Rebecca Wilson) have been tasked with taking the information generated from the session's discussions and crafting a Purpose Statement for our congregation. Once that statement has been tentatively approved by the session, we will have a series of small group gatherings where we will invite the entire congregation to participate in the process. In these meetings, we will present the proposed statement and listen to your feedback. Then we will re-visit the statement and make final changes. Once it is officially approved by the session, the team will develop goals and strategies that will focus our mission and ministries for the next 3-5 years.

These are exciting times for First Presbyterian as we seek to faithfully respond to God's call for our day and our time and seek ways to share the story of what God is doing here with our community. Please be in prayer for this strategic planning process, and if you have any questions, please feel free to ask me or any member of the planning team. With God's help, may we respond to God's grace in ways that bring life through our worship, study, and service.

Peace, Pastor Chris



Members of the session and strategic planning team talking about what they love about First Presbyterian during their retreat. What will FPC Franklin look like in the 21st century?

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR, CHERI LINDSLEY



First Presbyterian Church's Preschool continues to grow into a program that provides the highest quality early childhood experiences for young children. This winter and spring as we enrolled families for the 2016-2017 year, more and more families sought us out because of our unique approach combining the Reggio philosophy, connecting young children with nature, and celebrating diversity, while fully functioning as a Christian preschool that helps children learn about God and God's love at an early age.

We expect to be full with a waiting list long before the new year begins in August. It has been awhile since we were fully enrolled due to the dramatic increase of preschools and child care centers in the Williamson County area. The fact that we're expecting it for this year is evidence of our growing reputation in the community. Staffing continues to be stable. While we did lose two teachers to full-time employment and one teacher, Connie Reynolds, retired after more than 30 years at the preschool; we anticipate only hiring one new teacher for the new year based on current employees opting to increase their number of workdays. A consistent staff is a marker of quality services for young children. First Presbyterian Preschool has not only a dedicated staff but a staff that is also committed to high standards and continuing the process of lifelong learning. We are blessed with an amazing staff dedicated to applying best and proven practice to daily work with young children.

The theme for Summer Camp this year is Farm Fresh. Children will be exposed to farm experiences such as shelling peas and shucking corn, churning butter and peeling apples, gardening and enjoying visits from farm animals. Summer Camp begins Tuesday, May 31 and runs for eight weeks with the exception of VBS week, ending the last week in July. You can contact Cheri at 615-791-9061 or [clindsley@fpcfranklin.org](mailto:clindsley@fpcfranklin.org) for enrollment information.

Don't forget to visit our website: [www.fpfpreschool.com](http://www.fpfpreschool.com) and like us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/fpfpreschool](http://www.facebook.com/fpfpreschool) to keep up with what's happening. And we now have car stickers available for \$3.00; this is one more excellent way to increase our name recognition in the community. These communication and outreach tools represent our preschool and church well. They draw new families to our community of faith and learning. Visitors and volunteers are always appreciated at the preschool. Call or email to learn more about how you can become a part of this vital and growing ministry of the church.

Car Stickers available  
for \$3.00



## THE ALL THINGS POSSIBLE STEERING TEAM



We gather each week in our beautiful, light-filled sanctuary to offer our worship to God. Responding to God's grace through worship is the heartbeat of our mission and of our church. One of the visions of the All Things Possible capital campaign is to provide a worship environment that is accessible to all and a sacred space that enables and inspires the worship of God's people in this place.

If you were in worship May 22, you heard Rich Johnson, one of the members of the All Things Possible Steering Team, describe the renovations we are making to the sanctuary. Each of these are an effort to improve accessibility and enhance the ability of all our members to participate in worship. These changes are in service to our wider mission, and we are excited to be able to accomplish them thanks to the faithful response of so many to God's grace through giving to the campaign:

- Replacing flooring in the Sanctuary
- Replacing all lighting in the Sanctuary and throughout the building and outside the building with LED lighting
- Painting entire Sanctuary
- Updating sound system and speakers, with special attention to improved accessibility for hearing impaired persons
- Installing automatic doors into the narthex and the main entrance doors, along with awnings, in order to increase accessibility
- Cutting selected pews on outside and inside aisles to accommodate persons in wheelchairs or using walkers to increase accessibility
- Reupholstering pews and chairs (this was not part of original campaign plan, but is necessary in order to coordinate colors with new flooring and paint and 20+ years of use)
- Refinishing the wooden steps and floor of the chancel (this was also not part of original plan, but needs to be done after 20+ years of use)

We anticipate this work taking 6-8 weeks, and it is set to begin June 13. We will be worshipping in Wilson Hall during this renovation.

Please be in prayer for this important step in the All Things Possible capital campaign, and for all it will accomplish in opening our doors wide in welcome to all.



## BETWEEN THE DARK AND THE DAYLIGHT SUMMER WORSHIP AND STUDY FPC

This summer Pastor Chris will be leading a three-part study of a recent book by Joan Chittister entitled, "Between the Dark and the Daylight: Embracing the Contradictions of Life."

The introduction to the books states, "In words as wise as they are inspiring, Chittister explores the concerns of modern life, of the overworked mind, and of the hurting heart. These are the paradoxical – and often frustrating – moments when our lives feel at odds with everything around us. Only by embracing the contradictions may we live well amid stress, withstand emotional storms, and satisfy our yearnings for something transcendent and real. By delving into the chaos, this book guides us through the questions that seem easier to avoid and enlightens what has been out of focus. With simple and poignant meditations, this book reveals how we can better understand ourselves, one another, and God."

We will meet three times throughout the summer on Wednesday evenings, share a potluck meal together, and then Pastor Chris will lead a presentation on the themes of the book and invite discussion. Even if you are not able to come for the Wednesday discussion, we invite you to pick up a copy of the book and join in reading as a congregation. The book will serve as the springboard for a series of sermons throughout the summer.

