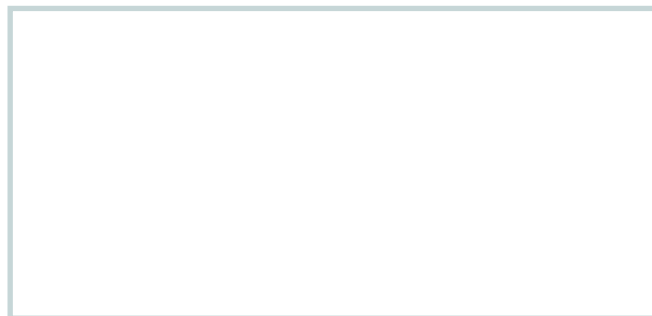


Franklin Methodist Church
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Purpose Statement

Franklin 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 Methodist Church 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

Peter said, "Even if I must die alongside you, I won't deny you." All the disciples said the same thing. Matthew 26:35

Author Gene Edwards talks about a student attending a Baptist seminary in Zurich, Switzerland shortly after World War II, who underwent a tragic turn of events that changed his life. As a result, he was constantly worried about what others might think about him, especially in regard to his future possibilities as a missionary.

Right about now you are wondering what he could have done that would have left him with this fear? How deep was the shame? How paralyzing was the worry "that if they only knew?" I have purposely left that information out, because truthfully, it doesn't matter. Though it could serve to make some of us feel better with an "At least my story is not that bad" kind of attitude. But then, that's the point isn't it. No matter what others might think, shame is really about what we think, what we worry about, what we won't forgive.

"I don't know what you are talking about'... 'I don't know the man'...Then he cursed and swore, 'I don't know the man!'...Peter remembered Jesus' words, 'Before the rooster crows you will deny me three times.'" Matthew 26:70-75

Hans, that is the name of the seminary student, was one of the finest young men in the seminary, he was a strong Christian and well known among the other students. And then the event happened. It was years later that he had the opportunity to present himself before an independent mission board in the United States. Again, even after the years had passed, the sense of shame lingered. So, he wrote a letter to the board members sharing his story, the good, the bad, the unfortunate, and even the event which served as a hinge upon which his future now swung. He posted the letter and waited. Anxiously, eagerly, awaiting their response.

When the letter came, reluctant to see the words which would shape his future, he handed the letter off. There on the paper were two words and two words only. "Remember Peter!" These were grace filled words that revealed a greater truth. The things of our past, do serve to shape us, but they do not define the extent that God can and will use us through His grace filled redeeming power.

"This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead..."Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"..."Yes, Lord, you know I love you."..."Feed my lambs." "Simon son of John, do you love me?"..."Yes, Lord, you know I love you!"..."Take care of my sheep"..."Simon son of John, do you love me?"... Peter was sad..."Lord, you know everything; you know I love you."..."Feed my sheep"...After saying this, Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me." John 21:14-19

This is what the Season of Lent is all about. Take a hard look at ourselves. Acknowledge where we have provided opportunity for the enemy to speak fear and shame into our lives, repent and believe the Gospel. The Good News that

"God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him, should not perish but have everlasting life. For Jesus did not come into the world to condemn the world that through him the world might be saved." John 3:16-17

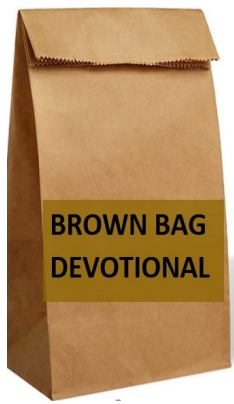
So I leave you with two words to carry with you on our journey toward the cross and resurrection

"Remember Peter!"

Okay maybe just two more:

"Amazing Grace!"

Pastor Polly



**Wednesdays during Lent
(March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29)
(April 1&8)
Noon—1:00pm
Activity Building**

Each week a topic that speaks to living a life of grace during this season of Lent and throughout your entire life will be explored. Come, bring your lunch and learn more about the Amazing Grace that our Lord has given to each of us.

Drinks will be provided.

Moms need other moms. We need mentor mom friends. We need women who've been there and made it. We need moms who say "me too", and actually get it. We need moms in the trenches with us. Praying for us. Crying with us. We need moms we can share our lessons with. New moms we can rejoice with and reminisce with and cheer on. Because moms were made to love. And carry. And support. And this is why I need MOPS & MOMSNext.



MOPS & MOMSNext meets twice in March

- March 8th
- March 22nd

Hope to see you there!



**Worship
Committee**

The Lenten Season is here and we enjoyed a meaningful Ash Wednesday Service featuring the children of BLAST preceded by food and fellowship at our Soup Supper, We hope to see you at the various Lenten worship events for the month of March.

The Brown Bag devotionals will be held each Wednesday at noon in the Activity Building. Bring your own lunch and spend some time receiving a special blessing during the noon hour on March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. Brown Bags will continue into April as well.

The theme for this year's Easter Season is Amazing Grace, In celebration of the 250th anniversary of that beautiful hymn.

March 5 – Amazing Grace-The Prodigal Son

March 12 – Amazing Grace-The Blind Man

March 19 – Amazing Grace-The Woman at the Well

March 26 – Amazing Grace-Paul

Other dates to add to your calendar:

Palm Sunday, April 2 – Bunny Brunch

Maunday Thursday, April 6

Easter Sunday, April 9

We look forward to celebrating this beautiful season together as we move forward into our future with the Global Methodist Church.

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



A Big
THANK YOU!

**Thank you for all those
who participated in the
Youth Led Worship
Service!**

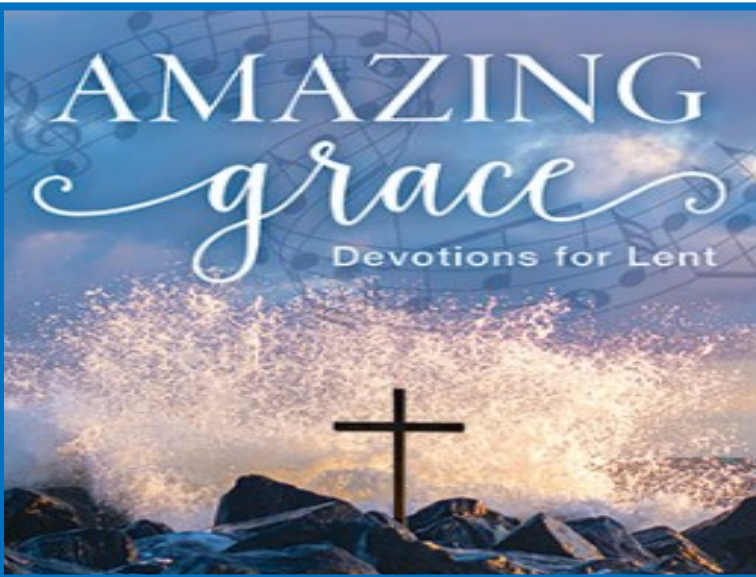


**No Youth Group
Wednesday, March
15th
Happy Spring Break!**



**PARENTS OF
GRADUATING HIGH
SCHOOL SENIORS**

Please be sure to submit pictures for the special slide show that will be shown during the worship service honoring our 2023 graduating high school seniors. Any questions contact Mary Kamas or the church office.



**Do you have your daily
Devotional Book for Lent?**

If you were not in worship to receive your *Amazing Grace Daily Devotional* for Lent please contact the church office. We will be more than happy to arrange to get you one via mail or hand delivery. Each day there are short devotions that will enrich your journey with the Lord through out this Lent and onward to the cross and empty tomb. There are also special “*Behind the Music*” sections that shed light on the history of the beloved song.



Join us for a
BRIDAL SHOWER
honoring

SAMANTHA HARRIS

SUNDAY

MARCH 26

AFTER WORSHIP (AROUND 11:30)

FRANKLIN METHODIST CHURCH ACTIVITY BUILDING

REGISTERED AT TARGET & AMAZON

Children's MINISTRY



Believing, Living and Sharing Truth

Blast

Wednesday Nights March 1st, 8th, 22nd, & 29th. kids K-2nd & 3rd-5th are invited to join us from 6:00-8:00pm for dinner, worship, games, & small group time.

Blast will meet at the church parsonage @ 503 N Glass Street.

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

SAVE THE DATE

Easter Events



Palm Sunday – April 2nd @ 10:15am

Bunny Brunch – April 2nd following

Worship

Easter Egg Hunt – April 9th following worship



EASTER LILLY ORDERS



Again this year you have the opportunity to purchase Easter Lilies in honor of, or in memory of, that special someone. Pick up an envelope in the church Narthex or call the church office to place your order.



Prayer Committee

Are you getting the weekly email of Prayer Request from Your Church Family? Have you noticed the new look? If you are not getting the emails 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*



Mission of the Month

The Food Pantry is in need of the following:
Cereal~especially the kinds that children prefer
Ramen noodles and all pasta products: Mac & cheese, egg noodles, spaghetti
Canned products: Beans (all kinds,) Beefy meats (stews, chili, ravioli, etc.)
Toilet paper, Powdered laundry detergent
Peanut Butter, Eggs, Flour
Coffee, Tea

Donations can be brought to the church anytime. You can also take them directly to the Food Pantry on any Saturday morning between 9 and noon.

And of course monetary donations are always gladly accepted.



Sunday Small Groups Begin at 9:00 am

- ARK** - Nursery, Pre-K & Kindergarten
- Kingdom Kids** - 1st thru 4th grades
- Credo Confirmation** - 5th thru 8th grades
- Fusion** - 9th thru 12th grades
- Home Builders** - Adult
- Wisdom** - Adult

Katie's Korner

Australia to Poland~

After 3 days of travel [10 hr flight to Incheon, S. Korea/an overnight in the city; 13 hr flight to Frankfurt, Germany/an overnight in the city; 9 hr train to Krakow] we arrived in Poland! Our first 2 weeks were spent in Krakow, hosted by a YWAM missionary couple who have been serving here for over 30 years. We were involved in lots of kids ministry at local schools and with Ukrainian refugees as well as supporting local food relief organizations.

