



**November 2017**

# The Franklin Presbyterian

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

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Taking the Next Step is the title for this year's stewardship program for the 2018 ministry support of First Presbyterian Church, Franklin. It is an expression of what we believe should happen when God's people are asked to respond with generous hearts to the ministry opportunities of the church.

In years past, we have prepared a budget and then asked the congregation to subscribe to it. This year, we are changing the order. We are asking the church to respond with estimates of giving and then the Finance Committee will prepare a budget, or spending plan, for those commitments. This approach takes the focus off the need of the church to receive funds and puts it where it rightly should be, the need of the giver to give.

When presented with this plan, the leadership of our church responded enthusiastically, and we hope you will too. It is a change, but we believe it is a healthy change. In fact, it is a natural expansion of what we have done for the past few years, and we plan to continue this approach in the future. For too long, we have been tempted to place too much emphasis on success based on whether we subscribed our budget. Success is better measured when God's people are given a chance to grow and respond in faith to do so. Transformation is the key.

How much do you need to give? That's between you and God. Prayer should be the focus as you seek the answer to this question. There are people in our church that can only grow one or two steps and there are others that can grow much more than that. But don't lose focus. It's not how someone else will respond or what the church needs you to do. The issue is what you need to do in the stewardship of what God has blessed you with — to make an offering that would be pleasing and acceptable to God. It is an exciting time in the life of First Presbyterian Church, Franklin. Will you take the next step with us?

## ***Steps along the Giving Path***

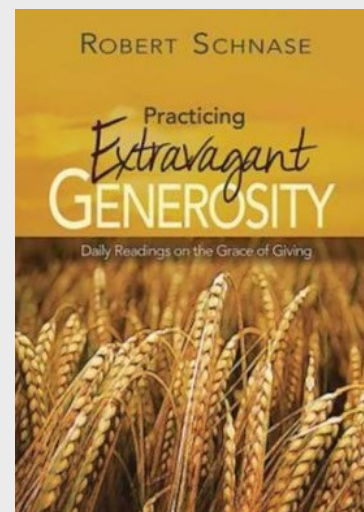
***First-Time Giver:*** Begin to give.

***Intentional Giver:*** Plan what percentage of your income to give for a year.

***Growing Giver:*** Increasing the percentage of income toward a tithe.

***Tither:*** Begin to give a tithe (10% of income).

***Extravagant Giver:*** Give beyond the tithe, called an offering (10+% of income).



## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, MICHAEL SNODDY

Greetings to All!

A famous tale of gratitude recounts that of Androcles and a lion. Androcles, a slave who was wondering in the forest, chanced upon an injured lion, which had a huge thorn stuck in its paw. Androcles helped the lion by removing the thorn and thus gave the lion a second chance at life. Later, Androcles would be captured and thrown into the den of a hungry lion. It rushed toward its fresh prey, but it soon realized that Androcles was the same man who saved his life earlier in the forest. The lion did not attack, instead, it licked his face like a pet dog and showered the slave with overwhelming affection. This is a simple story of gratitude.



Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German theologian, reminds us that in ordinary life *we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich.*

How easy it is to forget to be grateful. In the crush of life, it is easy to not recall the kindness of a friend, neighbor, or teacher. We might easily overlook the parents, family members, or friends who have contributed ceaselessly throughout our lives. What about the driver who “lets you in”? We might do well to remember that being thankful has other benefits—a thankful heart has little room for arrogance, resentment, jealousy, or anger. Adopting an “attitude of gratitude” can also add life, and health, to your years.

The story of gratitude as found in Aesop’s fable about the lion and the slave is a moral lesson where kindness and generosity triumph. Even today, when the world is plagued by natural disasters, it is heartening to read of people rising above them with kindness and generosity. Grace begets grace and as God’s people our call is to continue to strive to *become* that which we have received—love, it is a certain outpouring of our gratitude for God’s matchless grace.

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mother’s arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given; the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

Come, ye thankful people, come!

Michael

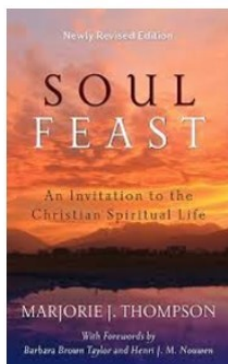
## GROWTH GROUPS

Growth Groups have once again provided space for guests and members to deepen relationships with each other and with God. *Soul Feast* has provided a starting point for wonderful discussions about our Christian spiritual life and the practices that deepen our discipleship.



Here is a photo of one Growth Group.  
Love the big smiles!

Jared and Janelle Brinker, Erin and Max Miller, Katie Oldham, Janice Eddlemon, Dianne and David Green, Sharon Quintana and Kim and Chris Joiner.



Thank you for all our Growth Group facilitators and participants!

It is hard to believe the fall groups will end in just a few weeks. We are already planning for our spring Growth Groups which will meet February through April. More details will be shared in the December newsletter, but we hope you will plan to join one of these life-giving groups.

Here are some reflections from a couple of people on their Growth Group experience.

*"This is my first growth group and it has been a true blessing. I have enjoyed getting to know new people more intimately and learning about their feelings and life experiences. The book we are studying is very good and offers lots of new ideas for living a more purposeful life in prayer."*

*"Small covenanted groups in a church provide us with spiritual friends.' As I read this sentence in the Companions on the Journey chapter, I immediately thought that is what Growth Group provides for me."*

*"Traveling along this path of faith with my Growth Group companions keeps me focused and energized. We learn, laugh, feel free to struggle, and pray with each other, which seems amazingly similar to what those first century Christians must have experienced as they met in small groups."*

## NEW MEMBER DINNER

On the evening of October 27, David and Diane Bell's home was filled with joy, laughter, and hospitality during the New Member Dinner. Looking around the room, I saw smiles and easy flowing conversations. Some were deepening established relationships while others were meeting for the first time. I heard connections being made on a variety of topics from home towns to different ways people volunteer their time.

