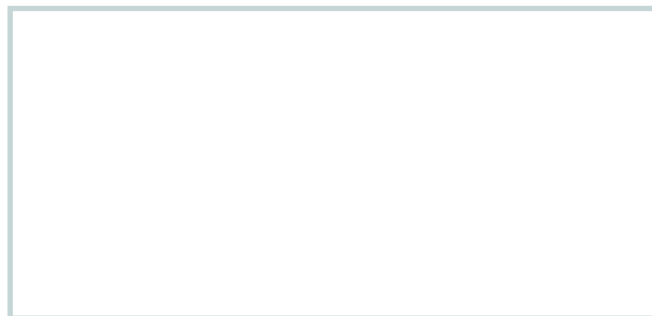
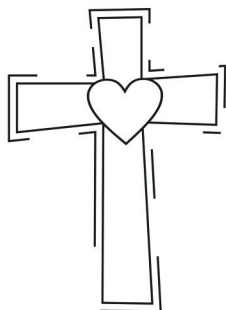


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Purpose Statement

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

As we approach the Labor Day holiday I have become quite aware of those around me from whose labors I benefit. I think my focus was sharpened a few weeks ago when the garbage trucks in Franklin were down for repairs. As I looked at how quickly the piles grew out on the curb I realized once again how much I benefit from the hard work of our city employees. While I benefit directly from their hard work each week, there are others that step up every day and most of us don't ever have to receive their help; EMS, Firefighters, Police Officers, etc. We sure are blessed by the peace of mind knowing that they are willing and ready to labor for the sake of others at any given moment.

Then there are those from whose labors I directly benefit from; and some work for free. Think about all the things that happen around the church. Lawns mowed, items repaired, people greeted, projection screens put together and operated, music filling the sanctuary, money collected and counted, children and adults hearing the word of God taught by brothers and sisters in the faith all for the glory of God.

Over the last couple of weeks my girls have helped me in several ways; Jennifer planned a great get-away for John and me, Christina took care of my mother while I was away, and Kimberly has joined me at my house this week helping me to catch up on special projects around the parsonage. I have been extremely blessed by their efforts. In fact, because of their labor I am more at rest.

Dale Hampton and I are friends, sisters in Christ. While our kids were younger we were also neighbors. Every task was made lighter, more bearable, and surrounded by love and joy when we tackled them together. Whether it was setting up ironing boards side by side, working on church projects, taking care of the kids, or dealing with personal struggles of life, all of it was better when we took on the work side by side.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30. As I go through my everyday in the real world, Jesus is working beside me and all the burdens and responsibilities are lighter when I remember to seek Jesus' help.

So as I challenge myself, I invite you to join me in a season of gratitude. Thanking those who labor in our community, our schools, our churches, our homes. And, most of all, take some time to thank God each day for the work He has already completed on your behalf, conquering the battle of sin and death. We are victorious because of His work. We have a future with hope because of His labor on our behalf. We can stand in the face of evil, because we are yoked to Christ, who has already completed the work God sent him to do, reconciling us to God through the cross. And because of it, we find rest, abundant life and eternal salvation.

Pastor Polly

YOUTH NEWS

Do you have a passion to serve our youth?
We'd love to speak to you about our vision for the
person that God is calling to our position of

Director of Youth Ministry

Youth will continue to meet on
Wednesday evenings 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Sunday Small Groups

Begin at 9:00 am

ARK - Nursery, Pre-K & Kinder

Kingdom Kids - 1st thru 4th

Encounter - 5th thru 7th

Fusion - 8th thru 12th

Journey - Any Adult

Home Builders - Any Adult

Wisdom - Any Adult

If you want to get plugged in to a Sunday School class or would like to help teach, co-teach or sub please contact Mary Kamas or Beth Vickers.



Love kids?



