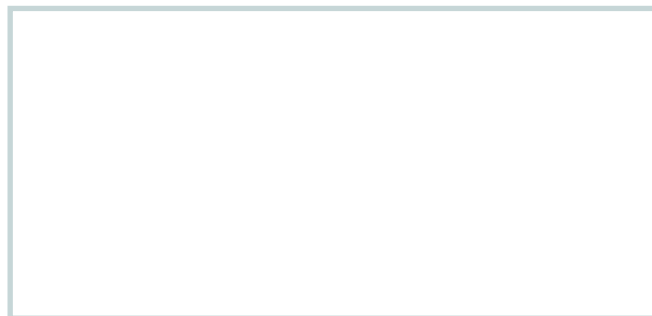


Franklin United Methodist Church
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www.umc-franklin.org

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 can't remember now when I started referring to my grandmother as Grandma Mac. The obvious answer is that it had to have been sometime after she married her third husband, William MacAllister. Grandma Mac and I share several things in common. I loved her and she loved me. My name is Polly, and her nickname was Polly. Although I no longer know why – her real name is Millie. I write the letter "P" in cursive just like she did – on purpose. We both loved to sew – she taught me, just like she had her daughter – my mother. I remember many days sitting at the table in her apartment at her sewing machine drinking purple juice (a mixture of multiple types of juice). She didn't hover over me. She let me make my own mistakes and taught me how to use the seam ripper when the mistakes required starting over. We both love oatmeal, but mine is never as creamy. She cooked it in a little hot pot that was called a Poly Pot; I took one of those to college with me and made oatmeal and mac-n-cheese in it. Grandma and I were both proud owners of the "Polly Chest", a rustic thick wood hope chest that was made for her by her grandfather, I think. It had the word "POLLY" painted in white on the front that was painted black. That hope chest now has been passed down to my granddaughter Natalie who also loves to sew.

I miss Grandma Mac. I loved her dearly. But that doesn't mean that there weren't times she frustrated me. I remember driving to Texas from Missouri to pick up items from her former home in Fort Worth. She was moving up to Liberty Missouri to live near us. I think I was 14 at the time. I couldn't drive but I knew backing down the clover leaf overpass in the middle of the night was not legal and in fact, it was absolutely terrifying! I remember going with her to the grocery store. She was wearing slippers long before it was the trend to shuffle around in house shoes. And to make matters worse she would leave out her dentures. I loved her anyway. But when she would reach for her coin purse in that special hiding place known to women who don't want to carry a purse – while in house shoes and missing teeth – well you can imagine what that would do to a teenage girl; I was mortified. But I still loved her.

I remember another time when my parents were out of town and grandma was living with us, I had returned from a "College Winter Survival Retreat up on Pikes Peak" with two sprained ankles and torn cartilage in my left kneecap and soft tissue injury to my tailbone. We were on cross country skis and going down from the top of Pikes Peak when I hit an ice mogul, it caught the right ski forcing it over the left ski until both skis were facing backwards. It wouldn't have been that big a deal if my ski bindings had broken free like they are designed to do. Not this time. I ended up flat on my back with my ski tips behind my head and my feet facing the wrong direction. My boyfriend had come to visit. We were sitting on the couch with distance between us. We had no coffee table, so I had my left ankle on his knee to elevate my leg as the doctor had instructed. Grandma came up behind me and slapped my face hard. "Sit up like a young lady." I am not sure who was more shocked. She had never physically disciplined me before or after this event. And while I was stunned by her discipline and embarrassed beyond belief, I still loved her and I believed she still loved me.

This February as we celebrate Valentine's Day, I find myself remembering my grandma and the love we shared, and this has caused me to ponder anew how much God loves me. Even when I make mistakes, even when I do things that certainly must mortify Him, He still loves me. Even when I behave in ways that draw out His righteous discipline, I know He still loves me. His love for me and all of humanity is so great that He sent His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life. For he did not come into the world to condemn the world but that through him the world might be saved (John 3:16 and 17) In another place the Bible puts it this way: But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8).

My prayer for you is that you have special people in your life whose love has made the love of God more real and tangible. I mean, after all, we are only able to love because Christ first loved us (1 John 4:19).

Pastor Polly

Youth Ministry NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE



June (TBD) a mission team of graduated 8th-12th youth and adults will serve through UM ARMY.



June 6th-11th our youth will be volunteering at Camp Blessing, a camp for people with disabilities near Brenham.

If you know a youth (completed 6th-12th grade) who would be interested in serving with us in either or both these opportunities, please contact Mary Kamas.

WORSHIP BAGS

are available for children!

Children's MINISTRY

BLAST Kids Ministry

Beginning Wednesday Nights starting February 16th from 6:00-8:00pm. Kids K-3rd & 4th-5th are invited to join us for dinner, worship, games, and small group time. Nursery is provided for pre-k and under for parents who are volunteering in either Blast or Youth.

