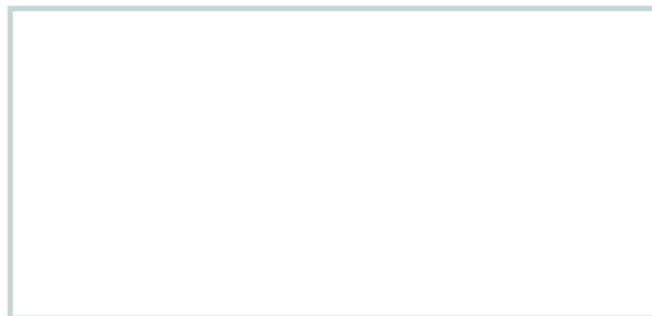


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Purpose Statement

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

"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14

I was a young leader in the church, responsible for Christian Education from our very youngest to our very oldest. I began leading a Bible study in my home on Paul's Letter to the Philippians. It was all women and one man. It would be around ten years later that I would understand the importance of that Bible Study from his perspective.

He participated and shared and laughed and pondered right along with the rest of us. We knew that he had lost his job, otherwise he would not have been able to participate in the daytime Bible study. What we did not know at the time is that the loss of job had made him question his self-worth and had thrown him into a deep depression that no one outside of his wife was privy to at the time.

Rev. Dr. Susan Brooks-Thislethwaite wrote in a 2009 article that "Work, whether a paid job or unpaid work in the home, as a caregiver, or in a volunteer capacity, is fundamental to human nature and its expression." Rev. Brooks-Thislethwaite went on to say that it is through work that human beings share "in the activity of the Creator." My student, I suspect at the time, would have agreed with this statement.

Saint Teresa Avila, a Spanish noblewoman who chose a frugal life in the Catholic Church in order to serve Jesus, would most likely respond to Rev. Brooks-Thislethwaite with her quote "Our Lord does not care so much for the importance of our works as for the love with which they are done." It is, I believe, not when we do works that we are most fully human, but rather when we are loving that we are most human and most participatory in the activities of the Creator. Yes, we were designed for work and sent out to work, but if we work absent of loving we will find our sense of worth - hollow. We might achieve everything and gain nothing. We might be lauded as reaching the highest level of human achievement to find its rewards are empty promises.

Upon reflection of Paul's letter, John Wesley wrote "It is not possible in the nature of things that a [person] should be happy who is not holy." Paul puts it this way in Philippians 3: 7-8

'Yet whatever gains I had; these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord...'

So, if today you are struggling with self-worth – for whatever reason – hear these steps from Paul

1. "Rejoice in the Lord always..." (Find joy in the Lord, who loves you, created you, and saved you.)
2. "Let your gentleness be known to everyone..." (Put away anger and practice kindness.)
3. "The Lord is near..." (Even when he feels far away and you wonder if he is seeing your need.)
4. "Do not worry about anything..." (Simply share your needs with God in prayer.)
5. "The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus..." (Your spiritual life with Christ will protect you during this time of struggle.)
6. "Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things..." (The things you focus on will shape your own sense of worth, so be careful.)
7. "Keep on doing the things that..." (Or as he said in 1 Corinthians 16:14; "Let all that you do be done in love.")

So, go out this day and push the limits of your love. Participate in acts of kindness. Think about honorable things. Lovingly do all that you do in work or play as if unto the Lord, who is the fullest expression of God's love. And find your worth in Christ. And know this, "I AM CONFIDENT OF THIS, THAT THE ONE WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK AMONG YOU WILL BRING IT TO COMPLETION BY THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST." Philippians 1:6

Pastor Polly

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, are available at the church. There will be a Shoebox Stuffing Party on Wednesday, October 23 during Youth Group. Some of the items needed are hair brushes and combs, toothbrushes, bar soap, socks, flip-flops, underwear, hats, scarves, mittens, crayons, pencils, small toys~just about anything that you would buy your own child or grandchild is welcome. These boxes will be distributed throughout the world, as well as to children living on Native American reservations in the United States.



