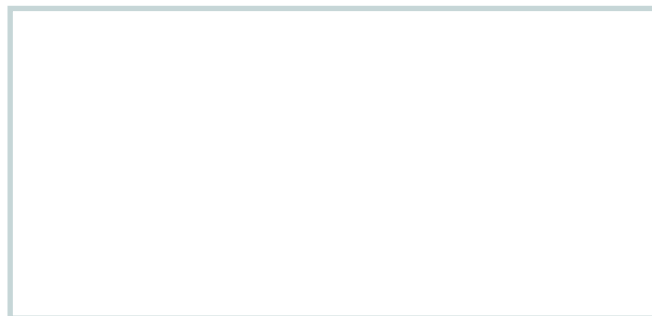


Franklin United Methodist Church
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Purpose Statement

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

Let them give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for mankind, for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. Psalm 107:8-9.

Most of us think of Christmas as the last holiday of the year. But did you know that the Christian Calendar actually begins with Advent and ends shortly after Thanksgiving. That makes Thanksgiving the last celebrated holiday of the year in most Christian homes.

Traditionally children have been taught the origins of Thanksgiving as a celebration between the pilgrims and the Indians. An event that occurred during a time when common struggle brought people together in gratitude. I have seen that same sort of thing happen within our own community following the tornado. A common event, which led to suffering, uniting our town. I love the spirit of unity that emerged among us.

What I have been pondering is why that unity and willingness to share in each other's struggles seems to originate out of tragedy. Why is it so hard to keep that spirit of camaraderie going? This is what the Lord has placed on my heart, we have simply misunderstood the origin of Thanksgiving. Rather than originating Thanksgiving in an event we should see it emerging from attitudes of the heart.

Both the Indians and the pilgrims understood that the world was not something they could control but rather was under the control of something outside of themselves, yet was still spiritually connected to themselves. That is true for most of us who believe in God. Our faith journey begins at a point when we begin to understand that there is something bigger than ourselves. As we learn more about God we discover that He is not only spiritually connected to us but working for our good in the world. The more we learn about God, the more we see our need for God.

Humility is born out of that kind of understanding. We are not now, nor have we ever been, the center of the universe. We can no more control the weather, than we can the actions of another. And the truth is we struggle even to control ourselves apart from God. And all of us, who will gather around a Thanksgiving table this month, whether we are short or tall, smart or brilliant, poor or rich, weak or strong, challenged or able, are all in need of God's saving grace. That is the condition of the heart that provides a fertile soil in which a life of thanksgiving can grow. And when it is truly rooted there we will find ourselves more connected to one another. We will seek to be in relationships with each other and be willing to enter into each other's struggles. We will see needs in our neighborhoods, our workplaces, our schools, our community, our world and we will work together to find solutions. The attitude of gratitude emerging from our hearts will show in the way we treat one another, the way we treat our resources, the way we use our God given talents, the way we pray and the way we break bread together at the table.

When the roots take hold we will thank God for loving us, the short and the tall, the smart and the brilliant, the poor and the rich, the weak and the strong, the challenged and the able. Yes for loving us, for seeking after us, for empowering us, and for sending Jesus for all of us who are in need of His saving grace that is continually poured out in our lives from conception to conversion, and onto completion in eternity.

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through Psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 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 3:16-17.

Pastor Polly

November Monthly Mission

FEAST OF SHARING

Join others in the Franklin Community as we continue the 20 year tradition of providing holiday meals to those that may not otherwise receive such a blessing.



Thank you!
From your Missions Committee

We provided many coats to kids in need of warmth this Winter.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY
1:00pm to 3:00pm
Luke Part 1
Wisdom-Classroom



GARAGE SALE

Friday, November 1
8am-2pm
Saturday, November 2
8am - Noon
Activity Building

**Come shop all the
bargains at the church
Garage Sale.**

Proceeds to benefit the
Grady Harris Family.



