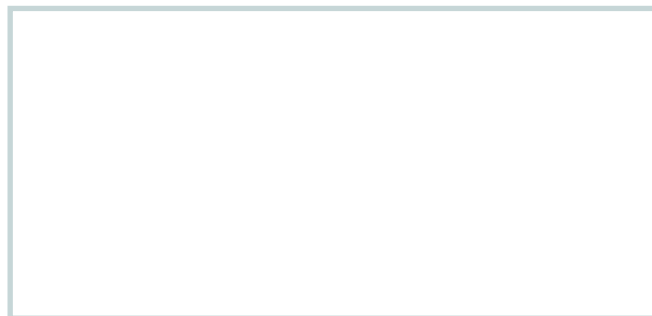


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Purpose Statement

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: THE REST OF THE STORY

Yesterday in worship we were asked to pray for a young man named Chad. He is attending the same mission outreach school as Katie Kamas. The request asked us to pray for him because of the recent loss of his parents in a fire.

When I was in sixth grade I had a bicycle accident which ended me in the hospital with a broken jaw. I lay there with my teeth wired shut and my chin stitched up. I had plenty of time to think about the words of the doctor who said that “another ¼ of an inch and I would have been dead.” Not the best bedside manner. Thoughts swirled. I did not have a background of faith tradition to pull from. In fact, other than my grandfather’s funeral just a year or so earlier, I can’t remember anything faith related.

My pain was not too bad, especially if I didn’t try to laugh. But, my discomfort was really high. It had nothing to do with me and everything to do with the boy across the hall. He was on the children’s wing as this was long before specialty burn units. I heard his suffering before I heard the explanation.

“Stop, you’re tearing my skin!”

The sound of his cry was so penetrating. It reached right into my heart and into my mind and has stayed with me through time. So, Sunday when we talked about the two families that had experienced loss by fire, I was immediately transported back to the room across the hall from the boy whose cabin hot water tank had exploded. I often wonder about him, his recovery, his relationship with God.

Others were worried about Chad as well. He was in the hospital recovering from a broken bone, when the news of his parent’s death reached the leaders. A few of them went together ready to share the news and to minister to Chad. What they didn’t expect was Chad to minister to them. Upon hearing the news Chad asked if they could worship, right there, right then. In the midst of his pain and the grief-filled circumstance, Chad wanted – needed – to worship.

One of the earliest converts to Christianity, Paul, wrote these words, now recorded in Philippians Chapter 4:10-13.

“I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through Him who gives me strength. Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles.”

It is clear to me that Chad, not only knows this scripture, but has taken it into his heart. It has become part of who he is. And he is living it. Imagine yourself standing there ready to minister to one who is truly in grief only to find that you are the one to whom ministry is being given. Let us continue to join Chad in prayer as he acknowledged the God who gives and takes away, but who always is worthy of our praise. And let us agree with Chad, that he can do all things through Christ who gives him strength.”

And the rest of the story, will be ours to learn, to tell, and to live. See you all Sunday as we worship the One who is indeed worthy of our praise.

Pastor Polly

Sunday Small Groups

Begin at 9:00 am

Small groups are also traditionally known as "Sunday School Classes". We want everyone to feel welcome to come try a small group and find what works for you & your family!

ARK - Nursery, Pre-K & Kinder

Kingdom Kids - 1st thru 4th

Encounter - 5th thru 7th

Fusion - 8th thru 12th

Journey - Any Adult

Home Builders - Any Adult

Wisdom - Any Adult

If you want to get plugged in to a Sunday group and don't know where to start or would like to help teach, co-teach or sub please contact Mary Kamas or Beth Vickers.

Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 8, 2018

9am - Noon

It's not too early to begin planning and crafting items to contribute to our CHRISTMAS STORE! We will be selling Special Christmas Decorative Crafts, "eye-appealing" pies, cakes, jellies, breads, candies, and other festive goodies. Also any items appropriate for Christmas presents. Of course we will once again be needing fresh-baked cookies and more cookies for the Cookie Walk! We need many varieties...good old fashioned cookies as well as fun new varieties. Please email Beth Vickers with your planned contributions or with any questions (rexandbeth@gmail.com).

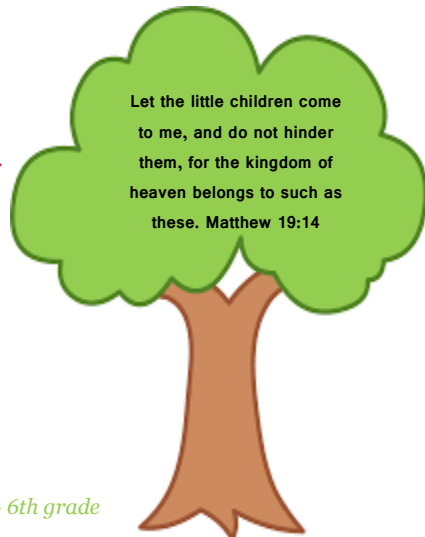


*Love kids?
Passionate about making
a difference?
Join our team!*

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

YOUTH NEWS

The youth continue to meet with Pastor Polly while we seek to hire a new youth director.

