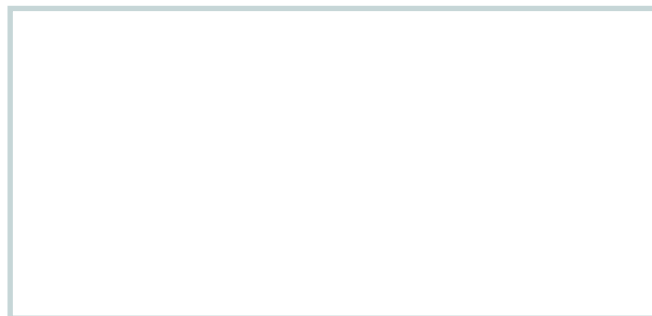


Franklin United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 556 - 116 W. Decherd St.
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www.umc-franklin.org

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

The other day after worship, as I was heading to my truck, I noticed a young man and young woman walking. I was finishing a conversation with a trustee of the church, while out of the corner of my eye I watched the couple stop in front of the church marquee. They both squatted down and leaned in to get a closer look.

I don't remember how I started the conversation with them. But within moments I discovered that he was the son of a pastor, who had served here in Franklin. He was traveling around and taking pictures of all the churches in which he had been raised in the family of faith while his dad preached the word in various places throughout the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. When I invited them both in their eyes lit up with delight. Such a simple thing to offer and yet such an obvious source of delight. We, myself, the trustee, and the young couple, went inside and I took them through the Sanctuary. We talked about the storm damage, the repair of the stained glass, the restored and refurbished altar, the items that were made from the salvaged wood from the former altar area. The trustee and I took them into the narthex where we invited him to ring the bell. He did so and joy tolled out with the bell's ringing.

When we stepped into the office, I gifted them with two pens that were made from the wood of the former church altar. I told them one was for him and the other for his brother. As they turned to leave there was a visible presence of gratitude that filled the space between us.

That got me to thinking how much we often take for granted the spaces and places in which we worship God. I can remember sitting on the back pew in the small church in Liberty Missouri in which I attend alone. I can see in my memory the piece of paper resting on the hymnal as I and another youth played the dot-to-dot game. We didn't have the slightest notion of how important that place would become to us. It was there that I discovered faith in Jesus. It was there that I first lifted my voice in praise and dared to recite the scripture in front of the church. It was there I was baptized; it was there that I exchanged marital vows, and it was there that I dedicated my first child.

Come to think of it the place would mean nothing without the faith. I am grateful to my two unexpected visitor this last week. They remind me how much I am grateful for the people in the place where I found faith. They remind me how void my life would be without that faith. And most of all they remind me how important it is for us to do everything possible to make a place and be the people God uses to build faith in the children and youth of our mission field. Let us pray together this prayer by Francis Brien:

Eternal God, We thank You for the witnesses of all times and all places. May the stories of their lives show us the richness of Your grace. May they inspire us to look deep within our souls. May they inspire us to take the risk of faith and to serve You in new ways. Amen

PS: Don't forget to finish the Bible Reading Challenge. We will recognize those individuals who have completed the challenge on the last Sunday in August.

Pastor Polly

Suggestions for the church's new name are welcomed and encouraged. Some of the names already suggested are:

- ♦ John Wesley Heritage Church
- ♦ Wesley Christian Church
- ♦ Wesley Covenant Church
- ♦ Wesley Heritage Church

Please let Pastor Polly or the church office know of any ideas that you might have. The name will most likely be formatted like this:

ABC CHURCH

A member of the Global Methodist Church



Youth group SCHEDULE

August 3rd—



August 10th—6:00-8:00pm in the Activity Building

August 17th—6:00-8:00pm in the Activity Building—*Welcome New 6th Graders!*

August 24th—6:00-8:00pm in the Activity Building

August 31st—6:00-8:00pm in the Activity Building

SAVE THE DATE



Youth and their families are invited to join us Sunday, August 28th immediately following the worship service for our annual all church Birthday Bash Celebration. There will be food, minute to win games, birthday cake, and lots of fun!