One day at the soup kitchen I had a long conversation with one of the other volunteers about life and faith. He was a first year university student who had left as refugee from Ukraine last year. He did not know much about the Christian faith and relationship with Jesus so I was able to share with him about my life in missions and faith in Jesus. I invited him to join our team at church the next day where a couple of our students would be sharing their testimonies. While I was sick the next day, my co-leader Rob was able to have a long conversation with this young lad at church - shared the Gospel with him and helped him download the Bible app. I'm praying that God would continue to be at work in his life and have him form relationship with believers/get connected in a local church. Love how God can lead us in evangelism in simple ways like by volunteering at a soup kitchen.

Prayer Requests from Katie

- > Health for our team; several of us have had a cold/flu at some point while in Poland [I was out sick for about 5 days] For us to get back to 100% health.
- > The ministry in Rzeszow, Poland;
- > Wisdom, perseverance and joy for my co-leader Rob and I as we continue to facilitate this outreach and disciple the students :)
- > Upcoming high school camp at Tahlee.



The FUMP CORNER

The more that you read,
the more things you will
know. The more that you
learn, the more places
you'll go.

-Dr. Seuss



March is the month we celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. March 9th if you are in town, feel free to stop by the preschool. The staff and teachers will have crazy hair and wear silly socks. There are never two of the same styles, but the kids have so much fun with this. It is another opportunity to teach how God creates all of us different.

One of our Bible stories will focus on Jesus' Baptism found in Matthew 3:13-17. Children will learn that Jesus was baptized at the start of His ministry, and His example sets a standard for us, and the symbol of what baptism represents. Another Bible story is Jesus and Nicodemus from John 3:1-21. The central theme is that Jesus taught a man about knowing God better. Doing good things is not enough.

March 30th will be our Rodeo Day, which means lots of animals, games, and of course fun. Our amazing parents have volunteered to bring animals and assist during the activities.

During your prayer time, please remember to pray for our staff as they minister to our littles. In addition, we will need to hire some new teachers, as they are staying home to take care of their newborns. We appreciate your love and support for the preschool.

In Christ,
Sherry Buchanan,
Director FUMP



Music Note:



The choir is gearing up for Easter and are always open to new members. Practice is on Wednesdays beginning at 5:00pm. All voices are welcome! For more information please feel free to contact the church office or Rhonda Miller direct.

"Sing"cerely, Rhonda

*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."*



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-Health Issues

Audrey Miller-Health Issues

Peace in the world

Continued Revival in the church



Lay Readers

5th	John "Carty" Hicks
12th	Reese Rawson
19th	Bill Wygle
26th	Julie Neyland

Giving for Last Month

General Offering	\$	25,899.16
Building Fund	\$	1,045.00
Memorial-Designated~Other	\$	2,040.65

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

Ushers for March

Jim & Cynthia Hanks



March Anniversaries

1st	Buddy & Toni Baxter
19th	Andy & Jill Harris
20th	Grady & Debbie Harris

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Jill Harris	19th	Howard Hoegemeyer
	Jessica Richardson	20th	Autumn Cloat
4th	Aiden Peterson		Bayley Janacek
	Robbie Reinhardt	22nd	Beth Vickers
	Hudsyn Huggins	24th	Keith Foltermann
9th	Leah Davis	25th	Gwen Harper
	Amy Huggins	28th	Kathy Brimhall
11th	Todd Neyland		Bless Cloat
	Caleb Chanley	30th	Robyn McKinney
12th	Buddy Baxter	31st	Jim Miller
15th	Rex Vickers		
18th	Mikayla Sexton		
	Joni Bailey		

March 2023

4Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regularly Scheduled Events listed below.						
			1	2 Turquoise Table Ladies 11:00am	3	4
5  Next Sunday~ Don't be late.	6	7 Bible Study 10am-noon ASK 3:15-5:00pm	8 MOPS/MOPSNEXT 10:00-Noon  Brown Bag Devotionals Noon-1:00pm	9	10	11
12 CLOCKS SPRING FORWARD Finance/ Trustees Committee After Worship	13	14 No Bible Study	15	16	17	18
FISD SPRING BREAK						
19 Admin. Council After Worship	20	21 Bible Study 10am-noon ASK 3:15-5:00pm	22 MOPS/MOPSNEXT 10:00-Noon  Brown Bag Devotionals Noon-1:00pm	23	24	25
26 Bridal Shower for Samantha Harris After Worship	27	28 Bible Study 10am-noon ASK 3:15-5:00pm	29  Brown Bag Devotionals Noon-1:00pm	30	31	

WEDNESDAY'S

Women's Emmaus 8:00-9:00am
 Ukulele Band practice 4:00pm
 Choir Practices 5:00pm
 Youth Group 6:00pm
 BLAST 6:00pm

THURSDAY'S

Men's Emmaus 6:30-7:30am

Dates to add to your calendar.

Confirmation Retreat	May 5-7
Confirmation	May 28
UM Army	June 4-10
Vacation Bible School	July 10-14