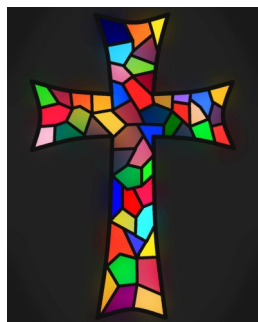
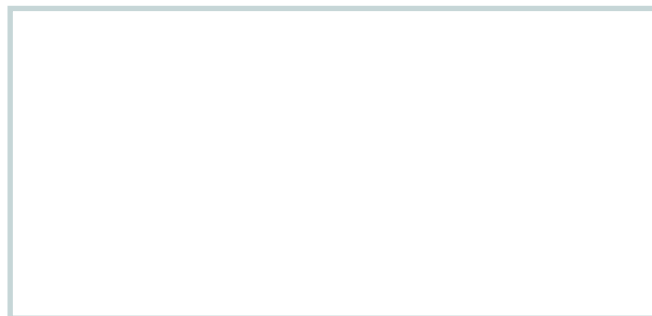


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### Purpose Statement

Franklin United Methodist Church is a fellowship of believers who have come together as a family of faith. Together we have established the following purpose, vision, and mission statement:

**Purpose:** “Willing and ready to follow and serve Jesus Christ.”

**Vision:** “Franklin UMC shares God’s love, Christ’s sacrifice, and our faith for the salvation of the world.”

**Mission:** “We believe in Jesus Christ whom we follow, serve, and share.”

**Key Verse:**

**“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” John 3:16 & 17**

# POLLY'S PONDERING

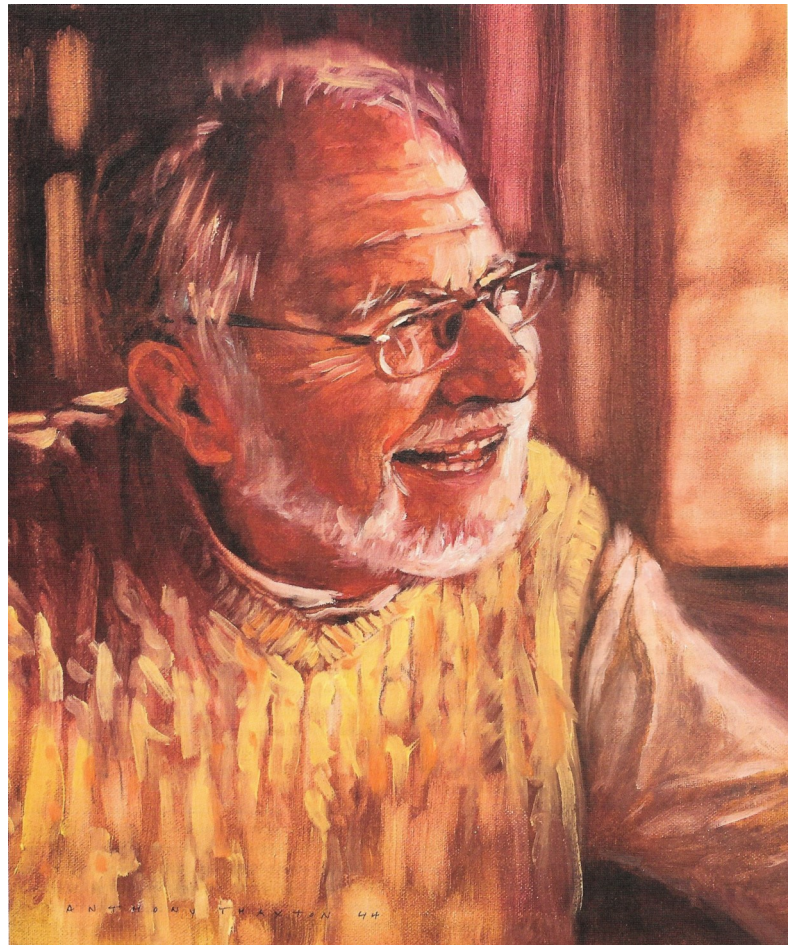
“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify you Father in heaven.” Matthew 5: 14-16

