



THE MESSENGER

FEBRUARY 2017



Franklin Presbyterian Church



By Benjamin Matteson
Invitation and Outreach Team Lead

Many thanks to the FPC church family for graciously giving to the FPC Fifth Sunday Offering! We collected many canned goods that have been applied to our Souper Bowl challenge, and re-

ceived \$652.00, which will go to FPC's Compassion Fund.

As I write this, we are in the middle of our Souper Bowl campaign. I want to thank you in advance for supporting Franklin Cooperative Ministry and one of FPC's outreach opportunities. We will tally up the canned goods on Sunday, February 5th and announce the team that our church picked to win the Super Bowl. Your generous giving helps to support the needs of our city.

Our next giving opportunity will be One Great Hour of Sharing, which will begin on Sunday March 19th. More information on OGHS will be in the March edition of *The Messenger*. Please stay tuned. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you again for your generous giving!

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REVEREND LOU VENTURA

February is off to a running start! This Saturday the Men of the Church will have breakfast and Bible study, and our book study of *The Answer to Bad Religion Is Not No Religion* will begin on Sunday, **Robert Meredith** and I will be facilitating the discussion on alternate weeks, and we are looking forward to hearing the thoughts of others on this interesting topic. There are two books left (and we can order more)—it's not too late to join us at 9:30 a.m. on Sun-

days!

We are also making plans for our Community Lenten Services, which FPC will host this year. The schedule appears on page 5 of this issue, along with a call for volunteers. Saturday, Feb. 11th will see the Session members "retreating" to Brenner Hall to celebrate their leadership and hear a wonderful guest speaker, Billy Ricketts, Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) and Pastor for Family Life Ministries at Providence Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach (and incoming Commission on Ministry moderator).

I'd like to ask for your prayers for a couple of our sister churches here in Western Tidewater. As you may know, both Suffolk Presbyterian and Bethany Presbyterian are in the midst of searching for new pastors. The process is long and exhausting, and I am sure they would appreciate knowing that your thoughts and prayers are with them in these times of transition. I continue to assist where I can as Bethany's liaison to the Commission on Ministry and moderating its Session meetings, and I moderate Suffolk's Session meetings and provide on-call pastoral care for them. I appreciate your flexibility in allowing me to help.

Joyfully and with love in Christ,

Lou

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.

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

By Vivian Christie, FPC Presbyterian Women Moderator



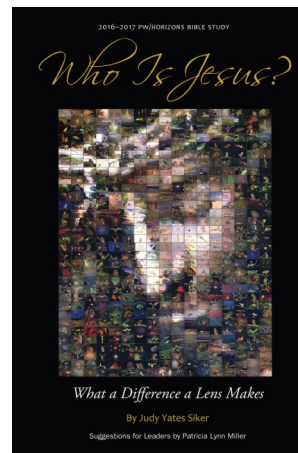
Our next circle meeting is February 7, 2017 at 10am in Brenner Hall. We are studying Lesson Five, found on page 50 in your study books. We will focus on the writings of the apostle Paul. Our author tells us that Paul stressed that the cross of Christ is central to understanding true discipleship. Rev. Lou is leading us in the study, and she asks that we each **bring or wear a cross**.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

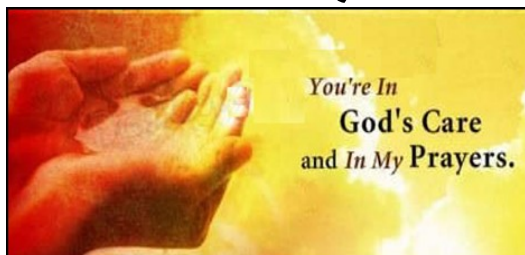
Our mission focus this year is Genieve Shelter. This month they are in need of bed bug covers for twin mattresses (\$22) and pillows (\$8). If you would like to purchase these, Wal-Mart should have them. If you prefer to donate towards these, we will take up an offering at circle.

PW of PEVA could not find a host church for our Spring Gathering, so we will not have one this year.

Presbyterian Women will celebrate our Birthday Offering on May 7th. Be sure to mark your calendars!



