



THE MESSENGER

FEBRUARY 2016

Franklin Presbyterian Church



From
the
Pastor



REVEREND LOU VENTURA
COVENANT PASTOR

If you were at church on Jan. 31, you know that the sanctuary was without heat, and we worshiped in Brenner Hall. **Kaye Weaver** shared her musical gift by beautifully playing guitar. Afterwards, I heard many positive comments—folks liked that the smaller room meant they were closer to each other (although not one person mentioned how comfortable the folding chairs were!).

So I couldn't help but wonder: would you like to schedule an *intentional* worship in Brenner Hall once a quarter, or twice a year? That's probably a better suggestion than the first thought I had: to have everyone sit in the front pews each Sunday. ☺

Our *Book of Order* tells us that "Christians may worship in any place, for the God who created time also created and ordered space." Let me know what you think, on this and on any other facet of our lives together.

Joyfully and with love in Christ,
Lou

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Invitation and Outreach

By Benjamin Matteson, Invitation and Outreach Team Lead



Our church's giving year is off to a great start. The Super Bowl canned drive began last Sunday. Contributions brought in this Sunday, February 7, will determine FPC's Super Bowl winner, and is also the actual Super Bowl date. One thing is for sure: the real winner will be Franklin Cooperative Ministry and the people they help.

Last Sunday was the first 5th Sunday offering of 2016, and \$145.00 dollars was given to move the balance of FPC Compassion fund to over \$1000.00. Thank you! When our fund is this high, our deacons can help more families in need.

On March 6th, the church will start our run for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food for the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Money gets broken into three areas: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Development of People. This offering runs through Easter Sunday, March 27. Please give generously.

Watch upcoming newsletters and worship bulletins for more giving opportunities. If you have any questions call Benjamin at (434) 594-7212.

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

By Vivian Christie, FPC Presbyterian Women Moderator



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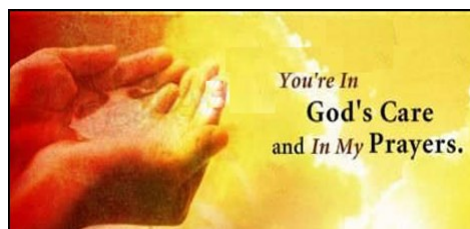
The PW Circle gathered February 2 at 10am at Brenner Hall for a business meeting and Bible study. At this meeting we also “coordinated our calendars;” see upcoming event dates below.

Presbyterian Women Calendar:

February 2	Circle, 10am
March 1	Circle, 10am
March 2	Lenten Lunch at St. Jude Catholic Church
March 6	Gifts of Women Sunday
April 5	Circle, 10am
April 9	PEVA-PW Spring Gathering, 8:15am-2pm, Great Bridge PC
May 3	Circle, 10am
June 7	Circle, 11am , Salad lunch
June 12	PW Birthday Offering and Pot Luck Lunch

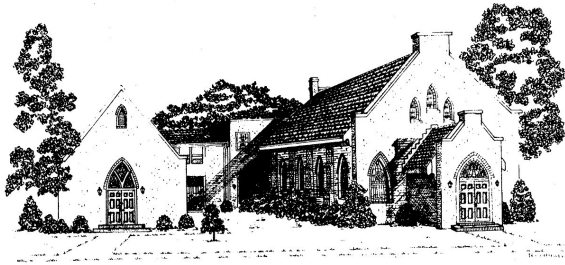
Remember, ALL women are welcome to join the Circle!

PRAYER REQUESTS



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

Wayne & Earlene Sprouse	Franklin Cooperative Ministry
Isaiah Baggett Friend of Deloris Joyner	Timmy Drake Friend of the Roses
Cathy Quate Reverend Lou's mother	LeAnn Vinson Friend of Terry Rose
Allen Wright Terry Rose's cousin	Doug Ventura Ron Ventura's brother
The Springfield Family on the passing of Diane Springfield Bob Springfield's sister	Rosalind Cutchins Exec. Dir. of the Children's Center
Vivian Goodwyn Lauren Harper's co-worker	Krista Johnson Kathryn Padgett's co-worker
Barbara Gray	Burton Grizzard
Jimmy Mosher Friend of Deloris Joyner	J.M. Burgess Father of friend of Tiffany Rose
Lois Minetree and family On the death of her husband of 70 years	Tommy Morris Kaye Weaver's cousin
Larry Jamerson Jackie Cutchin's brother, colon and lung cancer	Estelle Edwards Kaye Weaver's aunt
The Fast Family on Ed's passing	The Family of Betty Arthur , Betty Jones' sister-in-law, on her passing
Bill Edwards Katherine Weaver's brother	Bob Farrar , Ray Terrell's cousin's father, declining
Peggy Ray Terrell's aunt , breast cancer	Billy Atkinson , brother-in-law of Vivian Christie
Joe Vaughan Friend of Deloris Joyner	Joey Weaver , Kaye and Katherine Weaver's Bichon
Elizabeth Bertacchi Friend of Tiffany Matteson	Seth Banty Friend of Terry Rose's coworker



2016 CHURCH SNAPSHOT

	New	Average	Total	Total	
Month	Worship	Total	Attendance	Offering	Expenses
January	0	32		\$10,982.00	\$11,812.89
February					
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
October					
November					
December	0	40		\$8,679.47	\$9,787.70

