

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

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



This new Sermon series “Living a Thankful Life,” has got me to thinking about gratitude. I was walking through my laundry room past the coat rack that hangs there and my mind paused. “There are only two of us living here yet look at the number of jackets hanging on these hooks. Have I ever been truly thankful for the warmth and protection they provide? Or has that simply become something I expect.” Sunday, we shared with the congregation the need to purchase about 25 coats for children in need. Children, for whom a coat is not a given. I think I will call the church office right now and put my name next to a coat as a tangible expression of my gratitude for the blessing of clothing.

Then I picked up the vacuum and began sweeping the floors and rugs. Again, my mind took me to a place of gratitude. “Look at this solid foundation under my feet. Each morning I wake and put my feet on the floor. How many people around the world have no solid flooring? How many people worry about the stability of their home, both the physical structure and the relationship of the people living within the house?” This year John and I celebrate 41 years of marriage in our solidly built home. Our home is built on our mutual love and faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. And I am grateful for that amazing foundation for ourselves and our family. Today, I think I will say a special prayer asking God to move profoundly in the lives of my children, grandchildren and friends to provide a strong foundation for their future, to increase their faith, and to fill their hearts with gratitude. As I vacuum the floors, I will lift my voice in prayer as a gift of thanksgiving.

When I finished vacuuming and sat for a minute in front of the TV I heard a conversation about the escalating costs of food and gas. I thought to myself, “how many people will struggle now to put food on their table right here in Franklin, Texas?” Then I remembered Laura Corn saying the food pantry wanted to give out Turkeys in November. That is a perfect way for me to thank God for the abundance on my own table. Maybe you would like to join me?

The truth is that when you begin to intentionally live a thankful life you begin to see the blessings that are all around you. An article in Forbes lists 8 ways to live thankfully:

1. Don't be picky; appreciate everything.
2. Find gratitude in your challenges. (Remember the phrase that which does not kill us makes us stronger).
3. Practice mindfulness. (Be present in the moments of your life).
4. Keep a gratitude journal/list. (Writing it down often makes something more real to us. Gives it value).
5. