



THE MESSENGER

JUNE 2015



Franklin Presbyterian Church



From
the
Pastor



REVEREND LOU VENTURA
COVENANT PASTOR

Summer is beginning, and while many churches tend to dial back their activities during these months, it seems as if our calendar here at FPC is getting busier! You know what? I'm okay with that! While I don't believe in being busy just for the sake of doing something, it's nice that we are finding ways year-round to be in God's work, even if it is simply nourishing ourselves. Many of you joined together on Friday, May 29 at our first ever Art Party, where we found out just who is artistically talented and that I am artistically challenged. ☺ More important than my sad but fun attempt at painting, I did something I've always wanted to do, and, though I didn't do it *well*, I did it in the company of people who are loving, accepting, and supportive, no matter what.

Isn't that what we all desire? A place of acceptance, a place where people know us and love us anyway, a place where

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Invitation and Outreach: Block Party



It's that time of year again: our annual Neighborhood Block Party! The event is scheduled for **Saturday, June 27, from noon to 2pm**. We will have the Crayola obstacle course and bounce house from 3 A's Inflatables, and will grill up some hamburgers and hot dogs. We will also offer arts and crafts for the neighborhood children, and a pony or two may even make an appearance.

For this event to be a success we need **YOUR** help! As with most events, we need your monetary donations. Block parties are fun, but not cheap. The church will provide the meat, buns, condiments, and drinks, but we would like for those who are willing to bring a side dish (potato chips, coleslaw, potato salad, pasta salad, etc.)



We also need volunteers to walk the neighborhood to hand out fliers on Wednesday, June 24, at 3:00pm. This is great exercise, and goes quickly when several people team up.

Volunteers are also needed on the day of the event. And here's the good news: if you are not able to do any physical work, you can still help! Your presence gives this event substance and support, and encourages the other volunteers. Having a meal cooked for you and meeting a few of our neighbors is a nice bonus.

Most of all, though, we need your prayers that this event will be beneficial to our neighbors. If you have any questions, please contact **Benjamin Matteson**, Invitations and Outreach Team leader, at the church office.

Benjamin

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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Happy Birthday, Presbyterian Women! Yes, we are a year older and celebrating big time on Sunday, June 7th. We hope you will join us for cake and fun following worship in Brenner Hall.

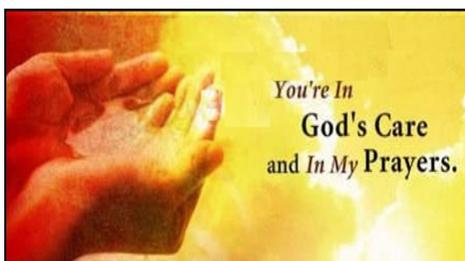
Please bring a gift: a gift to put in our Birthday Offering. It can be as small or as large amount as you can afford. God calls on us to take care of his sheep. Each year, Presbyterian Women chose recipients for the generous gifts you donate to us. This year, PW is supporting two groups. The first is The Bethesda Christian Community Center in Barranquilla, Columbia. This program serves women who have been abused. They plan to build a new community center where it is anticipated they can serve meals to 100 children. Plus, they can use the center for tutoring, training, and Bible study. The second program is the Community of St. Therese of Lisieux in Memphis, TN. This program addresses the needs of young women seeking to learn a new way of life after prostitution. This safe 2-year residential community will assess needs and provide for

education, vocational training and life building skills.

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PRAYER REQUESTS



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

Wayne & Earlene Sprouse	Frances Wilber
Isaiah Baggett Friend of Deloris Joyner	Timmy Drake Friend of the Roses
Cathy Quate Rev. Lou's mother	Ann Marie Wisher Rev. Lou's friend
Ellsworth Family	Bettie Bass
Rod Phelps & Family Friends of Kaye Weaver	Shirley Mosher Friend of Deloris Joyner
Evelyne Vaughan	Denise Kien
Allen Wright Cousin of Terry Rose	Bill Riddick Friend of Kaye Weaver
Chloe Jarratt Friend of Lauren Harper	Mike Joyner Brother of Deloris Joyner
Smithwick Family Friends of Deloris Joyner	Nancy Brock Friend of Ann Marie Brotzman
Rosalind Cutchins Exec. Director of Child. Center	Sam Lester Father of Sarah Lester
Bertha Taylor Family of Jimmie & Terry Rose	Nahala Smazel Family of Jimmie & Terry Rose
Williams Family Friends of the Harpers	Faye Springfield
Billy Atkinson Vivian Christie's brother-in-law	Franklin Cooperative Ministry



