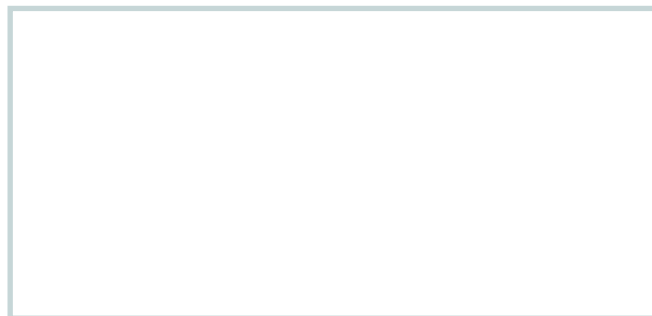


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Purpose Statement

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

This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to His voice and hold fast to Him.” Deuteronomy 30:19-20a

Let me set the story for you.

Erin was enjoying the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico. He was walking side by side with his son. Out of the corner of Erin's eye he spotted a man coming out of the water attempting to make his way back to the hotel. The man was struggling. And although there was a large crowd all around him, this man was never-the-less alone. That is when Erin noticed the man stumble hitting the beach with a thud. He pulled himself back up only to fall again. Erin directed his son with a gentle nudge hoping to change his course as not to make eye contact with the struggling man. And then he began to speak to his son in an attempt to redirect his attention, lest he spot the need and force an act of compassion to not go ignored any longer.

Erin's ploy did not work. His son stopped him "I have to go help that man." Without waiting for the explanation that was, after all, not needed; Erin replied "Then go help him." The ten-year-old boy raced over to the double amputee and worked to pick him and his specialized crutch up to no avail. Erin stood there watching the crowd, now aware of the man's plight, work as a single unit to get the man back to the hotel deck.

Pastor Erin was still standing in the place from which he had sent his son to act on his compassion, while he watched his son return with tears in his eyes. "I couldn't help him. I wasn't strong enough."

This true story has captured my thinking. Why did the pastor turn from his moment of opportunity to live out his faith? And why did he continue to stand there when his son pointed out the need of which he was already quite aware? What stirred the heart of this young boy to drop everything and run to the aide of an unknown stranger? Why were there so many people around who were seemingly unaware of the need until a small child was willing but unable to do what any of them could have done but didn't? Most of all, was it humility that kept this boy from seeing the end result of his willing initiative or was it pride that clouded the accomplished task because he had not done it all alone? Or was it a sincere desire to use a moment to make a difference in love and a misguided thought that he had failed?

Truly I am filled with pondering. And I have a couple of questions for myself. Have I ever been aware of a need and chose to redirect my attention somewhere else? Have I ever had the power to do good, but choose to stand by while another stepped up to the task? How many times has another needed me to help fulfill the purpose for which their initiative could not complete? How many times have I been more focused on avoiding evil that I have become blind to the endless opportunities for doing good?

Pastor Erin McManus wrote these words as he recalled the event:

"We have defined holiness through what we separate ourselves from rather than what we give ourselves to. I am convinced the great tragedy is not the sins that we commit, but the life that we fail to live." (pages 33-34 *Seizing Your Divine Moment*).

I don't know about you, but I am suddenly taking a deeper look into what I am giving myself to!

Pastor Polly

YOUTH NEWS

Things are starting to kick up for our youth group. Just one and a half months before summer trips hit us. Wednesday nights continue to be full and quite a joy for Mariela and myself. In addition to this, the youth are adding a couple fundraisers to their plate to help get us all to UMARMY and Lakeview. We will be doing a youth auction like we have done in years past – but this time around with a little twist. At the church picnic on the 20th of May we will be having a silent auction where everyone can battle it out to land a pair (or more) of our hard-working youth for a morning of late spring cleaning, yard work, gardening, etc. This will be a great opportunity for our church members to support and bless the youth, while at the same time the youth can return the blessing.

For the youth to go out on mission and to connect with other young believers this summer we will also need support in the form of volunteers. We are in need of adult volunteers for both Lakeview and UMARMY. If you are interested in helping, please contact me as soon as possible.