Prior to the dinner as I thought about each new member, I smiled as I recalled each path from entering the sanctuary as a guest to becoming part of the fabric of our community. As I looked around the room that night, I gave thanks for the variety of ways those present are already responding to God's grace through the ministries at First Presbyterian.

In addition to our newest members, other members were present and able to build connections in the warm environment of the Bell's home. This dinner is a joint effort by the Congregational Care and Outreach Committees, and I am grateful for all those who made the evening possible. Thank you for all who joined us. It was a special evening, and we missed those who were out of town.

- Anne Keener



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest members, Kevin and Pam Asa, Wayne and Betty Barcheski, and Janice Eddlemon. On Sunday, October 22, they met with the session and united with our congregation. We are delighted to have them as part of our faith community and to be part of their faith journey. Please find an opportunity to introduce yourself and welcome them.



Kevin and Pam Asa

**Kevin and Pam Asa** moved to Thompson's Station from Mississippi to be closer to some of their children. They understand the value of a community of faith and found ways to connect before even joining. Pam joined the choir singing at the 11:00 service, and Kevin joined the Wednesday morning Bible study. They and their children and grandchild attended the church picnic so all could meet others in our faith community. We give thanks that they are choosing to be part of our congregation.



Betty and Wayne Barcheski

**Betty and Wayne Barcheski** recently moved to Franklin from Naperville, Illinois where they were very involved in their church. They have shared that FPC already feels like home and recall passing the peace with Sue and Fred Banner on their first Sunday. Betty and Wayne have expressed the warm welcome they received from our community on Sunday mornings and during Wednesday Night Live. They have already connected with a Sunday School class and are looking forward to further involvement in the life of our church. We joyfully welcome them to our community of faith.



Janice Eddlemon

**Janice Eddlemon** has lived in Franklin for many years but felt a desire to find a church home closer to the faith community of her youth. She has expressed the genuine welcome she feels and also shared her sense of deep peace about joining our community of faith. Before Janice joined the church, she joined a Growth Group and has found a community to share and deepen her faith. She also has enjoyed the fellowship within our Senior Adult Ministry and enjoyed the 5 Points Swing Band evening at FPC. We are grateful that Janice has found and joined our congregation.

## Christian Education ...Faith Formation for All Ages

### Interactive Wednesday Night Live Program for Pastor Chris' Doctorate of Ministry Final Project: Faith and Suffering



It is a question as old as our faith: if God is all-loving, and all-powerful, why do we suffer? How does the presence of suffering in the world inform your faith?

Challenge your faith? Expand your faith? These questions lie at the heart of a series of conversations Pastor Chris will lead Nov. 8—Dec. 13. Bring your own experiences and observations and join in the conversation with Christian thinkers from the Reformation to the modern age as we join together to listen and learn from one another and the tradition.



**Nov. 8—Dec. 13:** Faith and Suffering, Barr Conference Room 211, 6:45 pm—7:30 p.m. (childcare available)

### Wednesday Night Live (WNL) has something for everyone!

WNL is our midweek evening program for all ages. Even with all the busy schedules many take this opportunity to connect with their church family. Come and join us!

5:15 –6:30 pm Adult Handbell Rehearsal  
6:00 MEAL SERVED IN WILSON HALL  
6:45—7:30 pm Adult Class  
6:30—8:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal



Have Questions about...

Reformed Theology,  
Church History,  
The Bible,  
God, Jesus,  
Spiritual Practices,  
Christian Education...

We have books to help! And many more areas. Our church library is located right off the Sanctuary, Room 201, come check us out .



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### Book Studies for Small Groups:

***Of Mess and Moxie: Wrangling Delight Out of This Wild and Glorious Life*** by Jenn Hatmaker will be the next Mom's Bookclub read. We will gather on Dec. 7 at 7:00 pm at Kim Joiner's home. Moms of all ages are invited.

***Hallelujah Anyway*** by Anne Lamott for the **Sisters in Spirit Women's Group**: this groups meets each Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. in the FPC parlor. They gather for prayer and discussion, and women of all stages and ages are invited to join. Contact Martha Johnson for more information: 615-400-6276 martha.johnson07@comcast.net

**William Barclay's Commentary on the Gospel of Mark** for the **Men's Bible Study**: This group of men meet each Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. in the adult library. Come and enjoy coffee, ham biscuits and a lively discussion.

***Falling Upward*** by Richard Rohr led by Pastor Chris' Wed. Morning Bible Study. This group meets 10:30 until 12 noon.