God's love is demonstrated in a tangible way through each shoebox gift.



BIG WORK DAY
Thursday October 3
8:00am—2:00pm

Come help with the seasonal change out of clothes.

You can drop by for an hour or stay for the whole time~just come!



MOPS & MOMSNEXT

MOPS meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month in the Activity Building beginning at 10am. Please join is in October on Monday the 7th and Monday the 21st.

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

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY
1:00pm to 3:00pm
Luke Part 1
Wisdom Classroom



Sunday Small Groups
Begin at 9:00 am

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

Come join us!

Don't forget these new ways of giving.

FUMC
Amazon Wishlist

UMC-Market



Have questions? Call the church office.

fall FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 at 5:00PM

JIM & RHONDA MILLER'S RANCH
1884 Little Mississippi Cemetery Rd.

Come Join Us for Food, Fellowship, & Fun!
There will be Games and Fall Activities
for All Ages.
Music from the Praise Band.

The FUMP CORNER

We have started off the school year at full capacity which is 54 precious children. To that we say to God be the glory! We have been so blessed to have our amazing staff return to us from last year and in addition we have five individuals who have applied and been accepted to be substitute staff members. This has been such a blessing as in years past we have been very limited in the number of individuals to fill that role.

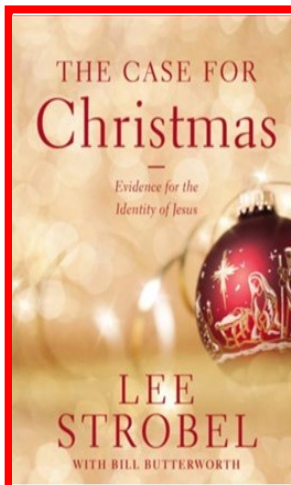
We ended September with a grand Grandparents Day at FUMP. The activity building was full to capacity as we watched grandparents spend precious time with their lovely grandchildren. What an honor it was to see so much love being displayed that day.

October will be a busy month too. The Franklin Fire Department will be visiting us and so we will be making Thank You cards to show our appreciation to them. We will continue to work on our letters, numbers, shapes and colors. This month our bible verse is Genesis 1:26 *"Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness..."* so we will be exploring who we are in God's image.

One of our songs this month is *Jesus Loves the Little Children* and he surely does.

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



Coming in December...

A church-wide Advent study during small groups on Sunday mornings.

More information to come.

Thank You!



Sew Much!!

Dear Franklin United Methodist Church,

You'll all be the best!! Thank you again for so generously allowing us to use your facility to hold our sewing camp this year. Your willingness to let us use your fellowship hall as a "workshop" for the week and display our workmanship is truly a blessing.

We would like to let you know that in addition to making projects for ourselves, we used this opportunity to make sun toys for new moms and their babies. We also began work on a Farm Animal quilt that will help raise funds for the Robertson County Fair.

Thank you again for giving us a place to have fun and learn sewing skills and for helping us help others.



2019 Robertson County 4-H Sewing Camp



The school year is in full swing and now the Worship Committee is planning events 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. Of course, sometimes a baby picture might not be available, so should that be the case, please participate by submitting whatever photo you can find. 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.

October:

October 20 – Laity Sunday Special music by Kimberly Perez

October 27 – Sermon presented by Gary Masterson

November:

We will have poinsettia order forms available so that members may honor someone special.

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.



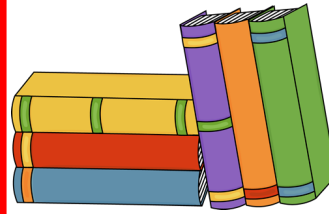
Many years ago, Stephen Curtis Chapman, released a song called "The Great Adventure." The refrain is:

"Saddle up your horses,
We've got a trail to blaze,
Oh oh oh,
Through the wild blue yonder of God's Amazing Grace,
Let's follow our leader into the Glorious unknown,
This is the life like no other, whoa whoa
This is the great adventure."

