

Franklin United Methodist Church
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www.umc-franklin.org

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

"We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

Have you ever had one of those days when everything you try to tackle seems to go haywire? You begin to wonder what am I supposed to learn from this mess? I mean if God works all things together for good then I am thinking there must be something here with which I can work. Right?

That got me to pondering. What do I believe when I say all things work together for good?

I am not saying that everything that happens is good. Obviously, there are a lot of things that happen that are ugly, difficult, painful, traumatic, senseless, etc. The Bible tells us that we are not to "render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good," 1 Thessalonians 15.

I am also not saying that good things only happen to those who love God. And I am not saying God only loves those who love Him. Look at the words contained in Matthew 5:43-48 "You have heard that it was said, You must love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who harass you so that you will be acting as children of your Father who is in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both the evil and the good and sends rain on both the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have? Don't even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing? Don't even the Gentiles do the same? Therefore, just as your heavenly Father is complete in showing love to everyone, so also you must be complete."

What I do believe is that God can use all things to mold and make me more into the person I was meant to be. I believe difficult times teach me to rely on Him. I believe hurtful experiences can both teach me to be compassionate, learn empathy, and open my eyes to my own ways and words that might be hurtful to others. They also give me an opportunity to practice forgiveness. I believe that pain helps me to learn boundaries, to reevaluate priorities, and sometimes it teaches me to push through barriers I believed were impassable.

I know that my faith has always been sharpened, strengthen, and secured it the most difficult moments of life. And if that is what it takes for me to love God, depend on God, trust God more fully then bring on the difficult days. Cause my goal is not to go through life without pain, suffering, trouble, difficulty, loneliness, and fear. My goal is to grow in my dependence on God, to grow in my faith in His power to work all things for His good, and to believe so strongly in His promises that I will live them in the most difficult circumstances for His glory until that day when I see Him face to face in that Heavenly place where there will be no more suffering, sorrow, hatred, and hurt. Until then I will work to find the blessings in difficult times, the lessons in traumatic experiences, the way to love in a world where hatefulness is too easy to find.

Pastor Polly



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**KEEP CALM
AND
COME TO
YOUTH GROUP**

**We invite
6th-12th
graders to join
the Youth Group
Wednesday
nights from
6:00-8:00pm.**

**Youth Council
Meeting
Wednesday, October
6th
@ 5:00PM**

**Youth
Council**



We are looking for volunteers to help support our youth ministry on Wednesday nights. There are no special requirements for filling this role just a love for God, a heart for youth, and a willingness to serve! If you are interested please call the church office at 979-828-3355 or email us at franklinumc@gmail.com for more information.



**It's time for our annual church wide Fall Festival. We would love for families of all ages to join us on Sunday, October 17th beginning at 4:30pm for food, a family craft, fun, music, fishing & more!
Hosted by Jim & Rhonda Miller.**



Prayer Committee **Lifting Up our Youth** **THANK YOU!**

to those of you who signed up to be prayer partners for our youth. We have been able to assign partners to most of the youth~**BUT** we do need a few more partners (especially males.) Please consider this ministry. Contact Cathy Reed for details.

Prayer Requests

Please remember that if you are in need of prayer do not hesitate to contact the church office. Your prayers can be as private (pastor only) or public (prayer committee only and/or full congregation) as you wish

Questions or volunteering?
Contact Cathy Reed
(979-255-7281)

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



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.

October:

October 24 – Laity Sunday. Service planned and presented by our Youth. Our church is blessed with a group of talented and truly gifted young people. Be here to encourage them and expect to be blessed in a very special way.

There are several opportunities for service and fellowship that will be new and exciting in October. We encourage members to learn about these special events announced throughout this Newsletter and find the activities that provide the experiences that will enrich your worship and Christian life.

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 would be happy to have your input and participation. --Deborah Hicks

The FUMP CORNER



Happy Fall Ya'll! Summer has officially ended on the calendar and at the preschool. Fall leaves are beautiful! God's blessings are breathtaking! He painted the scenery for us to enjoy. Our FUMP kiddos will be learning about the beauty of God's creation.

