

Franklin United Methodist Church  
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Franklin, Texas 77856



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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

*"I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear, knowing what must be done does away with fear." Rosa Parks*

One day in December of 1955, a little less than five years before I was born, three individuals took a seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama in seats in which they were not allowed to sit. When the bus driver demanded that they arise and relinquish the seats, only two responded as was expected. The other, a tired woman, refused. Perhaps it was partly to do with the fatigue of a long day's manual labor, but mostly it was due to a fatigue that had been growing ever since she was old enough to see the injustice around her. She put it this way:

*"As far back as I can remember, I knew there was something wrong with our way of life when people could be mistreated because of the color of their skin."*

Rosa Parks made up her mind to never give in again. She had made up her mind and fear was diminished. Her beliefs had moved her to action. You see the truth is that this one woman's principled action on a belief she knew to be true, that all men were created equal in the eyes of God, not only moved her to action but helped many others to find their courage as well. And just the other day, I learned that Rosa Parks attended the church of a young preacher by the name of Martin Luther King Jr.

While Martin Luther King Jr. would go on to be known as the voice behind the civil rights movement, Rosa Parks was the catalyst. In fact, in his memoir, *Stride Toward Freedom*, Martin Luther King Jr. wrote that it was Rosa Parks character and dedication that made her widely respected in the African American Community.

Suddenly, I am overwhelmed with a great gratitude to be among the family of faith here at Franklin United Methodist Church. Your work, to make a difference through actions of kindness and compassion, are a great inspiration and they are a motivation to me. They move me to seek ways to give a stronger voice to your desires to fight injustice. They move me to be a part of the works of mercy, which you have already begun and those you have yet to dream. They spark my imagination and I, too, begin to dream of ways this mission field can grow and expand with the love of God. And I can say with great conviction that it is your character and dedication that make you respected in this mission field of Franklin, Texas and I am glad to serve along side each of you.

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17*

*Pastor Polly*



MOPS started 2019 by welcoming Mrs. Cheryl Simmons as our first guest speaker. Her message was to encourage moms to take a step back and love ourselves, remember we are important, and that we too are children of God!

She gave us many, many great bible verses to think about - Here are two I related to.

### ***Deuteronomy 31:8 & Matthew 5:45***

MOPS/ MOMSnext thanks her so much for giving her Friday to be with us!

If you or a Mom you know could use a dedicated time to laugh, learn & love with other Moms, of all ages, you may contact the Church office for more info!

Upcoming Meetings:

February 8th, February 22nd, March 8th, March 22nd

We would love to help you ***Find Your Fire!***



**A big welcome to our new Youth Officers:**

**President: Caitlyn Martin**

**Chaplain: Lexi Wetzler**

**Hospitality: Evelyn Huggins**

**Social Officer: Katlyn Phillips**

**Junior Officer: Anna Taylor**

**We are proud of all these individuals for stepping up and out in faith!**

**Youth are selling tickets to their fundraiser:**

**RETURN OF THE SOCK HOP**

**Get yours today!**



### **GOD CREATED THE UNIVERSE. TALK ABOUT HARD WORK!**

**“By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.” — Genesis 2:2**

God wants us to work hard, just like He did, for the good things we need and want. But the Bible says He also wants us to rest and play. Balancing time spent on work, rest and play each day will keep you happy and healthy.

Kids in the U.S. work hard in different ways. As a student, you work by paying attention in class and finishing assignments. You probably also have chores at home. How do you feel when your parents ask you to do homework or clean your room? Some people complain or feel mad. Since you know that working makes God happy, can you do your work with a joyful attitude?