For more information call the church office.

Believing, Living and Sharing Truth

SAVE THE DATE



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 11-15TH
9 AM TO NOON

The FUMP CORNER

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

The preschool celebrated Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on January 20th. Lieutenant John Key visited with the children about Stranger Danger and how Police Officers are here to keep people safe. It was one of the coldest days we have had thus far so not all our children wanted to sit in the Police Car. Our community is so blessed to have our Franklin Police Department.

February is such a fun month celebrating Valentine's Day. The kids will learn about love and friendship. Our class parties will be February 10th at 2:00. The most important lesson the children learn is how much God loves them.

Our Eighth Annual Daddy Daughter Dance is February 5th 6:00-9:00 at the Pridgeon Center. It is open to the public and feel free to let people know to contact me for tickets. It is such a memorable night for daddies or that special someone and the girls. The theme is **Glow In the Night** which means so much neon. We are so very grateful to our very generous sponsors for their donations.

Butter Braids Pastries will go on sale late February to be delivered in plenty of time for your Easter dinner. It is another means for the preschool to raise funds to update equipment and hopefully replace the rocks on the playground. Please contact the preschool if you are interested in ordering. We appreciate your support.

For the Word of the Lord is upright. And all His work is done in faithfulness. Psalm 33:4.

Please continue to pray for the staff as we minister to these precious families.

In Christ,
Sherry Buchanan, Director
FUMP

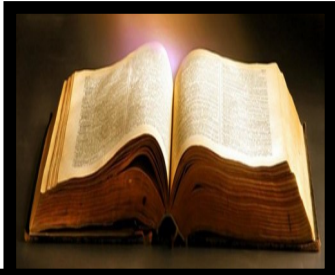


Bible Study

Tuesday 10:00am
Gospel of Mark

Bring your Bible and a notebook and come join us in the activity building.

For more information contact John “Carty” Hicks or the church office.



Turquoise Table Ladies Meets 1st Thursday every month 11am—Activity Building



Come share lunch and stay for fun and games!!

Bring your own sandwich (the chips, drinks and dessert are provided.) After lunch we will break out the games and you can have your choice from several fun activities. For more information contact Deborah Hicks 979-255-8333 or Julie Jarrell 979-255-2966.

ELECTRONIC GIVING~IT IS SO EASY!!

It is really very easy to give electronically. One click is basically all it takes. When you get an email from the church there are links in the signature of the email. Clicking on those links will take you immediately to the page where you can enter your giving amount and complete the process. You can indicate how to apply the amount you are sending (Giving; Building; Mission, etc.) No more need for writing checks~just indicate the split (\$100 giving; \$100 building etc.)

ANY questions do not hesitate to give the church office a call (979-828-3355.)

PAYPAL

<http://paypal.me/Franklintxumc>

VENMO

<http://www.venmo.com/FranklinTXMethodist-Church>

February Mission of the Month Our own “homegrown” FUMC Missionaries

Katie Kamas
Youth With A Mission
Newcastle, Australia

Go for God is what you first see on the Youth With A Mission website and that is just what Katie did in October 2019. She left Franklin and her FUMC family to go and work with the youth in Newcastle, Australia. Since arriving in Australia Katie has been instrumental in their Youth Street ministry, medical missions, working with campers, as well as ministering in both public and private schools. Extending her original two year commitment for another two years Katie is sure to continue to spread the Good News of God and share Jesus with the youth in Australia.



Seth & Kailey Kissinger
Launch Global
Somewhere in Southeast Asia

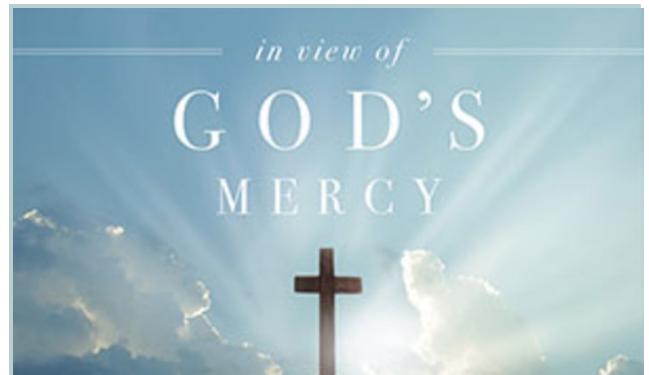
Seth and Kailey were finally able to set out on their mission adventure this past summer. After having been delayed by the pandemic and other factors they are now making an impact with the residents of their new island home. Working to make disciples of all those that they encounter they are bringing God’s message of love for all people to their new neighbors and the friends that the Lord has given them in their new home. Their mission will continue for the next several years. In a recent update they expressed their prayer for us that as we are “entering into 2022 seeking Him and His will. He will make Himself known because He is with you!”





