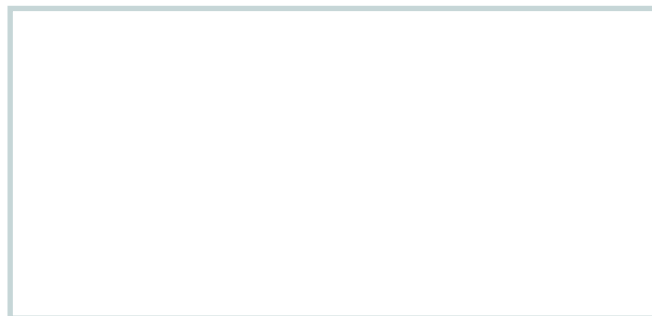


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Purpose Statement

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

"Whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction so that we could have hope through endurance and through the encouragement of the scriptures." Romans 15:4

I want to introduce to you the three women who together are the answer to a need we have been working to fill since early 2019. This has been a long time coming but in light of the 2020 COVID-19 year it seems quite understandable. We know that God's timing is perfect. And we are excited about the future for children, youth, and their families here at Franklin United Methodist.



Kim Perez - She will be filling the Family Ministry Director position. She will be responsible for our church family's overall ministry to Children and Youth. This includes, oversight and administration over our monthly events, summer activities, weekly events both Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. She will also be serving as our worship leader, working with our amazing music team, choir, praise band and worship committee. That is a huge task which we believe God has equipped her to do. Luckily, she has two great individuals working with her Destiny Havard and Mary Kamas. (Besides her kids Caden and Nella). Kim officially begins Feb 1st.



Destiny Havard - She will work with our youngest kiddos through her position as the Lead Nursery Worker. She will be working directly with the toddlers during the Sunday School hour to ensure that they begin their faith journey at the church as early as possible. In addition, she is responsible for preparing the Children's sermons that will be implemented by volunteers during worship. She will also be working with children during out Sunday Evening praise and prayer events, which are in the planning stage as we speak. She is new to Franklin and the church. But eager to be part of both.



Mary Kamas - She is a long-time member of the church and has been working as the Youth Director now for a couple of years. We are glad to say she is still motivated and excited to be working with our awesome youth! Her own large family prepared her for this position, as she has eight children. She will continue her work with the Students weekly Wednesday activities providing mission, worship, fellowship, discipleship opportunities throughout the year.

There are several volunteers who help to meet the needs of our children and youth through our Sunday morning programing. Let me introduce them to you.



Meghan Moran - Serves as our Christian Education Chairperson. Combined with her strong faith, her training as a public-school teacher will be of great assistance when she heads up the Sunday evening Lenten Studies scheduled to begin the Sunday following Ash Wednesday, February 21.



Julie Jarrell - Assists Middle School Sunday morning classes. She fills the room with joy especially if you are talking about the grace of God! P.S. don't play Bible quiz games with her - I think she has a photographic memory!



Elizabeth Reinhardt - Teaches our Elementary education Sunday morning class. Kindergarten - 4th grade. As a retired teacher she brings a wealth of educational experience as she shares her faith with God's young followers.



Julie Neyland - serves as our High School Sunday morning leader. She is a public-school teacher, who enjoys being able to share her faith with students! She is not afraid to get real with her students.



Beth Vickers - Teaches Middle School Sunday morning classes which include 5th - 8th grade and leads our confirmation classes. She is always prepared and has a passion for seeing faith come alive in her students.



Andy Reed - Assists Middle School Sunday morning filling in as a substitute teacher. He is a quiet man of faith whose laughter is infectious! Just tell him a joke and you will see what I mean.

Together this group of amazing individuals through their teaching of God's word will, as it says in Romans 15:4, bring hope to the children and youth that God allows us teach. They **cannot** do this alone. Please **pray** for these individuals, who are helping us fulfill the commandment to train up children in the way they should go! **Volunteer** when and where you are able. And **offer financial support** to the ministries and missions that they work so diligently to provide. Together we will share the Word of God contained in the scriptures and in doing so give hope to our children and youth.

Pastor Polly

Youth

Last week during youth group, we watched a video lesson by Tim Tebow. He read the story of the boy offering his five barley loaves and two fish to Jesus, which He used to feed over 5000 people (John 6:8-10). Tim explained that whatever we have to offer to Jesus, small though it might appear, Jesus will use to produce extraordinary results. Will you prayerfully consider what you can offer to Jesus for the youth of our church?

Adult volunteers are needed on Wednesday nights. Undoubtedly, Jesus will use any offering of your time to produce extraordinary results for His kingdom. If you are willing to come hang out with us on a regular basis (weekly, once-a-month, etc.), please contact me.