A friend was thumbing through a magazine when she stopped at an article on the opposite page of this painting. I found myself being drawn to the image. I studied closely the way the light was illuminating the eyes and smile of this kindly old man. What joy seemed to emanate from within him. His eyes were intently focused on a subject, perhaps someone sitting across from the table. His delight in the moment was captured in his grin and emphasized by the light filled dimple. Oh, what joy the artist captured. Oh what delight the paint filled canvas conveyed. Suddenly I am wondering, “Who is this man?” “What is his story?” “How has he held on to such a light filled spirit into old age in the midst of a world that is often times dark and dreary?” Come to think of it, I am often drawn to joy filled people. And more often than not, I will find myself saying, “You are a person of faith, aren’t you?” Almost always the answer is yes. And immediately followed with this question, “How did you know?” Then I tell them, “I saw it on your face, it is conveyed in your smile.” That usually starts a conversation between two people whose only connection is the love of God and a chanced encounter in a grocery store or restaurant. All because the light of Christ was in them.

I am reminded of another old man whose face reflected the light. In Exodus Chapter 34 we are told about Moses.

“Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses’ hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him (God)...when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone...”

Now comes the toughest part of the pondering....have I spent enough time with God that His light would be reflected in my own face? Does the Light of the World, Jesus Christ, shine out from me? Am I, one created in the image of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, becoming more and more a reflection of the Master Creator? Will someone look at me and say, look how the Light dances on her face? Look how intently she is focused on the one with whom she shares a relationship of love, mercy, and grace. Lord, I pray it would be so. Amen.



*Pastor Polly*

## YOUTH NEWS

Looking forward to August, on Wednesday nights we are continuing a miniseries focused on the first two kings of God's people: Saul and David. We are seeing that there are some striking differences between the character of these two men and where their focus laid. It seems like one of these two was the image that the people wanted for king and the other what God wanted.

We will not meet for Youth August 8th because Mariela and John will be out of town.

One larger change coming up, is that Mariela and John will be stepping down from the Youth Director role. God is leading Mariela and John into the next step in their journey with Him. They have been accepted to a Biblical Studies school with Youth With A Mission. Mariela and John feel this will be the foundation for their future ministry. Wonderful thing about God is that He always has a plan. If He leads someone out, He knows how to bring someone in. We are excited about what God has in store going forward for our Youth.

**We are incredibly thankful for the love, time & energy that both Mariela & John have poured into our Youth Ministry!**

## MOPS Ministry

We are excited about starting our new MOPS series, **Find Your Fire** and are even more excited for you to meet our new Coordinator, Kelsie Schauer. She will be joining us in worship on Sunday, August 5th. As we prepare for this new year, please join us in praying for two things:

- ◆ An additional Mentor Mom to help lead our ladies in truth & love.
- ◆ Two childcare workers to shower the kids with love, while our Moms get the rest & renewal they so greatly need.

If you would like to be involved in this Ministry, please contact the church office! We believe that stronger Moms create stronger families & communities.

### *Love kids?*



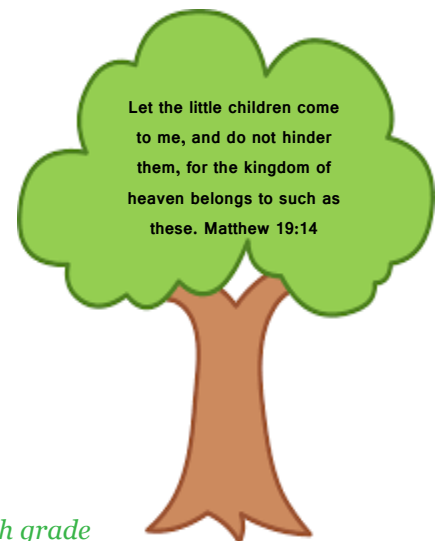
***Passionate about making a difference?  
Join our team!***

We are looking for a dedicated individual to join our staff as the Children's Ministry Director. Responsibilities include:

- ◆ Lead Children's Sermon during Worship.
- ◆ Plan & promote events that foster the spiritual development of children.
- ◆ Attend planning meetings such as Education committee & Administrative Counsel.

***Contact Rev. Polly Standing for more info!***

*Children's Ministry serves ages 3 - 6th grade*





# Promotion Sunday

August 26th

A special recognition will be made during the worship service on August 26th to all our children and youth as they promote to their new grades. In addition, those students in our church family promoting into the 1st and 5th grades will be presented with Bibles. Please be in prayer that these Bibles will be used to help our children grow in their relationship with Christ.

If you would like to contribute to the cost of these bibles, please contact Mary Kamas.