### Sunday School, most classes begin at 9:45 a.m., late start time classes are noted:

**The Bible Class, Room 207**: A focus on ancient history in the Holy Land during a time span of 960 B.C. through 135 A.D. Contacts: Hugh DuPree (hughdupree@gmail.com) and Duke Ellis (familyellisd@bellsouth.net)

**Christian Faith & Life Class, Adult Library Room 201**: A Bible study class that focuses on a particular book of the Bible and uses the Barclay's Commentary as a resource. Contact: Missy Kitchings (missy@kitchings.net)

**Crossroads, Room 208**: **\*Class discussion starts at 10:00 am and dismissal at 10:50 am.** The lessons will be Biblically based and the topics discussed will be relevant to modern Christian life through the discussion of current events using *The Wired Word*, an online curriculum. Contacts: Will Crunk (wwcrunk21@gmail.com); Vance Lahey (vancelahey@gmail.com); and Betty Webb (betty.webb42352@gmail.com)

**Exploration Class, Barr Conference Room 211**: A spirited discussion based class with in depth conversation regarding the impact a faith based book has on our lives, our family and our community. Fall book: *Radical Spirit: 12 Ways to Live a Free and Authentic Life* by Joan Chittister. Contact: Doug Halleen (doug.halleen@mentorakid.org)

**Feasting on the Word, Parlor Room 218**: An in-depth study of the weekly Lectionary scripture text using *Feasting on the Word* curriculum. Contacts: Jim Skillen (jim@skillendad.com); Adam Crunk (adam.crunk@gmail.com); and Clarke Oldham (oldhamfamily@bellsouth.net)

**Living Faith Class, Room 213**: Video and podcast based class that views a 20-25 minute selection in class then has a guided discussion. Fall study: *Balanced* by Andy Stanley. Contact: Steve Lewis (stevelewis22@comcast.net)

### **Parenting at All Stages and Ages, Music Room 215-B**

**\*Discussion starts at 9:55 am, immediately after the Children's Musical Gathering, dismissal 10:30 am.**

A book study class designed to help parents with all aged children/youth/YA integrate their faith into their everyday life with their families. Fall book: *More than Words: 10 Values for the Modern Family* by Erin Wathen. Contacts: Eva and Troy Dover (troyeva@comcast.net), Brent Sower (and Kim Joiner (kjoiner@fpcfranklin.org)

**Bethel Bible Series, Room 206 (This is a two year commitment class, new study begins Fall 2018)** This two-year Bible study is an overview of the Old and New Testaments. They will be studying the N.T. this year. Contacts: Susan Bowling (susan@raybowling.com), Ray Bowling (ray@raybowling.com) and Tim Kelly (timkelly56@gmail.com)

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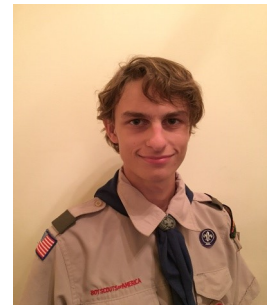


### Operation Labyrinth—A HUGE SUCCESS!

Come, slow down and take a prayer walk. The outdoor labyrinth is complete! Moyers family members, Boy Scout troop members and church members gathered on their fall break to assist Jonathan as he completed his Eagle Scout project of designing and installing a labyrinth on our property. He also built the bench and had enough funds to add a birth bath. Thank you to the donors and workers. This project has sparked more interest and funding. We will be adding to this meditative area! A labyrinth is symbolic of

the journey to the center of yourself. In a labyrinth, there is one way in and one way out. Follow the path to escape from the noise of the world, pray for a specific need or just enjoy the gifts of God. Thank you, Jonathan, for this gift to our community.

"This project was blessed with great weather, plentiful donations, and hard working volunteers! Thanks, everyone!" Jonathan Moyers, FPC's Boy Scout Troop #135



### Listening Across the Lines of Race

#### At Wednesday Night Live

How will we continue the conversations and meaningful relationships we have started?

Email Kim Joiner with your thoughts:

[kjoiner@fpcfranklin.org](mailto:kjoiner@fpcfranklin.org)

We recently had a series of combined WNL services with Shorter Chapel AME Church in Franklin. I was really excited about us opening up conversation in our community about race relations.

Having grown up in Meridian, MS in the 1950's and 1960's, I saw first-hand so much hatred for no other reason than the color of one's skin. The things I saw were unspeakable. It left a mark on me and as an adult I have worked hard to overcome any prejudices I learned in my childhood.

There is still a long way to go in this area, but I truly believe sessions like we just had with the congregation of Shorter AME is a step in the right direction.

- Pat Johnson



#### Three Action Steps I Received :

- 1—Build more personal relationships.
- 2— We non-African-Americans need to learn how to see life through African-American eyes.
- 3—We as non-African-Americans must be the DRIVER OF CHANGE!

- Chuck Cairatti



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Thanks to everyone  
who brought treats!

### Best Trunk: Downing Family

Bryant & Austin were  
warm at the campsite!



### Sunday Night Summit 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Night Summit (SNS) includes 4 different age groups: Path 34 for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades; Trek 56 for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades; Middle School for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>; and High School for 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders. During the school year a delicious dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and parents volunteer to cook, set up and clean up. Leanne Hoeffler and Michele Boyette coordinate the menus, purchase the food and have easy instructions for the volunteers.

All the groups will meet November 5 and 12. Come join us!!

# ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT FPC



## First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

9:45 a.m. Multigenerational Advent Stations

Lord's Day Worship - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Service of Light

## Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

Lord's Day Worship - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Youth Live Nativity



## Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

Service of Lessons and Carols - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

Lord's Day Worship - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

9:45 a.m. Birthday Party for Jesus

Christmas Eve - A Candlelight Service of Word and Sacrament

4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.



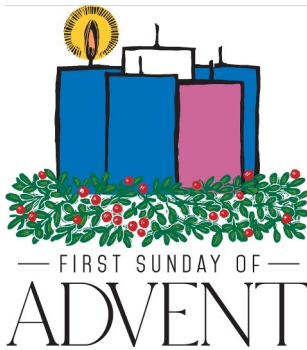
## SERVICE OF LIGHT



All are invited to join us for our Service of Light at 5:30 p.m. on December 3. For those who haven't attended before, it is a wonderful way to begin your Advent journey in a peaceful candlelit sanctuary for a service with space for silence, prayer, and reflection. We provide the opportunity for each person to write the names of persons or situations in their life or the world for which they are in prayer and are then able to place those prayers under a lit candle as a visible sign of lifting them into God's light.