Wed., Feb. 3rd: FUMYF in Activity Building (6:00 - 8:00 pm)

Wed., Feb. 10th: Youth Council Meeting @ 5:15 pm

Wed., Feb. 10th: FUMYF in Activity Building (6:00-8:00 pm)

Wed., Feb. 17th: NO FUMYF -

All youth are invited to participate in the Ash Wednesday service.

Wed., Feb. 24th: FUMYF in Activity Building (6:00 - 8:00 pm)

Feb. 19-20: Ignite Youth Retreat

All youth of our church are invited to join us for this retreat. Due to Covid concerns, it will not be an overnight event. We will begin Friday night @ 6 pm in the Activity Building then return to sleep in our individual homes. At 7:30 Saturday morning, we will return to the church to travel together to Carolina Creek Retreat Center in the Huntsville area. The events at Carolina Retreat Center are scheduled from 9:00 am -9:00 pm. The cost of the weekend is \$50 per person, which will be covered by the church for youth registered by Feb. 3rd. If you need registration forms and information, please contact me.



In Christ's love,

Mary

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The FUMP CORNER

♥ *Happy Valentines Day* ♥

The preschool celebrated Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on January 14th. Chief Terry Thibodeaux and Lieutenant John Key visited with the children about Stranger Danger and how Police Officers are here to keep people safe. Many of the children were eager to sit in the police car, but others were not willing to try it. We are so blessed to have our Franklin Police Department. January 12th the older classes had planned a walking field trip to Duffey Drugs to deliver a card for Pharmacist Appreciation Day. Due to the snow still on the ground we had to reschedule for later date.

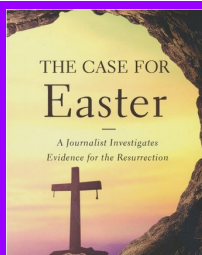
February is such a fun month celebrating Valentines Day. The children love giving cards to their friends. The Valentine's boxes are so cute and creative which adds to the excitement. The children will learn about God's love for them and His faithfulness.

A hard decision was made to cancel our Annual Daddy Daughter Dance in February due to the spike in COVID-19 cases. It is our goal to have two other fundraisers to enable us to purchase needed items for the preschool. In February, we will be selling Butter Braids Pastries. For those of you who have tasted them in the past, you know how delicious they are. If you haven't eaten these pastries, you don't know what you are missing. The pastries will go on sale January 26th through February 11th. Please contact the preschool if you are interested in ordering. We appreciate your support.

For the Word of the Lord is upright. And all His work is done in faithfulness. Psalm 33:4.

Continue to pray for the preschool as we minister to these precious families.

In Christ,
Sherry Buchanan, Director FUMP



Lenten Bible Study

**Sunday evenings
in the Activity Building**

February 21 and February 28

March 21 and March 28

We will begin with a family potluck meal from 5 p.m. until around 5:30. Then kids will go do activities, and adults will watch the video together and do that evening's session. (This is definitely a study that 7th grade and older could participate in.) For more information contact Meghan Moran at (979) 240-4195 or meghanlmoran@yahoo.com



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 Richards

All those suffering during this pandemic

Grady Harris

Julia Ann Michael

Katherine Scasta

Tonya Boyette

Keith Foltermann

Tom and Bessie Fuller



And here I stand, everything is Yours, Lord
All I am, humbled by Your love
Take Your place, Jesus, be the center
I am nothing without You

Love Shine Through by Tim Hughes

February is the month we celebrate love – all those we love – spouses, friends, children, grandchildren, relatives, co-workers, church family, even pets. It has become a lucrative time for card publishers, florists, chocolatiers.

In terms of worship experience, perhaps this is a time to reflect on what love means to us. Maybe this could be a time to find a way to love the unlovable or forgive someone who has caused hurt. We can grasp this opportunity to show our love and concern for others through acts of kindness and compassion. We can share Gold’s love with the world around us. We can make something very good out of this special day.

Therefore, God’s chosen ones, holy and loved, put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, accepting one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a complaint against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so also you must (forgive). Above all, (put on) love – the perfect bond of unity. --Colossians 3:12-14

Let’s take time to reflect on what Valentine’s Day means, or can mean, to you.

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



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

Giving for Last Month

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Rows include General Offering (\$15,905.00), Building Fund (\$1,815.00), and Memorial-Designated~Other (\$250.00).

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY



22nd Kenner & Elizabeth Reinhardt

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Table of February Birthdays with columns for date and name. Includes Kristi Kissinger, Anne Vickers, Ronald Gresham, Warren Kastner, Wayne Huggins, John Callaway, Susan Nelson, Grady Harris, Anisa Zahn, Pat Turner, Tina Ripley, Lou Whatley, Christopher Zahn, and Joe Corn.