## PRAYING PIECERS NEWS

Quilters will be meeting on the 2nd (13th) and 4th (27th) Mondays of August at 9:00 a.m. in the Activities Building. Salad luncheons are the order of the day as this unbearable heat continues. Please pray for rain!!! Come and bring your quilting or whatever project you are working on, we love to see new faces.

Happy Stitching,  
Donna Otto



### Music Note:

After a relaxing summer break, it's time for the choir and the Sunshine Strummers to begin practices again. We'll be switching our practice times so that the middle and high school age youth can join us in choir. This is a good time for Anyone to join us in the choir and in the ukulele band. I will be teaching a beginner ukulele class starting next week. If you are interested, please call the church and I will work the practices around your schedule. The lessons are free and I will even loan you a ukulele to get started with. So come on EVERYBODY! It may be hot outside but it's COOL inside during practice!

"Sing"cerely, Rhonda

**Ethiopia**  
**Clean Water Project Update**  
by Abraham Bezabeh  
Sunday, August 19th  
9:00am  
Activities Building



## A SUNDAY OF BLESSING



Honoring teachers, staff,  
administrators, and others who  
love all God's children each day  
in educational settings

Invite an educator to join us on Sunday, August 19th

# Sunday School Flashback...

Terri Folterman teaches  
Benjamin Cate & Lauren Comer.

Thank you to our dedicated  
Sunday School Teachers,  
your work matters!



*A teacher affects  
eternity, and can  
never tell  
where the  
influence stops*  
-Henry Brooks Adams

## The FUMP CORNER

The beginning of a new school year is one of my most favorite times of the year. The new year to a teacher starts in August, not January. It is a time of collaborating with colleagues while planning for new students and families. There is an excitement in the air!

Last year Franklin United Methodist Preschool experienced some unexpected changes, as staff members moved on to new jobs. It may have taken us by surprise; however, we know our

Mighty God is in control of every decision that we make.

In January, I accepted the job as the Preschool Director. It is an honor for me to serve God as I assist our staff in ministering to the children and their families. At the end of the year, we had 52 children enrolled in the program. Currently, we are almost filled to capacity for the Fall - Praise the Lord! All our staff members plan to return, with the exception of one whom will be attending college next school year. Having stability and consistency with staff is vital to a thriving preschool. I am eager to start this school year. As a congregation, you may ask what you can do to help during the year, and I will tell you, PRAY! We need your prayers as we teach, love, and minister to the children.

***May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. - Psalm 19:14***

In Christ,

Sherry Buchanan  
FUMP Director





# ANNUAL ALL CHURCH



## SUNDAY, AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>

(After Worship)

Bring a Covered Dish to Share\*

Enjoy "Minute-To-Win It" Games

\*Don't Bring Dessert ~ Cake and Ice Cream Provided!

### A note from Bishop Scott Jones

Bishop Jones would like to extend an invitation for you to join him at one of the 18 upcoming *Table Talk With Bishop Jones* sessions to be held August 11th - August 23rd. Each one will have 1 1/2 hours of content time and some will include lunch or refreshments.

The purpose of these meetings is to help you understand more fully the three models being proposed for consideration by the special session of the General Conference next February.

Links have been posted to the report of the Commission on a Way Forward and the Council of Bishops. There will also be additional interpretive information to help you understand the proposals more fully on the conference website at [www.txcumc.org/thewayforward](http://www.txcumc.org/thewayforward).

The meeting closest to us will be Thursday, August 23rd at FUMC, Bryan at 7:00pm for Laity.

Should you want more information on other dates, times & locations, please contact our church office!



### What is Tour de TAC?

This is a series of bicycle rides and gatherings all across the conference to discuss planting new faith communities for years to come.

For more information, or to register, you may contact our West District representative:

**Sam Cutrone**  
**(979) 571-9469**  
**[revsam1127@gmail.com](mailto:revsam1127@gmail.com)**

Coming to our area Nov. 6, 7 & 8

# PRAYER requests

To keep the prayer list as up-to-date as possible, please contact the church office with any changes to the specific need for each one on the list.