<u>Month</u>	<u>New Members</u>	<u>Average Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Total Offering</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>
December	0	39	\$10,114.11	\$7,869.94
January	0	31	\$7,988.00	\$9,059.92
February	0	35	\$7,783.00	\$8,309.27
March	0	35	\$16,222.00	\$9,008.74
April	0	41	\$8,742.00	\$8,833.39
May	0	35	\$9,340.00	\$11,404.17

JUNE BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS



- 01. Shawn Musselman
- 03. Lily Peace
- 04. Dick Gilbert
- 05. Charles Lupton
- 06. Benjamin Matteson
- 09. Barbara Gray
- 13. Allen Harper
- 17. David Jones
- 20. Vivian Christie
- 22. Jennifer Raybuck Peace
- 25. Joe McGuire
- 27. Jim Vasoti



- 02. Barbara & Melvin Gray
- 27. Sue & Ron Ratcliffe



ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN JUNE

07.	Jimmie & Terry Rose	Lead Lector: Harry Christie
14.	Harry Christie & Greg Avent	
21.	Jimmie Rose & Jim Drewry	
28.	Robert Meredith & Ron Ventura	

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we are allowed to grow and change and receive constant encouragement. A place where, even if we mess up, we know that we're still loved.

You must know by now that this is something you as a congregation do extremely well. It's the kind of love and acceptance that Jesus shared, and because of that, it's just too great a gift to dole out to a privileged few. We need to see how we can share that love with as many folks as we can!

In the coming months, let's challenge ourselves to explore new ways in which we can engage with our community, ways in which we can share not only our acceptance of others, but also the love of the One who gave everything to save the world.

Joyfully and with love in Christ,

Lou

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We hope you can give generously, and we hope you will join us for the fun following worship.

We are proud of the new large print Bibles that PW gave to our church in memory of our beloved **Goldzie Duncan Cabell**. They are in the pews, so please use them and think of our sweet friend.

We also are happy to donate \$150 to our Deacon's Compassion Fund from our PW Budget. This month, we are sending an additional \$50 to our Deacon's Compassion Fund from our Sunshine Fund. Thanks to all who support our PW.

Mark your calendar for August 30th. The new Presbyterian Women's Officers will be installed during our worship.

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SESSION UPDATE

At its stated meeting on May 20, 2015, the FPC Session:

- Received the monthly church financial report for information;
- Received a report from the pastor for information;
- Welcomed Kay Gravatt, our PEVA Commission on Ministry (COM) Liaison. At Kay's request, the Session shared a brief history of FPC, our strengths, and our mission focus. Kay encouraged the Session to let PEVA know through her of any areas in which PEVA may be able to assist FPC.
- Validated an electronic vote held 5/16/15 approving rental of the manse to **Witt and Rebecca Harper** while continuing to keep it on the market. This is a win-win-win, since houses tend to sell more quickly when they are lived in, Witt and Rebecca need temporary housing, and the church can receive an income for the next few months.
- Acknowledged that the Worship Team would be decorating the sanctuary for Pentecost;
- Heard a report from the Worship Team Lead **Cathy Eischeid** that the choir is interested in singing for church members upon request (see "A New Music Ministry," next page);
- Received information that work on the flat roof replacement in the Sunday School wing had begun;
- Received a report from the Men of the Church that their breakfast meetings will be on hiatus through the summer;
- Received notice that the Confession of Belhar will be included in the *Book of Confessions*.



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Our Bible Study for this year is complete. We start again on October 6th. We give praise and thanks to **Mr. Robert Meredith** and the **Rev. Lou Ventura** for being our Bible Study leaders this year. They can take a very puzzling piece of scripture and make it come alive. We hope to have you lead us again next year.

If you have a need between now and October, please call the church office and ask them to contact us. PW is always available to tend and care for our sheep, our church and community members.



News Briefs



Invitation and Outreach: Pentecost Offering and Second 5th Sunday Offering by Benjamin Matteson

With as many offerings we hold here at FPC, it seems as if we are always either asking for money, or thanking you all for generously supporting the things that the Invitation and Outreach Team take on to act as Christ's voice and hands in our world. Many thanks for your donations to the Pentecost Offering. There was **\$206.00** donated, of which **\$82.40** (40%) will go to the Children's Center.

We also collected a 5th Sunday Offering last week with canned goods benefiting Franklin Cooperative Ministry, and monetary donations benefiting FPC Compassion Fund. We collected **84** items (14 bags full) of non-perishable food. There was also **\$310.00** donated to the Compassion Fund. Those are two great totals for one week's worth of donations! Thank you for faithfully and prayerfully giving.

