



# THE MESSENGER

AUGUST 2016

Franklin Presbyterian Church



REVEREND LOU VENTURA

The whole country has been experiencing a heat wave for the past two weeks or so, and we are getting our share of high temperatures and humidity. It's been a challenge to stay cool for many of us, and our air conditioners are working overtime!

It's times like these I think of the folks in our community who have a difficult time paying higher electric bills, right around the time they need to begin shopping for school clothes and supplies. As Benjamin mentions below, your generous contributions to the Compassion Fund allow us to help those who come to us for assistance; we are often their last resort, as most other churches in the area refer all requests to Franklin Cooperative Ministry. Our deacons, **Kaye Weaver** and **Asa Johnson**, are always available to make decisions on requests for help, and **Jackie Cutchin** and I serve on the Cooperative Ministry executive board, which now periodically examines its policies to ensure that the most assistance possible can be given. Never forget that your 5th Sunday donations of canned goods and other food for Cooperative Ministry fulfill a significant need in our community.

Joyfully and with love in Christ,

*Lou*

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## Invitation and Outreach

By Benjamin Matteson, Invitation and Outreach Team Lead

Our outreach typically slows during the month of August, giving us a chance to catch our collective breath. This Sunday (July 31) marks our third Fifth Sunday Offering for 2016. Thank you for giving to two great causes: FPC's Compassion Fund and Cooperative Ministry. We have one more Fifth Sunday Offering in October, and the Peace and Global Witness Offering (it will always be the Peacemaking offering to me) starting in September; see page 4 of this issue for details.

Since we have a down month, I just wanted to reflect on the outreach we have done so far this year. We have had multiple Fifth Sunday offerings, and each time we received more canned goods than the time before. We had our Souper Bowl canned good competition, which always brings many canned goods to donate to Cooperative Ministry. We had two major offerings, One Great Hour of Sharing which raised \$230.00; and the Pentecost Offering which raised \$325.00 (40% of which was donated to the Children's Center). Last but not least, in June we held probably our most successful block party ever.

I write all this to say that, for a small church, we do *a lot* for our community....and here is the good news: we still have more outreach opportunities to come! Stay tuned for more details, coming soon. And as always, **thank you** for faithfully giving to our community.



*We are a community of believers called by God to live humbly in the spirit of Christ and to act as His voice and hands in our world.*

## DENOMINATION NEWS

### 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly Elected Co-Moderators



In an historic first, June's 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly in Portland, OR, overwhelmingly elected co-moderators Denise Anderson, a pastor from National Capital Presbytery, and Jan Edmiston, a presbytery executive from Chicago, to serve as leaders of the assembly, rather than one moderator and one vice-moderator. Jan and Denise promised to lead the church both humbly and unafraid to speak what needs to be spoken.

### 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly Elected A New Stated Clerk

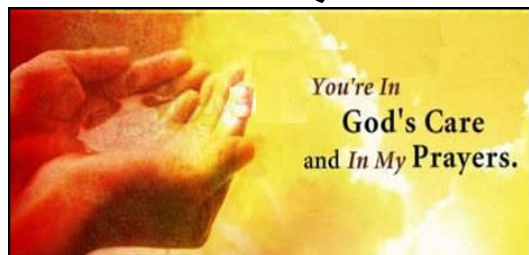
J. Herbert Nelson was overwhelmingly elected Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (USA) at the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly, becoming the first African-American elected as the top ecclesial officer of the nation's largest Reformed body.



### Belhar Confession Added to PC(USA) *Book of Confessions*

Fifty years after it was birthed in South Africa by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church during its battle against apartheid, the Confession of Belhar has been included in the *Book of Confessions* of the Presbyterian Church(USA), a majority-white mainline American denomination.

