

Franklin United Methodist Church  
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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

*Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4*

My granddaughters, along with all the rest of the kids, have started back to school. I still remember the mixture of excitement and trepidation that coursed through my veins those first few days. It was a little easier when I was younger and I was assigned a teacher, but as I got older you had to start thinking about your options. Questions like: which electives would spark an interest, which ones would help your grade point average, and which ones would make a difference as you sought out new and different interests. So as eighth-grade ended I approached Mrs. Sharp. That's a great name for a music teacher, isn't it? I asked which of the different music classes she thought might work for me during my ninth-grade year. She replied, "none of them, you really don't have any musical ability." My heart felt the sharp sting of that remark; so much so that I took the speaking part in the Summer Mission Trip, instead of the singing part I was offered.

All I knew is that I loved to sing. I would sit at the piano and pluck out a melody and teach myself the songs in the Big Reader's Digest Collection. I would spend hours on the tractor mowing our thirteen acres and belt out a tune. After all it was safe, no one could hear me there. I learned the hymns at church and sang out with the rest of the faithful, but not too loud, just incase Mrs. Sharp was right.

Here is the deal, I have always found such joy in the way the Lord has answered the desires of my heart. Truly, maybe I couldn't sing in eighth-grade or maybe she hadn't taken time to really hear me, but what I do know is that through a series of God appointed responsibilities and opportunities, I found myself singing in church and every time I do, I am grateful that the Lord knows the desires of my heart.

About a month ago Natalie and Cadie sang in church. They sang with such confidence and ability. Rhonda did such a great job with them. She is an awesome music teacher. My other two grandchildren sing in the car. They especially love "Still Rolling Stones" and they know every word. I imagine that someday they will sing in church as well. Then a couple of weeks ago, my oldest grandchild, Caitlyn sang and played the flute. Again, under the watchful eye, well-tuned ear, and gifted fingers of Rhonda as she accompanied Caitlyn. As I sat there in church, I saw, in my mind's eye, treasured memories of the times my own girls have sang in church and on stage. One of my favorite memories is when John sang with the girls one Easter morning.

Then it dawned on me, not only had God answered the desires of my heart, He had exceeded my every expectation meeting desires I had not even known I would have in the future. Not only has He given me the ability to sing, but a husband, children, and grandchildren who can all sing as well. Now that is the kind of radical Grace God pours out. Grace upon grace, blessing upon blessing. So next time you come to church I hope you will be brave enough to sing out. It doesn't matter if you can carry a tune, what matters is your desire to sing out a song of gratitude for every thing the Lord knows about you, and loves you anyway. And thanksgiving for the way He has exceeded your expectations.

*May He grant you your heart's desire, and fulfil all your plans! Psalm 20:4*

*Pastor Polly*

## September Monthly Mission



We will 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.

## October Monthly Mission

Operation Christmas Child, the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox project, will be the mission for October. Shoeboxes, and a list of suggested items to fill the boxes, will be available beginning September 15 at the back of the church. Some of the items suggested are small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. These boxes are then sent to children affected by war, poverty, famine and disease, as well as to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S. God's love is demonstrated in a tangible way through each shoebox gift.



## New Giving Opportunities

Looking for new, "non-traditional", ways to give? Here are two, one of which can even SAVE you money!

### UMC-Market



You can shop at thousands of retailers and earn cash back for the church. There are no fees to either you or the church. Not only does the church receive up to 3½% cash back on purchases **BUT** often there are special offers available at the retailers. Find out more information and sign up for this unique way to save you money and earn money for the church by clicking the logo above.

### Amazon Wish List

An Amazon wish list, containing various items, has been set up for the church. You can purchase items and they will be delivered right to the church. Of course, we want to acknowledge all gifts, so be sure to fill out the gift receipt. You can access the wish list by following the link below or searching in Amazon by the church's name or email address.