MOPS & MOMSNEXT

MOPS meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month in the Activity Building beginning at 10am. Please join is in November on Monday the 4th and Monday the 18th.

*Motherhood is stressful,
but it doesn't have to be lonely.*

Youth

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity” (Col. 3:12-14).

In a recent “brainstorming” session during Wednesday night Youth Group, while focusing on the purpose of the Franklin UM Youth Fellowship, several insightful words/ideas were expressed by the youth including:

- Faith
- Fun
- Fellowship
- Friends
- Family

As I pondered these words, which interestingly all begin with “F”, I noticed that the first purpose, FAITH, is the foundation of each of the others. FAITH-building and FAITH-expressing is ultimately at the core of the fun, fellowship, friends, and family we experience at our youth group. Since that brainstorming session, we’ve explored God’s truth about the identity and purpose of the youth group. As Colossians 3:12 states, we are “God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved”. Because of that amazing gift, we have a responsibility: to “clothe” ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, and love. Last week our youth and children demonstrated COMPASSION by filling Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes, praying over the boxes, and writing personal notes sharing God’s love with the precious child who would receive the gift. In the weeks to come, we will be considering and living out some of the other “pieces of clothing”.

Thank you, faithful church family members who bring supper for our youth on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Wednesdays each month! We so appreciate your loving offering.

We are still in need of meals on the 4th, and occasional 5th, Wednesdays each month? Would you consider preparing a meal for us? The youth are not picky :-) and are very appreciative of the meals they receive. Please contact me (979-777-1038) if you can help on a monthly or occasional basis.

In Christ’s love,
Mary

The FUMP CORNER

We have been in school for two months and the children are becoming more familiar with the routines and schedules at FUMP. October was Fire Prevention month and we had our Franklin Volunteer Fire Department visit the preschool. The BIG RED FIRETRUCK was such a hit with all the kiddos. Since we were unable to have a Pumpkin Patch this year, we started a new tradition called **The Little Pumpkins Fall Festival**. Fun filled activities with a Fall twist was the theme on October 29.

Our preschool Bible verse during November is taken from Psalm 107:1 **"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever."** Learning about being thankful, the first Thanksgiving, and Autumn are the themes during the month. The traditional Thanksgiving Feast will be held in the Activities Building on November 26. The teachers assist the children to create crafts for our Silent Auction. This is always a crowd pleaser for our FUMP families. It is one of my personal favorites, as I see the diverse creativity brought out by our amazing teachers.

I want to thank you for your continued prayers and support. The preschool is a mission field as we minister to our children and their families. May you and your family find many blessings to celebrate. Happy Thanksgiving!

In Christ,
Sherry Buchanan, Director FUMP



PRAYING PIECERS NEWS

We will be meeting on the 11th and 25th of the month. Come join us in the Activity Building Kitchen from 9am - Noon. We enjoy working on sewing, quilting and other various projects, while we fellowship and enjoy a potluck meal together.

If you don't have your own project to work on, we'd be happy to let you help in this wonderful outreach project.

Music Note:

*Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Psalm 95:1*

The Choir, Sonshine Strummers and even our youngest, newest Ukulele players, continue to praise Him with a joyful noise!

The Sonshine Strummers have two performances in November. On Friday, November 15 at 6:30pm at The Langford in College Station and at 3:00pm on Thursday, November 21 at The Waterford at College Station.

Mrs. Otto is continuing to book gigs for the Ukulele Band, so if you've never had the blessing of watching them perform, make plans to do so soon!



The season of Thanksgiving is here and the Worship Committee is looking forward to events that make the Fall worship services especially meaningful for all of the members of Franklin United Methodist Church.