Since the Pumpkin Patch is no longer in existence, only a memory, we started a new tradition two years ago at the preschool. It is a fun filled day of games, activities, and ministry called the **FUMPkin Fest**. If anyone would like to volunteer to serve a small snack or read a story to the children, please contact me. You will love all of the giggles and hugs from the little ones.

Our unit of study is God Made the World on days one through six and then He rested. Learning about the earth and all that it holds can be related to their real world. The children will hear stories of Creation, Noah and the Ark, the rainbow, and obedience.

We made a change in one of our two-year-old classes. Krista Hurst was originally hired as the preschool's aide. She will replace Crystal Vann who will now be the aide. This decision was made by Crystal after much prayer and deliberation. I feel confident both ladies will flourish in their new roles.

Our FUMP Staff is so grateful to the members of the Wisdom Class for giving their Sunday School Class to us. We have an extra classroom for a place for music and more teaching space for our non-nappers. Thank you for your vision, compassion, and support.

Keep the staff, children, and families in your prayers as we answer to God's call in ministry.

In Christ,

Sherry Buchanan
Director FUMP



Food Pantry Workday October 16

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 October 16.

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**. or LauraHCorn@gmail.com



Music Note:



*"Praise to the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for He is gracious and a song of praise is fitting."
Psalm 147:1*

WANTED: CHOIR MEMBERS!
No previous experience required!!

The choir is growing, BUT there are still plenty of seats available. So...Come join with us as we "sing to the Lord a joyful song."

Choir practice is on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month beginning at 5:00pm. If there is a 5th Wednesday that will be practice for solo's and ensembles.

"Sing"cerely, Rhonda



Celebrated October 3 by the 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. 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.

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




Upcoming

EVENTS



FALL FESTIVAL

It's time for our annual Fall Festival. We would love for families of all ages to join us on Sunday, October 17th beginning at 4:30pm for food, a family craft, fun, music, & more! Hosted by Jim & Rhonda Miller.



Family Movie Night

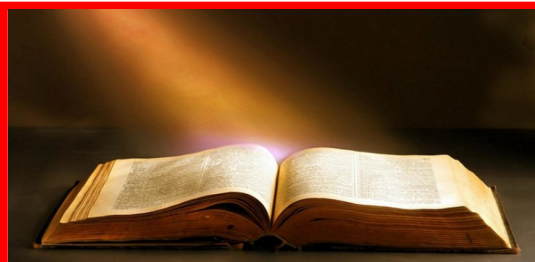
We will be showing *Monsters Inc.* on Saturday, October 23rd from 6:30-8:30pm in the Activity Building. Bring your lawn chairs, blanket, and a picnic dinner for your family to enjoy. Come dressed as your favorite Pixar Character. Root beer floats and popcorn provided!

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 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.



Bible Study

Beginning Tuesday, October 5 at 10:00am we will begin to study the Gospel of Mark. Mark's Gospel is a simple, succinct, unadorned, yet vivid account of Jesus' ministry, emphasizing more what Jesus did than what he said.

This study is open to all—men, women, young and “seasoned” are encouraged to come. If you cannot make it the first day, don't worry you can join us at any time.

Bring your Bible and a notebook and come join us in the activity building as we travel with Jesus and his disciples from Galilee to Jerusalem.

For more information contact John “Carty” Hicks or the church office.

Bible Study is more than just reading words in a book. Bible Study is an interesting and enriching exploration of scripture—its stories, people, history, context and meaning of God's Word. Through Study, the Bible can come alive and provide the way to a closer, fuller relationship with God.



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



Click below to see a short video.

What does it mean to be in a relationship with God? Jesus blew open the way to God so you can now "with confidence draw near to the throne of grace" (Hebrews 4:16) Your avenue to the throne of God is paved with prayer—simply talking to God.

Can you pray to God about anything? Yes. If fact, He wants to hear from you. He listens. He sees. You simply need to talk to Him.

God Wants You to Talk to Him

This is just one of the THOUSANDS of resources available through your **FREE RightNow Media account.**

Mission of the Month



We will again 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.

How are you doing on the One Year Bible Reading Plan?