Each evening begins with a potluck meal in Wilson Hall at 6:00 p.m. Please bring whatever you would like to share. The church will provide drinks and desserts. The study begins at 6:30 p.m. in Barr Conference Room and concludes at 8 p.m. The Wednesday evening meeting dates are:

**June 1**

**July 27**

**August 24**

The Sermon Series based on the book will be on the following Sundays:

**June 5 – *The Light Found in Darkness* – John 1:1-18**

**June 19 – *The Insecurity of Certainty* – Romans 8:18-27**

**June 26 – *The Success of Failure* – Deuteronomy 34:10-12, Luke 22:54-62**

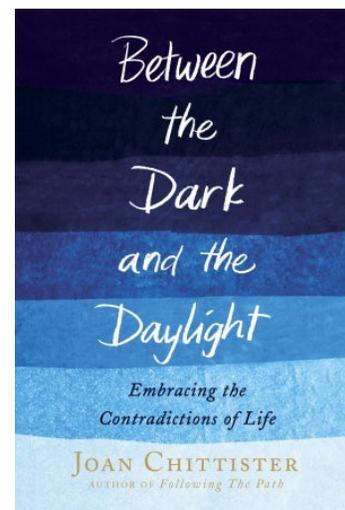
**July 3 – *The Fragility of Achievement* – Matthew 7:24-29**

**July 17 – *The Liberation in Loss* – Job 38:1-7; 42:1-6**

**July 24 – *The Certitude of Doubt* – John 20:24-29**

**July 31 – *The Noise Within the Silent Self* – 1 Kings 19:1-15**

**August 7 – *The Invitation of Finality* – Revelation 21:1-6**



You can order the book through our on-line bookstore ([here](#)). Please sign up for the meal and/or the class ([here](#)).

Childcare is available (infants - elementary). Please sign up online by the Sunday prior.

We encourage everyone to purchase the book and read together, as well as explore the biblical texts as we worship and study together, all in response to God's grace.

## HOSPITALITY HELPFUL HINTS

We at FPC are blessed to welcome guests to our worship services and activities! The Outreach Committee would like to invite you to practice hospitality to both member and guests all the time!

One suggestion would be to:

Say, "Have we met before, my name is..." if you are not sure if the person next to you is a member or a guest. Greeting someone is always the RIGHT answer!

**Luke 10:27** *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.*



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

*"Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God."* Psalms 42:11



Are you feeling pressure right now? Is it affecting your health, your attitude or your relationships with your family and friends? Would you like to have someone to talk to, just to help you get through the next month or two? For more information, call the FPC Franklin Stephen Ministry telephone number 615-746-7888 or email [stephenministry@fpcfranklin.org](mailto:stephenministry@fpcfranklin.org). Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you.

## ARE YOU A GUEST VISITING FPC?

Are you a guest visiting FPC? Are you looking for a church? We would like to invite you and your family to an informal, no pressure luncheon to find out more about FPC on Sunday June 26 following 11 a.m. service in Barr Conference Room. Pastor Chris and other members of our FPC community will share about our many ministries, the mission of our church and answer any questions that you may have. Childcare is available upon request. We hope to see you there! RSVP <http://evite.me/9aDcAa6TPm> or call the church office at (615) 794-5114.

## GRADUATE INFORMATION NEEDED!

Please email the church information you have regarding those graduating from college in addition to those who have made arrangements for college enrollment, post graduate work or career choices. Please send their college address as well. We wish to publish this information in a future newsletter. Email [rgarner@fpcfranklin.org](mailto:rgarner@fpcfranklin.org).



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Judith and Tom Wilson joined FPC by letter of transfer from Germantown Presbyterian Church, Germantown, TN. Judith was born in Texas and Tom's mother was raised on the family farm near Bethesda just south of here. However both grew up in Oklahoma. Tom is a mostly retired business owner. In Germantown, Judith was Director of the Resource Center for the Presbytery of the Mid South. Both are Deacons and Elders, Judith was involved in education and sang in the choir and Tom enjoyed cooking and clean up for the Men's Prayer Breakfast Group. We welcome them to FPC.

## DEATHS



The First Presbyterian Church family extends prayers and sympathy to the following people and to other members of their family during their time of loss.

The family of **Jeanette Crosswhite** on the death of her brother, Kenneth Elder, who died May 9, 2016.

The family of **Jean Acklin** on the death of her mother-in-law, Jeannie Roda Acklin on May 16, 2016.

The family of **Laura Beth Russell** on the death of her father, Michael Vernon, who died on May 18, 2016.

## BAPTISMS

It is with joy and thanksgiving we welcome the newly baptized into the family of God. It was a glorious day to have Kirsty, Kiera and Kohlby Bollinger presented for baptism. They were surrounded by their mother, Chelsea Halleen, their grandparents Doug and Laura Halleen and Lynnetta Martin, and their uncles and aunt, Sam, Alex, Sarah and Chris Halleen. We as a congregation promised to guide and nurture Kirsty, Kiera and Kohlby by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ so they can be faithful members of our church.



## Growth Groups

Our initial Growth Groups were a huge blessing. Over 100 people signed up to join a Growth Group during Lent and Easter this spring. Each group met once a week at someone's home to share, study, and pray together. Each meeting deepened the bond of community within the group and as a result, for the congregation. We are already looking forward to and preparing for new groups that will be forming this fall.

Growth Groups will meet weekly beginning the week of September 11 through the week of November 13. We hope you will make time to join one of these life-giving groups. More details will be provided toward the end of the summer. Until then, here are a few photos of some of our growth groups and some words about what the experience together meant to them.