These are some words one member used to describe their experience last year. "I had never been to the Service of Light before, but I will be hard-pressed to miss it in the future. This past year has been both heart-breaking and challenging. I needed to be reminded of the importance of faithfulness in healing. It was powerful to "lift into the light" those whom I love and to name different challenges and struggles during the Intercession for Healing. The whole service brought a real sense of grace and hope and peace."

As we leave the sanctuary after this service each year into the darkness of the night, I am always reminded that the light of Christ shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it. Please join us for this special service.



**Multigenerational ADVENT Stations**

**First Sunday in Advent, December 3**

**9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in Wilson Hall**

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

*Mark 3:25*

*"And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand."*



A house divided cannot find happiness. If you or someone you know is in a divided house, tell them about our Stephen Ministry program. We have Stephen Ministers ready to care for you. To find out more information call our confidential telephone line at 615-746-7888 or email [stephenministry@fpcfranklin.org](mailto:stephenministry@fpcfranklin.org).

## MISSIONS—2ND SATURDAY



### October 2ND SATURDAY was a

**great success!** We served lunch at the Campus for Human Development and visited with about 70 guests. They were very thankful to be able to serve themselves from our taco buffet. Food choice is a luxury they infrequently have. After the meal, we were given a tour of the building and learned about the wide range of services and volunteer opportunities that exist at Room In The Inn. Words shared by two of our FPC Volunteers: "It was my pleasure to help at the Room In The Inn, what a fabulous

facility!" and "We had so much joy today in serving and being a part of the community of Room In The Inn. Thanks to FPC and Room In the Inn for enriching us and for the joy of meeting new friends. Hallelujah!"

### Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

FPC will continue collecting monetary donations to send to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. You can earmark your donation for Harvey or for Irma/Marie (aka Atlantic Regional Hurricanes), or simply to PDA in general. Indicate your intention on subject line and either mail to church or put in the offering plate.

Information: <https://pda.pcusa.org/>



### November 11th 2ND SATURDAY/Mission Partner:

### OneGenAway/Food Distribution - 8:00 a.m. Columbia, TN



OneGenAway is dedicated to eliminating racism, denominationalism, and poverty in America, believing that we are one generation away from this vision. OneGenAway raises money to purchase groceries in massive amounts at discounted rates. At each food distribution 18 wheelers drop off the food on pallets and the volunteers separate the quantities of food into grocery bags. When all the food is bagged, volunteers are stationed at different tables. Some volunteers help recipients push grocery carts through a line and pick up each variety of food while going down the line of tables. The volunteer "cart pushers" then assist the recipient to their car to unload the groceries and often share prayer concerns. The recipients usually end up with about one to two weeks worth of groceries. Recipients must only need food to qualify. **This event starts promptly at 8:00 a.m. This distribution will take place at The Boys and Girls Club 209 Wayne Street, Columbia, TN 38401. Parking available on site. Look forward to seeing FPC Volunteers of ALL AGES!**

**Room In The Inn:** Our congregation is one of over 100 churches of varying sizes and denominations that hosts homeless guests during the colder months of the year. November - March FPC hosts 15 guests every Wednesday night by providing meals, showers, a warm bed, and hospitality. Learn about the church wide Room In The Inn program.



**....Winter Is Coming!** Room In The Inn begins once again here at FPC on November 1st and there are job openings for the willing; NO experience required and much support provided!

<http://fpcfranklin.org/mission>

### What is Room In The Inn?

1. A volunteer Bus Driver and a Rider skilled in Guest Relations leaves church at 4:30 p.m. to pick up guests at Nashville Campus for Human Development (if you like to drive~ let FPC help you get your CDL and support this and many other missions!)
2. A hearty trio or so gathers around the same time to set up 14 beds and the showers.
3. A stalwart group of volunteers prepare 14 sack lunches at their convenience and place them in the church refrigerator after the WNL meal is prepared.
4. Guests arrive at 6:00 p.m., find their bed and join us in line for one of Nancy, Margaret and Lucy's delicious meals. Volunteers sack up the small requests (new under garments, combs, etc.) our guests have checked off on their ride to church.
5. By 7:45 p.m., 2 well prepared and instructed FPC Volunteer Inn Keepers have arrived and are ready to provide overnight hospitality (bring a book~it is a very quiet night!)
6. Showers and Clothes Closet are offered/Lights Out is welcomed by this exhausted group.
7. 4:30 a.m. begins the day; coffee is made, breakfast is warmed, guests are stirring & stripping their own beds.
8. By 6:00 a.m. 14 rested and well fed Guests are on the bus with sack lunch in hand and headed north.
9. By 6:30 a.m., beds are stored, kitchen is cleaned and Inn Keepers begin a unusually fresh day full of potential!

This is NOT a WNL program, it is a FPC whole church mission, it is staffed and supported by SS classes, Youth and Children's groups, Confirmation, Stephen Ministry, Individuals and Families. Our goal this year was by November 1 to have ownership of all the jobs from Nov-March. We are approaching 90% of fulfillment! Sign up online using link above OR contact: [mission@fpcfranklin.org](mailto:mission@fpcfranklin.org) with questions.