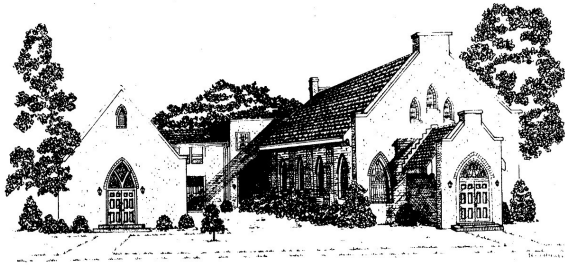
PRAYER REQUESTS



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

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Lindy Drake , son of Linwood and Evelyn Drake, mobile on artificial limb	Polly Edwards , sister-in-law of Katherine Weaver and Kaye Weaver's aunt
Isaiah Baggett Friend of Deloris Joyner	Cathy Quate Reverend Lou's mother
Betty and Don Fisher , Don ill with Hodgkin's lymphoma	Melvin and Barbara Gray Health, closing Franklin home
Doug Ventura Ron Ventura's brother	Lois Minetree Friend of Lane Meredith
Rosalind Cutchins Exec. Dir. of the Children's Center	Larry Jamerson Jackie Cutchin's brother, colon and lung cancer, improving
Rev. Marian Carmichael Diagnosed with breast cancer	Billy Lassiter Cousin of Linwood Drake, cancer
Mary Bridges Health issues	Estelle Edwards Kaye Weaver's aunt
Peggy , Ray Terrell's aunt, breast cancer	Linda Morgan , sister of Ray Terrell, upcoming surgeries
Charlie Lupton	Hannah , friend of Tiffany Matteson
Wayne & Earlene Sprouse	Jackie Cutchin , dog bite requiring stitches
Jerry Cutchin , father-in-law of Jackie Cutchin, in East Pavilion, Room 150, EP East	Katherine Weaver mobility and back pain issues, pneumonia
Jenny Jones , infected kidney stone, awaiting a procedure	Lauren Harper , broke wrist playing tennis, recovering from surgery
Nancy and Paul Hinson On the death of Paul's mother (Nancy is a former coworker of Tiffany Matteson)	Ameshia Warren and her mother, Yvonne Grant , spot found on Yvonne's lung (Ameshia is a friend/coworker of Tiffany Matteson)
Jimmie Rose , back surgery last week, recovering well at home	Carole Dixon , Jimmie Rose's sister, upcoming surgery
Hugh Coleman , lung cancer, friend of Deloris Joyner	Georgia Barrett , upcoming neck surgery, friend of Deloris Joyner
Judy Faison , in Maryview Hospital	Kaye Weaver's cousin , waiting on biopsy results



2017 CHURCH SNAPSHOT

Month	New Members	Average Worship Attendance	Total Offering	Total Expenses
January	0	31	\$10,385.33	\$11,866.34
February	0	00	\$	\$
March	0	00	\$	\$
April	0	00	\$	\$
May	0	00	\$	\$
June	0	00	\$	\$
July	0	00	\$	\$
Aug	0	00	\$	\$
Sept	0	00	\$	\$
Oct	0	00	\$	\$
Nov	0	00	\$	\$
Dec	0	00	\$	\$

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS



1 Carlee Cutchin
8 Mary Bridges
11 Cori Graham
13 Kathryn Padgett, James M. Carr
17 Liam Harper
18 Harry Christie



1 Vivian & Harry Christie
15 Lane & Robert Meredith



ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY



5	John and Pat Griffin	Tiffany Matteson
12	Ben and Tiffany Matteson	
19	Allen and Lauren Harper	
26	Jim Drewry and Jimmie Rose	

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SESSION UPDATE

At its stated meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, the FPC Session:

- Approved minutes of the September meeting and coordinated the church calendar;
- Received a report of the pastor's activities for the prior two months;
- Received financial reports for information;
- Approved the 2017 Lector and Session Devotional schedules;
- Discussed offering two weeks' paid vacation to administrative assistant; requested a policy be created and brought to next meeting for approval;
- Discussed dates for sanctuary mold remediation/painting and external brick work repair;
- Elected Elder Ann Marie Brotzman as commissioner to the January PEVA Meeting, Sat. 1/28/17 at Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church in Norfolk;
- Discussed date for February Session retreat.



