

Franklin United Methodist Church
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Franklin, Texas 77856



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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

Maybe it is due to my granddaughter getting her license, or maybe it is my turning 60, or maybe it is the cold weather, or the entrance of fall. But what ever it is I find myself thinking about seasons. Not the spring, summer, fall, winter sort of seasons but the events, opportunities, and failures that I come across in my everyday living kind of seasons. In Ecclesiastes, 3:1-8 these words are recorded:

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven; A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to throw away. A time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war and a time of peace.

So, these seasons of life are Biblical and to be expected. I wonder then why I seem to be so shocked when I move so quickly from *joy* to *disappointment*? And even more importantly, how do I give the disappointment the appointed time it is intended before willing myself to move beyond disappointment? After all Ecclesiastes 3:11 tells me that God “has made everything suitable for its time”.

Maybe I will start by acknowledging that there has been a past before this season of disappointment and there will be a season after this disappointment. Holding onto the truth that this is not the definition of my past and it will not be the definition of my future.

Richard Prichard states his belief that disappointment is one of the greatest tools in Satan’s arsenal. Going as far as to say, that if “Satan can get Christians to feel that their work is not good enough, not making a difference”, etc. can lead to apathy, disillusionment, inactivity, and even despair. So maybe the second step is to acknowledge that there are powers and principalities at work in this world but that they do not have the last word. After all scripture tells us that Jesus said: “I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” Matthew 16:18. The third step, then, would be to acknowledge that Satan is not, will not and can not prevail against the work of God, in His church - in His followers who are the church. God is the one at work in the Church, and in the lives of believers.

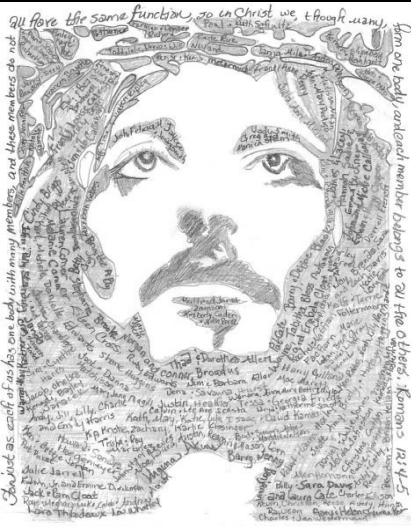
So, for the fourth step I will identify and name any fear, worry, or pridefulness that might be associated with the disappointment. I will speak it aloud to God, I will breathe deeply, and I will open my hands and heart to receive what God has for me. Once I have identified and named it, I will seek to change that which I am able to change and to work to accept that for which I have no control over. To do this, I will take a fifth step to look up to God, and embrace my truth – that I trust Him. There is no one else to whom I will turn. To trust Him, is to act on faith and claim the promise that He has plans to prosper me and not to harm me. That He has already given me hope and a future through Jesus Christ His only begotten Son. And I will choose to believe that Jesus did not come to condemn but to save me, from myself and all the fears, pridefulness, worry, and disappointment that come in seasons of my life. I will choose to remind myself of those truths reciting Jeremiah 29:11 and John 3:16&17 that free me from fears, anxiety, worry, and pridefulness.

Last, I will turn my attention outside myself. I will seek to be an encourager to others. I will find ways to meet the needs of others. I will fill my mind with good thoughts – in books, music, shows, games and conversation. And in this way, when disappointment rears its ugly head, I will acknowledge it but give it no power. I will speak of its passing and embrace that new season of joy that is right around the corner.

I hope you will join me in acknowledging God is at work in our lives and offering Him praise in the midst of all circumstances – even the seasons of disappointment. Remember the promise from Romans 8:31-39 “nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus”.

If you need a good song to remind you that God is not done with you yet, look up “There Was Jesus” by Zach Williams and Dolly Parton, “Look Up Child” by Lauren Daigle, “God’s Not Done With You” by Tauren Wells, “You’re Not Through With Me Yet” by Jonathan & Emily Martin, “Praise You In This Storm” by Natalie Grant, and Lauren Daigle’s “You Say”.

Pastor Polly



Be One

Sermon Series

Week 1 Be One, In Ministry and Mission

[My Weapon](#), by Natalie Grant prepares us to Be One in the missions of life.