ELECTRONIC GIVING~It is so easy!

Can't get to church and want to save a stamp? Use your Venmo or PayPal account for your giving. Use the information below to search for our accounts and send your giving straight to the church's bank account. No more need for writing multiple checks~just indicate the split (\$100 giving; \$100 building.)

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

PAYPAL

<http://paypal.me/Franklinoxumc>

VENMO

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

Children's MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATES!

THE BIRTHDAY BASH

Children and their families are invited to join us Sunday, August 28th immediately following the worship service for our annual all church Birthday Bash Celebration. There will be food, minute to win games, birthday cake, and lots of fun!

Blast is back!

Wednesday Nights beginning September 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th. Kids K-2nd & 3rd-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.

Who: MOPS, kids & a friend
What: playtime and popsicles
When: August 10th 10am-12
Where: The Ranch

P.S. Bring a towel if you'd like to play in the splash pad!

Believing, Living and Sharing Truth

MOPS FRANKLIN TX

THIS IS MOTHERHOOD

End of Summer Popsicle Social

Who: MOPS, kids & a friend
What: playtime and popsicles
When: August 10th 10am-12
Where: The Ranch

P.S. Bring a towel if you'd like to play in the splash pad!

The FUMP CORNER

This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24

As the Word says, let us rejoice EVERYDAY because He has created it for us. Psalm 118:24 will be the FUMP Staff's motto for the 2022-2023 school year. Teaching preschoolers is not always an easy task. How can this little human be so taxing at times? How can this little angel's halo tilt to the side instead of remaining centered? What can we do once we reach into our teacher toolbox only to find that we have used all the tools we know to use? Our answer lies in trusting God for His wisdom as we minister to the children and their families. Our Lord is faithful and will take care of what each day holds for us.

A huge thank you to board members, Sandra Hoegemeyer, Misty Skorupinski, Monica Stem, Christan Rawson, Lacey Buckner, and Polly Standing, for assisting in the interview process for new staff members. We welcome Betsy Barnett, Briana Fielden, Katlyn Phillips, and Rachel Waller. Betsy and Brianna will be classroom teachers for our young two-year-old classes. Rachel is a returning teacher to teach our music class. Katlyn will be joining the Navy in January but until that time she will be an additional aide. I have full confidence they will be an asset to our preschool.

My new year does not start January 1. My new year begins when the new school year begins. I get excited to make new plans for the year, minister to new little faces, and watch the children grow and develop spiritually, as well as physically. As usual we will start the school year at capacity for a total of 54 children plus several on a Wait List. Praise the Lord as He continues to bless the preschool! The first day of school is September 6th and yes, we anticipate some tears, but we are trained to handle that. Misty and I have worked this summer on our training module which will be delivered to our staff August 22-26.

Thank you for the privilege I have of leading this vital ministry. It is an honor to be a part of such a supportive congregation. Please remember the preschool staff as we go forth teaching the good news to our families.

In Christ,
 Sherry Buchanan, Director
 FUMP





The Worship Committee will be meeting again in August to begin making plans to enhance the very special worship experiences awaiting us in the Fall and early Winter. Meanwhile, we wish you all lots of summer fun filled with good times while you make memories with your families and friends.

We look forward to seeing our membership return from all the summer vacations and events and joining together once again at Franklin United Methodist Church.

August 28 – Birthday Bash Join us for a celebration of birthday months.

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 would be happy to have your input and participation. --Deborah Hicks

ANNUAL ALL CHURCH



Sunday, August 28

(After Worship)

Bring a Covered Dish to Share*

Enjoy "Minute-to-Win-It" Games

*Don't bring dessert~Cake & Ice Cream provided!

August Monthly Mission



The Gideons International



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Join us on Sunday, August 7 as our own Katie Kamas shares with us her Christian journey.

Come and welcome her back home for a short stay.