There are plenty of the full year schedules at the church office if you need one.

Katie's Korner

STUDY IN LOCKDOWN

The last couple of months I have been studying the book of John using the Inductive Bible Study method. The intent is 1.) To spend time with God in His word and know His character more deeply 2.) To practice observation and understanding of biblical context AND 3.) To live out the biblical truths I learn along the way.

Thought I'd share a cool insight I had the other day. Part of the study method involves creating key word titles of each paragraph of the book to help me be more aware of the important people, events, themes, and words. As I was doing this the other day, I was struck by how Jesus has so much value for each individual. After His resurrection [John 20-21], He had so many personal conversations with some of his dearest friends like Mary Magdalene, Thomas, and Peter. It's incredible to see how Jesus lived so purposefully and simply - even after literally rising from the dead. And He lives like that in relationship with each of us -- taking time with us individually. He is the kindest.

Watch this space for monthly updates on Katie Kamas' mission experiences with the youth in Australia.

ELECTRONIC GIVING~ IT IS SO EASY!!

It is really very easy to give electronically. One click is basically all it takes. When you get an email from the church there are 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 etc.)

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

PAYPAL

<http://paypal.me/Franklintxumc>

VENMO

<http://www.venmo.com/FranklinTXMethodist-Church>



MOPS & MOMSNext

Are you a mom who:

- Would love some community and encouragement
- Enjoys eating a warm breakfast
- Could use a little break

Then we have a place for you to come, share, listen, relax, enjoy a meal, be served, meet new mom friends with similar stories and build a community of moms for Christ!

MOPS/MOMSNext meets every other Wednesday at the First United Methodist in the Activity Building from 9am to 11am.

We do provide childcare for a limited number of children so please be sure to call and register prior to dropping off

Please come as you are, we would love to have you!

Go to mops.org/join and enter code: DED9 for membership

If you are interested in joining, please call:

Brittany Gresham @ (979) 412-1467

MOPS FRANKLIN

Wednesday 9:00am-11:00am

Meeting dates

September
8th & 22nd

December
1st

March
9th & 23rd

October
6th & 20th

January
12th & 26th

April
6th & 20th

November
3rd & 17th

February
9th & 23rd

May
4th



2021-2022

fall **FELLOWSHIP**



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17
MILLER'S FARM
4:30PM

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

Hospitalized COVID patients

Pat Turner

All those suffering during the pandemic

Teachers and Students as they struggle with COVID

Tonya Boyette

Audrey Miller



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

October Meetings

Finance/Trustees

Sunday, October 10

After Worship

Weekly Meetings

Bible Study
A.S.K. Tutoring
Women's Emmaus
MOPS/MOPSNEXT
Choir
Youth Group
Praise Band
Men's Emmaus

Tuesdays	10:00am-Noon
Tuesdays	3:15-5:00pm
Wednesdays	8:00am-9:00am
Wednesday the 6th & 20th	9:00am-11:30am
1st & 3rd Wednesdays	5:00pm-6:00pm
Wednesdays	6:00pm
Wednesdays	6:30pm
Thursdays	6:30am-7:30am

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1st	Cooper Harper	13th	David Homann
	Billy Davis	15th	Kenner Reinhardt
	Andy Harris	17th	Laura Corn
	Rachel Knight		Joe Callaway
2nd	LeAnn Lennie Bachmeyer	20th	Rev. Polly Standing
6th	Jacob Janacek	23rd	Paul Schultz
	Preston Thompson	27th	Drew Reed
8th	Brandon Kellum	29th	Bowen Campbell
12th	Teressa Callaway		Hunter Rawson
	Cindy Briggs		



3rd	Terri Foltermann
10th	Meghan Moran
17th	Julie Neyland
24th	YOUTH SUNDAY
31st	Joe Corn

Ushers for October

Kip & Kristie Kissinger

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

4th	Kevin & Christan Rawson
15th	Rex & Beth Vickers
24th	James & Lacey Buckner



Giving for Last Month

General Offering	\$	20,967.00
Building Fund	\$	2,410.00
Memorial-Designated~Other	\$	435.00

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