#### **READ Luke 10:38-42**

1. Are there times when working isn't the right thing to do?
2. Do you ever complain about work like Martha did?

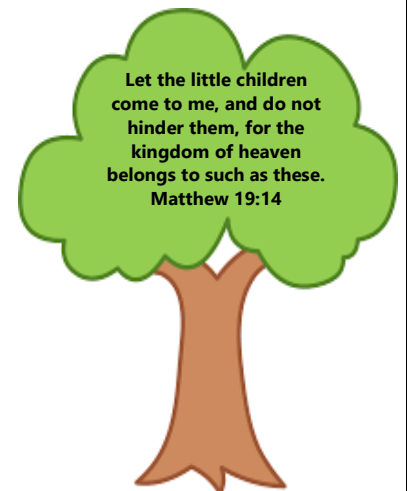
#### **ACT**

1. Make three lists — one list of ways you work, one of ways you play, and one of ways you rest. Do you have a good balance?
2. If you don't have balance, name some ways you could get it. For example, playing outside more often or spending more time on homework.

#### **PRAY**

1. Ask Him to give you wisdom to know when you need to work harder, when you need to rest, and when it's time to play.
2. Pray that God will give you the patience to do your chores and homework without complaining.

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

# United Methodist Women

UMW is celebrating their 150th anniversary! The West District will celebrate on March 23, 2019 at First United Methodist in Bryan. Dr. Nancy Dickey, the first female President of the American Medical Association will be the keynote speaker during this day full of fun & meaningful worship.

Mark your calendars for March 23, 2019 : 9am—3pm

We will share more information soon!

## PRAYING PIECERS NEWS

We will be meeting on the 11th and 25th this month at 9am in the Activity Building Kitchen. We invite anyone who has a stitching, quilting, knitting or other project to join us. If you've never visited our group before, feel free to call me or the Church office for details or just pop by with a project!

*Happy stitching!*  
*Donna Otto*



### Music Note:

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,  
praise him with the harp and lyre - Psalm 150:3

Many thanks to our Choir, who meets Wednesday evenings, and adds such a joyful noise to our weekly worship! Ukulele practice will begin again soon and we would LOVE to have some youthful members join in! Ages 10 + are welcome to come to beginner lessons on Thursdays any time between 3:30—5:00pm, get with me for more details!

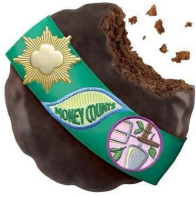
*"Sing"cerely,*  
*Rhonda Miller*

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**2019 will bring new leadership to some of our committees and you may notice a few committees have updated their name to better represent what they do... if you aren't part of a committee, this is a fabulous way to support our church! See a list of committee chairs below and feel free to contact them directly or the Church office for more information!**

Admin Council	Carty Hicks	Finance Committee	Rex Vickers
Trustees	Barry & Jenny Cate	SPRC (Staff-Parish Relations)	Frank Perry
Family Life	Debbie Harris & Beth Vickers	Connections	Beth Vickers
Outreach/Missions	Julie Jarrell	Christian Growth	Mary Kamas
Worship	Deborah Hicks	Laity Leadership	Kenner Reinhardt
Prayer Committee	Cathy Reed	Preschool Board	Christan Rawson
Kitchen Ministry	Elizabeth Reinhardt & Cynthia Hanks	Audio/Visual	John Standing

## MY GIRL SCOUT IS



PART OF THE LARGEST GIRL-LED  
BUSINESS IN THE WORLD.

Our **DAISIES** are working on their "Talk It Up" badge and learning how to overcome fear and shyness when approaching people to sell cookies.

*Analiah Contrera, Katy Cross, Yaritza Guevara, Dallas Stegall*

The **BROWNIES** in our troop are working towards the "Meet My Customers" badge by learning about the good manners and social interactions required in successful business.

*Kinley Angele & Addison Buckland*

The **JUNIORS** are beginning their "Customer Insights" badge by studying how businesses study their clientele to help sell product — they will then be applying what they know to the Franklin cookie market.

*Sarai Guevara, Amanda Stegall, Cally Stegall, Mary Beth Taylor*

Our **CADETTES** are about to start their "Marketing" badge and learn how to promote and advertise to increase sales.