Special Thanksgiving Activity: For Thanksgiving this year, we will remember and honor those special people whose very birth changed our lives – someone that you are thankful was born into this world because their life made such a difference in yours. Please locate and share a baby picture of that person or a picture of yourself as a baby with that person. It can be a picture where the "baby" is approximately 5 or under. Of course, sometimes a baby picture might not be available, so should that be the case, please participate by submitting whatever photo you can find. Be sure to label the picture with your name and the name of the person you are honoring. Start looking for the picture now while you have plenty of time so that this very special person can be remembered.

November:

We will have poinsettia order forms available so that members may honor someone special.

November 3 – All Saints Sunday – honor and recognize those we have lost this year

November 10 – Veterans' Day Sunday – special service to honor our veterans

November 24 – Christ the King Sunday

November 28 – Thanksgiving Day

December 1 – Thanksgiving Sunday – a day for our membership to express our gratitude

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.

THE CASE FOR Christmas

Evidence for the
Identity of Jesus

LEE
STROBEL
WITH BILL BUTTERWORTH

Make this an Advent season you will never forget with

The Case for Christmas.

We will look at the story surrounding the birth of Jesus—and see the Christmas story in a whole new light! More information to come during November or you can

contact Meghan Moran at 979-240-4195 or meghanlmoran@yahoo.com



Christmas Angels

Every year the churches and businesses in the Franklin Community join together to provide Christmas Gifts for children in need in the Franklin ISD area. We consolidate our lists and divide them up...our church family will be providing presents for 20-25 children this year. The wish lists for these children will be available by **Sunday, November 24** and wrapped presents are due back by **Sunday, December 15**. If you would like to sign up to be a blessing to a child (or several children), please let us know. You can buy and wrap the gifts yourself or provide a monetary donation and others will shop for you! **More information will be presented at worship services** and will be available in the church office or contact Beth Vickers at 979-255-1406 or rexandbeth@gmail.com.
Suggested value of presents per child is \$50-\$75 and items purchased on Black Friday or on sale should be counted at their normal retail price.

Prayer Committee



Are you getting the weekly email of Prayer Request from Your Church Family? If you are not, please call the church office to confirm your email address. Also, always check

the Prayer Request in this newsletter for others in need of prayer.

Be joyful always; pray continually

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

Feast of Sharing

The Community **Holiday Feast of Sharing** will be on **Saturday, December 7**. The Franklin Community has a 20-year tradition of providing delicious Holiday meals for families and individuals that may not receive that meal any other way and that need a reminder that our community cares for them. Many churches in the community join together to make this event a reality and there are numerous ways for you, as a member of our church family, to participate in this event.

Bake Goodies: cakes, pies or specialty breads for the **Bake Sale Fundraiser on Friday, November 1** during the day at Robertson County Bank and later at various restaurants around town.

Bake Sale Volunteer: work the bake sale tables 11/1 from 4:00-7:00pm.

Breakfast Burrito Sale: Make Breakfast Burritos, Donate ingredients, or man sales table for Burrito Sale on 11/2 from 8:00-10:00am at the Franklin Supermarket and Lions Den Gas Station.

Monetary Donation: to help offset the cost of Holiday meals.

Prep Work: the week before December 7. Our Church is in charge of sautéing all onions and celery for the cornbread dressing.

Kitchen Worker: 2 hour prep shift the morning of 12/7 at the Franklin High Cafeteria.

Bake Sheet Cakes: to be cut and delivered as part of the Holiday meal. We need 25 from our church!

Clean-up Crew: Around 1:30 on 12/7 at the High School cafeteria.

Delivery Driver: Deliver food on 12/7. Each year, we deliver nearly 1,000 meals! The more drivers we have, the lighter the load & more importantly, the more time you get to visit with those on your route! Often, the best part of the day is sharing His love with our neighbors! Meal pickup will start around 11am.

To volunteer for any of the above needs, please contact the church office, Beth Vickers, rexandbeth@gmail.com, or Keith Zamzow, kw-zamzow@live.com

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 9AM TO NOON

It's that time of year again...time to decide on which Cookies you will be baking for our 5th Annual Cookie Walk Fundraiser! All proceeds go to pay off the Building Note! If you are new to FUMC you may be asking

“What is a Cookie Walk?”