### FUMC Amazon Wish List

**THANK YOU!!**



### GENERAL MEETING

Join us for lunch.  
Wednesday, September 4  
11:00 am  
Pioneer Cafe



### Sunday Small Groups~~Begin at 9:00 am

**ARK** - Nursery, Pre-K & Kindergarten  
**Kingdom Kids** - 1st thru 5th grades  
**Credo Confirmation** - 6th thru 8th grades  
**Fusion** - 9th thru 12th grades  
**Journey** - Adult  
**Home Builders** - Adult  
**Wisdom** - Adult

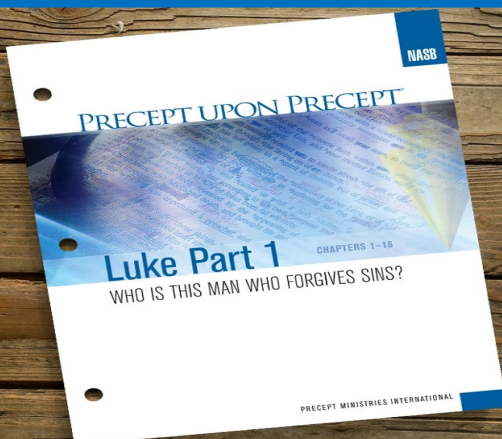
**Come join us!**



MOPS & MOMSNEXT

The year kicks off with a meeting on September 16, 10am-12noon in the Activity Building, then a play date at The Ranch on September 23, with the time TBA.

*Motherhood is stressful, but it doesn't have to be lonely.*



**MONDAY BIBLE STUDY**  
1:00pm to 3:00pm  
Luke Part 1  
11 Lessons  
Begins September 9th  
Study Book \$25  
Contact Beth Vickers to order

**GOD CREATED**

**TEACHERS**

*to make a*

**DIFFERENCE**

*in the*

**WORLD**

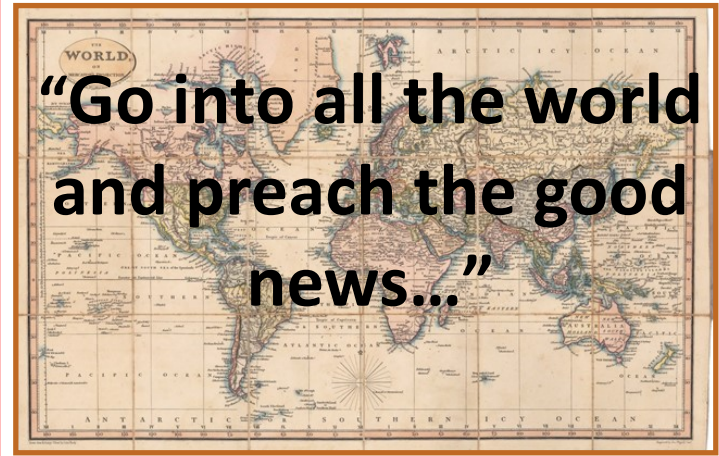
## **The FUMP CORNER**

Another end of the summer break is in the books. The Assistant Director, Maria Cottrell, and I have spent days during the summer preparing for one of the best school years to come. We are excited to welcome all of our little ones and the families who entrust us with their precious angels. There is excitement in the air at the preschool! I want to personally thank the Executive Board for their decision that an Assistant Director is needed. The bond that Maria and I developed with each other and the staff is one that has only enhanced the culture in the preschool. Currently we have 28 in the three and four year old class, 16 in the two year old class, and 4 in the 12-18 month old class. We are looking to fill the remaining 5 open spots in the older class, so if you know of someone, please send them our way. All of the staff have been approved by the Executive Board and are returning members to FUMP.

As a member of the FUMC congregation you may ask what you can do to help during the year. I will tell you, PRAY! We need your prayers as we teach, love, and minister to these precious children. We appreciate and depend upon your prayerful support.

*May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14*

In Christ,  
Sherry Buchanan  
FUMP Director



## **MISSION SHOWER LUNCH FOR**

**KATIE KAMAS**

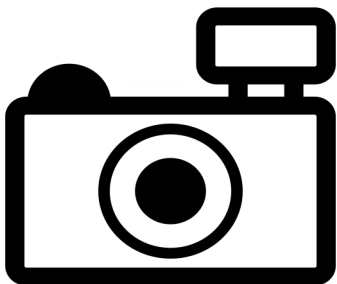
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

**All the church family is invited to join us for a covered dish lunch following worship.**

**Bring a dish to share, hear about the next steps in Katie's journey with Christ, and shower her with some \$love for that mission journey.**

**Hosted by the  
FUMC Mission Committee**

## **Church Directory**



We want to make sure everyone is part of the new **FUMC Members and Friends Directory** and that all the information included in the directory is correct. If you haven't had your/your family photo taken yet please call **Anne Perry** at **979-828-4374** to arrange for a photo shoot at your convenience, it can even be before or after Sunday's worship service.