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS



08. Mary Bridges
13. Kathryn Padgett, James Carr
18. Karen Cronin, Harry Christie



1. Vivian & Harry Christie
15. Lane & Robert Meredith
16. Brannigan & DuJuan Ruffin



ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

07.	Lauren and Allen Harper	Lead Lector:
14.	Tiffany and Ben Matteson	Tiffany Matteson
21.	Melvin Gray and Charlie Lupton	
28.	Pat and John Griffin	

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SESSION UPDATE

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

- Validated the Session review of the 2015 Statistical Report;
- Noted the schedule of the 2016 Franklin Community Lenten Services, to be held at St. Jude Catholic Church;
- Received a report of the pastor's activity from 11/18/15 through 1/19/16;
- Received financial reports for information;
- Received updated quotes for a church security system; after discussion, agreed to move forward with installing a video camera and upstairs door release (NOTE: \$2500.00 of the cost of the system will be covered by a synod grant);
- Elected a commissioner to the January 23, 2016 PEVA meeting [which was cancelled due to snow];
- Elected **Kathryn Padgett** to another 1-year term as Treasurer;
- Elected **Kathryn Padgett** to another 1-year term as Clerk of Session;
- Discussed notification of church cancellations due to weather;
- Noted that February's Session meeting will be part of the 2016 Session Retreat, to be held at the Paul D. Camp Community College Workforce Development Center on February 20.



News Briefs

Lenten *Lectio Divina* Sessions Scheduled

Beginning Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10, *lectio divina* sessions will be held at 6 p.m. in Brenner Hall.

Lectio divina, which means “divine reading,” is a practice of reading through scripture to promote communion with God and increase knowledge of God's Word. At each meeting, lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday will be studied, and reflections and discussion from *lectio divina* often inform the sermon and other worship elements.

We are all quite busy, so *lectio divina* sessions are held to a strict hour in order to honor everyone's time. The sessions are very informal—bring your dinner or a snack to eat while we meet!

Meeting dates will be as follows (all on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in Brenner Hall): Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10; Feb. 24; March 2; March 9; March 16; March 23.

Coming Soon....

The Lenten season has come upon us quickly—a Lenten devotional and order forms for Easter lilies will be coming soon....watch the narthex and bulletins for more information!



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OUTREACH: UPCOMING OUTREACH AND GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are needed to help coordinate three major outreach opportunities this year: One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), Pentecost, and Peacemaking offerings. If the Spirit moves you, please contact **Benjamin Matteson** at the church office to volunteer. Duties include becoming familiar with the offering, finding people to do the Minute for Mission talk for each offering, and being the point of contact for each offering. Detailed information about the offerings is provided by the denomination.



One Great Hour of Sharing

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Pentecost Offering

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. Forty percent of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. Money gets broken into three areas: Young Adult Volunteers, Ministries for Youth, and Children at risk. FPC portion of the money (40%) benefits the Children's Center. This offering runs from 04/24/16-05/15/2016.



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

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CONGREGATION'S CORNER

Valentine's Day—Brenner Style!

Immediately after worship on Sunday, February 14, we will celebrate Valentine's Day, Brenner style! The details:

- ♥ Wear RED if you can....
- ♥ Each person should bring an inexpensive gift to share for one of the games.... (\$5-\$7 only—a small mug, candy, be creative!)....wrap or put in gift bag so it will be a surprise!
- ♥ Bring a dessert or finger food to share....
- ♥ Games for all ages, singles or long-marrieds....
- ♥ Bring a friend or two!

The fun will be over by 1:30 p.m. at the latest, just in time for your afternoon nap! ☺

For more information, contact **Vivian Christie** at 562-2198 or 635-8588.



FREE lift chair available. Two previous owners. If interested, please call the church office at 562-4313.



Ray's Joke Corner

by Ray Terrell

What do you get when you cross a car with a dartboard?

A moving target.

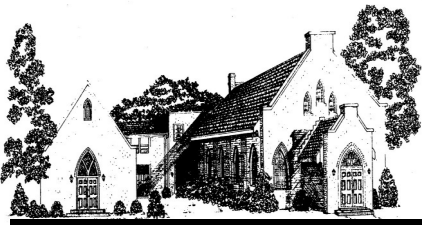
What state has the most locks?

The Florida keys.







What kind of tree had fingers?

A Palm tree.





FEBRUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 Presbyterian Women 10:00 am	3	4	5	6 Men of the Church Breakfast 8:30am
7 Worship 11:00am Holy Communion <i>Transfiguration of the Lord Sun- day</i>	8 	9	10 Community Lenten Svc 12:30 pm Lectio Divina 6 pm	11	12	13 
14 Worship 11:00am	15 	16 	17 Community Lenten Svc 12:30 pm Session 6 pm	18 	19	20
21 Worship 11:00am	22	23	24 Community Lenten Svc 12:30 pm Lectio Divina 6 pm	25	26	27
28 Worship 11:00am	29					

Birthdays

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Anniversaries

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

UPCOMING EVENTS-- FEBRUARY 2016

2	Presbyterian Women 10:00am
6	Men of the Church Breakfast 8:30 a.m. in Brenner Hall
7	Worship 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion —Transfiguration of the Lord
10	Community Lenten Service 12:30pm / Session 6:00pm
14	Worship 11:00 am 1st Sunday in Lent
17	Community Lenten Service 12:30pm
21	Worship 11:00 a.m. 2nd Sunday in Lent
24	Community Lenten Service
28	Worship 11:00 am 3rd Sunday in Lent



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