Collectors Item available

We have several of these beautiful, handmade (by our own Frank Perry,) ball point pens. These were made from the wood of the walls in the old sanctuary. For a minimum donation of \$30 you can have this priceless keepsake of the church. All funds raised will go toward the building note. We want to have that "mortgage burning party" prior to the end of this year. Any questions or to get your one-of-a-kind remembrance of the the old sanctuary call or come by the church office. (The pens write really good too.)





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

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What an Adventure at this year's VBS!!!



130 average Kiddo's who went on the daily adventure.



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BACK TO SCHOOL WISHES

"May every teacher
become a mentor, may
every classmate become
a friend, may every
lesson teach and enrich
you. Here's to the best
school year ever."



Music Note:



"Praise to the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious and a song of praise is fitting." Psalm 147:1

Chori practice is on "summer break" but will resume on Wednesday, August 31 at 5:00pm. Since requests for the Ukulele band to perform are starting to come in again practice will also resume on that Wednesday at 5:45pm.

**WANTED: CHOIR MEMBERS!
No previous experience required!!**

So, Come join with us as we "sing to the Lord a joyful song."

"Sing"cerely, Rhonda



NEW TEACHERS LUNCHEON *Wednesday, August 3* *11:30am at Franklin High School*

The church will once again provide a welcome lunch for the incoming New Teachers of Franklin ISD on Orientation Day, Wednesday, August 3, around 11:30. Please let us know if you will be able to help with any food, and if so, please indicate what you will be bringing up to the church by Wednesday morning. If you are able and willing to help us serve lunch on the 3rd, please let us know.

Please give **Beth Vickers** a call at **979-255-1406** for more information or if you can help with providing food, caddie items or want to help serve at the luncheon on August 3.



Prayer Committee

Are you getting the weekly email of Prayer Requests from Your Church Family? If you are not, please call the church office to confirm your email address. Also, always check the Prayer Request section in this newsletter for others in need of prayer.

Be joyful; pray continually! 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

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.

Furman Richard

All those suffering during the pandemic

Tonya Boyette

Those suffering from Depression

Teachers and Students as they start a new year

Kenner Reinhardt

Jim Miller



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

August Meetings

Turquoise Table Ladies
Worship Committee
Finance/Trustees

Thursday, August 4
Thursday, August 9
Sunday, August 14

11:00am
2:30pm
After Worship

Weekly Meetings

Bible Study
Youth Group
Men's Emmaus
Women's Emmaus

Tuesday
Wednesdays
Thursdays
Thursdays

10:00am—Noon
6:00pm
6:30am-7:30am
8:00am-9:00am

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Melanie Coomer	16th	Cole Herring
4th	Kyla Drake		Sydney Herring
	Mary Lou Green	18th	Nathan Fachorn
	Hannah Buckner	19th	Pamela Cloat
5th	Kerri Black		Ruby Edwards
6th	Calvin Scasta	20th	Jolie LeGarce
12th	Josh Hanks	25th	Olivia Campbell
	Ferman Richard		Chris Hoegemeyer
13th	Maegen Law	26th	E. W. Bridwell
15th	Wayburn Harris		

Lay Readers

7th	Andy Reed
14th	Carty Hicks
21st	Jeff Ripley
28th	Reese Rawson

Ushers for August

Bill & Teri Wygle

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

2nd	John & Polly Standing
7th	Warren & Kay Kastner
9th	David & Adrienne Bailey
10th	Jerry & Sissy Rawson
18th	Jim & Cynthia Hanks
20th	Keith & Mary Kamas
	Lloyd & Katherine Scasta
22nd	Bob & Donna Otto
30th	Jim & Rhonda Miller



Giving for Last Month (as of Thursday, July 28)

General Offering	\$	22,148.15
Building Fund	\$	2360.00
Memorial-Designated~Other	\$	330.00
VBS/Monthly Mission	\$	900.00
Baby Bottle Campaign	#	455.76

We appreciate and need your continued faithful giving.