

THE MESSENGER

Franklin United Brethren Church

7171 Central College Road

New Albany, OH 43054

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Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Service 10:15 am

AUGUST 2021

“WIN – TRAIN – SEND”

WORSHIP AND (??) MUSIC

Music is Worship

For years Franklin has had a committed team called Worship and Music. It is a good team, important, and one I think we should continue to have. Its purpose is to give feedback, bounce ideas off of one another, and evaluate how we conduct the worship service on Sunday morning. Many, many churches have this kind of team with the same name or similar. What I find interesting is the name: Worship and Music. What is so interesting? I'll explain...

Often times people separate the music of the church service from the “worship” part of the service as if they are two different things. I have heard people say something like this, “The music was great, but the worship service needs some work.” By “worship service” I presume they mean announcements, prayer, offering, preaching, communion, etc. I understand the perception, but it is not accurate. Maybe you already know this, but music IS worship! Actually, of all of the things I just listed announcements is the only thing that is not worship. Sorry...announcements have never been an element of worship in the Bible. Check this out... the definition of worship, in part, is this: “Our celebrative response to God for who he is and what he had done for us.” Therefore, since Abraham gave offerings of thanks to God, Noah gave a sacrifice to God, the Israelis celebrated the Passover, Joshua instructed the people about worship, Revelation is filled with worship, worship is a part of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

Music may not have been a part of worship until The Song of Moses (Exodus 15), but from Joshua forward music was always a part of worship. Practically all of Psalm is worship music. Since music is worship, we always want to offer our best. Does this mean only the best singers should sing? Absolutely not! We kid about the “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord” passage in the Bible, but it really is no kidding matter to the Lord; he wants to hear us sing to him! Human beings were created to worship God and singing is worship.

This Sunday, August 1st, Dawn Dague (Chairperson of the Personnel Team) will be introducing us to our new Director of Music. He is not just an interim, he is the new part-time “permanent” director. I think you will come to love Dr. Isaac Winland and his family. I do not want to list all his background and long, long list of qualifications – let's save that for Sunday. This is a TREMENDOUS answer to prayer. The Management Team (Board) has been searching for a year and a half. We had two initial candidates just before COVID “hit”; we quickly lost them in April of 2020. Two months ago, we asked a church member to help us post the job on a different website and within weeks we got 7 candidates. We interviewed 3 and Dr. Isaac quickly became our unanimous choice. Once you meet him, you will see why! One bonus “tease”: it takes two hands to count the number of instruments he can play. Let's get ready to show him that music IS worship at Franklin Church.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Mike

PRAYER NEEDS

Rick Tawney (COVID Recovery), Quinn Fetters (Brain Surgery Rehab), Mary Danforth (Brain Surgery)
Missionary of the Month: Mike and Heather Slagle (CRU)
Shut-Ins: Helen Smith, Melvin Burdette, Jeanne Teele, Lorei Lees, Midge Gathers, and Trish Dolejs

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

*“For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.”
(Hosea 6:6)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Parking Sunday: First Sunday of the month New Albany Presbyterian Church worships at the shelter house. Franklin folks should arrive at 10:00AM, reserved parking east side of lot along the sidewalk.

Short Notice, IMPORTANT Notice: Saturday, August 7th, at 8:30AM all-invited to Work Day! A little late in the season, better late than never. With a solid crew we're done by 11:30AM. Come and go when you can. Notify the church by email if you can at clarabell@franklinub.org.

Ministry to Linden McKinley Athletes: Speaking of New Albany Presbyterian Church... they have invited us to do a joint outreach to Lincoln McKinley athletes this school year. Want to learn more? Call or email Pastor Mike.

Another Thanks: To all who contributed towards the Pastor Michael Muwonge motorcycle fund. With the church matching grant, we were able to send him all the money to buy the motorcycle AND give him food money for his family and church members.

Extra Prayer for the Thailand U.B. Missionaries: It has been a very hard 2020-2021 year for Brian and Rachel Glunt, Milton and Erica Pacheco, and Paula. They have gotten very discouraged at times. Pray that God will lift their spirit.

Please use the website and Facebook! All important church information can be found here including past Messengers, InTouch, calendar events, and sermons.

We DO Have Nursery Children (2), So We Need You! Minister to children (it is not just babysitting). Please contact Ruth Eller ASAP.