Much appreciation is extended today to the FPC members who first brought this hands on and immediate mission to us, and to those who have sustained it over the years. Each of these people create a program that thrives as it supplies warm food, shelter and support to our neighbors.

It runs well and regularly, but needs many hands and feet to do so. We invite you to consider adding your hands and feet to this mission.

## YOUTH NEWS

### Sunday Night Summit

This Fall at Sunday Night Summit our youth have been talking about what it means to be vulnerable, and how being in Christian community requires an ability to be vulnerable with one another. We talked about how sometimes the masks we wear keep us from our sense of belonging to one another and to God. Weekly we remembered that we belong to each other, and we quoted my dear friend from The Center for Youth Ministry Training in saying “you belong here, and so does everybody else, so make some room.” And of course we had tons of fun playing silly games and fellowshiping with one another. We love SNS!!



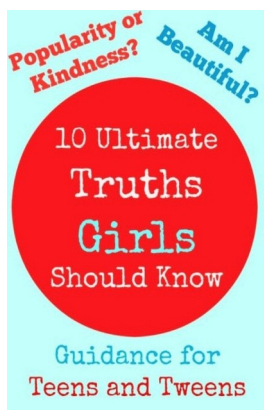
### Check in with the Student Leadership Team

The most recent focus of our student leaders is Sunday Night Summit. Our student leaders have thought up ways for us to be more inclusive, and to grow together in faith and fellowship. And they are continuing to evaluate and improve the Sunday Night Summit experience for all youth. Next up on our Student Leadership Team agenda, is working on the Live Nativity event as a way to get all interested youth involved in serving the congregation through providing a time of worship and fellowship during the Advent season. Stayed tuned for more updates from our Student Leaders!

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## NaCoMe Fall Retreat

October 27-29 twenty-one of our youth and five adults boarded the church bus and headed to camp NaCoMe for our Youth Fall Retreat! We had four other youth join us Saturday morning. We talked about service as a part of faith with Steve Young, the Executive Director of Living Waters for the World. We ate great food, sang great songs, played silly games, and made wonderful memories together. It was a wonderful weekend of worship! A big thanks to our adult participants for giving up their weekends to spend time with us in the wilderness, and for Susan Bowling driving us all there safely on the bus!



### Middle School Girls and Moms

Girls in 6th—8th grade and their moms are invited to “Ten Ultimate Truths Girls Should Know” book club luncheon on November 12th right after 11:00 worship in Room 211, Barr Conference. We will be discussing chapter 2 - You were born to fly. RSVP [nammer2649@aol.com](mailto:nammer2649@aol.com).



“I loved hearing other moms and daughters share similar middle school joys and challenges AND we loved the craft!” Come join this Mom for the November session, no worries about prior attendance.

## Save the Date: Dec. 10th Youth Live Nativity

Last year our students revived the Live Nativity and it is back again this year, as led by our Student Leaders. The team is working behind the scenes so, **save the date for Dec. 10th**. You won’t want to miss this worshipful youth lead experience!





## Musical Musings for November

### Music List for the Month – Chancel/Chapel Choir

**November 1 (All Saint's Day)** – *The Souls of the Righteous*, Geriant Lewis  
**12 (The Ten Bridesmaids)** – *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*, M. Ryan Taylor  
**19 (Parable of the Talents)** – *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*, Richard Hillert  
**26 (Christ the King)** – *Sing Praise to Christ*, J. S. Bach/arr. Adolf Strube

### Carillon Handbell Choir

*The Angelus* (Call to Prayer) – Martha Lynn Thompson  
*A Festive Peal* – John Leavitt  
*Meditation* – Tammy Waldrop

### Musical Schedule Reminders

We would like to cordially invite you to join us, whether for the first time or as a continuing part of our musical community. We are strengthened and encouraged by your participation and gifts.

**Carillon Adult Handbell Choir** – Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. (Room 215-A)  
**Chancel/Chapel Choir** – Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (Room 215-B)  
**Children's Music Gathering** – Sundays at 9:45 a.m. (Room 215-B)

### Upcoming Dates of Note

Be sure to mark your calendars for our **Annual Carol-Sing** on Sunday **December 3, 10, and 24**. Join us immediately prior to the 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship as we sing some of your Christmas Carol favorites and look forward to the birth of our great King!

We invite to you join us for the **Service of Lessons & Carols** on **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** at both 8:30 /11:00 a.m. This annual celebration is a musical retelling of the story of our common humanity, the promised Messiah, and the birth of Jesus.

### Pipedreams (Music for the Pipe Organ)

Listen to music of the pipe organ, the King of Instrument, online at [pipedreams.publicradio.org](http://pipedreams.publicradio.org).



## FPC PRESCHOOL - A PLACE OF COMMUNITY

Anyone who has spent any time with a preschooler understands their fascination with BIG machines: dump trucks, concrete trucks, backhoes, bulldozers. You can imagine the excitement our preschool students have watching the work of preparing the job site next door for the construction project. They enjoy watching the big machines and have made friends with the workers. A real-life “Bob the Builder” is right next door! Those future architects, engineers, drivers and operators are watching and learning.

First Presbyterian Preschool classes are for ages 2 - 5. Hours are 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. with aftercare to 2:55 p.m. Call Cheri Lindsley at 615-791-9061 for information or to schedule a visit.