FPC Member Wins Rotary Award

At the Franklin Rotary Club Charter night dinner held in early April, FPC Member **Asa Johnson, Jr.** was awarded the Mac Coker Rotarian of the Year Award. The award annually recognizes a Rotarian who through his or her Rotary service has made significant contributions to Rotary and the community in the form of leadership or in the advancement of ideas and service. Way to go, Asa!

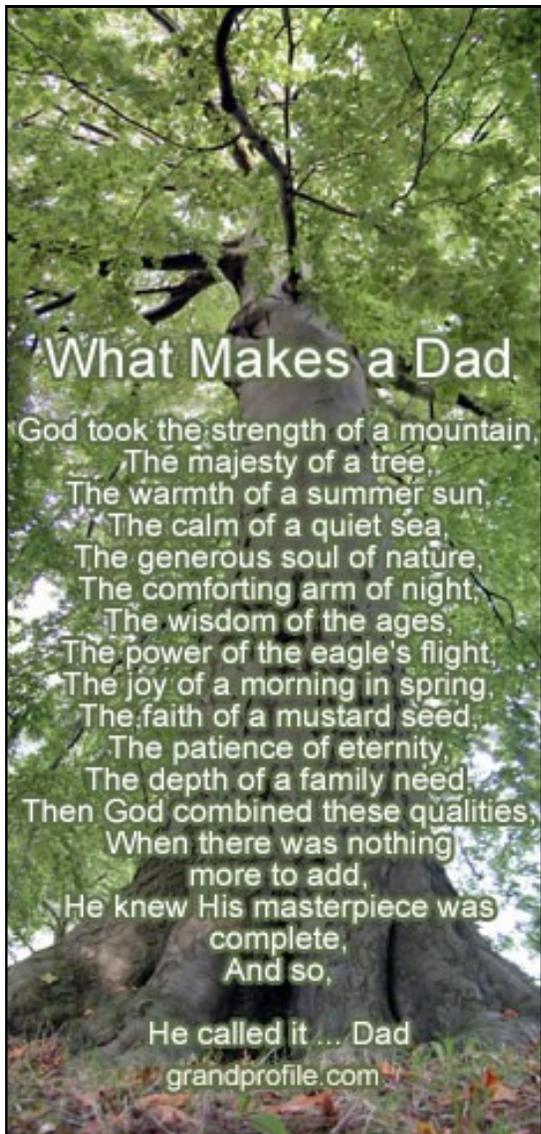
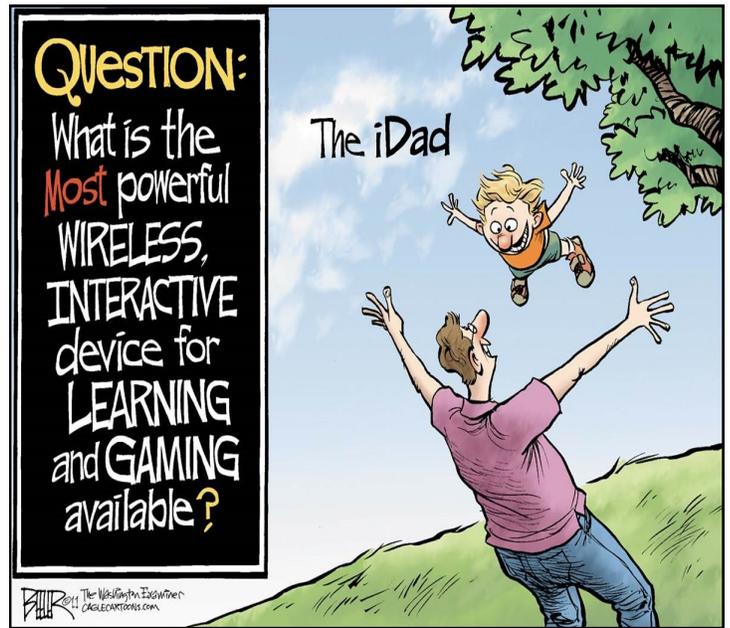
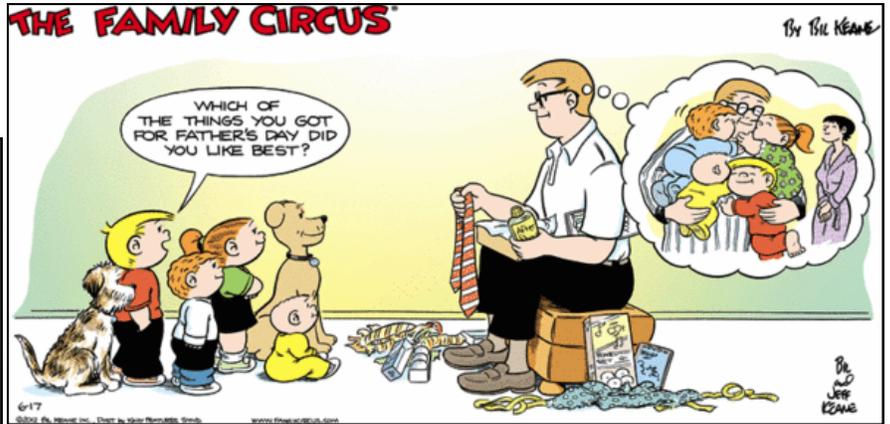
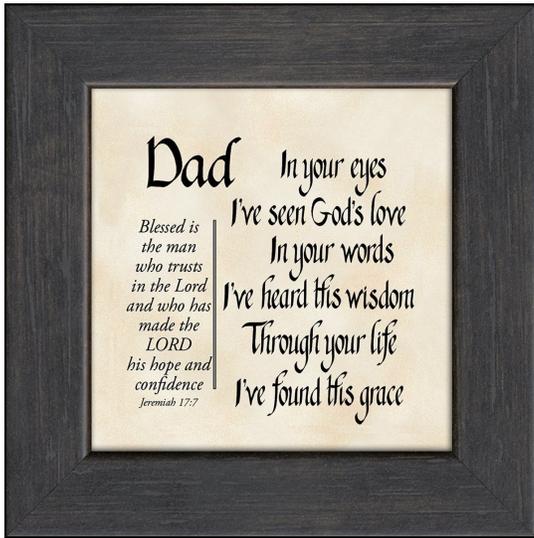
A New Music Ministry by Cathy Eischeid