*Rylee Callaway & Anna Taylor*

## The FUMP Corner

*Cleanse me with hyssop and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Psalm 51:7*

We have taken the last portion of this word in the Bible for our January memory verse. We are as filthy rags needing to be washed clean. I can't think of a more descriptive analogy than "whiter than snow." Being born and raised in Texas, I have not seen much snow here; however, trips to other states or viewing media scenes have helped me visualize what Jesus does for me as I go before him to confess my sins. Our teachers are teaching the children how we are all different and uniquely designed by God, just as each snowflake falling to the ground. Our focus is on obedience and asking for forgiveness when we fall short.

FUMP kicked off the new year with a "Pajama and Pizza Day" on January 8<sup>th</sup>. I am not sure if the kids or the teachers were more excited to wear pj's to school! We acknowledged Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on January 10<sup>th</sup> by inviting Officer Johnny Lopez. He talked with our kiddos about *Stranger Danger*, safety, and the role of police officers. Each teacher had their class contribute in making a Thank-You card for Officer Lopez. We do appreciate those who serve to protect our community.

We had to say good-bye to teachers Raylee and Addy who were in our young Toddler Class. They will be missed at FUMP, but their college schedules would not allow them to continue working at FUMP. Say hello to our new teachers who will replace them - Destiny & Gabby. They attended training in December in preparation of a smooth transition for our children and parents. We are so excited to have them part of our FUMP Family.

The Annual Daddy Daughter Dance is February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30-8:30. Tickets are on sale at *The Messy Nest Studio & Boutique* and *Love Title & Abstract*. Tickets are going fast so if you or anyone you know needs tickets, visit one of the businesses listed or contact the FUMP office. It is going to be a "magical night" with dinner, dancing and making memories.

The FUMP Staff continues to thank you for your prayers, as we minister to these precious children.

*Sherry Buchanan,  
Franklin United Methodist Preschool Director*



## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Plans for the Lenten Season and Easter celebrations are underway. Lent is a participatory season in which we are all called to be actively involved with opportunities to search our spiritual selves. Please mark your calendars for these opportunities to worship and prepare your hearts during this Holy Season.

March 13 – April 17 **The Lenten Lunches/Devotionals - Every Wednesday at Noon.**

March 6 **Ash Wednesday**

Join us for a church-wide soup supper at 6:00 followed by a service including communion at 6:30.

April 14 **Palm Sunday**

Will include a procession of the children waiving palm branches as they enter the Sanctuary.

April 18 **Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday)**

Service at 6:30 p.m. and will include Holy Communion as we focus on the death of our Lord.

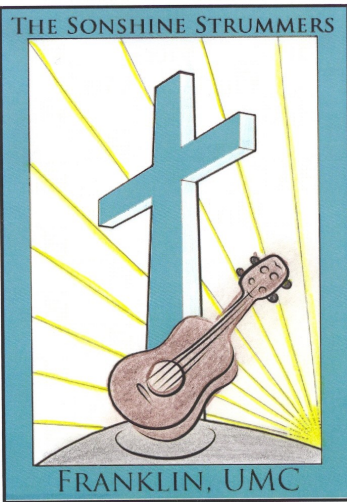
April 21 **Easter Sunday**

Special worship service is being planned as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ.

If you wish to honor or remember a loved one during the Season, you will have the opportunity to purchase an Easter Lily. Envelopes will be distributed March 31 and April 7.

**Easter Morning Breakfast:** The Worship Committee is seeking your input regarding the breakfast we have served over the past years. Please call LeAnn in the church office to let us know if this event is something you would like to see continue or if it is an event that does not fit well into your Easter morning schedule.

*God bless each of you as you prepare your hearts and minds throughout this most Holy Season.*



Sonshine Strummers is our own unique ministry made up of roughly 14 members, who bring joy & laughter to residents of nursing homes in the Brazos Valley. Here is what Susan Irza, of Arbor Oaks at Crestview had to say,

"On behalf of Arbor Oaks I want to thank you SO MUCH for coming to share your Christmas program with us! You all could see that we had a full house! That's a measure of how much our residents look forward to the Sonshine Strummers visit each holiday season. Your wonderful music is the talk of the place this morning, so you had quite an impact. (Some wanted to know where Second-hand Rose shops!!) Please thanks all the members of the Sonshine Strummers for the gift of the music you gave us."

If you are interested in joining this amazing ministry, please contact the Church office or Rhonda Miller.

And... we have a ukulele that has been donated to the Church for someone to use!



# RETURN OF THE SOCK HOP

**Saturday, February 16, 2019  
6:00pm - 9:00pm**

*Where: Franklin United Methodist Church Activity Building*

**Tickets: Adults \$12.00, Child \$10.00 or Family \$40.00**

*May purchase from any member of our Youth*



Remembering the April 1997 consecration of the Activity Building, celebrating the ministry to and through the youth of today and honoring the ministry of youth in the future.

# WELCOME

## NEW MEMBERS



### Moran Family

Roye, Meghan, Luke (8), Caleb (7), & Andrew (4).

Address: 107 W. Gay St., Franklin

Roye: (979) 799-6685 / RoyeMoran05@yahoo.com

Meghan: (979) 240-4195 / MeghanLMoran@yahoo.com

We love to have fun together at Canyon Lake, go deer hunting, and spend time with our extended family. We are so thankful for the warm and welcoming spirit of FUMC!

### Klosterman Family

Dave, Emalyn (Just turned 7) & Kennedy (Turning 3 this month!)

Dave: (979) 906-1217 / Daveo673@yahoo.com

We enjoy going to Chuck-E-Cheese, riding around on the gator, playing with slime, and going fishing. We look forward to Sunday School and Children's church on Sunday mornings with Dad.



### Taylor Family

Wes, Wenona, Anna (age 12), and Mary Beth (age 10)

Mailing Address: PO Box 127, Flynn TX 77855

Email: wtaylor2003@att.net

Wes' Cell: 903-907-2447

Wenona's Cell: 903-388-5782

Wes is an I&E Specialist at LSPI and Wenona homeschools their girls. Our family loves playing cards & board games, gardening, and sitting on the porch to watch the cows and dogs play. We are excited to be a part of FUMC!

### Davis Family

Jay , Brenda, Sarah 22, Austin 21, Zachary 16 (Junior)

Address: 315 W. Decherd, Franklin

Brenda: (254) 652-2177 / brdavis730@gmail.com,

We are a family that enjoys making memories, gathering experiences and building friendships. Proverbs 22:6 'Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it', is a favorite bible verse.





West District of the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

## LAY SERVANT SCHOOL

At First UMC in Bryan, Texas

Saturday, February 9, 2019 (8:30-4:00)

and

Saturday, February 16, 2019 (8:30-4:00)

Cost: \$50.00 (Textbook & Lunch included, but must register ASAP!)

Purpose: To become better equipped to serve Jesus Christ, his church, and community; to grow spiritually; and become a Local Church Lay Servant or a Certified UM Lay Servant.

*“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of thuth.” - II Timothy 2:15 (NKJV)*

**Come by the Church office to get registration form!**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ALL CHURCH RETREAT



PRICES FOR EVERY BUDGET

Donations will cover the cost for ALL Children & Youth

MAY 4, 2019

Camp Tejas in Giddings, Texas

FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP



# Family Fun Night BINGO

Wednesday, February 27th  
6:00pm - 8:00pm  
FUMC Activity Building



GOOD 'OLE CAJUN COOKIN'

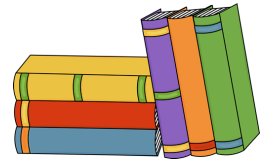
## Lending Library

Don't forget... 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!

We also have greeting cards available!

Pick some up today for a small donation to our Missions!



