



THE MESSENGER

JUNE 2016

Franklin Presbyterian Church



From
the
Pastor



REVEREND LOU VENTURA

I've been reading a lot of fiction lately—the direct

result of membership in two different book clubs. I get so caught up reading commentaries and theological and church-related books that I found I needed the external stimulus of a book club (or two!) to compel me to expand my horizons. Many times I have read a work of

fiction that in other circumstances I would never have picked up, but in the end am glad that I read; in almost every case I have learned something new. Hopefully this creative input will display itself through sermons that refer to a broader scope of illustration and application. In his book *Reading for Preaching: The Preacher in Conversation with Storytellers, Biographers, Poets, and Journalists*, Cornelius Plantinga, former president of Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, MI, shows how a wide reading program can benefit preachers, tuning their ears for language and increasing wisdom. I am always working to improve my preaching, and this is a delightful way to do it.

It's also one reason why I've asked in our weekly bulletin inserts if you've read a good book lately: I'm always on the lookout for good books!

Joyfully and with love in Christ,
Lou

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Invitation and Outreach

By Benjamin Matteson, Invitation and Outreach Team Lead



Well, it's that time of year again: our annual Neighborhood Block Party! The event is scheduled for **Saturday, June 25, from noon to 2:00pm**. We will have a bounce house and obstacle course from 3A's Inflatables, and will grill up some hamburgers and hot dogs. We will also offer arts and crafts for the neighborhood children.

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, baked beans, etc.)

We also need volunteers to walk the neighborhood to hand out fliers on **Wednesday, June 22, 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. Even if you are not able to do any physical work, you can still show up, meet your neighbors and have a burger or two. Most of all, though, we need your prayers that this event will be beneficial to our neighbors. As this event draws near please be on the lookout for announcements during church and in your bulletins. If you have any questions, please contact **Benjamin Matteson** at benjaminmatteson@gmail.com or (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.

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By Vivian Christie,
PW Co-Moderator

On Tuesday, June 7, at 11 a.m. (**NOTE TIME CHANGE!**) FPC's Presbyterian Women will close out the year with our final Bible study, Lesson Nine, "River of Life—Hope." **Robert Meredith** will lead the study. This lesson will surely spark some interesting discussion.

Following Bible study, we will share a pot-luck salad luncheon. **Jackie Cutchin** is our host, and we hope she brings some of her famous chicken salad. So, whip up one of your favorite salads and bring to share. We always have a wonderful selection and go home stuffed. If you can only attend one meeting a year, this is the one to catch for sure.



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On Sunday, June 12, PW will be celebrating its birthday, and would like all of our members to join us. During worship, we will share with you the chosen missions who will benefit from our Birthday Offering. Yes, that means we will be accepting your gifts to support these great mis-



sions.

In return, we are hosting a Pot-Luck Luncheon following worship. Birthday cake and candles will be provided. We just need your joy and your favorite dish. Join us, won't you?

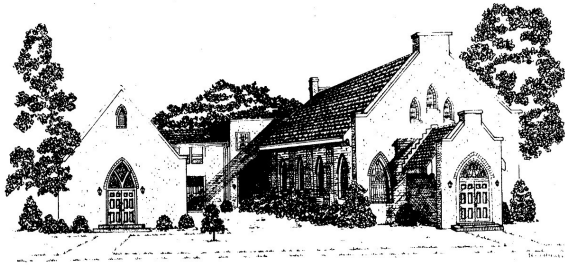
PRAYER REQUESTS



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

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Wayne & Earlene Sprouse	Burton Grizzard
Isaiah Baggett Friend of Deloris Joyner	Franklin Cooperative Ministry
Cathy Quate Reverend Lou's mother	Hannah Friend of Tiffany Matteson
	Doug Ventura Ron Ventura's brother
Lois Minetree Friend of Lane Meredith	Rosalind Cutchins Exec. Dir. of the Children's Center
Vivian Goodwyn Lauren Harper's co-worker	Krista Johnson Kathryn Padgett's co-worker
Melvin and Barbara Gray Move to GA, Melvin's health	Billy Lassiter Cousin of Linwood Drake, cancer
Larry Jamerson Jackie Cutchin's brother, colon and lung cancer	Denise Johnson and Larry Edwards Cousins of Kaye Weaver, health issues
Carolyn Williams Friend of Lauren Harper	Joey Weaver Bichon of the Weaver Family
The Ventura Family on the death of Ron's uncle, George Schwab	Bob Farrar , Ray Terrell's cousin's father, declining
Peggy Ray Terrell's aunt, breast cancer	Estelle Edwards Kaye Weaver's aunt
Deloris Joyner On the death of her friend, Joe	Charlie Lupton In Courtland Rehab
Elizabeth Bertacchi Friend of Tiffany Matteson	Seth Banty Friend of Terry Rose's coworker
Marlene Petrowsky Tiffany Matteson's grandmother	Nadine Mann Friend of Jimmie and Terry Rose