Left: Susan & Clarke Oldham, Jessica Queen,  
Kim & Chris Joiner, Gretchen Dorman



Back: Chris Joiner, Bruce & Jaclyn Tarkington  
Middle: Shirley Malchow, Jane Herron, Vickie & Duke Ellis  
Front: Anne Keener, Don Savage, Clata Miller (not  
pictured, Vicky Stiles)

### Words that describe their experience...

Growing in faith and prayer

Reflecting on Christ's presence in our lives

Opening our hearts and minds

Wondering together and

Thoughtfully sharing in

Hospitality and true fellowship

A loving community  
sharing a challenging  
journey following the  
Risen Christ.

## THE LABYRINTH

NaCoMe is a special place to me and many of you. We have been sharing what we love about FPC, and we could also easily ask what we love about NaCoMe. I found the labyrinth to be a “thin place” for me while we enjoyed time there together in May. A labyrinth is not a maze but simply a path that leads to the center and back out again so you cannot get lost like in a maze. During Lent you had the opportunity to walk the labyrinth in the Spirituality Center and we are looking forward to creating a labyrinth here on our FPC property in the near future. These words were inspired by my time walking the labyrinth at NaCoMe. May you each find ways to listen for God’s still small voice whether it is while walking a labyrinth or in another quiet space.

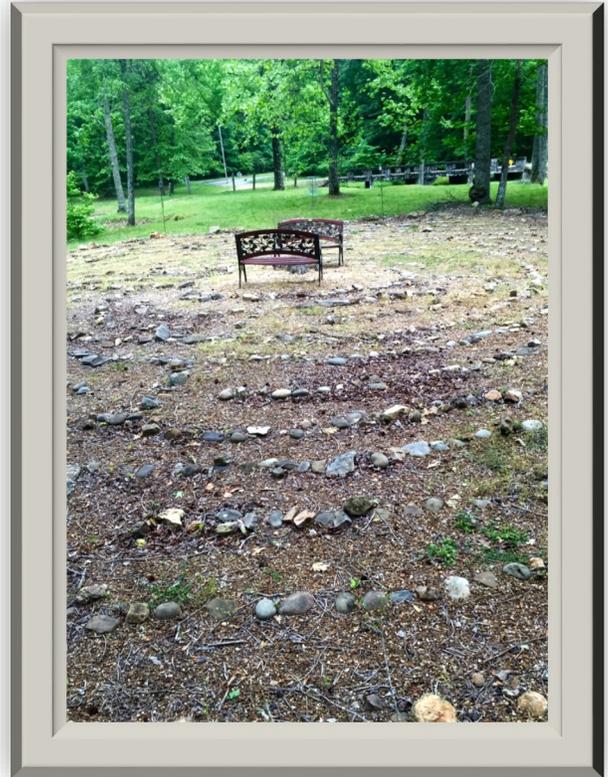
Strange start to a labyrinth  
 I could turn left or right  
 Turned left which is not my instinct  
 It made a fairly direct path to the center  
 I felt cheated  
 I expected more of a journey  
 More time to pray and reflect  
 So I went back to the beginning  
 Turned to my right  
 The path was much longer  
 With more zigs and zags  
 Many more  
 I began to get frustrated  
 Then I began noticing things around me  
 Flowers growing into the path  
 Clovers covering rocks  
 Pausing, I searched for a treasured four-leaf clover  
 The rocks, they all look different  
 Some are sharp and with jagged edges  
 Others round and super smooth  
 A few were handmade with Bible verses embedded  
 I turned and looked behind me  
 Other flowers and many things I hadn’t notice  
 My mind was on me  
 Not on what was around me  
 How often does this happen?  
 Focused on what I am doing  
 Good things which are often for others  
 But what do I miss?  
 What has God placed in my path that I do not see?  
 My journey to the center took longer than expected  
 My instructions were to shed, to quiet the mind  
 It took me awhile but it happened  
 I shed the voices in my head and started observing



# THE LABYRINTH

As I entered the center, I rested  
 Illumination is the word, the intention  
 I realized I was in a supposed place of prayer  
 I was opening myself to listen eagerly  
 Praying God would open my heart from the other side  
 Release and embrace  
 These words have much depth  
 What do I need to release?  
 What do I need to embrace?  
 My family arrives  
 It is time to leave that sacred space  
 But I haven't journeyed back out  
 I will miss the time of union with God as I walk the path back  
 Then it hit me and I received a gift from God  
 I realized my life is the journey back  
 Our drive home listening to my family laugh  
 Rehashing the memories from the weekend  
 Sharing stories  
 It is all union with God  
 We travel often in this stage of our life  
 And always end up at home  
 I realized it is the same in life  
 The time of shedding, illumination and union always brings us back  
 Forever changed  
 But back home  
 May it be so for all  
 Amen.

- Anne Keener



# MISSIONS—SECOND SATURDAY

**Second Saturdays ... Mark Your Calendars!**

*Who: FPC Family and Friends*

*What: Monthly Multi-Generational Mission Workday*

*When: Every Second Saturday of each month*

*Where: June Second Saturday—Martha O’Bryan Ice Cream Crankin’*

*Why: “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:10.*

## FPC JUNE MISSION



**June Second Saturday!** We team with our mission partner, Martha O’Bryan on June 11. We will set up the “Crankin” for them, and they will provide us breakfast!~ We need 25 to do this work on the FPC Nashville site. At our FPC Franklin kitchen we need ice cream makers making ice cream and artists of all ages are needed to create the posters for our ice cream table at the Crankin. Many Hands, Hearts and Talents! Will you help? [mission@fpcfranklin.org](mailto:mission@fpcfranklin.org).

**A Successful May Second Saturday!** Habitat house got a coat of paint and our birdhouses are now in many Franklin backyards, benefiting both Hard Bargain and local bird population....\$1000 in sales of birdhouses with the Hard Bargain Logo will be donated to the Association.