Week2 Be One, In Presence

Check out this song/video by Danny Gokey that reminds us what God really wants from us. [Love God, Love People](#)

Week 3 Be One, In Prayer

These songs prepare us and remind us that we can Be One in prayer. [Pray](#), Sanctus Real; [When We Pray](#), Tauren Wells and [My Prayer for You](#), Alisa Turner

Week 4 Be One, In Giving

Sidewalk Prophets' song [Give It All Away](#) .tells us that all we have was given to us and that we can Be One that gives it all away.

Week 5 Be One, In Thankful Living

Be One and you can live a thankful life in many ways as is confirmed in these songs. [How Can It Be](#), Lauren Daigle and [Shoulders](#), For King and Company

And of course be sure to watch and learn the theme song of the sermon series, which is beautifully sung by Kimberly Perez.

BE ONE



"Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world" (James 1:26-27).

The book of James doesn't pull any punches. Last week at FUMYF we began exploring God's instructions and exhortations in this valuable letter. We discussed how we can practice a "pure and faultless" religion by caring for the vulnerable in our lives, our community, and the world. Participating in the Operation Christmas Child boxes certainly fits. This month the youth will build planter boxes for the Franklin Nursing Home.

Big shout out to the wonderful people that provide our meals each youth night!
We appreciate you!

Thank you to Julie Jarrell for her faithful service to our youth every Wednesday night.



Wednesday, Nov. 4th: FUMYF in Activity Building (6:00 - 8:00 pm)

Wednesday, Nov. 11th: FUMYF, the youth need to be in the activity building by 5:30 for a special event.

Saturday, Nov. 14th: Ice Skating in College Station. Meet @ church at 1:00. Bring warm clothes.

Wednesday, Nov. 18th: FUMYF will change locations in order to build planter boxes. We will meet @ the Kamas' home at the regular time.

Sunday, Nov. 22nd: 11:45 Head out to Kamas' together and finish building the planter boxes. Lunch will be provided.

Wednesday, Nov. 25th: NO FUMYF. Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, Dec. 6th: Youth Christmas party, more info to come

February 19-21st: Ignite Youth Retreat for 7th-12th graders. More info to come.

In Christ's love,
Mary



Music Note:



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

"There's a Song In the Air" again. The Choir is coming back. Practice will start again on Wednesday, November 11, beginning at 5:00 p.m. If you've thought about a good way to support our church, then the choir might be the perfect place for you~COME ON! We have a chair just for you! That chair will be set up for social distancing and we will be wearing masks, but the music that will come from behind those masks will most certainly be heavenly!

"Sing"cerely, Rhonda



THANK YOU CORNER

I want to send a word of thanks to the members of this family of faith.

So many of you spoke and sent cards full of kind words. Your kindness showered me with love.

I am truly blessed to be serving alongside you all here in Franklin. And especially blessed to be accepted in this family of faith.

I thank you and love each one of you. You have no idea of the amount of joy, happiness, and thankfulness you have brought into my life.

Pastor Polly



Most of the coats have been passed out. I wish you could see the faces of the children as they get to come pick out their new coat for the winter. They are so excited. I truly appreciate all you ladies do

for our children here at RRE.

Thanks again!

Kimberley Hudson
Professional School Counselor
Roland Reynolds Elementary
Franklin ISD

Also, A big THANK YOU to Diana Hutchison for coordinating the coat requests from the school.

MANY, MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE for the cards, texts, phone calls and a stream of AMAZING food after my recent surgery! It truly was a huge support and help during that time. But I am most appreciative of the PRAYERS!!! They were felt and heard. Andy and I are truly blessed by our wonderful church family!



Cathy Reed

Thank you for all of the birthday wishes. I am truly blessed to be a small part of this faith family.
Frances

The FUMP CORNER

Fall is definitely in the air and we are so excited about it! I had the privilege of visiting family in Angel Fire, New Mexico during October. The trees were changing colors and the Aspen Trees were beaming in golden splendor. God's beautiful landscape is amazing and so is He. During October the FUMP staff celebrated Pastor Polly and Frances Boyette by serving lunch in honor of their birthdays and Pastor Appreciation Month. The 3 and 4 year old classes sang Jesus Loves Me while signing part of the song. Pam Cloat has worked hard in music class teaching our littles some sign language. We are always proud to show off the fruit of our labor by letting the children sing of Jesus' love.