A few months ago, **Vivian Christie** shared an article with me from *Music Clubs Magazine*. The article, about small groups of singers called Threshold Singers, spoke to something Vivian and I have often discussed – using our choir and our music to pray with and for our ailing congregants. Although the article describes a national organization with many chapters, training sessions, and the inevitable YouTube video, the Franklin Presbyterian choir, after some discussion, decided that we would like to adapt the tenets of the organization to our needs and capabilities. We offer this:

If you are hospitalized or confined to your home or other facility and you would be comforted by having your small choir – or just three or four -- visit and sing *a capella* (that means only voices, no accompaniment) for you, please let Pastor Lou know. As you are no doubt aware, we have a number of quiet, inspirational songs that we would be honored to sing for you. We would be happy to come to your bedside, sing quietly and leave.

We feel that this may be a way for us to uniquely serve our people. Our aim is to bring calm; to create harmony within and without; and to leave the peace of Christ with you. God bless.

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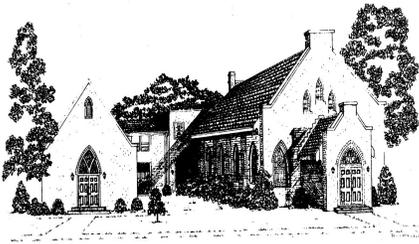


Ray's Joke Corner by Ray Terrell

What do you get when you cross a car with a dart board?
-A moving target.

What do you call a tractor that snores?
-A bulldozer.

What kind of tree likes to smoke?
-The Ash tree.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Presbyterian Women 11:00 am	3	4 A.A.R.P. Board Meeting 11:00 am Choir Practice 7:30 pm	5	6
7 Worship 11:00 am PW Birthday Celebration after worship	8	9	10	11 A.A.R.P. Meeting 10:00 am Choir Practice 7:30 pm	12	13
14 Worship 11:00 am	15	16	17 Session Meeting 6:00 pm	18 Franklin Lions Club 5:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	19	20
21 Worship 11:00 am 	22	23	24 Pass out Block Party Fliers 3:00 pm	25 Choir Practice 7:30 pm	26	27 Block Party 12:00-2:00 pm
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Worship with us each Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS-- JUNE 2015

02.	Presbyterian Women 11:00 am
04.	A.A.R.P. Board Meeting 11:00 am
07.	Worship 11:00 am *PW Birthday Celebration after Worship
11.	A.A.R.P. Meeting 10:00 am
14.	Worship 11:00 am
17.	Session Meeting 6:00 pm
18.	Franklin Lions Club 5:30 pm
21.	Worship 11:00 am
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28.	Worship 11:00 am

Choir practices at 7:30 p.m. each Thursday



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