The song came to my mind when I considered the wonderful opportunity to serve our youth - "the great adventure!" As this adventure begins, we will be exploring "identity" together. What "identifies" the Franklin UMC Youth Fellowship? What is our purpose, both as a group and individually? Who decides what our identity is? Amidst the fun and fellowship, we will explore the great adventure that awaits us as we follow our leader Jesus into "the glorious unknown."

If you'd like to hear the song, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=co2HLwMBixY>

Peace,
Mary Kamas

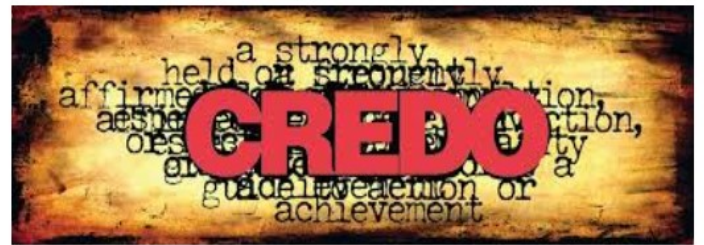


Lending Library

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 Sebie Harris
for your recent donation.*



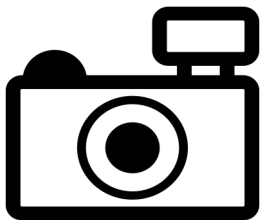
CONFIRMATION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR OUR YOUTH WHO ARE WALKING
THIS JOURNEY OF FAITH.

Sara Boyett
Austin Corn
Brody Huggins

Cooper Huggins
Cadie Martin
Mila Peterson

Lilly Reinhardt
Noah Smith
Anna Taylor



CHURCH DIRECTORY

WANT IN?

CALL THE CHURCH
OFFICE.

News from the Pews~Do you have news that you would like to share with your church family? Did your son or daughter make the Dean's List or loose a tooth? Has your spouse received a promotion or achieved a new personal goal? Do you have a new family member (pets included?) We want to celebrate with you by having a section in the newsletter with all this good news. Please email or call the church office with your good news items.

PRAYING PIECERS NEWS

We will be meeting on the 14th and 28th 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 outreach project.



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 Sonshine Strummers will perform at the Wheelock Pioneer Days on Saturday, October 5 from 11:00am to Noon. Watch the weekly worship guide for other dates that may come up during the month.



Prayer Committee



A large part of our purpose is to cover those in prayer who have requested it, whether in Sunday service or through the church office. If you have a concern, that you wish to remain confidential, it will be prayed over and held in strictest confidence by this committee. Just signify this when you fill out your request. Also, we would love to encourage your own prayer life. For that reason, we will be sending you a list of those lifted up on Sunday mornings by email on Monday, in case you could not attend or need a reminder. You should also notice that the prayer requests section in the church newsletter has been updated, with your help, we hope to keep it current.

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

It is time to start thinking about the



Once again the **Cookie Walk** will be held on the second Saturday in December, so mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 14.**

As we begin thinking about decorations we are looking for more artificial trees. Anyone wanting to, or thinking of, getting rid of their existing tree, and would like to donate it to the **Cookie Walk**, please contact Katherine Scasta at 979 229 0253 or at kascasta@gmail.com. Donating trees of any size is greatly appreciated.

It is also not too early to be thinking of those craft projects you want to donate to the Country Store this year and to start planning now for all the fabulous cookies you want to contribute.



Going to miss Sunday worship, but still want to give your weekly gift? Many people now use the bill paying function of their bank account to pay their household bills. Giving to the church is no different. Just set FUMC up as one of your payees and then if you know you won't be in church on any given Sunday you can click and send your weekly gift. Your check will arrive in the church's mail within a few days. It's convenient and secure. You can even set it up as a recurring payment and not have to worry about making out that check each week.



World Communion Sunday is celebrated October 6 by all United Methodist Churches.