Tables and tables of **HOMEMADE COOKIES!** Sold by the pound. Each customer is provided with a bakery box to walk around the tables choosing the cookies they wish to purchase. We weigh their box on the way out...it's that simple.

What do we need from YOU?

****COOKIES , COOKIES AND MORE COOKIES!!****

We need many varieties of fresh-baked delicious cookies; good old-fashioned ones as well as fun new creations.

Details: All must be Homemade Goodies. (Fudge and Candies are also welcome) Each family is asked to commit to making a **MINIMUM** of 5 pounds (which should be about equivalent to a double or triple batch, maybe 4-5 dozen). They should be fresh baked that week. Cookies can be made by people individually or some work in teams at the church. We really need medium or smaller size, attractive cookies that have a little weight to them. Larger ones are fine if they are specialty...we often bag those individually or in small batches. Festive Christmas cookies are a big hit. We don't need too many of the ordinary cookies (plain chocolate chip, etc) no matter how delicious, they don't sell quite as well at these type of events, so although we still need them, we will limit the number of basic cookies. Please call the church or Beth Vickers (979-255-1406) to sign up and let us know what variety of cookies you are bringing (that way we don't have too many of the same kind!). If you need help, we have a list of suggested recipes available (there are many wonderful Christmas cookie ideas on Pinterest under “Cookie Walk”.) We will need the cookies delivered to the church by Friday, December 13.

****CHRISTMAS STORE ITEMS****

We will once again have a fun Christmas Store. We need unique “select” items that can be bought for Christmas presents or used as decorations. Suggestions: Decorative gift baskets filled with goodies, homemade jams, specialty breads, fun or beautifully crafted items ...please call church office or Beth Vickers to let us know what you are planning to provide for our Christmas Store.

Also, if you would like to help as a hostess on the day of the event, please let us know!

THANK YOU CORNER

Dear Pastor Standing, Staff and Congregations,

We are thankful to the Lord for your partnership with the Gideons as a missionary arm of Franklin United Methodist Church. Your faithful support and dedication to God's Word enables the Gideons to place Scriptures in 200 countries in 100 languages, plus many thousands of Scriptures in our local area. Thank you so much for your emphasis in providing Scriptures for the world. We look forward to future visits at your church to keep people abreast of what God is accomplishing through the Gideon ministry. In the interim, may the Lord encourage, protect, and provide for all of you in His perfection.

Bryan/College Station Camp
The Gideons International

October 8, 2019

Robertson County Care, Inc.
P. O. Box 802
Franklin, TX 77856

Franklin United Methodist Church
P. O. Box 556
Franklin, TX 77856

Dear Franklin United Methodist Church:

On behalf of Robertson County Care, Inc., the Food Bank in Franklin, Texas, I want to thank you for your generous donation of \$1000. We were delighted to receive it. The Food Bank exists because of cheerful givers like you.

Our mission has always been to serve the needy in our community. Your donation will be used in assisting those needs. We appreciate your support in this effort.

Robertson County Care, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.

Sincerely,
Ferman Richard
Ferman Richard
Director, RCCI

**Don't forget these
new ways of giving.**

**FUMC
Amazon Wishlist**

UMC-Market



**Have questions?
Call the church office.**



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.