[www.fpfpreschool.com](http://www.fpfpreschool.com)



## INVITATION TO ALL GUESTS - THIS SUNDAY

"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7

Are you looking for a church home or would simply like to learn more about our community of faith at FPC Franklin? We invite you to join us this Sunday, November 5, following the 11:00 worship service for our Inquirer Lunch. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn how God is at work through the mission and ministries of our congregation, to tour all parts of the church, and to make connections with others in our faith community. Contact Jennifer Godwin today at [jenjac99@aol.com](mailto:jenjac99@aol.com) or 615-587-8150 to reserve your place at the table. Please let us know by this Wednesday, November 1, if childcare is needed. We hope you will join us.



## FLOWER COMMITTEE

Each week the beautiful flower arrangements in worship services are broken down and taken to shut-ins, hospital patients, or many on our prayer list.

The Flower Committee is requesting a donation of gently used or new small flower vases. Thank you for allowing us to continue this ministry.

Also, if you would be willing to deliver flower arrangements to members one Monday a month, please contact Anne Keener ([akeener@fpcfranklin.org](mailto:akeener@fpcfranklin.org) or (615) 794-5114, ext. 229.)



## BOY SCOUT TROOP 135 - ALL YOU CAN EAT COUNTRY BREAKFAST AND SILENT AUCTION SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017 7:00 - 10:30 A.M. - WILSON HALL

All You Care To Eat - Eggs, Pancakes, Hashbrowns, Country Ham, Bacon, Biscuits, Fruit, Coffee, OJ, Milk

Tickets are \$8.00 Adults/Children 5 and Over and Children 4 and Under are free.

All proceeds benefit BSA Troop 135 to help fund their activities for the year. First Presbyterian is the charter organization for this troop and we have several church members in it. Come enjoy a delicious breakfast while supporting the troop.





Dear Pastor Chris,  
The Habitat for Humanity Williamson-Maury team would like to offer a heartfelt thank you for your generosity. We appreciate FPC's help with our mission of putting God's love into action by providing life changing opportunities for hard-working families in Williamson and Maury counties.

Blessings,  
Kim Randall  
Director of Development



Dear Church Family,  
The floral bouquet is very lovely and the message accompanying the flowers was so wonderfully touching. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness.

In his name,  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Minshall  
and Alberta Hunter

## THANK YOU



Dear First Presbyterian Church Franklin,  
By God's grace, we provide immediate and long-term resources to our neighbors in need. We do this through Family Support, Instructional Programs, Seasonal Needs, and Hunger Prevention. In 2016, GraceWorks served Williamson County neighbors with 46,665 needs valued at \$5.2 million dollars. Your gift has helped make all this possible. Thank you! Your gift has allowed us to provide a cart full of food to a family whose father recently lost his job. Your gift has given hope to a mother because her water was turned back on after being disconnected. Your gift will help prevent hunger and provide weekend food for students in need in our community. Your gift will put a smile on the face of a disabled Grandmother who is taking care of her grandchildren. They thank you, and GraceWorks thanks you. With your help, we can truly show that Grace does in fact work!

Sincerely,  
Erin Saurers, Volunteer and Donor Relations Manager



*November 1, 2017*  
*Wednesday*  
*All Saint's Day Service*

**Wednesday, November 1** is the annual observance of All Saint's Day. In honor of the event we will remember the saints who have died in the last year with our All Saint's banner.

Children, Youth and Adults will attend the WNL 6:45 p.m. service.



*November 19, 2017*

**Scripture:** *Matthew 25:14-30*

**Sermon:** *In Thanksgiving*  
 - Chris Joiner

**Liturgists**

8:30: Duke Ellis  
 11:00: Steve Lewis

**Acolytes**

8:30: Amelia Tschantz  
 11:00: Ainsley Coleman

**Children's Worship**

8:30: Karen Sartin; Julia Pianta  
 11:00: Kim Joiner; Anna Marie Love

**Hospitality Team 3**

8:30: Chris, Jennifer, Meryl, Brooks and Hollis Godwin; Chris, Casey, Jack, Julia and Samuel Pianta  
 11:00: Brent, Jennifer, Emma, Elijah and Owen Sower; Ken, Ann, Josh and Madison Zander

*November 5, 2017*

**Scripture:** *Matthew 23:1-12*

**Sermon:** *A Humble Step: The Joy of Generosity*  
 - Chris Joiner

**Liturgists**

8:30: Hugh DuPree  
 11:00: Susan Burns

**Acolytes**

8:30: Julia Pianta  
 11:00: Sammy Tarkington

**Children's Worship**

8:30: Jana Roberts; Rhonda Moyers  
 11:00: Rhonda Moyer; Emily Oldham

**Hospitality Team 1**

8:30: Fred and Sue Banner; Ryan and Sarah Fox; Keith Legenzoff; Shirley Malchow; Janice Stevens  
 11:00: Jenna Crunk; Sandra Fields; Dave Peacock; Cary and Robin Pulliam; Bruce, Jaclyn, Sammy and Joseph Tarkington

*November 26, 2017*

**Scripture:** *Matthew 25:31-46*

**Sermon:** *When?*  
 - Chris Joiner

**Liturgists**

8:30: Bruce Jones  
 11:00: Steve Lewis

**Children's Worship:**

8:30: Rhonda Moyers; Allyson Lewis  
 11:00: Katie Oldham; Madison Zander

**Hospitality Team 4**

8:30: Betsy Adgent; Will Crunk; Priscilla Duarte; Nick and Maria Mielnik; Don Savage; Chad Story  
 11:00: David Bell; Chris, Julie, Spencer, Ellie and Gracie Jones; Jessica Queen