On the first Sunday in October, United Methodist congregations join many Christian churches across the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday which began in 1933. "The term *Holy Communion* invites us to focus...on the holiness of our communion with God and one another," states *This Holy Mystery*, The United Methodist Church's official statement. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, which included all of the predecessor denominations of the United Methodist Church, adopted World Wide Communion Sunday. The global celebration occurs the first Sunday in October. Today, The United Methodist Church celebrates World Communion Sunday with congregations all over the globe. Followers of Jesus Christ in large churches and small, on farms and in cities, in ornate buildings and under tents, gather to receive the bread and cup of Holy Communion. Some will receive cubes of bread. Some will tear from a common loaf. Some will receive a wafer. Some will drink from a common chalice. Some will dip a piece of bread into the cup. Some will have individual glasses some will use wine; some juice. Some will offer both. Pastors will lead a variety of liturgies, in many languages. Clergy will dress traditionally, formally, and casually. Despite the differences in our denominations and traditions, we celebrate our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Excerpted in part from an article by Joe Iovino,
United Methodist Communications

Please...

...BEFORE
YOU LEAVE
CLEAN
UP



Reminder~~If your activity involves the use of church facilities, including the kitchen, the education building or the Sanctuary please ensure that everything

is left clean and orderly. All trash should be removed and sanitizing procedures followed. This will allow others to use the facilities before cleaning by the custodial staff. If you have any questions contact the church or preschool office. *Thank you!*

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.

Stephanie Broadus

Madison Sexton Wilcox

The Stacey Family

Ginger Mareth

Mike Allen
(Cynthia Hanks' Brother-in-Law)

Katherine Scasta

Barbara and Jim Eller

United Methodist Family of Faith

Tom and Bessie Fuller

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



Lay Readers

6th	Olivia Campbell
13th	Stephanie Broadus
20th	Jeff Ripley
27th	Sandra Hoegemeyer

Giving for Last Month

(as of September 26)

General Offering	\$	20,364.58
Building Fund	\$	2,575.00
Memorial/Designated~Other	\$	3,753.00

Ushers for October

Kevin Rawson
and
Jerry Rawson

Average Attendance
107



October Anniversaries

4th	Kevin & Christan Rawson
15th	Rex & Beth Vickers
22nd	Shane & Stephanie Broadus
24th	James & Lacey Buckner

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1st	Billy Davis	13th	David Homan
	Andy Harris	15th	Kenner Reinhardt
	Rachel Knight	17th	Laura Corn
2nd	LeAnn Lennie		Jo Callaway
5th	Wes Taylor	20th	Pastor Polly Standing
6th	Jacob Janacek	23rd	Paul Schultz
	Preston Thompson	27th	Drew Reed
8th	Brandon Kellum	29th	Bowen Campbell
11th	Elijah Michael		Hunter Rawson
12th	Teresa Callaway		
	Cindy Briggs		

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Clothes Closet Big Work Day 8:00am-2:00pm	4	5 SonShine Strummers 11:00M-Noon Wheelock Pioneer Days
Regularly Scheduled Events listed below!						
6 Finance Committee Connections Committee After worship	7 MOPS 10am-12pm	8	9	10	11	12
13 Trustee Committee After worship	14 Praying Piecers 9am-12pm	15	16	17	18	19
20 Fall Family Fellowship After Worship Jim & Rhonda Miller's Ranch	21 MOPS 10am-12pm	22	23 Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Packing Party during Youth Group	24	25	26
27	28 Praying Piecers 9am-12pm	29	30	31		

Luke Bible Study continues every Monday
1-3pm in the Wisdom Classroom

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
Thursdays 9:00am-11:00am	Women's Emmaus - Wednesdays 7:00am & 6:00pm	Beginner Lessons - Thursdays By Appt.

Lectionary Reading for the Weekly Worship

October 6	Lamentations 1:1-6	Psalm 51 or Psalm 137	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-104
October 13	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	Psalm 66:1-12	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
October 20	Jeremiah 31:27-34	Psalm 119:97-104 or Psalm 19	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
October 27	Joel 2:23-32	Psalm 65	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14