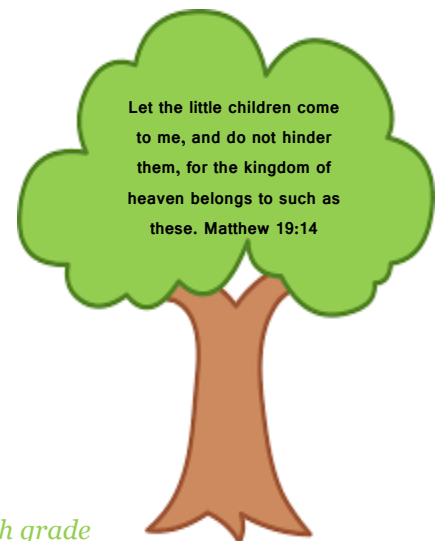
***Passionate about making a difference?
Join our team!***

We are looking for a dedicated individual to join our staff as the Director of Children's Ministry. Responsibilities include:

- ♦ Lead Children's Sermon during Worship.
- ♦ Plan & promote events that foster the spiritual development of children.
- ♦ Attend planning meetings such as Education committee & Administrative Counsel.

Contact Rev. Polly Standing for more info!

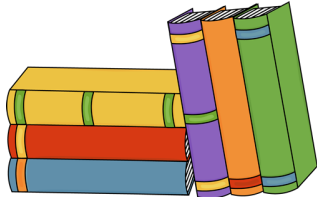
Children's Ministry serves ages 3 - 6th grade



Lending Library

We are happy to announce that we have motivational & Christian resources available to borrow! Take a minute or two to browse our new lending library located near the Narthex and find something that speaks to you! Have a book or DVD that you have found helpful or encouraging, we'd love your help to grow our library!

Includes "The Ark Encounter"
from Pastor Polly's recent trip!



GARAGE SALE

Saturday, September 29th
8am – 4pm
Activity Building

Donations appreciated & accepted:
Thursday, Sept. 27th 2pm – 6pm
Friday, Sept. 28th 8am – 12pm

Proceeds will benefit Franklin MOPS & MOMSNEXT

PRAYING PIECERS NEWS

Quilters will meet this month on Monday the 10th & Monday the 24th in the kitchen of the Activity Building from 9am - Noon. We will continue to enjoy salad lunches and encourage anyone to join us for quilting or another project of your choosing. We love to see new faces!

Happy Stitching,
Donna Otto

Music Note:



Sing to the Lord with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp. Psalm 147:7

We may not play harps but the Sunshine Strummers are like angels as we play for the residents in nursing homes and retirement facilities all over the Bryan/College Station area. This ministry is so heart-warming for the people we play for and for us ourselves. I feel God's presence when the band goes out to talk to the people after each show. We have 2 or 3 performances lined up each month. We are in need of some more "singers" even if you don't think you want to play a ukulele. Please let a band member know if you are interested. Practice is at 5:45 pm on Wednesdays.

Our choir meets at 5:00 pm on Wednesdays and we are working on some new specials. Join us as we prepare to raise our voices in worship. New people are always welcome! Just give it a try!

"Sing"cerely, Rhonda

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Fall is just around the corner, the students have returned to school and the Worship Committee is working on ways to make the Fall worship services especially meaningful for all of the members of Franklin United Methodist Church.

September:

September 9 – Special remembrance and recognition of 9/11

October:

October 7 – World Communion Sunday

October 28 – Laity Sunday

November:

November 4 – All Saints Sunday – Honor and recognize those we have lost this year.

November 11 – Veterans' Day Sunday – Special service to honor our veterans.

November 18 – Thanksgiving Sunday – A day for our membership to express our gratitude.

November 25 – Christ the King Sunday - Last Sunday after Pentecost & Sunday before Advent begins.

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.



FIND YOUR FIRE

We are excited about starting our new MOPS series, *Find Your Fire*. As we prepare for this new year, please join us in praying for God's love & presence among us and give thanks for:

- ♦ Diana Hutchison - our newest *Mentor Mom*!
- ♦ Our amazing MOPS Teachers: Infants/Toddlers - Lauren McKinney, 2/3 - Meredith Williams, 4/5 - Emily Keller & Homeschool - Diana Richardson.