*November 12, 2017*  
*Communion*

**Scripture:** *Matthew 25:1-12*

**Sermon:** *Taking the Next Step: Welcoming Christ*  
 - Chris Joiner

**Liturgists**

8:30: Duke Ellis  
 11:00: Sue Mahurin

**Acolytes: Water**

8:30: Hannah Story  
 11:00: Andrew Bechtel

**Candle**

Bryant Downing  
 Grace Bechtel

**Children's Worship**

8:30: Melina Stevens; Mackenzie Lewis  
 11:00: Kim Joiner; Hannah Anderson

**Hospitality Team 2**

8:30: Duke Ellis; Ruthie Moulton; Myers Parsons; Tim and Leah Stein; Bruce and Betty Waterman; Susan Williams  
 11:00: David, Michele, John and Mac Boyette; Roberta Chamberlain; Avery DeYoung; Tony, Lauren, Claire and Kinley Inglis

**Communion Preparation**

Janet Frame; Susan Oldham

**Communion Clean-up**

Linda Legenzoff; Ruthie Moulton



## 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 Ryan Fox on the death of his grandmother, **Helen Willis**, who died on September 29, 2017.

The family of Cathy McCall on the death of her uncle, **Robert Wayne Inman**, who died on October 6, 2017.

The family of **Wes Miller** who died on October 7, 2017.



Wes Miller

## BAPTISMS

Congratulations to the Dziedzic Family, **Kate Frances and Georgia Violet**, children of Rachael and Matt Dziedzic .

They celebrated the sacrament of baptism on October 29, 2017. Kate and Georgia were presented on behalf of the session by Tony Inglis.

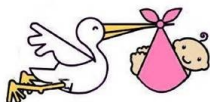


## BIRTHS



James Harold  
Daughdrill V

Congratulations to the family of **James Harold Daughdrill V**, son of Libby and Jim Daughdrill, grandson of Betsy and Tim Adgent, James was born on October 21, 2017.



Congratulations to the family of **Eleanor Rose Lindsley**, daughter of Nathaniel and Anja Lindsley, granddaughter of Cheri and Phil Lindsley, Eleanor was born on October 30, 2017.



Eleanor Rose  
Lindsley



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1  
Darcie Cross  
R.L. Hesson  
Vance Lahey  
Emily Wahlfeld

2  
Namaste Anderson  
Lisa Butler  
Jeanette Crosswhite  
Breeon Phillips

3  
Chris Akers  
Autumn Crunk  
Emily Lucas

4  
Linda Lahoda  
Mark Pierce

5  
Lauren Inglis  
Hannah Wilson

6  
Elic Ball  
Hollis Godwin  
Walt McQuinn

7  
Lori Boysen  
Ginger Watson

8  
Cecil Davis  
Mallory Grimm  
Sydney Sturm  
Mandy Tomlin

9  
Alex Bennorth

10  
Will Gentry

11  
Marlene Cole  
Will Crunk  
Jack Maher  
Clata Miller  
Paul Shanafelt  
Tibby Taylor

12  
Andrew Jefferson  
Melina Stevens

14  
Mark Raines

15  
Jon Balthrop  
Barbara Patrick

16  
Kyle Mitchell  
Myers Parsons

17  
Don Savage  
Anne Snow

18  
Chris Godwin  
Trey Hargis  
Tyler Roberts

19  
Bob Osoweicki

20  
Chris Dozier  
Tony Inglis

Beth Lucas  
Lois Weldon

21  
Olivia Anderson  
Ethan Gwydir  
Chase Haws  
Pat Johnson  
Bert McKeand

22  
Diane Fender

23  
Amy Carroll  
William Holdcroft

24  
Chris Jones  
Gloria Loftin

25  
Mark Darnell  
Sandy Johns  
Hailey Story

26  
Courtney Bach  
Kirsty Bollinger  
Sara Hinds  
Nancy Neal

27  
Roger Fender  
Will Holloway  
Sue Latreille  
Justin Osborne

28  
Mick Rhodes  
Jim Roberts

29  
Benny Williams

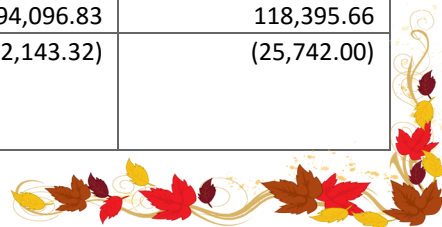
*Please note: Birthdays are published weekly in Enews and monthly in the newsletter. If you would prefer not to be listed, please email [rgarner@fpcfranklin.org](mailto:rgarner@fpcfranklin.org) for the Enews and newsletter.*



## CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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

	September Actual	September Budget	March - September Actual	March - September Budget
Income	81,617.29	80,217.00	545,668.33	561,517.00
Fixed Expenses	64,331.97	67,362.62	463,714.82	468,863.34
Other Expenses	11,374.46	12,821.67	94,096.83	118,395.66
Income Over (under) Expenses	5,910.86	32.71	(12,143.32)	(25,742.00)



**Wednesday, November 1****All Saints' Day**

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 132; 134; Isa. 26:1–4, 8–9, 12–13, 19–21  
 Rev. 21:9–11, 22–27  
 (22:1–5) *or* Heb. 1:32–12:2, Matt. 5:1–12

**Thursday, November 2**

Morning: Pss. 116;  
 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 26; 130  
 Neh. 1:1–11 *or* Lam. 2:16–22;  
 Rev. 5:11–6:11  
 Matt. 13:18–23

**Friday, November 3**

Morning: Pss. 84; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 25; 40  
 Neh. 2:1–20 *or* Lam. 4:1–22; Rev. 6:12–7:4; Matt. 13:24–30