Next week the youth will partake in a mystery trip. All youth wishing to attend must be at the church by 6:00pm.

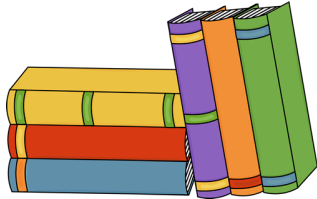
We want to thank the following people for their help with the youth meals: Sebie Harris, Sandra Hoegemeyer, Debbie Harris, Mary Kamas, Elizabeth Reinhardt and Lou Whatley. We still have the fourth Wednesday of the month open for meal assistance. If you are interested in filling this need either on a one time basis or monthly, please contact the church office for more information.

We are already planning fundraisers for the upcoming mission trip. And looking at our options of mission location. One possibility is in Memphis, Tennessee. We are asking for prayer warriors to stand in the gap for our youth and to pray for God's guidance as we plan the mission trip.

Lending Library

We are happy to announce that we have motivational & Christian resources available to borrow! Take a minute or two to browse our new lending library located near the Narthex and find something that speaks to you! Have a book or DVD that you have found helpful or encouraging, we'd love your help to grow our library!

Includes "The Ark Encounter"
from Pastor Polly's recent trip!



We need help to make our Annual Pumpkin Patch a success!

Please see the sign up sheet during worship service or call the Church office to see when & where we could use your talents!

Our Patch will be open from October 17 - October 31st.

See flyer for hours & additional info!

PRAYING PIECERS NEWS

Quilters will meet this month on Monday the 8th & Monday the 24th in the kitchen of the Activity Building from 9am - Noon. We will continue to enjoy working on our projects, fellowship with one another & having lunch. We encourage anyone to join us with a project of your choosing. We love to see new faces!

Happy Stitching,
Donna Otto

Music Note:



Music in the church is so important! How wonderful it is that God led me to this church where we have a mixture of music! The old hymns like "Nearer, my God to Thee" are weaved in with upbeat praise music every Sunday. Our band, Faithful Nation, provides today's songs with Christina Martin's lilting voice. We hope to have them more in the near future. The choir is going to start working on Christmas selections. We may sing a duet with the Children's Choir. Watch for notices at the end of this month for the children's practice times. The Sunshine Strummers are booked up until Christmas. We always have a great time performing. If you have an interest in joining the choir or the ukulele band, please contact any of our members. We always love new people!

"Sing"cerely, Rhonda

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The excitement of the first day of school and that first football game are behind us, and we are anticipating a full season of meaningful Fall worship services for Franklin United Methodist Church. The following are events that we are looking forward to enjoying.

October:

October 7 – World Communion Sunday

October 28 – Laity Sunday

November:

November 4 – All Saints Sunday – Honor and recognize those we have lost this year.

November 11 – Veterans' Day Sunday – Special service to honor our veterans.

November 18 – Thanksgiving Sunday – A day for our membership to express our gratitude.

November 25 – Christ the King Sunday - Last Sunday after Pentecost & Sunday before Advent begins.

December:

December 2 – Advent Begins.

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service at 6:00pm.

As always, if you have any ideas or suggestions, or would like to participate or volunteer to help the Worship Committee with these special opportunities of worship, please contact the church office and we will be happy to have your input and participation.



FIND YOUR FIRE

Our hope this year is to help each mother and child fan their flame for Jesus!

MOPS & MOMSNext is happy to report that our group has grown tremendously! We currently have 24 moms and 35 kids enrolled. If you, or a Mom you know, are interested in joining us, we would love to have you! However, our group has grown so much that we now have a waitlist for Moms wanting to attend, but need childcare. Please call Kelsie Schauer to get on our waiting list if you are interested. If you can make your own childcare arrangements, please join us at any of our upcoming meetings!

Upcoming Meetings: Friday, October 12th & Friday, October 26th from 9:00am - 11:00am in the Activity Building.

MOPS Coordinator: Kelsie Schauer - Cell: (618) 697-3310

The FUMP Corner



*...But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.
Joshua 24:15, NIV*

It has been an exciting start to the 2018-2019 school year. Our classrooms are filled with lots of smiling faces and energy. The FUMP staff has not disappointed, as they arrive each day with planned activities to fill the children's hearts with God's love.

We have celebrated several memorable days at school from birthdays to Grandparent's Day. On September 13th the annual Teddy Bear Tea Party was held. The FUMC Activities Building was filled to almost capacity with grandparents (by blood or by love), aunts, uncles, moms, dads, and friends. The children presented their families with specialized cards they had made. It was a heart-warming event.

