



THE MESSENGER

MAY 2016



Franklin Presbyterian Church



From
the
Pastor



REVEREND LOU VENTURA
COVENANT PASTOR

At a recent PEVA meeting, another Commission on Ministry (COM) member and I were chatting

about COM business. We both agreed that a positive aspect of membership on COM (in addition to getting new ideas and seeing what other churches are up to) is contrasting our own churches with those that are in transition or experiencing difficulties. Seeing what some troubled churches are going through puts our own issues into better perspective. Though we at FPC are not perfect, we are not in crisis, and we have healthy relationships; for that I am constantly and deeply thankful. As I've mentioned more than once, coming from a position of strength in our church enables me to be of greater assistance to others in our presbytery who are having a tough time. We are a connectional church, and helping our sister churches where we can is vital. Currently, I am assisting Bethany Presbyterian in Zuni by moderating their Session meetings until they fill their pulpit. And it's not just me: Ruling Elder and FPC Webmaster **Benjamin Matteson** recently assisted Bethany with changing their web host, and is now a resource for Bethany's grateful webmaster.

I continue to thank God for each of you, and hold you all in prayer.

Joyfully and with love in Christ,
Lou

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Invitation and Outreach

By Benjamin Matteson, Invitation and Outreach Team Lead



The church's next giving opportunity is the Pentecost Offering. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also addresses the needs of at-risk children. Forty percent of the Pentecost offering is retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. Funds are distributed into three areas: Young Adult Volunteers, ministries for youth, and children at risk. Our portion of the offering (40%) benefits the Children's Center, as it has done in past years. This offering runs from 4/24/16 to 5/15/16. The Children's Center will be sending a representative to give a Minute for Missions on May 15th to provide details on how our portion of the offering will be used.

At the end of May we will also have our second Fifth Sunday offering. Monetary donations will go to the FPC Compassion Fund, and canned goods will go to Franklin Cooperative Ministry.

Please give generously. If you have any questions, please contact Benjamin at 434-594-7212 or via email at benjaminmatteson@gmail.com.

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.



Guess who's having a birthday?

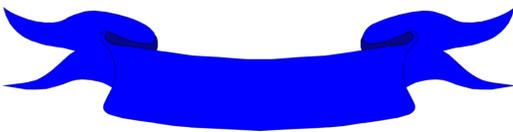


PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WE ARE!!!

Presbyterian Women asks you to Save the Date: **Sunday, June 12th**

The PW Birthday Offering will be accepted
Lunch to follow worship in Brenner Hall



Did You Know...

In 1922, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary (PCUS), it was decided that an offering should be made for a definite cause. That same year, a member challenged the Women's Auxiliary to give one penny for each year of their life as a birthday gift to the school. Over the years, that tradition has become known as the Birthday Offering. Presbyterian Women have given more than \$29 million in support of mission projects throughout the world.

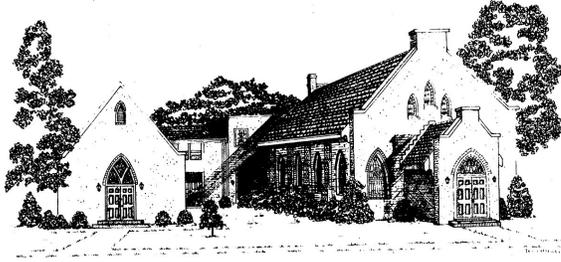
PRAYER REQUESTS



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	The people of Japan and Ecuador On the recent earthquakes
Cathy Quate Reve rend Lou's mother	Hannah Friend of Tiffany Matteson
Melvin and Barbara Gray Move to GA, Melvin's health	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
Bob Farrar , Ray Terrell's cousin's father, declining	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
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
The Padgett Family on the death of Frank's aunt	The Ventura Family on the passing of Ron's uncle, George Schwab , in NV



2016 CHURCH SNAPSHOT

Month	Average		Offering	Total Expenses
	New Worship Members	Total Attendance		
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	\$ 14,086.98



MAY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS



- 1 Val Schwolow
- 3 Carolyn Joyner
- 3 Tiffany Musselman West
- 13 Evelyn Drake
- 14 Jenny Jones Banty
- 22 Kaye Weaver



ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN MAY

01.	TBD	Lead Lector:
08.	Allen Harper and Charlie Lupton	Benjamin Matteson
15.	TBD and Ray Terrell	
22.	Ann Marie and Bud Brotzman	
29.	Tiffany and Benjamin Matteson	

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SESSION UPDATE

At its Stated meeting on April 20, 2016, the FPC Session:



- Received a report of the pastor's activity;
- Received financial reports for information;
- Heard a report about the neighborhood watch meeting held on April 18 in the church sanctuary, and next steps;
- Approved investigation of a street light from the city for the Norfleet Street side of the pavilion;
- Heard a report that current admin Joe Banty is at a point in his job search where posting an ad for a replacement admin is advisable; reviewed administrative assistant ad copy;
- Heard a report that a \$200.00 love offering for Calvin Vincent, FPC Sexton, was collected to assist with expenses related to the passing of his father;
- Received the report that the ceiling has been repaired in the admin's office, walls have been spackled in the treasurer's office, and the skylight surround was reinforced;
- Approved use of the pavilion on Saturday, May 14, from 3:30 to 6 p.m. for a neighbor's son's birthday party;
- Reviewed Rules for Use of the Pavilion to be provided to requestors;
- Scheduled tentative dates for bowling party (Friday, June 3) and block party (June 25);
- Noted with appreciation that a shredder had been purchased for the office.