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## HEADS UP!

**November Second Saturday** will be a multigenerational retreat weekend with Society of St. Andrew's Harvest of Hope. (youth picture previous trip shows that FPC has history and ability to GLEAN!)

We have booked space at Camp Maranatha in Scottsboro, Alabama. What to Expect: You will spend Saturday morning out in the fields gleaning crops that would normally go to waste after a farmer's harvest. Study: there will be time given to educate about hunger. Worship: is integrated into each day. Meals: emphasizing good nutrition and responsible lifestyle. A hunger awareness meal experience is planned for one of the meals.

Interested? [mission@fpcfranklin.org](mailto:mission@fpcfranklin.org)

### Sample Schedule

#### Friday Evening

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Participants arrive and register

Group building

Total group session & Worship

#### Saturday

Wake up & get ready to glean!

Morning worship

Breakfast & kitchen clean up

Leave for the field and GLEAN!!!

Lunch

Afternoon free time

Evening small groups

Supper

Total group session & worship

#### Sunday Morning

Breakfast

Pack and clean up camp

Evaluations

Closing worship

10:00 a.m. Group picture





### Who loves ice cream?

If you do (and who doesn't?), the Purity Miss Martha's Ice Cream Crankin' is the place for you to be on June 12 from 3-5 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Nashville. This is a fun community event that benefits the Martha O'Bryan Center. Did you know the Martha O'Bryan Center has been a ministry of the Middle Tennessee Presbytery since 1894? It is located in the heart of the Cayce Place community in East Nashville and its ministries to the community are life changing.

When was the last time you made homemade ice cream? Now is the time to pull out a favorite recipe or create a new one. Your recipe could become one of Purity's ice cream selections next summer if you win "Best of Show" this year.

Martha O'Bryan needs "crankers" and people to simply enjoy the ice cream. Please contact Susan Williams ([susanwilliams1@mac.com](mailto:susanwilliams1@mac.com)) for details on entering the contest or for more information about the Martha O'Bryan Center or the Crankin'.

Invite some friends and go enjoy some ice cream together on June 12 and know while enjoying the fun you are also supporting a vibrant ministry that empowers children, youth and adults in poverty to transform their lives.

Buy advance tickets on Sunday in Wilson Hall. Children under 2 are FREE, ages 2 - 12 are \$8 each, and adult tickets remain at \$10 per person for all the ice cream you can eat! All proceeds benefit Martha O'Bryan Center, a covenant mission of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee.

For more information, visit <http://www.marthaobryan.org/news/ice-cream-crankin>.

## SHARE THE TABLE

Share the Table returns on Father's Day, June 19. As in all of life, this involves giving and receiving. Share the Table needs those who will donate baked goods, canned goods, herbs, vegetables, fruits, plants....whatever you think someone would enjoy. We also need others to purchase all those items. There are no prices, only donations. All proceeds go to GraceWorks, who then shares our bounty with our neighbors. We hope you will find a way to give, receive, or both this summer through Share the Table.



## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

### 9:45 to 10:30 EVERY Sunday!

Have you thought about all the people that move into Franklin during the summer? Will they visit our church? Many will! Invite them to Sunday school so they can get to know others immediately.

We have classes throughout the summer for all ages. The youth will continue their tradition of beginning with the hospitality bar downstairs in the youth wing. A new addition to the children's routine will be beginning with a musical opening and Bible story presentation in room 215. Mr. Michael will be helping us sing each Sunday and a variety of staff and volunteers will be presenting the Bible story

**Children:** PreK through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will have a MUSICAL GATHERING at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday in room 215 (the music room!). At 10:00 they will meet in room 210 (the children's library) for a variety of activities using the Feasting on the Word summer curriculum. The nursery will be available for infants and young children.

**Middle and High School:** The youth hospitality bar will be open at 9:30 for fellowship and goodies. Then at 9:45 the middle school will meet in room 117 and the high school will meet in room 120. They will be using the Feasting on the Word summer curriculum.

**Adults:** You have three options this summer:

- 1 – **Feasting on the Word** in room 211 with rotating teachers. This is a lectionary text, discussion based class.
- 2 - **The Bible Class** in room 207, led by Hugh DuPree.
- 3 – **The Christian Faith and Life Class** in room 206, led by Missy Kitchings. They will be studying the Sermon on the Mount as illuminated through the Gospel of Matthew.



### Montreat Women's Conference

Several of us are planning on attending the 2016 Women's Connection at Montreat, NC. <http://www.montreat.org/women/>

**GROUP HOUSING MUST BE CONFIRMED WITH KIM JOINER BY JUNE 3**

The conference is August 12-14. This does not replace our annual congregational women's retreat which will be Nov. 4-6 at NaCoMe. Contact Kim Joiner if you are interested. Registration will be through Montreat on an individual basis, but I would love to carpool and caravan! [kjoiner@fpcfFranklin.org](mailto:kjoiner@fpcfFranklin.org)

### Calm in the Chaos 2016 Women's Connection Montreat, North Carolina

This conference will encourage participants to find grace and renewal through reflection, rest, and community. Scripture passages that will bring our theme into focus include Psalm 46:10, Isaiah 30:15, and Matthew 8:23-27. Conference activities will include worship, fellowship, recreation, rest, and workshops. Workshops may include yoga, hiking, spiritual direction, blogging, storytelling, art, and grief support.

There will be a special event **Momastery at Montreat: An Evening with Glennon Doyle Melton**. Included in your registration fee is a preordered copy of Glennon's upcoming book, [Love Warrior](#), set to be released and shipped to each participant in the fall of 2016.

## THE MOST IMPORTANT SPACE IN THE CHURCH... THE NURSERY!

Did you read the list of “What I love about my church” from the Session retreat posted in the enews? The nursery is at the top of the list for many young families! Our nursery is welcoming to all and a beloved, safe place for our infants and young children. This just doesn’t magically happen. Our nursery staff makes this happen week after week. Our sincere appreciation goes to our coordinators Kelly Oldham and Kate Lasseter. They work diligently to schedule so all worship and special events are covered by our staff. The coordinators and staff offer hospitality to visitors and members alike. They are always very loving and nurturing to all our children. I hope you will take time to tell them in person how much we appreciate their love and care.

THANK YOU: Leticia Arias, Lisa Bell, Linda Cairatti, Scott Dufrechou, Kate Lasseter and Kelly Oldham.



## PLAY DATE AT PINKERTON PARK

On a beautiful Saturday morning several of our families met together at the park for an opportunity to let the children play with their church friends. The children were laughing and running and climbing. The parents were chasing after them while chatting with other parents to get to know each other. These children will be in youth group before we know it. These relationships are important...for the adults and the young children!

Expectant and New Parents:

Click [here](#) to learn about the ABC's of Safe Sleep and other safety tips.



## WHY CONFIRMATION?

I was amazed how much my daughter learned during her confirmation. She was so curious and invested in her faith journey. The relationship she had with her covenant partner blossomed over the year which fostered her faith exploration with someone beside her parents... linking her to our church family as a whole. FPC made these emerging confirmands feel valued and as an important part of our church. Not only were they introduced to all facets of our church community and faith, but they also got to plan and execute the complete confirmation worship service as a culmination of their achievement.

-Jennifer Godwin, parent of Meryl, confirmed 4-24-16

Our session, through the Christian Education Committee, has prepared a program of Confirmation as a way of working with young persons to prepare them for the responsibilities of church membership. This program will guide youth through an exploration of the Bible and the primary tenets of the Reformed faith; including God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, ministry, baptism, life in the church, marriage, mission, death and resurrection, stewardship, spiritual gifts, and more. A new class will begin on Rally Day Sept. 11, 2016. Confirmation is for students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above. Contact Kim Joiner at [kjoiner@fpcfranklin.org](mailto:kjoiner@fpcfranklin.org) for more information and to enroll your child.



### Christian Education Calendar of Special Events

Monday, June 20 – Thursday, June 23 – VBS!

Sunday, June 26 – Saturday, July 2 – High School mission trip

Tuesday, July 12 – Friday, July 15 – Middle School mission trip

Tuesday, July 19 – Saturday, July 23 – High School Triennium

Saturday, August 27 – CE Leader Training – 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Wednesday, September 7, WNL starts back!

Sunday, September 11 – RALLY DAY!

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# YOUTH NEWS

## Promotion Plunge 2016: Energy and Unity

On Sunday, May 15th, we celebrated Pentecost together as a church and that same day FPC youth also celebrated Promotion Plunge. During morning worship, the color red could be seen in the most sacred of places, as we remembered together the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on God’s people, and the birth of the Church. In the afternoon plastic tarps could be seen draped across the lawn, covered in soap and water, ready for slip-n-slide kickball, and ready to welcome our rising 7th graders into youth group. And although those tarps and kiddie pools may not look sacred to some, as the afternoon played out, they looked sacred to me. You see, I love Pentecost because I love hearing the story again of God’s people being filled with the Holy Spirit, and being reminded that we are filled with the same energizing and unifying Spirit. And as I watched our youth slip and slide, and laugh, and play together, I saw energy, I saw unity, and I recognized that Spirit. By welcoming our rising 7th graders into youth group, laughing and playing together, and building relationships, we welcomed and celebrated that energizing and unifying Spirit. All this to say that Promotion Plunge was a very special way to spend Pentecost Sunday. Thanks be to God, Amen. - Janelle Brinker



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### Youth Summer Dinners

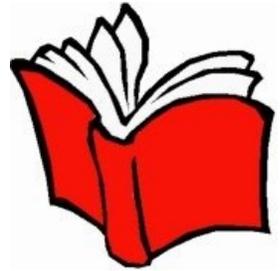
Starting June 1st all youth (rising 7th- graduated 12th) are welcome to join us for our Wednesday Night Dinners. We love our dinners together because they are a low pressure way to get to know each other better, and stay in touch throughout the summer. We will meet at various restaurants in Cool Springs every Wednesday for dinner at 6pm. Parents and Adult Participants are welcome to join!

Wednesday, June 1st @ Chipotle (430 Cool Springs Blvd)

Wednesday, June 8th @ Culver's (3400 Mallory Lane)

### Youth Book Club

Love to read? Interested in deepening and challenging your faith? Join FPC Youth's Summer Book Club. We will meet 5 times throughout the summer. Our first meeting will be Thursday, June 9th from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Church Parlor. We will decide our first book at our first meeting. I will bring snacks and a couple of good book options for us to choose from. If you are interested in participating in the Youth Summer Book Club, please sign up on the bulletin board outside Janelle's office, or email [jbrinker@fpcfranklin.org](mailto:jbrinker@fpcfranklin.org). Parents and Adult Participants are welcome to join!



### Coming Soon to FPC Youth: Student Leadership Team!

This fall FPC Youth Ministries is excited to announce the start of a Student Leadership Team. We have said it before, and we will say it again: young people are not just the church of tomorrow, they are the church right now. And the establishment of a Student Leadership Team is meant to encourage and equip our youth to live out their call as members of Christ's body. We want to give our youth the opportunity to develop and share their dreams for our youth ministry, for our church, and for our world. All rising 7th-12th graders are welcome to join the FPC Student Leadership Team, and if you know a young person who you think would be a great addition to the team, let them know and encourage them to apply! Applications will be available mid-summer. The applications are meant to establish a commitment to the team, and to hear from our youth about what Christ-like leadership looks like to them (all who apply will be accepted onto the team). We will also hold a Student Leadership Team training retreat Friday-Saturday, August 5th and 6th. We will meet Friday evening from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9am-2pm. More information about the Student Leadership Team is coming soon! We are very excited to begin our Student Leadership Team at FPC Franklin, and we hope that you are too!