If you would like to be involved in this ministry, please contact the church office! We believe that stronger Moms create stronger families & communities. Our first meeting will take place on **Friday, Sept. 7th** (9am - 11am) in the Activity Building. Come give it a try. (Make sure to call and RSVP if you need childcare!)

The FUMP Corner

*A Great Teacher takes a hand...
opens a mind...touches a heart*



We are counting down the days and preparing for another exciting year at the preschool. We are excited to announce that we hired two new teachers; Meredith Williams and Lauren McKinney. In addition, Nellie Burks was hired as an aide to replace the existing aide, Tabitha Meadors, when she goes on maternity leave. All of these ladies come highly recommended and we are looking forward to adding them to our staff! Maria Cottrell worked as a teacher last year

and we are thrilled that she has been hired to be the Assistant to the Director for this school year. We are blessed that Misty Skorupinski, Emily Keller, Diana Richardson, and Raylee Nowlin will be returning to FUMP. These ladies are amazing and give 100% everyday they minister to our littles at the preschool.

Our staff has completed the required CPR/First Aid training providing them with the important skills needed during cardiac arrests or first aid emergencies. We pray they never need to use these skills! Open House/Meet the Teacher has also taken place and we are eager to open our doors for the first day of school on Tuesday, September 4th.

Our Activity Building will be full of love & laughter on the afternoon of Thursday, September 13th as we welcome & honor Grandparents, by blood or by love, with a Teddy Bear Tea Party!

And I will teach you the way that is good and right. I Samuel 12:23

In Christ,
Sherry Buchanan

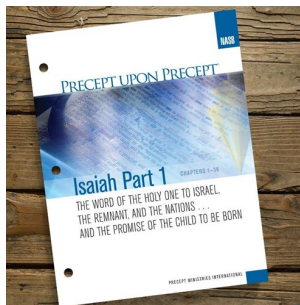


SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH @ 5:00PM

JIM & RHONDA MILLER'S RANCH

(HAMBURGERS PROVIDED)



MONDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

Beginning SEPTEMBER 17TH

1:00PM – 3:00PM

EDUCATION BUILDING

ISAIAH

(Part 1: Chapters 1-39)

- Join us for this fourteen-week study, as we dig into this powerful book of the Bible. (This is a longer study, so we will have several breaks for holidays and will most likely conclude in late January before beginning Isaiah Part 2 in the Spring). This is an ecumenical study group with members from other churches welcome. Each Monday, the first hour is a discussion of the material we have studied for ourselves during that week and the second hour we view a video lesson by Kay or David Arthur enlarging on our study. Please contact Beth Vickers with questions or to order your study book.

Call 979-255-1406 or Email rexandbeth@gmail.com



WE NEED YOUR HELP

JOIN US FOR A WORK DAY ON

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th
7:00AM - 2:00PM

Thank you

Marie Kellum would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone that lifted her in prayer, brought a meal or came to visit. Please continue to keep her in your prayers as she continues her journey towards recovery.

Thank you Jo Miller & Crew for an amazing experience at

Vacation Liberty School

We were happy to participate and look forward to next year!

(Pictured Left to Right: Cheyenne, Cadie, Noah, Josh & Brent)



What is Tour de TAC?

This is a series of bicycle rides and gatherings all across the conference to discuss planting new faith communities for years to come.

For more information, or to register, you may contact our West District representative:

Sam Cutrone
(979) 571-9469
revsam1127@gmail.com

Coming to our area Nov. 6, 7 & 8

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.

