

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

Praise the LORD from heaven! Praise God on the heights! Do the same, you young men - young women too! - you who are old together with you who are young. Psalm 148:1 and 13

This is one of my favorite pictures. It is John's Dad's hand holding his Great Granddaughter, Cadie's hands. There is so much captured in the photo. You can see the evidence of a life well lived in the bent and aged hand of Herb. You can see the fresh new life just begun in the smooth unwrinkled small infant hands of Cadie. In this embrace you can see the connection of two generations and the embrace is not a mere passing. It is just the beginning of a meaningful relationship that bridges the gap between years.

In this modern world in which we live, where more and more families are geographically separated due to jobs and the like, this image is even more important. Fewer children are cared for by older family members and instead their care is outsourced. More and more aging populations are choosing to live in closed retirement communities (over 50 in which there are no families with children living). More families are working two jobs and longer hours making extended family or neighborhood get togethers a luxury rather than the norm.



And yet today churches are still one of the few natural intergenerational spaces. But even there we often separate things by age. Some churches even have Sunday School at the same time worship is happening, which sadly assures that the services will be less and less intergenerational.

This gathering of the family of faith in time and space with young and old is Biblical. "you who are old *together* with you who are young" that is what the Psalmist says. In Titus Chapter 2, we are called as older women and men to teach and train the younger generation. You can't do that without a connection, a relationship. 1 Timothy 4:12 tells the young to teach by example and not be put down by their youthful age. You see the scripture is clear, we learn from one another. Our connection - our relationship with those who are not our own age matters. These relationships are the thread that keeps kids connected to church. It is the emotional connection that many ageing adults need during some of the loneliest and most isolating years. When these relationships are strong young and old feel at home in a gathering of any age. My own family has embraced this truth for a long time. Some of my own children's best friends are two generations older than them. And some of the most profound lessons in faith I have learned came from youth in the churches where I have served in ministry both as a professional and a volunteer. I still treasure the hands of a four-year-old placed upon my head at a local restaurant dinner table following a healing service where I had anointed and placed my hands upon those who came up for prayer. She looked directly into my eyes; the anointing oil still evidenced on her small bang covered forehead. Her sweet words have long been forgotten but not the power of the moment. I had been prayed for by one filled with compassion, and modeling what she had learned through intergenerational worship where she was not deemed too young to participate. And when she said Amen, I agreed yes LORD, let it be so. Amen

Pastor Polly

UPCOMING EVENTS

DUST OFF YOUR CASSETTES

TEASE UP YOUR HAIR

IT'S A TOTALLY 80'S PARTY

BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021

80'S THEMED DANCE PARTY

6:00-9:00PM

HOSTED BY FRANKLIN UMC YOUTH



**FRANKLIN UMC
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 12TH-16TH
YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

SIFAT Camp

June 12th-18th

Incoming 6th through 12th grade will have an opportunity to travel with us to SIFAT In Lineville, Alabama. SIFAT raises awareness of needs and global issues, providing opportunities for people to get involved



personally,
both to learn from,
experience and to
serve alongside
those with scarce
resources.



**Youth
Council**

**Youth Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 14th
@ 5:15PM**

Youth Ministry News April 2021

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Save the Date
Franklin UMC
Vacation Bible School
July 12th-16th
Preschool-5th Grade

Children's Ministry News April 2021

IGNITE

2TIMOTHY 1:6

Praise & Worship
Night
at Franklin UMC
April 11 at 6PM

The FUMP CORNER



He is risen...He is alive! We are eternally grateful for the sacrifice God made by sending His only son to take away our sins. Just the other night my three sweet little granddaughters spent the night. While taking their bath I overheard the eight-year-old talking to the five-year-old about sin. She was saying that she wished there was no sin in this world. I tend to agree with her that our world would be so much better without sin. The conversation then went to what Heaven would be like and how we will have a beautiful mansion, everyone will be happy, no pain, no sin...you catch the drift. Straight from the mouths of babes-I love to hear small children's conversations. Both of these precious granddaughters once attended FUMP and go to their own church. To teach the children and their families about God's love is our purpose at the preschool.

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be April 6th at the preschool. There are two types of kiddos at the hunt. Some will race to get as many eggs as they can, while the others pick up one and are ready to open it. It is a delight to watch.

I want to personally thank the Preschool Board members for their leadership and support. At our last board meeting, we discussed the finances, day-to-day operations of the preschool, and starting the interview process for an Assistant Director-yes, I said Assistant Director. Our amazing Maria Cottrell will be leaving to find a full-time job with benefits. She will be missed to say the least.

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year will open April 13th for our current enrollment and May 4th for new students.

I ask that you join me in seeking God's will and guidance for these specific prayers:

- Assistant Director interview and selection process
- Enrollment for the upcoming school year
- Training for current staff & any new staff for the next year
- Wisdom for myself to lead the staff according to God's will

In Christ,
Sherry Buchanan,
Director FUMP





The Worship Committee is happy to be meeting once again after a very long year to plan for meaningful worship activities in the coming months.

Please mark your calendars for these very special events in April:

- † Thursday, April 1 — 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday, a moving service that will provide a “Last Supper” experience for the congregation. Communion will be celebrated. (Held in the Activity Building with nursery available in the Education Building.)
- † Friday, April 2 — 6:00 p.m. Showing of the movie “*The Passion of the Christ*” in the Sanctuary. (Unaccompanied youth are required to have a permission slip to view.)
 - 6:00 p.m. First through Fifth Grade--meet in Activity Building for hot dogs, popcorn, drinks and a showing of “Inside Out”.
 - 6:00 p.m. Activities for Nursery through Kindergarten with snacks and viewing of “Veggie Tales Easter Movie”.
- † Sunday, April 4 — 10:15 a.m. Easter Sunday Service. Join us to celebrate Our Risen Lord! (No Sunday School today)
- Sunday, April 11 — 6:00 p.m. **Ignite**—A once a month praise celebration.

What a wonderful time for our congregation to be together and rejoice in fellowship and celebrate our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ!

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



April Mission of the Month U.M. ARMY

U.M. ARMY is an acronym which stands for **United Methodist Action Reach-Out Mission by Youth**. U.M. ARMY’s mission is: “To provide Christ-centered missions that serve people in need and promote spiritual growth and leadership development in youth and young adults.”

U.M. ARMY mission programs are an opportunity for youth, young adults and adult leaders to experience Christian growth through mission, worship and fellowship. Individual participants and church groups combine their strengths with those of other groups to meet home repair and maintenance needs of those unable to help themselves.

U.M. ARMY has been in mission since 1979. Our program is constantly growing in size and territory. We have managed to touch many lives over those years. Annually we have approximately 5,000 participants working on about 2,000 projects and now have several mission models that serve throughout the year.



One of our previous FUMC U.M. Army mission groups.



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

Home Builders - Adult

Wisdom - Adult

PLEASE NOTE~THERE WILL NOT BE SUNDAY
SCHOOL ON EASTER SUNDAY MORNING.
JOIN US FOR EASTER SERVICES
BEGINNING AT 10:15.

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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.

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:24

Our Amazon Wish List

has been updated with some new items that the church can use, please check it out at this link.

FUMC Amazon Wish List

This Wish List contains various items that might not be a priority in the church's budget, but that are needed. You can purchase items and they will be delivered right to the church. Of course, we want to acknowledge all the gifts, so be sure to fill out the gift receipt. You can access the wish list by following the link above or searching in Amazon by the church's name or email address.

**Thank You Jill Specion for your very generous gifts from
the Amazon Wish List!!**

Thank you for honoring
your loved ones with an
Easter Lily. You are welcome
to take it with you at the close of the
Easter Sunday Service April 4, 2021

In Memory of

Tommy and Betty Dowdy
By: Roye and Meghan Moran

Carl and Sebie Duffy and Dona Harris
By: Sebie Harris

Ina Joyce Frier and Johnny Slafka
By: The Kissing Family

Grandpa Honey
By: Kimberly, Caden & Nella Perez

Julie Hoegemeyer
By: Sandra and Howard Hoegemeyer

Mr. McBride
By: Debbie Harris

James Pye
By: Rhonda and Jim Miller

Richard Roye and Steve and Lillian Labuda
By: Roye and Meghan Moran

Mattie Smith
By: Joe E. "Jody" Smith

Herbert Tully Standing
By: John and Polly Standing

Dorothy White
By: Ken and Robbie Reinhardt

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By: Kenner and Elizabeth Reinhardt

In Honor of

James Harris
By: The Andy Harris Family

Julia Michael
By: Ermine Dieckman

Grandchildren David and Elizabeth Reinke
By: Bob and Donna Otto

John and Polly Standing
By: Carty and Deborah Hicks

Just Because

By: Julie Jarrell

National Day of Prayer

On May 6th, our church will join others around the nation in observing the National Day of Prayer. Details on how you can be involved will be coming soon.

Mark your calendar so you can join with other believers in prayer for our nation.

Prayer Committee



FOOD PANTRY WORKDAY APRIL 17

The Franklin Food Pantry gives food to approximately 100 families each month. Nearly 200 families qualify for food assistance. Area churches are responsible for distributing the food one Saturday morning every 9 weeks. **Our next scheduled work day is April 17.** Please join us from about 8:45 to noon to help distribute food to your neighbors in need. Just in case you do not know, the Food Pantry is located at 201 South Calvert Street here in Franklin. If you have any questions you can contact Laura Corn at 979-204-8593.

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
Sherry Killingsworth
Cynthia Hank's friend

All those suffering during the pandemic
Jon Black Family,
Friends of Chelsea Janacek

Tonya Boyette
Trooper Chad Walker Family



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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1st	Peggy Cooper	12th	Michael Homann
2nd	Bettie Jordan		Haley Caubarreaux
3rd	Katie Kamas	14th	Reagan Corn
	Shane Huggins	18th	Monica Stem
	Noah Reinhardt	20th	Pat Cate
	Zachary Davis	21st	Julie Jarrell
	Luke Moran	22nd	Eric Law
4th	Jack Hutchison	23rd	Sarah Davis
6th	Kyle Reinhardt	25th	Andy Scasta
	Laurel Lennie	30th	Debbie Harris
7th	Kevin Rawson		Jerry Rawson
8th	Lacey Buckner		
10th	Jason Bailey		
	Lilly Reinhardt		
	Lillie Ann Hinks		

April Meetings

Ukulele Band Wednesday, April 14 10:00am
(at Rhonda Miller's house)
Finance/Trustees Sunday, April 18 After Worship

Weekly Meetings

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



Ushers for April

Howard Hoegemeyer
Rex Vickers

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

9th Keith & Terri Foltermann
11th George & Becky Permann
22nd Kip & Kristi Kissinger
29th Jack & Pamela Cloat



Giving for Last Month

General Offering	\$	18,216.00
Building Fund	\$	1,410.00
Memorial-Designated~Other	\$	475.00

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