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| Stephanie Broadus | Madison Sexton Wilcox | The Stacey Family |
| Ginger Mareth | Mike Allen (Cynthia Hanks' Brother-in-Law) | Katherine Scasta |
| Barbara and Jim Eller | United Methodist Family of Faith | Tom and Bessie Fuller |
| Grady Harris | Tonya Boyette | |

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




Lay Readers

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| 3rd | Diana Hutchison |
| 10th | Meghan Moran |
| 17th | John "Carty" Hicks |
| 24th | Jeff Ripley |

Giving for Last Month

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| General Offering | \$ | 19,046.58 |
| Building Fund | \$ | 1,975.00 |
| Memorial/Designated~Other | \$ | 5,875.00 |

Ushers for October

Ken and Noah Reinhardt

Average Attendance
87

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|------|--------------------|------|------------------|
| 1st | Julie Foltermann | 18th | Ariel Campsey |
| 4th | John "Carty" Hicks | 20th | Laura Hailey |
| | Frank Perry | | Douglas Campbell |
| 5th | Sara Davis | 21st | Avery Rawson |
| 6th | Maria Zahn | 23rd | Tanja Peterson |
| | Morgan Broadus | | Roye Moran |
| 9th | Jack Cloat | 24th | Julie Neyland |
| 12th | Sarah Stem | 25th | Greg Stem |
| | Brent Lennie | | Ken Reinhardt |
| 15th | Anna Taylor | 26th | Seth Kissinger |
| 16th | Toni Black | | Donna Otto |
| | Bryan Kellum | 28th | Kenneth Jordan |
| | Toni Chanley | | Jim Calloway |
| 17th | Dianna Hutchison | | Finley Poe |

November 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  | | | | | 1 CHURCH GARAGE SALE 8am-2pm- Feast of Sharing Bake Sale 9am-4pm Robertson County Bank 4pm-7pm Pioneer Café & New Baden General Store | 2 CHURCH GARAGE SALE 8am-Noon Feast of Sharing Breakfast Burrito Sale 8am-10am Franklin Supermarket & The Lions Den Gas Station |
| Regularly Scheduled Events listed below! | | | | | | |
| 3 Daylight Saving Time ends at 2am. Turn your clocks back 1 hour, you don't want to get to church too early, or do you??? | 4 MOPS 10am-12pm Children's Choir Practice 3:45-4:30pm | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Finance/Trustees After Worship Charge Conference | 11 Praying Piecers 9am-12pm Children's Choir Practice 3:45-4:30pm | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Sunshine Strummers 6:30pm The Langford | 16 |
| 17 Admin. Council After Worship | 18 MOPS 10am-12pm Children's Choir Practice 3:45-4:30pm | 19 | 20 | 21 FUMP Feast of Sharing 9am-3pm Sunshine Strummers 3:00pm The Waterford in College Station | 22 | 23 FOOD PANTRY WORKDAY 8AM-NOON |
| 24 SPRC After Worship | 25 Praying Piecers 9am-12pm Children's Choir Practice 3:45-4:30pm | 26 | 27 | 28 Church Office Closed  | 29 | 30 |

Luke Bible Study continues every Monday through November 18 from 1-3pm in the Wisdom Classroom

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| Choir - Wednesdays 5:00pm-5:40pm | Girl Scouts - Wednesdays 4:30pm-6:00pm | Praying Piecers - Select Mondays |
| Clothes Closet Volunteer - Mondays 3:00pm-5:00pm | Youth - Wednesdays 6:00pm-8:00pm | United Methodist Women - 1st Mondays at 9:30am |
| Thursdays 9:00am-11:00am | Men's Emmaus - Thursdays at 6:30am | Ukulele - Wednesdays 5:45pm-6:30pm <i>Beginner Lessons - Thursdays By Appt.</i> |
| | Women's Emmaus - Wednesdays 7:00am & 6:00pm | |

Lectionary Reading for the Weekly Worship

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| November 3 | Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 | Psalm 149 or Psalm 150 | Ephesians 1:11-23 | Luke 6:20-31 or Luke 19:1-10 |
| November 10 | Haggai 1:15-2:9 | Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 | 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 | Luke 20:27-38 |
| November 17 | Isaiah 65:17-25 | Psalm 118 or Isaiah 12 | 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 | Luke 21:5-19 |
| November 24 | Jeremiah 23:1-6 | Luke 1:68-69 | Colossians 1:11-20 | Luke 23:33-43 |