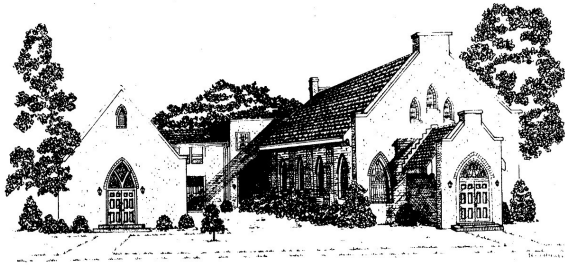
## PRAYER REQUESTS



*To add or remove a name or to request continued prayers, please contact the church office.*

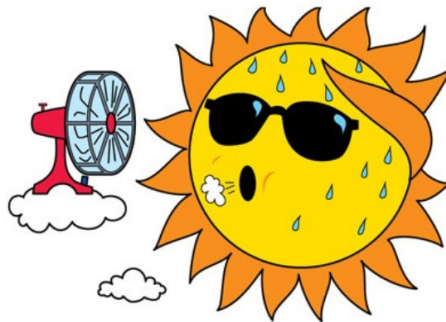
### PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

<b>Wayne &amp; Earlene Sprouse</b>	People of Bangladesh
<b>Isaiah Baggett</b> Friend of Deloris Joyner	<b>Cathy Quate</b> Reverend Lou's mother
<b>Hannah</b> Friend of Tiffany Matteson	<b>Melvin and Barbara Gray</b> Move to GA, Melvin's health
<b>Doug Ventura</b> Ron Ventura's brother	<b>Lois Minetree</b> Friend of Lane Meredith
<b>Rosalind Cutchins</b> Exec. Dir. of the Children's Center	<b>Denise Johnson and Larry Edwards</b> Cousins of Kaye Weaver, health issues
<b>Rev. Marian Carmichael</b> Diagnosed with breast cancer	<b>Billy Lassiter</b> Cousin of Linwood Drake, cancer
<b>Larry Jamerson</b> Jackie Cutchin's brother, colon and lung cancer	<b>The family of Ethan DeHoek</b> 4 year old son of friends of the Mattesons, on his passing after a long illness
<b>Peggy Ray Terrell's aunt,</b> breast cancer	<b>Estelle Edwards</b> Kaye Weaver's aunt
<b>Linda Morgan, sister of Ray Terrell,</b> upcoming surgeries	<b>Joey and Abby Weaver</b> Bichons of the Weaver Family
<b>Connie Beale</b> Jimmie Rose's sister	<b>Nadine Mann</b> Friend of Jimmie and Terry Rose
<b>Linda Gavin</b> Friend of Jimmie and Terry Rose	The family of <b>Burton Grizzard</b> , on his passing
<b>Tricia McGuire, home</b>	<b>Charlie Lupton</b>



# 2016 CHURCH SNAPSHOT

Month	New Members	Average Worship Attendance	Total Offering	Total Expenses
March	0	39	\$14,763.00	\$ 7,710.10
April	0	32	\$8,245.00	\$14,086.00
May	0	28	\$9,400.30	\$11,066.93
June	0	33	\$9,113.97	\$8,081.53
July	0	35	\$7,472.25	\$8,294.05



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS



6 Cathy Eischeid  
15 Dottie Gilbert, Lou Ventura  
18 Bobbi Thomas, Frances Wilbur  
24 Ann Marie Brotzman  
26 Linwood Drake



15 Flora & Barry Roberts  
17 Mary & Norm Shroyer



## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN AUGUST

7	Ron Ventura and Jim Drewry	Lead Lectur:
14	Harry Christie and TBD	Tiffany Matteson
21	Bud and Ann Marie Brotzman	
28	Ben and Tiffany Matteson	

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## SESSION UPDATE

At its stated meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2016, the FPC Session:

- Approved minutes of the May meeting;
- Coordinated the church calendar regarding lead lectors and communion;
- Reviewed the Commission on Ministry liaison report from FPC's liaison Ruling Elder Kay Gravatt from Simonsdale PC in Portsmouth;
- Received financial reports for information;
- Received an update on the neighborhood watch meetings;
- Approved the use of the remaining \$210.00 in memorial funds for new hymnals;
- Approved an increase in hours and pay for the new administrative assistant (from 15 hours per week to 18; from \$10.00 per hour to \$10.50 per hour), effective at the end of her 90-day probation (August 22);
- Tentatively scheduled the painting of the admin's office, treasurer's office, and hallway between to be painted during the week of August 22;
- Heard a report that the Congregational Life team plans another art party in September or October;
- Elected Ruling Elder Tiffany Matteson to serve as commissioner to the PEVA Quarterly Meeting on Tuesday, July 26 at LaCrosse Memorial Presbyterian Church in Hampton;
- Heard a report from the pastor on her recent continuing education.