Dornbush Family  
 Reeves Family  
 Katherine Scasta  
 Tom Fuller  
 Ginger Mareth  
 Joey Mickelwitz  
 Marie Kellum

Madison Wilcox  
 Jim Hanks  
 John Callaway  
 Archer Foltermann  
 Rhonda Toups  
 Ronny Hibler  
 Mike Allen

Eric Michael (Air Force)  
 Benjamin Standing (National Guard)  
 PFC Joseph Pawley (Army, Afghanistan)



## Lay Readers

5th Joe Corn  
 12th Barbara Eller  
 19th Kip Kissinger  
 26th Ken Reinhardt



## Tithes & Offering for Last Month

Offering Income	\$ 21,085.01
New Building Fund	\$ 3,520.00
Donation for Activity Bldg Floors	\$ 1,200.00
Monthly Mission	\$ 50.00
Average Attendance	86

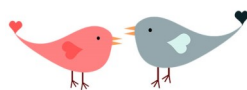
## Ushers

**Grady Harris**  
**Jody Smith**

## Safe Sanctuary Training

We will be offering Safe Sanctuary Training on Monday, August 27th from 10am - 3pm, with lunch provided. Please remember that ALL of our staff & volunteers need to update this training annually! If you would like to attend this training, please contact the church office. If you are unable to attend, you may view the online training session beginning September 1st.

Additionally, if you would like to get or renew your CPR/First Aide, we are offering a class on Thursday, August 16th 8am - 11:30am. Cost is \$25 and you need to register with the church office by August 9th.



## August Anniversaries

7th Warren & Kay Kastner  
 9th David & Adrienne Bailey  
 10th Jerry & Sissy Rawson  
 16th Finley & Kaye Poe  
 18th Jim & Cynthia Hanks  
 20th Keith & Mary Kamas  
 Ervin & Terri Homann  
 Lloyd & Katherine Scasta  
 22nd Bob & Donna Otto  
 30th Jim & Rhonda Miller

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Melanie Coomer	16th	Cole Herring Sydney Herring
4th	Kyla Drake Mary Lou Green Hannah Buckner	17th	Cade Rue
5th	Kerri Black	18th	Nathan Fachorn
6th	Calvin Scasta	19th	Pamela Cloat Ruby Edwards
12th	Josh Hanks Ferman Richards	23rd	Julia Ann Michael
13th	Maegen Law	25th	Olivia Campbell Chris Hoegemeyer
15th	Wayburn Harris	29th	Emily Cloat

# AUGUST 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Sonshine Strummers at Crestview 2:30pm	3	4
5 Celebration Honoring Christina Martin 12:30pm	6	7	8	9	10 Sonshine Strummers at Watercrest 5:30pm	11
<b>Pastor Polly on vacation August 6th - 14th</b>						
12 Guest Preacher: Carty Hicks	13	14	15	16 CPR/First Aide 8:00 - 11:30am	17	18
Finance Meeting After Service	Praying Piecers In Activity Building		Preschool Board At 4:00pm	SPRC At 6:30pm		
19 Clean Water Project Update by Abraham 9am in Activity Bldg. <b>Sunday of Blessing</b>	20 Worship Committee At 4:00pm	21 Sonshine Strummers at Broadmore 3:30pm	22	23 Table Talk with Bishop Jones Bryan UMC 7:00 - 9:30pm	24	25
26 <b>Gideon Sunday Promotion Sunday Birthday Bash</b>	27 Safe Sanctuary Training 10am - 3pm Praying Piecers In Activity Building	28	29	30 <b>FUMP Open House 6:00pm</b>	31 <b>MOPS Open House 10:00am</b>	

Choir—Wednesdays 5:00pm-5:40pm

Clothes Closet Volunteer—

Mondays 3:00-5:00 Wednesdays 5:00-8:00 Thursdays 9:00-11:00

Men's Bible Study—Mondays at 6:30pm

Men's Emmaus—Thursdays at 6:30am

MOPS—Select Fridays, this coming Fall

Praying Piecers—Select Mondays 9:00am-12:00pm

Preschool—Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00am-3:00pm (Begins Sept. 4th)

Ukulele—Wednesdays 5:45pm-6:30pm

United Methodist Women—Starts back in September

Women's Emmaus—Will resume Wednesday, September 19th

Youth Fellowship—Wednesdays 6:00pm-8:00pm

## Reading for the Weekly Worship

August 5 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13 Psalm 51:1-12

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

August 12 2 Samuel 18:5-9/31-33 Psalm 130

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35/41-51

August 19 1 Kings 2:10-12/3:3-14 Psalm 111

Ephesians 5:15-20

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

August 26 1 Kings 8:1-43 Psalm 84

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69