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## Surf Shack Vacation Bible School

### Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love

June 20-23 from 9:00– 12:00

"Remember that the Lord is great and awesome!"

Nehemiah 4:14b

Every year I have had the pleasure of volunteering for VBS, I am amazed at what a fun, enriching, and often transformational event it is for all participants. I did not attend Vacation Bible School as a child and my first experience with such a program was as a co-director for the program at my last church – talk about jumping in with both feet! You can always count on the curriculum to be energizing, yet substantive, for the children, but I was not expecting to learn and reflect on the Bible stories and connect with other participants so fully as an adult volunteer. I am so grateful for everyone who contributes their time and talents to the success of the VBS program because it truly is a learning experience for all involved. Volunteering for VBS has become an important part of my own growth in faith that I look forward to each summer. If you have not already registered to volunteer at VBS, I encourage you to make room in your calendar to join us for as many days as you can between June 20-23. I can promise that your heart will leave each day filled with joy and...I promise I won't ask you to be my co-director!

Sarah Jones, VBS Director



My earliest memories of VBS go back to my childhood. We'd all pile in the car and head to the church for a fun filled week of friends, church songs, crafts, stories, games, and more. We didn't realize we were forming precious lifelong memories, but time has told a different story. We shared our VBS with a Lutheran church across town, so not only did we get to enjoy the time with familiar faces, we met new friends that we recognized the following years. The songs we learned still pop into my head today, and every once in a while my mom will uncover clay handprints, popsicle stick crafts, and finger painted scenes that my sisters and I created during the week. I remember vividly all of the members of my church that made those weeks so special. I still get warm fuzzies when I think back to those moments, and volunteering for VBS dishes up heaping helpings of those feelings. I'm looking forward to another fantastic week of watching children enjoy their church family in a way that will prove memorable.

Tony Inglis, Assistant VBS Director

#### DONATIONS NEEDED:

Goldfish, animal crackers, pretzels, lemonade mix OR gift cards to Costco, Sam's, Kroger or Publix. Please place in the tub marked VBS in Wilson Hall. THANK YOU!

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### TEAM WORK!

On Promotion Plunge Sunday each of the children's Sunday school classes were asked to build a bridge for a toy car with only popsicle sticks and duct tape. They had a great time working together and were very creative with their bridges.



**THANK YOU** to our 2015-2016 Sunday school teachers!

We had a fabulous year of Feasting on God's Word by exploring Bible stories, making friends, serving others and team building. The feast continues in Summer Sunday school!



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL YEAR END CELEBRATION

The Preschool ended a wonderful year with a big celebration on Friday, May 13. Vicky Stiles led the children in a program that included preschool favorites and parent participation. We also celebrated Connie Reynolds' retirement after 30+ years of teaching three-year olds. One table at the reception was decorated with photos of Connie, a scrapbook that previous and current students and families contributed to, flowers, and a cake that proclaimed "Happy Ever After." The reception also featured a slideshow of pictures from the year and a banner with each child's handprint. Banners from the previous two years were also hanging and older children enjoyed finding their hand or foot print on each.





**We're on the Web: [fppreschool.com](http://fppreschool.com) Check us out!**

First Presbyterian Franklin Preschool's website combines the mission, philosophy, methods and joys of our continuing preschool ministry. You will see beautiful pictures of students involved in play, art, building, more play, learning, sharing, growing, observing, playing. Fred Rogers knew "play is really the work of childhood." We are blessed with an amazing staff each dedicated to applying "best and proven practice to daily work with young children." The website represents the school and our church well. It draws new families to our community of faith and learning.

Summer Camp, FARM FRESH, begins Tuesday, June 7. Expect to hear some chickens clucking and maybe a rooster crowing on campus this summer. Call Cheri Lindsley for information or to schedule a visit at 615/971-9061. We'd love to have your children grow with us!

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, MICHAEL P. SNODDY



### *What Time Is It? It Sounds Like Greek to Me!*

Greetings to All!

During a recent staff calendaring event Pastor Chris reminded us about time—not only about the elusive, “slips-through-the fingers” thing, but also about the opportunities contained within it. Such is the case with *chronos* and *kairos*. Both are Greek words which mean time, but they imply different things.

- Chronos refers to minutes and seconds; it refers to time as a measurable resource.
- Kairos is also a word used for time; it means an appointed time, an opportune moment, or a due season.

**THE CHRONOS OUTLOOK** – It is natural for us to think in the chronos. We think of having a set number of hours in a day and tend to define our workweek by the number of hours contained within it. Being mindful of the minutes and seconds is a good thing as we want to be good stewards of that we have been given; but ironically this watchfulness can blind us to the opportunities and advantages inherent in times and seasons.

**THE KAIROS OUTLOOK** – As a priest friend once stated, “The unexpected IS my ministry.” Within these unexpected opportunities and regular comings-and-goings of the day are moments to work within the kairos – “God’s Time.” Whether it be large or small, God breaks in on, informs, and transforms our very days and lives. It is the difference in working on or praying through the calendar.

**THE CHANGED MINDSET** – This requires a mental shift. Instead of viewing time as grains of sand in an hourglass, choose to view time as opportunities, both for you and for those that you encounter. We can become more effective if we become more actively aware. The summary is this; don’t allow the diligence of the chronos to crowd out the opportunity of the kairos.

