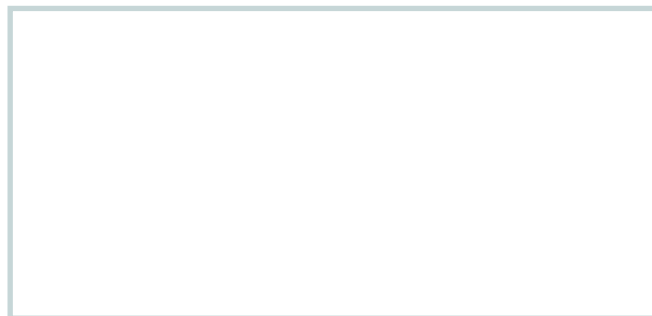


Franklin United Methodist Church  
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**September 2022**

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[www.umc-franklin.org](http://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 have most likely told you all before that I did not really like my name when I was young. I mean Polly was not a name you heard very much, if ever. My Grandmother's nickname was Polly, and I did love my Grandma. I *really* didn't like my middle name. In fact, it has only been in the last few years that I have even started sharing it when some one asks. Doreen is not one of those common place names. As I have been looking to the future and thinking about designing wedding dresses in my retirement (which is still a few years in the future) I think that *Doreen Design* sounds really good. And then just this morning as I was researching the importance of names in the Bible I came across a commentary that said the name Doreen along with Dorothy, Mattea, Thea and Theodora all mean "gift of God." What an awesome thought that brides might be wearing a wedding gown carrying that name: "Gift of God Design", after all every bride is a gift of God made perfectly in His design.

In the Bible names are rich in symbolism. Some signify origin, some denote purpose. Adam is most likely a form of the Hebrew word for "ground." Eve means "living" and according to Genesis 3:20 her role was to be "the mother of all the living." You might remember that Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter which has the meaning rock. Matthew 16:18 tells us that Jesus declared that he would build his church on the one named Peter. But did you know that Simon means "that hears or obeys." Christ would not have been able to build the church upon the one he named the rock if he had not first heard the call of Christ and obeyed. Jesus' own name means Savior and Deliverer."

The truth is that a name matters. That is why we are spending some time to pick out the name of our church as we begin a new season of life for our family of faith within the Global Methodist Church. Here are some of the names we have received as suggestions.

1. John Wesley Heritage; a Global Methodist Church
2. Wesley Christian; a Global Methodist Church
3. Wesley Covenant; a Global Methodist Church
4. Wesley Heritage; a Global Methodist Church
5. Christ Covenant; a Global Methodist Church
6. Franklin Community Church; a Global Methodist Church
7. Franklin Methodist Church
8. Franklin Global Methodist Church
9. Wesley Fellowship; a Global Methodist Church

We have about a week more to add names to the list. At the next Administrative Council meeting the committee members will be narrowing down the list and submitting three or four options to the church to vote on the first Sunday in October.

Be in prayer as we seek a name that will speak to our heritage, our purpose, and will serve to represent the church family that seeks to follow, serve, and share Jesus Christ.

*Pastor Polly*

# Youth Ministry NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Sunday, September 11th youth are invited to join us at the movies to see *Lifemark*. We will leave the church at noon. For tickets contact Mary Kamas.**



The Worship Committee is looking forward to Fall worship opportunities. School has started and we are back to our routines. The worst of Covid seems to be behind us and we are back to enjoying church, school and community activities.

Sunday, September 11 – Confirmation classes begin

Sunday, September 11 – Flags will be placed around the campus in remembrance of 9/11.

The Worship Committee is meeting soon to plan other upcoming fall and holiday worship events. We very much look forward to sharing these with our church membership.

**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**



## Prayer Committee

Do you often feel that nudge to lift others up in prayers? You can use your gift of Intercessory Prayer by serving on the Prayer Committee. We are looking to expand our little committee to broaden our scope of covering our members and community with prayer. You can call the church office or call/text Cathy Reed (979-255-7281).

You will be blessed by serving.

***Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:24***

2022-2023

# Franklin MOPS

Fellowship • Encouragement • Friendships

Sept.  
7th & 21st

Oct.  
5th & 19th

Nov.  
2nd & 16th

Dec.  
7th

Jan. 2023  
11th & 25th

Feb.  
8th & 22nd

Mar.  
8th & 22nd

Apr.  
5th & 19th

May  
3rd



MOPS

Every other Wednesday

10am-noon

@ Franklin United Methodist Church  
childcare provided





### 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*

The Ukulele Band is back performing. The first performance will be Wednesday, September 7 at 11:00am when both choir members and the SonShine Strummers will be entertaining the GEMS at Fire Station #2 (it is on 46 going to Wheelock.)