*ALSO, look for an email with your current information and a request for additional/updated information. Please reply to the email as soon as possible to ensure that the information printed is correct.*



# FAMILY MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Each year we have the joyful honor of presenting bibles to our children entering first and fifth grades. These ages highlight times when our children are promoting Sunday School classes — entering a new time of maturing and developing their own faith.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 says, 'And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the door posts of your house and on your gates.'

As we are united as one family in Christ, I believe this call to teach and to disciple our children belongs to all members of our church family, whether we have children or not. I encourage and urge you to seek out ways that you can be involved in sharing the Word of God with the children and youth in our church, our community and elsewhere in your own lives.

These last several months, it has been my joy and honor to be a part of that teaching and discipling. I thank God for placing me here for this time that I might share His message with His precious children. I fully believe that God's Word is active and will continue to be instilled in the hearts and lives of children and youth here at Franklin UMC—may He alone be glorified.



With the start of a new year of school, each of our children and youth Sunday School classes are jumping off with new study series from our youngest in Pre-School to our oldest in High School. Please plan to bring the whole family starting at 9am on Sunday mornings—it is yet another way to grow in our faith.



Our youth group had a wonderful Overnighter this past month. We swam, tubed, ate, worshipped, read the Word, and much more. We have four new youth members and are excited for more time to spend together, uniting as one in Christ.

At youth group on Wednesdays, we will continue our series on the life of Jesus and how we can follow His example of love and obedience to the Father. I hope any and all youth between 6-12th grades will join us from 6-8pm on Wednesday nights.

Peace,  
Katie Kamas

## Music Note:

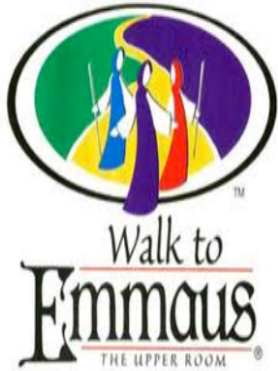
*Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.  
Psalm 95:1*

The Choir, Sonshine Strummers and even our youngest, newest Ukulele players continue to praise Him with a joyful noise! The only Sonshine Strummers performance in September will be on Friday, September 13 at 4:00pm at the Parc at Traditions in Bryan .

## PRAYING PIECERS NEWS

We will be meeting on the 9th and 23rd of the month. Come join us in the Activity Building Kitchen from 9am - Noon. We enjoy working on sewing, quilting & other various projects, while we fellowship and enjoy a potluck meal together.

If you don't have your own project to work on, we'd be happy to let you help in this wonderful



**Brazos Valley Emmaus Gathering  
Franklin United Methodist!**

**Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm ~ Fellowship Dinner  
6:00pm ~ Worship

Childcare provided

**Upcoming Spiritual Retreats**

**Men's Day Breakers Reunion Group**  
Thursdays @ 6:30am  
Activity Kitchen

**Women's Rekindled Reunion Group**  
Wednesdays @ 7:00am  
Activity Kitchen

**Women's Awaken Reunion Group**  
Wednesdays @ 6:00pm  
Education Building

**Men's Walk Weekend: October 10-13**

**Women's Walk Weekend: October 24-27**

If you are interested in deepening your walk with Christ by attending one of these special weekends (Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon), please feel free to contact :  
Mary Kamas, Keith Kamas, Beth Vickers, Rex Vickers, or any Emmaus Community member for more information.



## 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.

**Special Thanksgiving Activity:** For Thanksgiving this year, we will remember and honor those special people whose very birth changed our lives – someone that you are thankful was born into this world because their life made such a difference in yours. Please locate and share a baby picture of that person or a picture of yourself as a baby with that person. It can be a picture where the “baby” is approximately 5 or under. Be sure to label the picture with your name and the name of the person you are honoring. Start looking for the picture now while you have plenty of time so that this very special person can be remembered.

**September:**

September 8 – Special remembrance and recognition in honor of 9-11. Recognition of Grandparents.

**October:**

October 20 – Laity Sunday. Special music by Kimberly Perez

October 27 – Sermon presented by Bruce Wood

**November:**

November 3 – All Saints Sunday – honor and recognize those we have lost this year

November 10 – Veterans' Day Sunday – special service to honor our veterans

November 24 – Christ the King Sunday

November 28 – Thanksgiving Day

**December 1** – Thanksgiving Sunday – a day for our membership to express our gratitude

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.