News Briefs



Stop Hunger Now Meal Packing Event at First Hampton in April

You are invited to the presbytery-wide Stop Hunger Now meal packing event on Tuesday, April 25th (exact time still to be determined) at First Presbyterian Church Hampton.

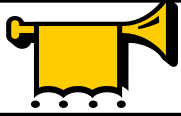
Volunteers are needed to set up and take down packaging stations and equipment, fill bins with raw ingredients, scoop ingredients into meal bags, weigh and seal the bags, box and stack them on pallets, and load the pallets and equipment onto a truck.

Funds are currently being gathered (and donations are accepted) to cover the cost of the materials (\$2,944.00) for 10,152 meals (approximately 29 cents per meal).

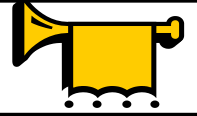
Stop Hunger Now distributes food and other life-saving aid to vulnerable children and families around the world, endeavoring to help end world hunger. They package and ship meals to feed people in need through community-supported meal-packaging programs like this one that engage half a million volunteers per year.

Everyone is invited—let's pack 10,152 meals! If you are interested in attending, let Pastor Lou know so we can get a carpool or caravan together.





News Briefs



Community Lenten Services

Franklin Presbyterian Church will be the host church for all of the 2017 Community Lenten Services.

March 1 – April 5, 2017

Schedule

12:00 – 12:30 Lunch
12:30 – 1:00 Worship
1:00 – 1:30 Lunch

Offering: Cooperative Ministry

3/1/17	HSUMC	HSUMC
3/8/17	Franklin PC	Franklin PC
3/15/17	Emmanuel Episcopal	Emmanuel Episcopal
3/22/17	Fellowship Around the Word Church	Fellowship Around the Word Church
3/29/17	St. Jude Catholic	St. Jude Catholic
4/5/17	Franklin Baptist	Franklin Baptist

Volunteers are needed each week to:

- Be a resource for lunch leaders in Brenner Hall
- Be a resource for worship leaders and participants
- Prepare soup and sandwiches for FPC's lunch leadership on Wednesday, 3/8/17, and help serve

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CONGREGATION'S CORNER

It's Brenner Time!!!



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"Wireless communication is nothing new.
I've been praying for 75 years!"

A Word About the 2017 Pledge Reports

Please note that we are being frugal and using old forms and old envelopes for your Pledge reports.

Unfortunately, they show our old post office address. **Please do NOT use that address.** All mailings to our church must go to 405 Lee Street. I have edited your 2017 forms, and I plan to edit the envelopes in the future.

We apologize for any confusion.

—Vivian Christie



If you or someone you know can use an unused (brand new in package) Get Up and Go cane (has a second handle to assist in rising from a seated position), please let **Pastor Lou** know. A congregation member has a spare and can provide it free of charge to someone who needs it.



Ray's Joke

Corner by Ray Terrell

What did the hay farmer say to the nervous pilot?

It's time for you to bale out.

What did the belt say when asked what it's favorite cereal is?

Fruit Loops.

What did the pencil say to the baseball umpire?

You made your point!



FEBRUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 	2 10 am AARP Board Mtg.	3	4
5 11 am Worship 9:30 am Book Study Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday	6	7	8 	9 11 am AARP Mtg.	10	11 9 am—1 pm Session Retreat Brenner Hall
12 11 am Worship 9:30 am Book Study	13 	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 	16	17 	18 2 pm Lion's Club Music Contest
19 11 am Worship 9:30 am Book Study 4 pm Lion's Club Music Contest/Mtg.	20	21	22	23	24 PEVA Mediation Training	25 PEVA Mediation Training
26 11 am Worship 9:30 am Book Study Transfiguration of the Lord Holy Communion	27	28				

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

UPCOMING EVENTS--FEBRUARY 2017

5	11 a.m. Worship/ 9:30 a.m. Book Study/ Souper Bowl Sunday
9	11 a.m. AARP Mtg.
14	Valentine's Day
12	11 a.m. Worship/ 9:30 a.m. Book Study
18	2 p.m. Lion's Club Music Contest
19	11 a.m. Worship/ 9:30 a.m. Book Study
19	4 p.m. Lion's Club Music Contest/Mtg.
26	11 a.m. Worship/ 9:30 a.m. Book Study



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