We are continuing to teach the children about the Fruit of the Spirit. October's focus was kindness and antibullying month. This month we are focusing on peace which is available to all believers as we abide in Christ. Children will know peace comes from God and is a Fruit of the Holy Spirit. November is usually when the preschool serves our FUMP families with a Thanksgiving Feast and a Silent Auction of items our littles have helped to create. Due to the state of our world due to COVID-19 Pandemic, we are not able to offer this great meal and time of fellowshiping with our families' however, we will offer a virtual silent auction. It may not be the way we would like for it to go, we are making the best of a less than ideal situation.

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.
Ephesians 6:18 NIV*

Please be in prayer that God give Maria and me wisdom as we lead and guide our staff in this precious ministry. Continue to pray for the health and safety of our staff, FUMP Families and community. We appreciate your love and support.

In Christ,
Sherry Buchanan,
Director FUMP



Non-Traditional Giving Opportunity

On Amazon, the church has a [WISH LIST](#) that contains various items used to carry on the busines of the church. You can purchase items for the church 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 links (above and below) or by searching in Amazon by the church's name or email address.

FUMC Amazon Wish List

Thank you to the anonymous donor for the sanitizers~those help us keep the church safe for all worshipers.



“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father’s house there are many rooms. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.” John 14:1

As we come to All Saints Day this November 1, let us remember those dear ones who have left us this year. Let us also be reminded that they now occupy one of those magnificent rooms

prepared for them by our Lord Jesus and that we will one day be blessed to join them in that glorious place. As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, let us also appreciate the many ways that these friends blessed our lives.

**Edwin Cooper
Pat Medart
Ginger Mareth**

“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his faithful love endures forever.” Psalms 107:1.

This year can and will be different. We can live with intention during these long days, knowing that the years ahead will fly by. As we move through November with all things pumpkin and turkey, consider that it is possible to have a Thanksgiving season filled with gratitude experienced by parents, children, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends. Gratitude is an instant perspective shifter. We center our thoughts around what we have rather than what we are missing. It becomes harder to be grumpy or sad. Don’t we all have so many things that we can be truly grateful for this Thanksgiving?

Let’s begin by thanking God for our Pastor and Church staff and for our congregation. We have a love and an appreciation for each other that is a treasure in every sense of the word. We can build on that. Maybe just add one blessing to a list each day so that by Thanksgiving, there is a long list of things to celebrate.

God bless you all. Wishing you love and many blessings this Thanksgiving Season from the Worship Committee.

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.

Deborah Hicks, Worship Committee Chair

Lecti onary Readings

November 1

Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

November 15

Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123 or 76
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

November 29

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

November 8

Joshua 24:1-4, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

November 22

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46



November 1 is All Saints Day, a sometimes-overlooked holy day in United Methodist congregations. It is not nearly as well known as the day before, All Hallows' (Saints') Eve, better known as Halloween, but is far more important in the life of the church. John Wesley, founder of the

Methodist movement, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley calls it "a festival I truly love." On the same day in 1788, he writes, "I always find this a comfortable day." The following year he calls it "a day that I peculiarly love." This may sound odd. United Methodist don't believe in saints, Right? Well, yes...and no.

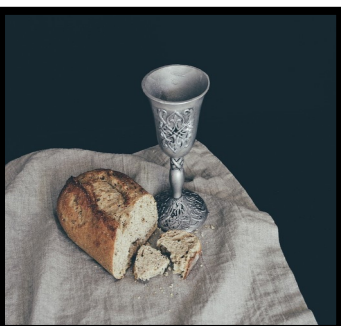
From the early days of Christianity, there is a sense that the Church consists of not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us. For example, in Hebrews 12 the author encourages Christians to remember that a "great cloud of witnesses" surrounds us encouraging us, cheering us on.

All Saints Day is an opportunity to give thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith. It is a time to celebrate our history, what United Methodists call the tradition of the church

We pray most especially for all those of our faith family that have left us this past year.