Remember Choir practice is Wednesday at 5:00 and then the Ukulele Band practice starts at 5:45.

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



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



**"For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you." Isaiah 41:13**

There is no formula or handbook for being; courageous, however, there is the Bible. The Bible is our guidebook for all that life has for us. Courage is being able to do things even when you feel fearful. That's when we stop, pray, and go to God's Word for our comfort. Our staff will be teaching our children that during the scary times to stop and pray to Jesus to take our fears away.

This is the first time that the preschool has seven classrooms-**Praise the Lord!** I will be using Isaiah 41:13 to help us walk through this unknown path of newness. We have added some true gems to our staff this year. Teri Wygle, Betsy Barnett, and Brianna Fielden will be teaching our two-year-old classes. Each teacher will have eight little ones in their classroom. Katlyn Phillips was hired to be music teacher and an extra aide. Our returning teachers are: Wendy Key (baby class), Aimee Phillips, Haylee Cortines, and Pam Cloat will teach the three and four-year-old classrooms. Also returning as an aide is Crystal Vann. Our enrollment this year will be 61 which is more than we typically have. Logistics will be tricky, to say the least, but we will teach the Word of God to seven more children than in past years. Misty and I have held staff training August 22-26 and we are now prepared to teach.

Meet the Teacher will be September 1 at 6:00pm followed by the first day on September 6. We are ready to teach not for our glory but for the glory of God. Please be in prayer for the staff, children, and families as we minister to our littles.

In Christ,

Sherry Buchanan  
Director  
FUMP

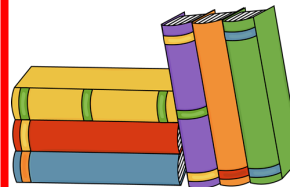


### Blast is back!

Wednesday Nights beginning September 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th. Kids K-2nd & 3rd-5th are invited to join us from 6:00-8:00pm 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. Blast will meet at the church parsonage @ 503 N Glass Street.

For more information or to volunteer to serve call the church office.

### Lending Library



Be sure to check out the Lending Library located in the Narthex. There are many Christian and motivational books available to borrow! Take a minute or two and browse to find that special something that speaks to you! Have a book or DVD that you have found helpful or encouraging, we would love your help in growing our library!

**Thank you Donna Otto for the donation of some new books.**



**Sunday Small Groups at 9:00 am**

**NEW CLASSES START ON  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

*(Credo Confirmation begins September 11)*

**ARK** - Nursery, Pre-K & Kindergarten

**Kingdom Kids** - 1st thru 4th grade

**Credo Confirmation** - 5th thru 8th grade

**Fusion** - 9th thru 12th grade

**Home Builders** - Adult

**Wisdom** - Adult



**Click below to see a short video.**

This dramatic illustration highlights remarkable inventions and works of art that have changed history, but challenges us to remember that God is ultimately the Creator of all.

**By...**

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

## Mission of the Month



We will again be collecting new & gently used kids jackets and hoodies to give to those in need this winter!

Please bring your donation by the Church office and we will distribute them later in the Fall.



**Bake Sale**

**Saturday Sept 3rd  
from 10-12**

**RobCo Courthouse lawn**

**Benefiting Franklin MOPS and future members**

## Katie's Korner

Hopefully you got to visit with Katie on her short visit home. We were blessed to hear her testimony of how God led her to her current mission with the youth in Australia. If you missed it you can view the worship service from that day at the link below. Her testimony begins right at the 42 minute mark. Unfortunately there was a bit of technical difficulties that day so the quality is not as good as we would have liked.

[AUGUST 7 WORSHIP](#)

Katie was back in the states to celebrate her older brother KC's wedding. She has since jetted back to the Australian Youth that she so cares about.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**fall  
FELLOWSHIP**



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16  
at THE STANDINGS  
4:30PM**



Believing, Living and Sharing Truth

School has started and soon the BLAST's Wednesday evening program will start! We will need a simple meal for each Wednesday to serve around 20 (that's including around 5 adults). This year the program will meet at the parsonage, so meals will need to be dropped off there. Our Family Life Coordinator, Kim Perez, has once again put together a list of simple meal ideas for these K-5th graders (see below.) The church provides disposable plates, utensils, napkins, and drinks. The meal needs to be ready for kids to eat at 6:00pm and it would be nice to stay around a few minutes to clean up whatever dishes might need washing...you'll definitely be through before 7pm. Thanks to all who helped last school year...hope you can volunteer again! This would be an awesome ministry to do with a friend, so call someone and sign up together...**even better is to take a regularly scheduled Wednesday each**

**month!** Below is a list of planned BLAST program days...Please prioritize signing up for the first months of the program. You can call the church office or Kim Perez for questions or to add your name to the list.