October will begin so many fun filled Fall events at FUMP. The Pumpkin Patch will be open from October 17th-October 31st. The hours will be 3:30 – 6:30 Monday through Friday and 12:30-6:30 Saturdays and Sundays. If you love Fall and have been looking for a place to volunteer, the Pumpkin Patch is the place to be. Contact Sherry Buchanan or LeAnn Lennie for more information or to sign-up. Thank you for your prayers, love and support.

In Christ,
Sherry Buchanan
Director



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH @ 5:00PM

JIM & RHONDA MILLER'S RANCH

1884 Little Mississippi Cemetery Rd

Come Join Us for Food, Fellowship, and Fun!

There will be Games and Fall Activities for All Ages



**Men's Day Breakers Reunion Group
Thursdays @ 6:30am in Kitchen**

**Women's Rekindled Reunion Group
Wednesdays @ 7:00am in Kitchen**

**Women's New Reunion Group
Wednesdays @ 6:00pm in
Church Conference Room**

Upcoming Spiritual Retreats

Men's Walk Weekend: October 11-14

Women's Walk Weekend: October 25-28

If you are interested in deepening your walk with Christ by attending one of these special weekends (Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon), please contact Mary Kamas, Keith Kamas, Beth Vickers, Rex Vickers, or any Emmaus Community member for more information.



Open & Ready to Sell

**Fridays 10am - 2pm
Saturdays 9am - Noon**



**Make plans to attend our
Pumpkin Patch!**



We will be collecting new & gently used jackets & hoodies to give to those in need this Winter!

Please bring your donation by the Church office ASAP and we will distribute mid October!

Thank You

Dear Franklin United Methodist Church,

Y'all are the best!! Thank you again for so generously allowing us to use your facility to hold our sewing camp this year. Your willingness to let us use your fellowship hall as a "workshop" for the week and display our workmanship is truly a blessing.

We would like to let you know that in addition to making projects for ourselves, we used this opportunity to make bibs and burp cloths for the Hope Pregnancy Center. We also began work on a "Let's Go to the Beach" quilt that will help raise funds for the Robertson County Fair.

Thank you again for giving us a place to have fun and learn sewing skills and for helping us help others.

2018 Robertson County 4-H Sewing Camp

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

7th Dianna Hutchison
14th Ken Reinhardt
21st Kip Kissinger
28th Carty Hicks



Giving for Last Month

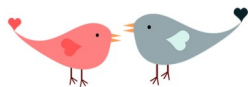
General Offering	\$15,921.25
Building Fund	\$6,175.00
Memorial/Other	\$3,382.95

Ushers

Jerry Rawson
Kevin Rawson

Average Attendance

107.5



October Anniversaries

4th Kevin & Christan Rawson
15th Rex & Beth Vickers
24th James & Lacey Buckner

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Billy Davis	16th Cindy Caubarreaux
Andy Harris	17th Laura Corn
Rachel Knight	Jo Callaway
2nd LeAnn Lennie	18th James Miller, Iv
6th Jacob Janacek	20th Polly Standing
Preston Thompson	27th Drew Reed
8th Brandon Kellum	28th Terri Homann
11th Eli Michael	29th Bowen Campbell
12th Cindy Briggs	
Teressa Callaway	
13th David Homann	
15th Kenner Reinhardt	

OCTOBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Feast of Sharing Food Pantry at 5:30pm	UMW at 9:30am Youth will go off campus.			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	SCHOOL OUT Praying Piecers No Bible Study		Finance at 7:00pm	Sonshine at Waterford 3:30pm SPRC at 6:30pm	MOPS	Men's Walk to Emmaus Weekend
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Fall Fellowship Miller Ranch	CHARGE CONFERENCE REPORTS DUE		Pumpkin Patch Opening Day		Early Release for School	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Second Grade visits Patch Praying Piecers	First Grade visits Patch		Sonshine at Generations 2pm	MOPS	Women's Walk to Emmaus Weekend
28	29	30	31			
Laity Sunday			Pumpkin Patch Last Day			

Choir—Wednesdays 5:00pm-5:40pm

Clothes Closet Volunteer—

Mondays 3:00-5:00 & Thursdays 9:00-11:00

Men's Bible Study—Will Return Soon

Men's Emmaus—Thursdays at 6:30am

MOPS—Select Fridays 9:00am - 11:00am

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

Preschool—Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00am-3:00pm

Ukulele—Wednesdays 5:45pm-6:30pm

United Methodist Women—1st Mondays at 9:30am

Women's Emmaus—Wednesdays 7:00am & 6:00pm

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

Reading for the Weekly Worship

October 7	Job 1:1, 2:1-10	Psalm 25 & 26	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
October 14	Job 23:1-9, 16-17	Psalm 22:1-15	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
October 21	Job 38:1-7	Psalm 104:1-9, 24	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
October 28	Job 42:1-6, 10-17	Psalm 34:1-8	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52