**Edwin Cooper
Pat Medart
Ginger Mareth**

Excerpted in part from an article by Joe Iovino who works for UMC.org at United Methodist Communications. Click [here](#) to read the full article.



Would you like to have communion delivered to you at home? If so, Please contact Julie Jarrell at 979-255-2966



Sunday Small Groups at 9:00 am

ARK - Nursery, Pre-K & Kindergarten

Kingdom Kids - 1st thru 4th grades

Encounter - 5th thru 8th grades

Fusion - 9th thru 12th grades

Journey - Adult

Home Builders - Adult

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The world is full of pain, need, isolation and desperation, but God has a plan. We are God's chosen tool for hope and change. This video is a call for the people of the church to step up. Will you be a part of it? Will you BeOne?

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Prayer Committee

Are you getting the weekly email of Prayer Request from Your Church Family? If you are not, 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

November Monthly Mission

HOLIDAY FEAST OF SHARING

2020 has been an interesting year to say the least. There are new restrictions and guidelines to follow, but those must not be used as an excuse to ignore the needs of our community. This may mean that things will have to be done a little differently, and that's okay.

This year's Holiday Feast of Sharing will be December 5, and it will be one of those events that looks a little different in order to keep with social distance practices and current restrictions. Chicken breasts will be grilled on the courthouse square! There will also be baked potatoes, green beans, rolls and plenty of desserts. While this may not look like a traditional holiday meal, it will still be cooked with love and enjoyed by many! Volunteers are essential in this process. dessert bakers, delivery drivers, runners, food prep, and grill masters will be needed!

While several monetary donations have been made to almost cover all the costs of the Feast, and more will gladly be accepted, your volunteer time is where the greatest need is.

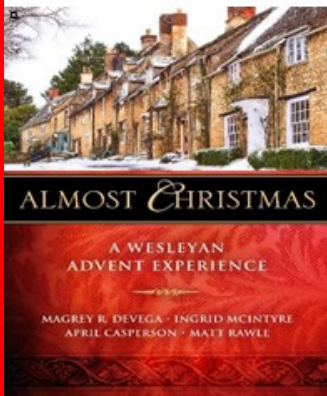
December Monthly Mission

CHRISTMAS ANGELS



Every year the churches and businesses in the Franklin Community join together to provide Christmas Gifts for children in need in the Franklin ISD area. We consolidate our lists and divide them up...our church family will be providing presents for 20-25 children this year. The wish lists for these children will be available by **Sunday, November 22** and wrapped presents are due back by **Sunday, December 13**. If you would like to sign up to be a blessing to a child (or several children) please let us know. You can buy and wrap the gifts yourself or provide a monetary donation and others will shop for you! **More information will be presented at worship services** and will be available in the church office or contact Beth Vickers at 979-255-1406 or rexandbeth@gmail.com.

Suggested value of presents per child is \$75-\$100 and items purchased on Black Friday or on sale should be counted at their normal retail price.



NEW ADVENT STUDY

9:00 - 10:00am

Come join the church family in Sunday Morning Small groups as we get ready for Christmas. Our Advent Study will begin with an initial gathering on Sunday, November 22 and

continue with four sessions on November 29, and December 6, 13 and 20.

All Adults will gather in the Activities Building. Youth and children will meet in their classrooms.

For more information contact Meghan Moran at 979-240-4195 or meghanlmoran@yahoo.com



**NOW BACK
OPEN ON
BOTH
FRIDAY AND
SATURDAY.
9AM-12PM**

November Meetings

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| Missions Committee | Tuesday, November 10 | 6:30pm |
| Admin. Council | Sunday, November 15 | Aft. Worship |

Weekly Meetings

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| Women's Emmaus | Wednesdays | 7:00am-8:00am |
| Choir Practice | Wednesdays | 5:00pm |
| Youth Group | Wednesdays | 6:00pm |
| Men's Emmaus | Thursdays | 6:30am-7:30am |

**Just a reminder that the church office will be closed on
Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27.
HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 9AM TO NOON

Cookie Walk

It's that time of year again...time to decide on which Cookies you will be baking for our 6th Annual Cookie Walk Fundraiser! All proceeds go to pay off the Building Note! If you are new to FUMC you may be asking

"What is a Cookie Walk?"