2016 CHURCH SNAPSHOT

Month	New Worship Members	Average Total Attendance	Offering	Total Expenses
January	0	32	\$10,982.00	\$10,629.05
February	0	36	\$ 6,514.00	\$ 8,478.18
March	0	39	\$14,763.00	\$ 7,710.10
April	0	32	\$8,245.00	\$14,086.00
May	0	30	\$9,400.30	\$11,066.93



JUNE BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS



1 Shawn Musselman
 3 Lily Peace
 4 Dick Gilbert
 5 Charlie Lupton
 6 Benjamin Matteson
 9 Barbara Gray
 13 Allen Harper
 17 David Jones
 20 Vivian Christie
 22 Jennifer Peace
 24 Joe McGuire
 27 Jim Vasoti



2 Barbara and Melvin Gray
 27 Sue and Ron Ratcliffe



ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN JUNE

5	Jimmie and Terry Rose	Lead Lector:
12	Harry Christie and Greg Avent	Harry Christie
19	Jimmie Rose and Jim Drewry	
26	Robert Meredith and Ron Ventura	

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SESSION UPDATE

At its Stated meeting on May 18, 2016, the FPC Session:

- Received a report of the pastor's activity;
- Received financial reports for information;
- Heard a report on the neighborhood watch meeting held on Monday, May 16; the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 20, at 7 p.m.
- Noted that a new temporary street light from the city for the Norfleet Street side of the pavilion has been installed; if we are satisfied with the position of the light it will be replaced with a permanent light pole;
- Approved hiring Melissa Lewis as the church administrative assistant in a probationary status (3 months);
- Approved a motion to hire our sexton, Calvin Vincent, to deep clean carpets in the sanctuary and in Brenner Hall;
- Confirmed dates of bowling party for congregation members and friends for Friday, June 3, and the block party for Saturday, June 25;
- Heard highlights from the April 26th PEVA meeting at KirkWood Presbyterian Church in Yorktown.



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. Individual congregations are encouraged to use up to

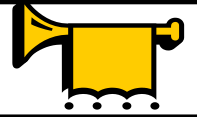


25% of this Offering to sustain their local peacemaking ministries. FPC portion of money (25%) goes to the Genieve shelter. This offering runs from 09/04/16-10/02/16.





News Brief



Commissioners and advisory delegates from all 171 PC(USA) presbyteries, along with other participants and observers from around the world, will converge June 18 through 25 on the Oregon Convention Center (OCC) in downtown Portland for celebrations, deliberations, and inspirations in support of the denomination's biennial gathering.

Hosted by the Presbytery of the Cascades and united under the theme "The Hope in Our Calling," from Ephesians 1:18, the General Assembly will include rich worship services, the election of the Moderator, action on a plethora of overtures, and much more. We will also elect a new denominational Stated Clerk and a new moderator (or co-moderators!), who will serve a 2-year term.

General proceedings and worship during assembly will be live-streamed, and the web site (link below) will provide up-to-date information leading up to the gathering on travel, registration, and various other details. Bookmark the page and check back often!

<http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/222nd-general-assembly-2016/>

Editor's Note: Here are some of the overtures that I am watching. —Lou

OVERTURE #

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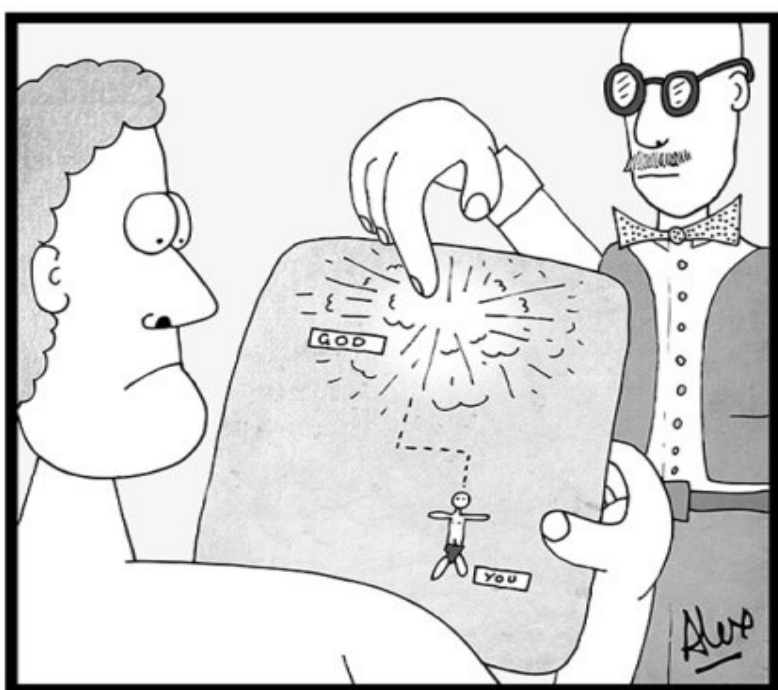
043	On Amending the Book of Order to Clarify Titles to Ordered Ministry
050	On the Admission of, and Apology for, Harms Done to the LGBTQ/Q Members of the PC(USA), Family and Friends
051	On Resources for Learning, Reflection, and Reconciliation
052	On Amending G-2.0607c to Require Training in Evangelism
056	On Amending Book of Order G-6.04 and Standing Rule F.5.b.(1) to Require Two-Thirds Vote on Constitutional Changes
060	On Approving an "Affirmation of Creation"
061	On Amending Section G-2.1001 to Clarify the Discretion Given Presbyteries to Utilize Commissioned Ruling Elders
064	On Taking Specific Action to Address the Worsening Plight of the African American Male