# 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.

Sanders Family	Harry Gilland	Marie Kellum	Lennie Family
Archer Folterman	John Callaway	Jim Hanks	Madison Wilcox
Ginger Mareth	Katherine Scasta	Tom and Bessie Fuller	Joey Mickelwitz
Mike Allen	Reeves Family	Dornbush Family	Akins Family
Barbara Eller	United Methodist Family of Faith	Mary Garrett & Family	

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



## Lay Readers

1st	Julie Jarrell
8th	John Hicks
15th	Meghan Moran
22nd	Sandra Hoegemeyer
29th	Brenda Davis

## Giving for Last Month

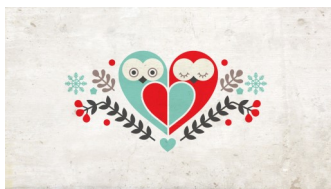
General Offering	\$	18,406.00
Building Fund	\$	4,311.00
Memorial/Designated~Other	\$	681.00
Tornado Relief	\$	350.00
Ethiopian Dinner/Mission	\$	4,109.00
Monthly Mission-Gideons	\$	684.00

## Ushers for September

Kip and Kristi  
Kissinger

## Average Attendance

97



## September Anniversaries

2nd	Edwin & Peggy Cooper
12th	Jack & Diana Hutchinson
18th	Justin & Heather Frieda
19th	Thad & Dorothea Allen
21st	Charles & Jan Westeman
22nd	Barry & Debbie Black
30th	Douglas & Olivia Campbell

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st	Peyton Drake	19th	Addy Miller
3rd	Ed Cooper	21st	Christan Rawson
4th	Jerry Briggs	23rd	Jobe Law
	Noah Smith		Barry Black
	Diana Richardson		Janet Zamzow
5th	Bryce McKinney		John Standing
6th	Kenadi Janacek	26th	Jeren Hanks
	Sofia Zahn		Jenny Cate
12th	Allie Herring	28th	Chris Huggins
14th	Terri Foltermann		Chelsea Currie
	Cathy Hayes		Chip Zahn
16th	Zachary Kissinger		Will Neyland
17th	Robert Hailey	30th	Mark Hailey
	Deborah Hicks		Richie Black
	Matthew Kamas		
18th	Bob Otto		

# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <b>LABOR DAY</b> Church Office Closed	3 1st Day for Preschool Prayer Committee 11:30am Church Conference Room	4 United Methodist Women General Mtg. 11am—Pioneer Cafe	5	6	7 <b>Emmaus</b> 4:00—8:00pm Activity Building & Sanctuary
Regularly Scheduled Events listed below!						
8 <b>Finance Committee &amp; Trustee Committee</b> After worship	9 <b>Praying Piecers</b> 9am-12pm <b>Christian Growth</b> 6:00pm <b>Luke Bible study</b> begins	10	11	12 <b>SPRC 6:30pm</b>	13 <b>SonShine Strummers</b> 4:00pm Parc at Tradtions Bryan	14
15 <b>Admin. Council</b> After worship	16 <b>MOPS</b> 10am-12pm	17	18	19	20	21
22 <b>Katie Kamas'</b> <b>Missionary Shower</b> After Worship	23 <b>Praying Piecers</b> 9am-12pm <b>MOPS-Playdate</b> at The Ranch	24	25	26 <b>Cynthia Hanks</b> <b>Gallery Opening</b>	27	28
29	30 <b>Luke Bible Study will be</b> <b>Every Monday 1-3pm in the Wisdom Classroom</b>					

Choir - Wednesdays 5:00pm-5:40pm	Girl Scouts - Wednesdays 4:30pm-6:00pm	Praying Piecers - Select Mondays
Clothes Closet Volunteer -	Youth - Wednesdays 6:00pm-8:00pm	United Methodist Women - 1st Mondays at 9:30am
Mondays 3:00pm-5:00pm	Men's Emmaus - Thursdays at 6:30am	Ukulele - Wednesdays 5:45pm-6:30pm <i>Beginner Lessons - Thursdays By Appt.</i>
Thursdays 9:00am-11:00am	Women's Emmaus - Wednesdays 7:00am & 6:00pm	

## Lectionary Reading for the Weekly Worship

September 1	Jeremiah 2:4-13	Psalms 81:1, 10-16	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14
September 8	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33
September 15	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	Psalms 14	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
September 22	Jeremiah 8:18-9:11, 4-10	Psalms 79:1-9, or Psalm 4	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
September 29	Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15	Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31-