Rise up singing praise...both in chronos and in kairos time!

Michael



## SUMMER OFFERINGS & OPPORTUNITIES

### *Share Your Gifts*

During the choir's well-deserved summer break we invite you to share your musical gifts with the congregation during worship. Please see the Director of Music for more information and to be placed on the calendar.

### *Carillon-Chancel/Chapel Choir Potluck Events*

Join us for the informal potluck events to be held during the months of June – July – and August. This would be a great time to join us if you have thought about adding your musical "tithe" to ours. Watch for more information!



## MONTREAT MUSIC & WORSHIP CONFERENCE 2016:

### *Grace and Gratitude (June 26-July 1)*

The Music Staff invites you to join us for this creative and rewarding week of offerings for children, youth, and adults. Partial scholarships and housing assistance are available on a limited basis.

*(For more information see the music bulletin board in Wilson Hall.)*

## **PIPEDREAMS**

### *Celebrating the pipe organ, the King of Instruments!*

Hours of fascinating and interesting programs about the pipe organ are available 24 Hours a day on the web at <http://pipedreams.publicradio.org>

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June 5, 2016

**Scripture:** John 1:1-18

**Sermon:** *The Light Found in Darkness*  
Chris Joiner

**Liturgists:**

8:30: Bob Osowiecki  
11:00: Steve Lewis

**Acolytes:**

8:30: Anna Marie Love  
11:00: Jack Hoefler

**Hospitality Team 1:**

8:30: Fred and Sue Banner; Tammy and Anna Marie Love; Ruthie Moulton; Margaret, Phillip, Harrison, Sanders and Shelby Whiteside  
11:00: Jean Acklin; Brenda and J. Edward Campbell; Michelle Hatcher; Kay Hartman; Leanne, Steve, Molly and Jack Hoefler

**Feasting on the Word Scripture for Sunday**

**School:** Galatians 1:11-24

June 12, 2016

**Scripture:** Galatians 2:15-21

**Sermon:** *By Faith*  
Anne Keener

**Liturgists:**

8:30: Bob Osowiecki  
11:00: Steve Lewis

**Hospitality Team 2:**

8:30: Duke Ellis; Jenn, Chad, Ava and Harper Fitzgerald; Myers Parsons; Betty and Bruce Waterman; Susan Williams  
11:00: Roberta Chamberlain; Troy, Eva, Noah and Luke Dover; Larry and Blair Reynolds; Ken, Ann, Josh and Madison Zander

**Feasting on the Word Scripture for Sunday**

**School:** Galatians 2:15-21

June 19, 2016

*Communion*

**Scripture:** Romans 8:18-27

**Sermon:** *The Insecurity of Certainty*

Chris Joiner

**Liturgists:**

8:30: Don Bittick  
11:00: Sue Mahurin

**Acolytes**

8:30: Hailee Carollo

**Hospitality Team 3:**

8:30: Betsy Adgent; Priscilla Duarte; Chris, Jennifer, Meryl, Brooks and Hollis Godwin; Arleen Munk  
11:00: Michael and Reagan Gentile; Vance and Jessica Lahey; Bruce, Jaclyn, Sammy and Joseph Tarkington; Paul, Rebecca, Hannah, Emma and Jake Wilson

**Feasting on the Word Scripture for Sunday**

**School:** Galatians 3:23-29

**Communion for Shut-ins:**

Terry Love; Jessica Queen

**Communion Preparation:**

Susan Oldham; Karen Sartin

**Communion Clean-up:**

Al and Mary Jane Wormer



June 26, 2016

**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 34:10-12,  
Luke 22:54-62

**Sermon:** *The Success of Failure*  
Chris Joiner

**Liturgists:**

8:30: Don Bittick  
11:00: Sue Mahurin

**Acolytes**

8:30: Hailee Carollo

**Hospitality Team 4:**

8:30: Sally Bullock; Jimmy, Jana, Tyler and Lauren Roberts; Don Savage; Troy, Kelly, Lucy, Myers and Amelia Tschantz  
11:00: David, Michele, John and Mac Boyette, Chris, Julie, Spencer, Ellie and Gracie Jones

**Feasting on the Word Scripture for**

**Sunday School:** Galatians 15:1,13-25





Thank you all for my beautiful hanging basket of purple petunias which I will enjoy all summer.

Thank you, too, for giving me the privilege of having a part in WNL. It has been an important part of my life for 17 years.

Margaret Roberts



Dear WNL Friends,  
Thanks so much for the beautiful hanging basket! And, many thanks for your dedication and support that help us make WNL a success each week. Have a great summer!

Blessings, Lucy Battle

Dear WNL Family,  
Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers. I will do my best to keep them looking as beautiful as they are now.

We appreciate all you do for us. We are lucky to serve among such special people. Have a safe summer!  
Love, Nancy Moody



Thank you First Presbyterian of Franklin !

From Room In The Inn



Dear FPC and Pastor Chris,  
Thank you so much for your loyal support of the Habitat for Humanity Williamson-Maury team.

We truly appreciate your sponsorship.  
Blessings, Kim Randell



# Society of St. Andrew

GLEANING AMERICA'S FIELDS ~ FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY

Greetings!

Thanks for your donation to the Society of St. Andrew!

Your support helps us put millions of pounds of food into hungry bellies instead of the landfills. Thanks so much for all you do!

Rev. Jennie Hunter

Dear friends in Christ:

You make all the difference through your gift. First Presbyterian Church will put healthy, nourishing food on the tables of individuals and families who are struggling to get by. Partnering with Society of St. Andrew, you engage volunteer gleaners in hands-on mission and service; you help send large loads of fruits and vegetables to areas where they are most needed; you support local feeding agencies in every area of the country; and you reduce food waste - all as you follow Jesus' command to feed the hungry. Thank you for this gift and for joining with Society of St. Andrew in working toward a world without hunger.