News Brief



How I Spent My Weekend by Lou Ventura



On Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23, I rose at 5:30 a.m. to get to the PEVA offices by 7:30 so that I could team-teach conflict mediation techniques to 16 of our presbytery members. That's a picture of me at left in PEVA's newly renovated large conference room, which has an Apple TV projection system.

This event fulfilled one goal that PEVA's Commission on Ministry (COM) set when they sent me and the Rev. Dr. Wilbur Douglass, COM Moderator, to mediation training in Silver Spring, MD, last year. Doug and I taught this class together, and we hope to offer this training twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. The skills learned are transferable to any circumstance, and are easily learned. Hope to see you in the next class!

OUTREACH: UPCOMING OUTREACH AND GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Pentecost Offering



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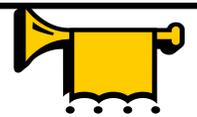


Peace and Global Witness (formerly the Peacemaking Offering)

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



Stand Against Intolerance Dialogue: May 25 and June 1

In order to help dispel fears based on ignorance and misinformation, the Session of First PC, Virginia Beach is offering a two-part series to help members and friends of our church learn about the Muslim faith and also the connections between Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. Discussions will be held at First PC, VB (300 36th St.) beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25 and Wednesday, June 1.

The May 25 session will feature Imam Rachid Khould of the Crescent Community Center giving his "Muslim 101" talk. His intent is to dispel fears based on ignorance and misinformation, and to be open to questions about Islam. Following a brief break for refreshments, participants will have an opportunity to take part in an interfaith dialogue in small group discussions.

On June 1, a panel (Imam Khould, Rabbi Rosalin Mandelberg of Ohel Shalom Temple and the Rev. Craig Wansink of the Center for the Study of Religious Freedom at Va. Wesleyan College) will share their experience with intolerance and how each faith community has responded to the resulting persecution. The intent of this series is to show that, if intolerance is allowed to go unchecked, we are all at risk. Everyone is invited to join in these two discussions.

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CONGREGATION'S CORNER

Let's Go BOWLING!

WHEN: Friday, June 3 at 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Franklin Bowling Center, Armory Drive

WHO: Everyone!

COST: \$9.00 per person gets us 2 lanes for 2 hours, a large pizza, and a pitcher of soda

Sign up in the narthex!

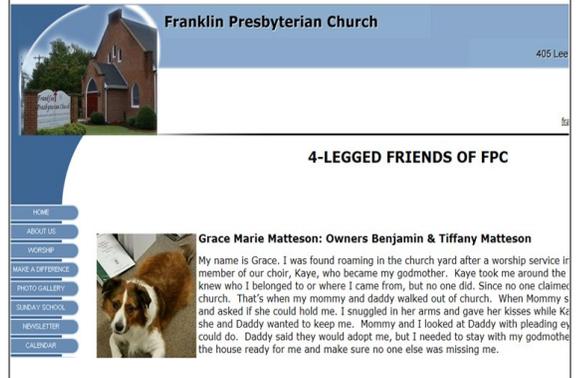
And if you don't bowl, come and cheer—YOUR PRESENCE IS A GIFT!



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 do you get when you cross shoe laces with oysters?

A strings of pearls.

What did the farmer say to the corn?

Quit stalking me.

What did the bushel basket say to the farmer?

You're in a peck of trouble.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  Worship 11 am	2	3  Presbyterian Women Mtg 10 am	4	5 AARP Board mtg 10 am	6	7 Men of the Church Breakfast 8:30 am
8 Worship 11 am Mother's Day	9	10	11	12 AARP 11-1 pm	13 	14 
15 Pentecost Worship 11 am Holy Communion	16 Neighborhood Watch Mtg 7 pm	17	18 Session Mtg 6 pm	19 Lions Club 5:30 pm Brenner Hall	20	21
22  Trinity Sunday Worship 11 am Holy Communion	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Worship 11 am	30 	31				

Birthdays



1— Val Schwolow

14— Jenny Jones Banty

3— Carolyn Joyner, Tiffany Musselman West

22— Kaye Weaver

13— Evelyn Drake

30— Carol Holland



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



PENTECOST

UPCOMING EVENTS-- MAY 2016

1	Worship 11:00 am
8	Worship 11:00 am
15	Worship 11:00 a.m. PENTECOST Holy Communion
22	Worship 11:00 am TRINITY SUNDAY Holy Communion
29	Worship 11:00 am



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