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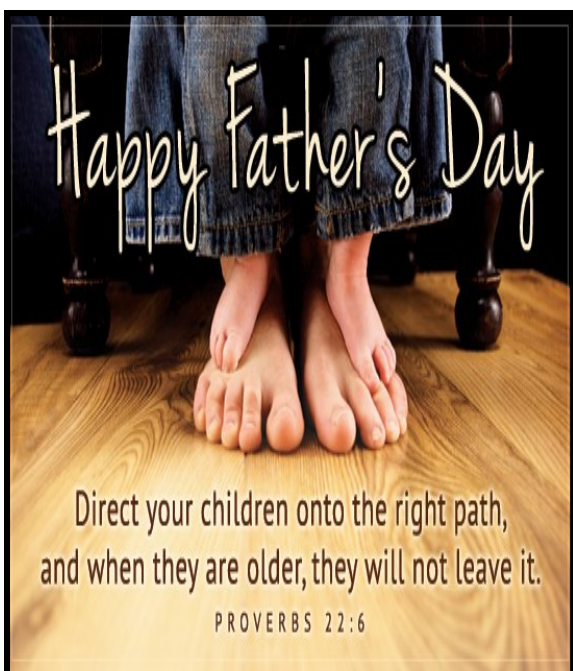
CONGREGATION'S CORNER

CAKE OR DEATH

by alex baker



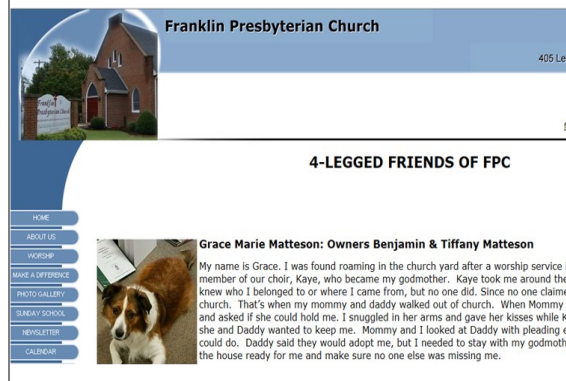
ADAM'S QUEST TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HIS FOREFATHERS LED TO THE SHORTEST EVER EPISODE OF "WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?"



Calling Pet Biographies!

Did you know that FPC has a page on its website dedicated to our 4-legged friends?

Go to our website (www.franklinpresbyterianchurch.org) and click on the button labeled **FPC 4-Legged Friends** on the left (screen shot of the pet page appears below). We'd like to add *all* our FPC furry babies to the page. If you need assistance, contact Pastor Lou or Webmaster **Benjamin Matteson**. They'll even take pictures for you!



Ray's Joke

Corner by Ray Terrell

What did the bowling ball say to the sad bowler?

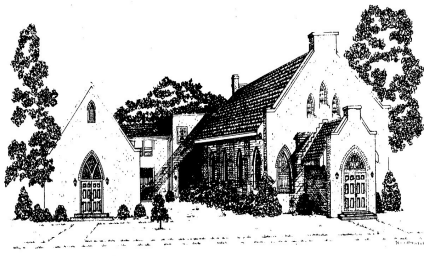
Don't be down in the gutter.

What did the crazy man jump in the Nile River?

He was senile.

What vegetable gets into fights?

Black-eyed peas.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 6 pm Bowling	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Pastor Lou on Study Leave						
11 am Worship Guest Preacher CRE Paula Bass PW Potluck Lunch		11 am PW Mtg, Bible Study, and Potluck Salad Lunch				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Pastor Lou on Study Leave						Today through June 25: PCUSA's 222nd General Assem- bly in Portland, OR
11 am Worship Guest Preacher CRE Linda Smith						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
11 am Worship Father's Day	7 pm Neighbor- hood Watch Meeting		3 pm Walk Neighborhood to Pass out Block Party Fly- ers			Noon to 2 pm Block Party
26	27	28	29	30		
11 am Worship			6 pm Service of Healing and Wholeness			

Birthdays:



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| 1. Shawn Musselman | 3. Lily Peace | 4. Dick Gilbert |
| 5. Charlie Lupton | 6. Benjamin Matteson | 9. Barbara Gray |
| 13. Allen Harper | 17. David Jones | 20. Vivian Christie |
| 22. Jennifer Peace | 24. Joe McGuire | 27. Jim Vasoti |

Anniversaries:



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

UPCOMING EVENTS-- JUNE 2016

5	Worship 11:00 am—Guest Preacher CRE Paula Bass
12	Worship 11:00 am—Guest Preacher CRE Linda Smith
19	Worship 11:00 a.m. Father's Day
20	Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00 p.m.
26	Worship 11:00 am
29	Service of Healing and Wholeness 6 p.m.—6:30 p.m.



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