Sunday Small Groups at 9:00 am

- ARK** - Nursery, Pre-K & Kindergarten
- Kingdom Kids** - 1st thru 4th grades
- Encounter** - 5th thru 8th grades
- Home Builders** - Adult
- Wisdom** - Adult



Lent is a season when we take a look at our lives in view of God's mercy toward us in the sacrifice of His Son for us on the cross. We, in turn, are called by God, especially during this time of repentance and reflection, to be living sacrifices for Him, displaying our devotion to Him in word and deed. Jesus helps us to see the richness of God's mercy in his life, death and resurrection. More information will be coming on how we will be exploring God's merciful love for us during this Lenten Season.



Click below to see a short video.

This poetic illustration calls Christians to wake up from their slumbering faith and realize the riches of the life they've been called to in Christ.

Awake O Sleeper

This is just one of the THOUSANDS of resources available through your **FREE** RightNow Media account.

SATURDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We have several Saturdays in February and March that need an additional worker from 9am to noon. This is a rewarding way to help the community. Don't worry if you have not been part of this ministry yet, you will be working along side an experienced volunteer in the retail store.



Dear Church Family,
 Frank and I want to thank you, especially, for your prayers during my surgery and beginning chemotherapy for colon cancer. Those prayers are working!! Prognosis is very good, but chemo will continue through July. Those of you who have gone through, or are going through, these cancer battles have been an inspiration for us. We hope you understand that reduced immunity makes it next to impossible to be in large gatherings. We'll be back to attend "live services" as soon as Covid numbers are down significantly. Much love and many hugs,
 Anne Perry



We've
saved a seat
for you

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
1Corinthians 13:4-7

MOTHERHOOD IS HARD...

BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE LONELY. JOIN US THIS SPRING
AT FRANKLIN MOPS!

WHAT IS MOPS?

MOPS and MOMSNEXT is a community of women, with kids of all ages, living life together. Come find community and support as we learn to fear less, have more fun, and find your people. May this be the year you live life...

TO THE FULL.

WHEN & WHERE:

Franklin United Methodist Church

Spring 2022 Sessions:

Feb 9	March 9	April 20
Feb 23	March 23	May 4
	April 6	

We will meet in the gymnasium kitchen from 9:00am to 11:00am

WHAT TO EXPECT:

FOOD: Enjoy coffee and treats.

SMALL GROUPS: Learn and grow with other moms.

CHILDCARE: Our incredible nursery team is here to love on your littles

LESSONS AND VIDEOS: Inspirational and encouraging messages about motherhood.

DUES: \$32/ year membership

FEEL FREE TO INVITE A FRIEND OR TELL A MOM YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR GROUP!



VISIT [MOPS.ORG/JOIN](https://mops.org/join)
ENTER CODE: DED09



February is here and it is a time that we consider the ones we love, Hope you have lots of love in your life and find ways to let your special loved ones know how much they mean to you. It's also a month when the Worship Committee begins preparations for the upcoming Lenten Season.

February 6 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 13 - Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany. **Scouting Sunday**

February 20 – Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 27 - **Transfiguration Sunday**

Ash Wednesday will be here in a few short weeks and once again, we will enjoy a soup supper on this special evening. Also, this year, in lieu of Lenten Lunches, we will bring our sack lunches and meet in the Activities Building each week for a short devotional. These times of introspection are scheduled during the lunch hour so that working people in the community can join us.

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. Deborah Hicks

**Will you be my
volunteer?**

**Youth Group
ASK Snacks
Vacation Bible School
Clothes Closet**

Call the church office for details.



SAVE THESE DATES!

**March 15th-24th
Volunteers wanted!**

Plan now for an extended work week building a new fence at the parsonage.

Thank you from your Trustees!



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.

Furman Richards

The Sexton Family

Audrey Miller

Kaye Poe

Sherry Smith

Pat Cate

Tonya Boyette

Teachers and Students as they struggle with COVID

Sherry Smith



Lay Readers

6th	Julie Jarrell
13th	Joe Corn
20th	Grady Harris
27th	Sandra Hoegemeyer

Ushers for February

Bob & Donna Otto



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

Giving for Last Month

General Offering	\$	23,972.00
Building Fund	\$	2,760.00
Memorial-Designated~Other	\$	4,350.00

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

6th	Darron & Marlo Davis	
9th	Bryan & Emma Jean Reed	
22nd	Kenner & Elizabeth Reinhardt	

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Kristi Kissinger	19th	Grady Harris
5th	Anne Vickers	22nd	Anisa Zahn
	Ronald Gresham	23rd	Pat Turner
9th	Warren Kastner		Tina Ripley
12th	Wayne Huggins	25th	Lou Whatley
13th	Aubrey Harper	26th	Christopher Zahn
18th	Susan Nelson		Joe Corn