**Saturday, November 4**

Morning: Pss. 63; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 125; 90  
 Neh. 4:1–23 *or* Lam. 5:1–22; Rev. 7:(4–8) 9–17  
 Matt. 13:31–35

**Sunday, November 5****22nd Sunday after Pentecost****Monday, November 6**

Morning: Pss. 5; 145  
 Evening: Pss. 82; 29  
 Neh. 6:1–19 *or* Ezra 3:1–13  
 Rev. 10:1–11; Matt. 13:36–43

**Tuesday, November 7**

Morning: Pss. 42; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 102; 133  
 Neh. 12:27–31a, 42b–47  
*or* Ezra 4:7, 11–24; Rev. 11:1–19; Matt. 13:44–52

**Tuesday, November 8**

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18; 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 1; 33  
 Neh. 13:4–22; *or* Hag. 1:1–2:9;  
 Rev. 12:1–12; Matt. 13:53–58

**Thursday, November 9**

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 16; 62  
 Ezra 7:(1–10) 11–26  
*or* Zech. 1:7–17; Rev. 14:1–13;  
 Matt. 14:1–12

**Friday, November 10**

Morning: Pss. 51; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 142; 65  
 Ezra 7:27–28; 8:21–36; *or* Ezra 5:1–17; Rev. 15:1–8; Matt. 14:13–21

**Saturday, November 11**

Morning: Pss. 104; 149;  
 Evening: Pss. 138; 98; Ezra 9:1–15 *or* Ezra 6:1–22; Rev. 17:1–14; Matt. 14:22–36

**Sunday, November 12****23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

Morning: Pss. 19; 150;  
 Evening: Pss. 81; 113; Ezra 10:1–17 *or* Neh. 1:1–11; Acts 24:10–21; Luke 14:12–24

**Monday, November 13**

Morning: Pss. 135; 145  
 Evening: Pss. 97; 112  
 Neh. 9:1–15 (16–25) *or* Neh. 2:1–20; Rev. 18:1–8  
 Matt. 15:1–20

**Tuesday, November 14**

Morning: Pss. 123; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 30; 86  
 Neh. 9:26–38 *or* Neh. 4:1–23;  
 Rev. 18:9–20; Matt. 15:21–28

**Wednesday, November 15**

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 48; 4  
 Neh. 7:73b–8:3, 5–18  
*or* Neh. 5:1–19; Rev. 18:21–24; Matt. 15:29–39

**Thursday, November 16**

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 80; 27  
 Neh. 6:1–19; Rev. 19:1–10  
 Matt. 16:1–12

**Friday, November 17**

Morning: Pss. 130; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 32; 139  
 Neh. 12:27–31a, 42b–47  
 Rev. 19:11–16; Matt. 16:13–20

**Saturday, November 18**

Morning: Pss. 56; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 118; 111  
 Neh. 13:4–22; Rev. 20:1–6  
 Matt. 16:21–28

**Sunday, November 19****24th Sunday after Pentecost**

Morning: Pss. 67; 150  
 Evening: Pss. 46; 93  
 Ezra 7:(1–10) 11–26  
 Acts 28:14b–23; Luke 16:1–13

**Monday, November 20**

Morning: Pss. 57; 145  
 Evening: Pss. 85; 47  
 Ezra 7:27–28; 8:21–36  
 Rev. 20:7–15; Matt. 17:1–13

**Tuesday, November 21**

Morning: Pss. 54; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 28; 99  
 Ezra 9:1–15; Rev. 21:1–8  
 Matt. 17:14–21

**Wednesday, November 22**

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 125; 91  
 Ezra 10:1–17; Rev. 21:9–21;  
 Matt. 17:22–27

**Thursday, November 23**

Morning: Pss. 143;  
 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 81; 116  
 Neh. 9:1–15 (16–25)  
 Rev. 21:22–22:5; Matt. 18:1–9;  
 Matt. 19:23–30

**Friday, November 24**

Morning: Pss. 88; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 6; 20  
 Neh. 9:26–38; Rev. 22:6–13; Matt. 18:10–20

**Saturday, November 25**

Morning: Pss. 122; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 100; 63  
 Neh. 7:73b–8:3, 5–18  
 Rev. 22:14–21; Matt. 18:21–35

**Sunday, November 26****Christ the King / Reign of Christ**

Morning: Pss. 108; 150  
 Evening: Pss. 66; 23  
 Isa. 19:19–25; Rom. 15:5–13;  
 Luke 19:11–27

**Monday, November 27**

Morning: Pss. 62; 145  
 Evening: Pss. 73; 9  
 Joel 3:1–2, 9–17; 1 Peter 1:1–12; Matt. 19:1–12

**Tuesday, November 28**

Morning: Pss. 12; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 36; 7  
 Nahum 1:1–13; 1 Peter 1:13–25; Matt. 19:13–22

**Wednesday, November 29**

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 132; 134  
 Obad. 15–21; 1 Peter 2:1–10;  
 Matt. 19:23–30

**Thursday, November 30**

Morning: Pss. 116;  
 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 26; 130  
 Zeph. 3:1–13; 1 Peter 2:11–25; Matt. 20:1–16



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SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 A.M.

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Kim Joiner, Director of Christian Education

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## ACCOUNTANT'S CORNER



Sarah will be available in the church office on Monday 9-2,  
Wednesday 9-2, and Thursday 9-2.

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

## PRIMETIMERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Primetimers Christmas Party

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, Dec. 14

5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian

Wilson Hall