\*\**(If you don't feel able to be there from 6-7, but would like to provide food to be warmed up, just indicate that when you sign up.)*

- September 7 - Beth Vickers, Chicken Nuggets
- September 14 - Julie Jarrell, Tacos
- September 21 -
- September 28 - Sandra Hoegemeyer, Pizza
- October 5 - Christan Rawson, Spaghetti,
- October 12 - Heather Frieda, Macaroni & Cheese
- October 19th, & 26th
- November 2 - Gwen Harper, Pizza
- November 9th, 16th, & 30th
- December 7th & 14th
- January 11th, 18th, & 25th
- February 1st, 8th, & 15th
- March 1st, 8th, 22nd, & 29th
- April 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th
- May 3rd, 10th, & 17th

### Blast Dinner Ideas

- Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Fruit
- Pizza, Salad, Fruit
- Hot Dogs, Chips, Fruit
- Hamburger & Fixings, Chips, Fruit
- Chicken Nuggets, Carrots & Ranch, Fruit
- Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread
- Sandwiches, Chips, Fruit
- Tacos & Fixings, Refried Beans, Rice
- Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Corn
- Sloppy Joes, French Fries, Fruit
- Nachos & Fixings
- Breakfast for Dinner-Scrambled Eggs (Toppings: Cheese, Pico, etc.),
- Bacon, Sausage, Muffins, Pigs in a Blanket, Fruit, Go Gurt

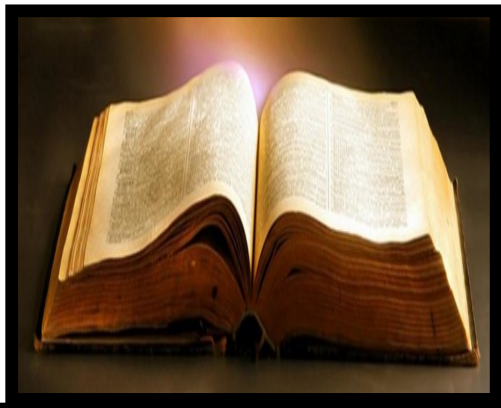
## Bible Study

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  
Next meeting is September 1**



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.

# 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.

Denver Richard  
The Reinhardt Family

All those suffering during the pandemic  
Tony Arnold, Cathy Reed's brother

Tonya Boyette



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

## September Meetings

Turquoise Table Ladies	Thursday, September 1	11:00am
Finance/Trustees	Sunday, September 11	After Worship
Admin Council	Sunday, September 18	After Worship

## Weekly Meetings

Choir/Ukulele Band	Wednesdays	5:00pm/5:45pm
Youth Group	Wednesdays	6:00pm
BLAST Kids Ministry	Wednesday	6:00pm
Men's Emmaus	Thursdays	6:30am-7:30am
Women's Emmaus	Thursdays	8:00am-9:00am

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Sherry Buchanan	18th Bob Otto
Peyton Drake	19th Addy Miller
4th Jerry Briggs	21st Christan Rawson
Noah Smith	Bill Wygle
Diana Richardson	23rd Jobe Law
5th Bryce McKinney	Janet Zamzow
6th Kenadi Janacek	John Standing
Sofia Zahn	26th Jeren Hanks
8th Charlie Harper	Jenny Cate
9th Nella Perez	27th Kelley Sexton
12th Allie Herring	28th Chris Huggins
14th Terrie Foltermann	Chelsea Currie
Cathy Hayes	Will Neyland
16th Zachary Kissinger	Chip Zahn
17th Robert Hailey	29th Emily Cloat
Deborah Hicks	30th Mark Hailey
Matthew Kamas	Richie Black

## Lay Readers

4th	Grady Harris
11th	Mary Kamas
18th	Julie Neyland
25th	Reese Rawson

## Ushers for September

Ken Reinhardt &  
Todd Neyland

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12th	Jack & Dianna Hutchison
18th	Justin & Heather Frieda
19th	Thad & Dorothea Allen
21st	Charles & Jan Westerman
22nd	Barry & Debbie Black
30th	Douglas & Olivia Campbell



## Giving for Last Month

General Offering	\$	23,056.60
Building Fund	\$	2,260.00
Memorial-Designated~Other	\$	890.00

**We appreciate and need your continued faithful giving.**