With you in Christ's service,  
Lynette Johnson, Director of Church Relations

# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

**1**  
Dawson Blackburn  
Linda Cairatti  
Harper Fitzgerald  
Dixie Houston  
Kate Lasseter

**2**  
Mac Boyette  
Emily Roumen

**4**  
Emeline Lasseter

**5**  
Taylor Davis  
Sarah Jones  
Grant Mikus  
Jim Petersen

**6**  
Riley Coleman  
Katie Singleton  
Kathy Strunk

**7**  
Kohlby Bollinger  
Brooks Godwin  
Emily Gwydir  
Carlene Higley  
Trey Jackson  
Kathy Nappier  
Margaret Roberts

**8**  
John Moulton

**9**  
Betsy Adgent  
Chandler Joiner  
John Kitchings  
Glenn Schwartz

**10**  
Jill Brewer  
Billy Carter  
Ron Crutcher  
Maggie Garafola  
Sue Mounts  
Katie Oldham

**11**  
Sharon Kirby  
Braden Stivers

**12**  
Chuck Coble  
Jo Singer

**13**  
Tiffany Bechtel  
Bruce Jones

**14**  
Jean Acklin  
Julie Anna Bowden  
Hannah Fox

**15**  
Harriet Bechtel  
Stephen Bowden  
Mackenzie Lewis

**16**  
John Bittick  
Blake Gillum  
Evan Kutzler  
Taylor Phillips

**17**  
Bailey Oldham  
Jane Stafford

**18**  
Carlyle McAfee

**19**  
Megan Sturm  
Barbara Winger

**20**  
Rich Johnson

**21**  
Leonard McKeand  
Mackenzie Medina

**22**  
Meggie McCaleb

**23**  
Jake Brock  
Ellie Hagan

**24**  
Dave Stivers

**25**  
Shirley Draper

**26**  
Jaden Brock  
Rachel Cairatti  
Brenda Campbell  
Bill Hughes  
Leslie Linebaugh  
Suzanne Mayo  
Alex Miller  
John Sakich

**28**  
Art Haws

**29**  
Chris Carver  
Russell Henderson  
Scott Russell

**30**  
Michele Boyette  
Nick Hutson  
Samantha McCaleb



*Please note: Birthdays are published weekly in Enews and monthly in the newsletter. If you would prefer not to be listed, please email rgarner@fpcfranklin.org for the Enews and newsletter.*

## CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Stewardship and Finance would like to report to the congregation the following financial information.

	April Actual	April Budget	March-April Actual	March-April Budget
Income	81,203.26	77,932.00	159,077.80	155,864.00
Fixed Expenses	65,324.20	72,263.00	141,412.28	141,171.00
Other Expenses	8,475.11	14,804.00	22,036.04	31,105.00
Income Over (under) expenses	7,403.95	(9,135.00)	(4,370.52)	(16,412.00)

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**Wednesday, June 1**

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

**Thursday, June 2**

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 3**

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

**Saturday, June 4**

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

**Sunday, June 5**

3rd Sunday after Pentecost Morning: Pss. 108; 150 Evening: Pss. 66; 23 Eccl. 6:1–12 Acts 10:9–23 Luke 12:32–40

**Monday, June 6**

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

**Tuesday, June 7**

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

**Wednesday, June 8**

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

**Thursday, June 9**

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

**Friday, June 10**

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

**Saturday, June 11**

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

**Sunday, June 12**

4th Sunday after Pentecost Morning: Pss. 103; 150 Evening: Pss. 117; 139 Num. 6:22–27 Acts 13:1–12 Luke 12:41–48

**Monday, June 13**

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 14**

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

**Wednesday, June 15**

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 16**

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

**Friday, June 17**

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 18**

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

**Sunday, June 19**

5th Sunday after Pentecost Morning: Pss. 19; 150 Evening: Pss. 81; 113 Num. 14:26–45 Acts 15:1–12 Luke 12:49–56

**Monday, June 20**

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

**Tuesday, June 21**

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

**Wednesday, June 22 Morning:**

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

**Thursday, June 23**

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

**Friday, June 24**

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

**Saturday, June 25**

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

**Sunday, June 26**

6th Sunday after Pentecost Morning: Pss. 67; 150 Evening: Pss. 46; 93 Num. 21:4–9, 21–35 Acts 17: (12–21) 23–24 Luke 13:10–17

**Monday, June 27**

Morning: Pss. 57; 145 Evening: Pss. 85; 47 Num. 22:1–21 Rom. 6:12–23 Matt. 21:12–22

**Tuesday, June 28**

Morning: Pss. 54; 146 Evening: Pss. 28; 99 Num. 22:21–38 Rom. 7:1–12 Matt. 21:23–32

**Wednesday, June 29**

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11 Evening: Pss. 125; 91 Num. 22:41–23:12 Rom. 7:13–25 Matt. 21:33–46

**Thursday, June 30**

Morning: Pss. 143; 147:12–20 Evening: Pss. 81; 116 Num. 23:11–26 Rom. 8:1–11 Matt. 22:1–14

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## ACCOUNTANT'S CORNER



Our Church Accountant would like to remind members to please make a note on your check if the contribution is for something other than your annual pledge (i.e.

capital campaign, mission trip deposit, or other special giving). We want to ensure that your contributions are posted in accordance with your wishes. If you have questions about how your contributions are applied, please contact Sarah Cochran at [scochran@fpcfranklin.org](mailto:scochran@fpcfranklin.org).



[CLICK HERE](#) to view the church calendar on our website.

Sarah will be available in the church office on Monday 9-3, Wednesdays 1-4, and Thursday 9-12.