## Director of Family Ministry

**Please join us in prayer as we continue our search for the person God has in store for our family of faith. Instead of offering two part-time positions, it has been approved to offer a full-time position, should the right candidate present themselves, to help lead & grow our Children & Youth Ministry.**

**If you, or someone you know, has a heart for people, a passion for God and is interested, please have them contact Pastor Polly!**

Dear Church Family—

We wanted to share with you some responses we have received after the Holiday Feast of Sharing and Christmas Angels of 2018:

*"I am so appreciative to the Community. My mom looks forward to the Holiday Meal every year!"*

*"The Holiday Feast of Sharing Meal is a meal that I enjoy helping to cook each year. I enjoy the fellowship of others that I really don't see often, as well as the new friends I have met recently."*

*"Thank you for the presents our children received this Christmas. We appreciate the thoughtfulness and kindness of those who gave to us."*

*"I was so embarrassed to ask for help for my children this Christmas Season, but I am so glad I did! God blessed our family through the gifts of Love in a way I can never describe. I hope in the future we are able to give back to others with the Love we were shown."*

These are just a few of the many 'Thank You' messages we have received; none of which would have been possible without your prayers, support, and monetary donations. Thanks to your help, over 1,200 individuals received a home cooked, holiday meal who may not have had one otherwise, and 265 children within the Franklin ISD received Christmas gifts during a time of the year when families struggle the most. God is truly working within our community.

We pray you found yourself blessed, just as much as those you helped to bless during last year's holiday season, and that this New Year is full of peace and joy for you and your loved ones.

*Thank you For all you do!  
Love - Melissa Williams*

*May you see God's Blessings for you today!*

# 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.

Sanders Family	Harry Gilland	Marie Kellum	Ronny Hibbler
Archer Folterman	John Callaway	Jim Hanks	Madison Wilcox
Ginger Mareth	Katherine Scasta	Tom Fuller	Joey Mickelwitz
Mike Allen	Reeves Family	Dornbush Family	Akins Family
Barbara Eller			

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



## Lay Readers

3rd	Katie Lankford
10th	Mary Kamas
17th	Brenda Davis
24th	Wayne Huggins



## Giving for Last Month

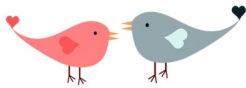
General Offering	\$	20,733.45
Building Fund	\$	2,175.00
Memorial/ Designated	\$	0
St. Stephens	\$	125.00

## Ushers

Jack Hutchison  
Rex Vickers

## Average Attendance

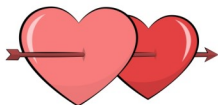
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## February Anniversaries

22nd

*Kenner & Elizabeth Reinhardt*



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Kristi Kissinger
5th	Anne Vickers
6th	Ruth Schultz
9th	Warren Kastner
10th	Kennedy Klosterman Serenity Michael
12th	Wayne Huggins
14th	Ervin Homann
16th	John Callaway
18th	Susan Nelson
19th	Grady Harris
22nd	Aniza Zahn
23rd	Tina Ripley
25th	Lou Whatley
26th	Joe Corn Christopher Zahn

# February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>See yellow box for all regularly scheduled activities!</b>					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Connections Meeting After Worship			UMW at 9:30 Conference Room		Sonshine Strummers at Hudson Creek at 2:30pm MOPS	Lay Servant School
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Finance Meeting & Trustees Meeting After Worship	Praying Piecers Activity Kitchen					Sock Hop Dinner & Dance  Lay Servant School
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
					MOPS	
24	25	26	27	28		
Guest Speaker: Katie Kamas  Family Life Meeting After Worship	<b>Pastor Polly at General Conference for the week.</b>			Family Fun BINGO		

Choir - Wednesdays 5:00pm-5:40pm	Girl Scouts - Wednesdays 4:30pm-6:00pm	Praying Piecers - Select Mondays	Women's Emmaus - Wednesdays
Clothes Closet Volunteer -  Mondays 3:00pm-5:00pm	Men's Bible Study - TBA  Men's Emmaus - Thursdays at 6:30am	Preschool - Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm  Ukulele - Wednesdays 5:45pm-6:30pm	Youth - Wednesdays 6:00pm-8:00pm
Thursdays 9:00am-11:00am	MOPS - Select Fridays 9:00am-11:00am	United Methodist Women - 1st Mondays	

## Lectionary Reading for the Weekly Worship

February 3	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30
February 10	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 138	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11
February 17	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Psalm 1	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Luke 6:17-26
February 24	Genesis 45:3-11, 15	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50	Luke 6:27-38