Tables and tables of **HOMEMADE COOKIES!** Sold by the pound.

What do we need from YOU?

****COOKIES, COOKIES AND MORE COOKIES!****

We need many varieties of fresh-baked delicious cookies; good old-fashioned ones as well as fun new creations.

Details: All must be Homemade Goodies. (Fudge and Candies are also welcome) Each family is asked to commit to making a MINIMUM of 5 pounds (which should be about equivalent to a double or triple batch, maybe 4-5 dozen). They should be fresh baked that week. Cookies can be made by people individually or some work in teams at the church. We really need medium or smaller size, attractive cookies that have a little weight to them. Larger ones are fine if they are specialty...we often bag those individually or in small batches. Festive Christmas cookies are a big hit. We don't need too many of the ordinary cookies (plain chocolate chip, etc) no matter how delicious, they don't sell quite as well at these type of events, so although we still need them, we will limit the number of basic cookies. Please call the church or Beth Vickers (979-255-1406) to sign up and let us know what variety of cookies you are bringing (that way we don't have too many of the same kind!). We will need the cookies delivered to the church by Friday, December 11.

****CHRISTMAS STORE ITEMS****

We will once again have a fun Christmas Store. We need unique "select" items that can be bought for Christmas presents or used as decorations. Suggestions: Decorative gift baskets filled with goodies, homemade jams, specialty breads, fun or beautifully crafted items ...please call church office or Beth Vickers to let us know what you are planning to provide for our Christmas Store. Unfortunately, due to the Covid virus, Mrs. Clause and the elves will not be able to attend. They are quarantining at the North Pole.

Also, if you would like to help as a hostess on the day of the event, please let us know!

(Social distancing will be enforced and all participants and visitors will be required to wear masks.)

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.

Furman Richard
Grady Harris
Peggy Cooper
Shirley Keen's granddaughters
Samantha & Sarah
Tonya Boyette

Tom and Bessie Fuller
Julia Ann Michael
Keith Foltermann
Mike Allen
(Cynthia Hanks' Brother-in-Law)
All Students

The Stacey Family
Katherine Scasta
All Teachers & Educators
Chip Blevins
Amy Huggins' uncle
Mark Hailey



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

Ushers for November

Ken & Noah Reinhardt

News from the Pews~ We want to know, and share with others, your Good News. 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. Please email or call the church office with your good news items.

ELECTRONIC GIVING~ TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT!!

It really is very easy to give electronically. One click is basically all it takes. When you get your Worship Guide email each week there are links to both the new PayPal and Venmo accounts on the back page of the Worship Guide. There are also links in the signature of the email. Clicking on those links will take you immediately to the page where you can enter your giving amount and complete the process. You can indicate how to apply the amount you are sending (Giving; Building; Mission, etc.) No more need for writing checks~just indicate the split (\$100 giving; \$100 building.)

ANY questions do not hesitate to give the church office a call (979-828-3355.)

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1st | Julie Foltermann Jones | 18th | Ariel Campsey |
| 4th | John "Carty" Hicks | 20th | Laura Hailey |
| 5th | Frank Perry | | Douglas Campbell |
| | Sara Davis | 21st | Avery Rawson |
| 6th | Maria Zahn | 23rd | Tanja Peterson |
| | Felicia Smith | | Roye Moran |
| 9th | Jack Cloat | 24th | Julie Neyland |
| 12th | Sarah Stem | 25th | Greg Stem |
| | Brent Lennie | | Ken Reinhardt |
| 15th | Anna Taylor | 26th | Seth Kissinger |
| 16th | Toni Black | | Donna Otto |
| | Bryan Kellum | 28th | Kenneth Jordan |
| | Toni Chanley | | Jim Callaway |
| 17th | Diana Hutchison | | Finley Poe |

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY

10th Steve & Charlene Conrad



Giving for Last Month

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|---------------------------|----|-----------|
| General Offering | \$ | 16,010.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ | 5,560.00 |
| Memorial-Designated-Other | \$ | 1,129.90 |

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