## OUTREACH: UPCOMING OUTREACH AND GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

### Peace and Global Witness (formerly the Peacemaking Offering)

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Indi-



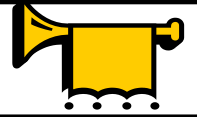
vidual congregations are encouraged to use up to 25% of this Offering to sustain their local peacemaking ministries. FPC's portion of the offering (25%) goes to the Genieve Shelter. This offering runs from 09/04/16 -10/02/16.







## News Briefs



### *Catching Up With....* Reverend Mary Jane Winter

*Editor's Note: Reverend Winter is on the church's email distribution list, and received our email blast for updates to the directory. Following is a portion of her email reply.*

[When I saw] all those names...memories flooded over me. It was 40 years ago this very month [July] when I was examined by COM on the floor of presbytery and approved by the presbytery to serve as the pastor of Franklin, beginning the first Sunday in August 1976. My ordination was scheduled for September, but my father died that month and the ordination was postponed to October. I was not the first woman in Norfolk Presbytery; Caroline Leach, already ordained, had come in January, but I was the first woman Norfolk Presbytery ordained to serve in parish ministry.

I don't know if the church directory includes former pastors, but if it does, please include me (and Ted). Franklin is the only church I served as a called/installed pastor. I am forever grateful for the privilege and for this congregation that took a big risk, and then nurtured this novice pastor just out of seminary as she found her way, serving with a great heart, if not much experience.

After many years at the seminary, which ended in 2008, I managed to serve several interim pastorates. A few Sundays ago, I was invited to return to the last church I served. On this Sunday, the presbytery was installing a recent graduate of Union (from Kenya) to serve as a Commissioned Ruling Elder of an immigrant congregation. I was instrumental in inviting this immigrant congregation to worship in our facility, a blessing for both congregations, and for the new pastor that is there now.

Ted is retired from the seminary library and we have 2 grandchildren--in Richmond.



The Reverend Mary Jane Winter (left).

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## CONGREGATION'S CORNER

## Opportunity to Purchase FPC Shirts

It's been mentioned several times recently that perhaps it's time again for FPC members and friends to have matching shirts!

We have several opportunities throughout the year to wear them: walking the neighborhood with block party or other flyers, Stations of the Cross, Community Lenten Services, the block party, sharing days, PEVA meetings and events, and even as we prepare and deliver Thanksgiving meals.

A mock-up of the polo shirt appears at right. We thought that grey would be a wise choice since it would show less dirt and allow the colors of our logo to stand out (note that this is the FPC logo that includes the PC(USA) logo).

Moore Designs and Embroidery in downtown Franklin has provided the following price quotes. Note that prices decrease as our purchase volume increases. Women's shirts are a little more tailored and form-fitting.



<u>Shirt</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price</u>
Men's Polo S-XL	1-12	\$22.99
	13-24	\$20.99
	25+	\$18.99
Men's Polo XXL-5XL	1-12	\$26.99
	13-24	\$24.99
	25+	\$18.99
Ladies' Polo S-XL	1-12	\$22.99
	13-24	\$20.99
	25+	\$18.99
Ladies' Polo XXL-3XL	1-12	\$26.99
	13-24	\$24.99
	25+	\$22.99

We will gauge interest, size ranges, and quantities by a bulletin-insert survey, then follow up with an order form. Watch your Sunday bulletin for more information on purchasing a shirt (or two!).



## Ray's Joke Corner

by Ray Terrell

What do you call a man that doesn't sit down?

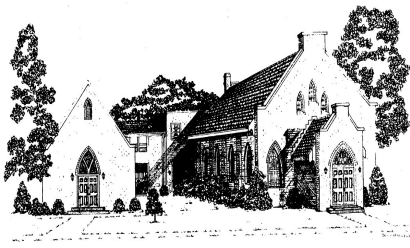
A stand up comic.

What did the golf club say to the golfer?

I'm tired of putting up with you.

What did the pants say to the pool player?

Shoot the ball into the pocket!



# AUGUST 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 
7 11 am Worship Holy Communion	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 11 am Worship	15   Neighborhood Watch Mtg 7 pm	16	17 	18 	19	20
21 11 am Worship	22	23	24  Session Meeting 6 pm	25	26 	27
28 11 am Worship	29	30	31			



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*Worship with us each Sunday at 11:00 a.m.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS-- AUGUST 2016

7	Worship 11:00 a.m. <b>Holy Communion</b>
14	Worship 11:00 a.m.
15	Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00 p.m.
21	Worship 11:00 a.m.
28	Worship 11:00 a.m.



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