God bless you all,
John Kamas



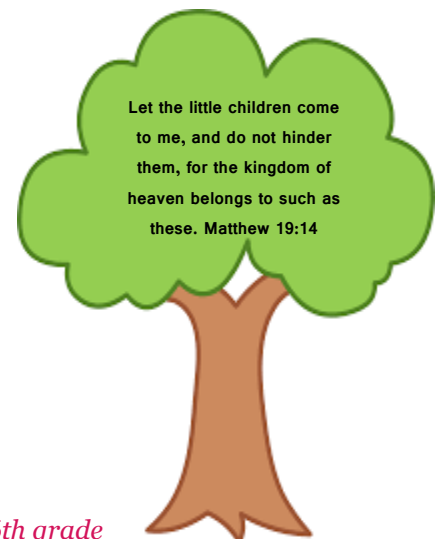
Greetings Church Family,

I'm so very excited to kick off our Rice Bowl campaign! Together, we will raise funds for fresh food for orphans as we focus on our call to "not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth" John 3:18. The kids had the opportunity to participate in a "rice dinner", with lots of games &

fellowship, where they received their rice bowl to begin collecting money. Over the next 6 weeks, they will collect coins to be a "small part of something big". We will conclude our campaign on Wednesday, June 6th with a bowl-breaking party at Altitude!! I will share details with everyone soon. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support of our Children's Ministry.



Eager To Be The Change,
LeAnn Lennie



Children's Ministry serves age 3 - 6th grade



A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED TO CREATE A BEAUTIFUL FLOAT AND REPRESENT OUR AMAZING CHURCH AT THE CALVERT 150 YEAR CELEBRATION



Help us extend a huge thanks to Sherry Buchanan and all the staff at FUMP for their hard work & dedication to our preschool ministry! If you would like to bless these lovely ladies with an appreciation letter, gift or meal please contact the church office. Let's show our gratitude for the impact they are making in the lives of our local families!

Save the Dates:

Preschool Graduation: Wednesday, May 23rd at 6pm

Last Day & Splash Day: Thursday, May 24th

PRAYING PIECERS NEWS

We will only have one meeting this month: Monday, May 14th. Join us to work on a project of your choice and enjoy wonderful fellowship and a pot-luck meal. All are welcome!

On Monday, May 28th let's all take a moment to remember our fallen military men & women.

Happy Stitching,
Donna Otto



Music Note:

Thank you God for the wonderful blessing you given us--this gift of rhythm, melody and rhyme we call music. Our choir is excited about the new songs we are practicing and hope to have a couple of specials ready soon. The Sunshine Strummers have been busy with our ministry and have two performances scheduled this month. As usual, May is a busy month for us all! Our groups are always open for anyone to join. So come on...we have extra music books on hand and we'll even pull a chair up for you!

"Sing"cerely, Rhonda

Pebble Creek Country Club

Will host the Still Creek Scramble on
Monday, June 18th

There are numerous sponsorship and single player opportunities available.

If you are interested, you may contact Olivia Campbell
979-814-6476 or franklintxbroker@gmail.com

Still creek has been serving children since 1988.

When you support Still Creek,

You are proving long-term care and

Restoration for children rescued from abuse.

Neglect and abandonment.



At The Rawson's

305 Woodforest Lane at the back of Woodforest Subdivision

Sunday, May 20th (After Church)

Great food

Wonderful fellowship

ALL HANDS ON DECK....WE NEED YOUR HELP!

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sponsored by Franklin United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church

June 11th – 15th from 8:30am to Noon

There is a volunteer role for everyone!

Contact Beth Vickers with any questions:

979-255-1406



Calling All Campers

If your child will be in 3rd - 12th grade next school year and would like to attend Lakeview Summer Camp, please contact the church office by Thursday, May 10th. We must have an accurate count of campers to ensure we have enough adult leadership in place!

Camp is June 24 - June 29

Cost: \$400

(Financial assistance may be available)



Friday, May 4th & Saturday, May 5th (8am - Noon)

Please make plans to participate in our church GARAGE SALE & BAKE SALE!

Funds from Garage Sale will help offset costs to repair Education Building A/C & Ceiling Tiles

Funds from Bake Sale will help with cost of children attending Lakeview Summer Camp

Donations for the Garage Sale can be brought to the Church Activity Building

Monday - Thursday (9am - Noon)

Kolache Sale Youth Fundraiser

As a fundraiser for their summer mission/camp trips, the youth will be taking pre-sale orders for homemade kolaches (Debbie Black's recipe- yum, yum!).

The kolaches will be available for pick-up on **Saturday, May 12th** (10:00 am-noon), just in time to treat your mother (or yourself) for Mother's Day.

Flavors available per dozen: cream cheese, apple, cherry, peach, sausage, or assorted (baker's choice).

Suggested donation per dozen: \$12

Pre-Order forms will be available from any member of our youth group or in the church office. Unless pre-ordered, there is no guarantee that kolaches will be available for sale on May 12th.

For more information contact
Mary Kamas 979-777-1038

CHURCH SHIRT ORDER FORM



Orders Due By:

May 1st

Cost: \$13.00 - \$17.00

Contact Church office with questions:

979-828-3355

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 3, 2018

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

UNITY

EPHESIANS 4:3

MAKING EVERY EFFORT
TO KEEP THE UNITY
OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH
THE BOND OF PEACE.



FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Come & Go Event from 7:30 am - 7:30 pm

Community Wide Prayer at Noon in Sanctuary

#PRAY4UNITY
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Men's Bible Study

Mondays 6:30 - 7:30

In the church activity building

Contact Jim Hanks 979-229-9547

jhanks@hanksengineering.com



**Also contact Jim to get involved in our
community service initiative!**

WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

The Worship Committee is working to enhance the worship experience for our church during the next two, very busy, months. The following are dates to remember and ways that you can contribute to the worship experiences.

Pentecost May 20 – Please mark your calendar for this day of worship and celebration. Remember to come dressed casual for our picnic and wear red!

Mothers' Day May 13 – Please find a picture of yourself with your mother and submit it to the church office by April 29. Be sure to label your photo so that we will know who it is and so that we can return it to you.

Fathers' Day June 17 – While you are searching for a picture of yourself with your mother, please look for one with your dad as well. These pictures need to be turned in by June 3.

Memorial Day Remembrance May 27 – Please submit the names of any family members, now deceased, who served in the military.

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

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

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



Lay Readers

6th Julie Jarrell
13th Jeff Ripley
20th Jack Hutchison
27th Julie Neyland



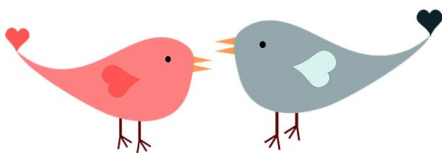
Tithes & Offering for Last Month

Average Attendance	117
Offering Income for April (As of 4/24)	\$ 15,690.51
New Building Fund	\$ 5,081.00
Memorial Income	\$ 243.00
Education Building Repairs	\$ 2,000.00

Ushers

Jody Smith
Greg Stem

MAY BIRTHDAYS




May Anniversaries

9th - Andy & Cathy Reed
22nd - Kelley & Tammy Sexton
30th - Greg & Monica Stem
30th - Cole & Tiffani McKinney

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 2 Kay Kastner | 13 Barry Cate |
| 3 Charles Westerman | 16 Virginia Akins |
| Allen Homann | Bea Bridwell |
| 4 Katherine Scasta | Laura Cate |
| Lois Campsey | 19 Marie Kellum |
| Nelda Johnston | 20 Anne Perry |
| 6 Sarah Miller | 21 Teddy Vickers |
| 9 Mary Kamas | 23 Brody Huggins |
| Brooke Broadus | 25 Tammy Sexton |
| 10 Tracy Stem | Cindy Briggs |
| Denver Richard | 29 Colton Ripley |
| 11 Dorthea Allen | |

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	
Garage Sale Donations accepted Mon - Thur (9am - Noon)				STOP & PRAY 7:30am - 7:30pm Community Prayer At Noon	Garage Sale & Bake Sale 8:00am - NOON	
6 Finance Meeting After Service	7 Office Closed	8	9 VBS Decoration Workshop (9-4)	10 SPRC at 6:30pm	11 Sonshine Strummers St. Joseph at 3pm	12 YOUTH KOLACHE SALE
13	14	15	16 VBS Decoration Workshop (9-4)	17	18	19
20 Church Picnic At The Rawson's Short Admin Mtg.	21	22	23 FUMP GRADUATION  VBS Decoration Workshop (9-4)	24 SPLASH DAY/ LAST DAY FOR FUMP Sonshine Strummers Crossroads at 3pm	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day Office Closed	29 Office Hours: 9 - Noon	30 Office Hours: 9 - Noon VBS Decoration Workshop (9-4)	31		

Choir—Wednesdays 5:45pm-6:30pm
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 Mondays 9:00am-11:00am

Praying Piecers—Select Mondays 9:00am-12:00pm
Preschool—Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00am-3:00pm
Ukulele—Wednesdays 5:00pm-5:45pm
United Methodist Women—1st Wed at 9:30am
Women's Emmaus—Wednesdays at 7:00am
Youth Fellowship—Wednesdays 6:00pm-8:00pm

Reading for the Weekly Worship

May 6	Acts 10: 44-48	Psalms 98	1 John 5: 1-6	John 15: 9-17
May 13	Acts 1: 11-17	Psalms 1	1 John 5: 9-13	John 17: 6-19
May 20	Acts 2: 1-21	Psalms 104: 24-34	Romans 8: 22-27	John 14: 26-27
May 27	Isaiah 6: 1-8	Psalms 29	Romans 8: 12-17	John 3: 1-17