Dornbush Family
Reeves Family
Katherine Scasta
Tom Fuller
Ginger Mareth
Joey Mickelwitz
Marie Kellum

Madison Wilcox
Jim Hanks
John Callaway
Archer Foltermann
Rhonda Toups
Ronny Hibler
Mike Allen

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



Lay Readers

September 2 - Wayne Huggins
September 9 - Grady Harris
September 16 - Julie Neyland
September 23 - Julie Jarrell
September 30 - Dianna Hutchison



Tithes & Offering for Last Month

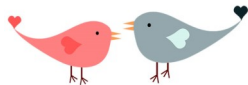
Offering Income	\$	17,225.50
New Building Fund	\$	6,325.00
Monthly Mission - Gideons	\$	304.00
Donation for Activity Bldg Floors	\$	600.00
Donation for Van Maintenance	\$	2,000.00
Donation to Sonshine Strummers	\$	148.00
Ethiopia Clean Water Project	\$	983.00
Donation for Kamas Mission	\$	2,000.00
Trustees Fund	\$	224.00

Ushers

Kip Kissinger

Average Attendance

96.3



September Anniversaries

1st - Edwin & Peggy Cooper
12th - Jack & Dianna Hutchison
18th - Justin & Heather Frieda
19th - Thad & Dorothea Allen
21st - Charles & Jan Westerman
22nd - Barry & Debbie Black
28th - Ken & Bettie Jordan
30th - Douglas & Olivia Campbell

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st	Peyton Drake	18th	Bob Otto
3rd	Ed Cooper	19th	Addy Miller
4th	Jerry Briggs	21st	Christan Rawson
	Noah Smith	23rd	Barry Black
	Diana Richardson		Janet Zamzow
6th	Kenadi Janacek		John Standing
	Sofia Zahn	26th	Jeren Hanks
12th	Allie Herring		Jenny Cate
14th	Terri Foltermann	27th	Kelley Sexton
	Cathy Hayes	28th	Chris Huggins
16th	Zach Kissinger		Chelsea Currie
17th	Robert Hailey		Chip Zahn
	Deborah Hicks		Will Neyland
	Matthew Kamas	29th	Emily Cloat
		30th	Mark Hailey
			Richie Black

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Labor Day Office Closed	4 Preschool 9am - 3pm	5 UMW at 9:30am Finance Meeting at 7pm	6 Preschool 9am - 3pm	7 MOPS 9am - 11am	8
9 Food Pantry Giving	10 Praying Piecers Clothes Closet Work Day 7am - 2pm	11 Preschool 9am - 3pm	12	13 Preschool 9am - 3pm <i>Teddy Bear Tea Party</i>	14 Pastor Polly In Austin for a Baptism	15
16 Admin Counsel After Worship	17 Isaiah Bible Study 1pm - 3pm Pastor Polly attending The Gathering at Lakeview (17th - 19th)	18 Preschool 9am - 3pm	19 Women's Emmaus Resumes Meeting	20 Preschool 9am - 3pm SPRC at 6:30pm	21 MOPS 9am - 11am	22
23 Family Life After Worship	24 Praying Piecers Isaiah Bible Study 1pm - 3pm	25 Preschool 9am - 3pm	26 Women's Emmaus Preschool Board Meeting at 4:30pm	27 Preschool 9am - 3pm	28	29 MOPS GARAGE SALE 8am - 4pm FUMC works at FOOD PANTRY
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Choir—Wednesdays 5:00pm-5:40pm

Clothes Closet Volunteer—

Mondays 3:00-5:00 Wednesdays 5:00-8:00 Thursdays 9:00-11:00

Men's Bible Study—Mondays at 6:30pm

Men's Emmaus—Thursdays at 6:30am

MOPS—Select Fridays 9:00am - 11:00am

Praying Piecers—Select Mondays 9:00am-12:00pm

Preschool—Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00am-3:00pm

Ukulele—Wednesdays 5:45pm-6:30pm

United Methodist Women—1st Mondays at 9:30am

Women's Emmaus—Wednesdays 7:00am-8:00am

Youth Fellowship—Wednesdays 6:00pm-8:00pm

Reading for the Weekly Worship

September 2	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Psalm 45:1-2,6-9	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23
September 9	Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23	Psalm 124 & 125	James 2:1-10,14-17	Mark 7:24-37
September 16	Proverbs 1:20-33	Psalm 19	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
September 23	Proverbs 31:10-31	Psalm 1	James 3:13-4:3,7-8	Mark 9:30-37
September 30	Esther 7:1-6,9-10,9:20-22	Psalm 124	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50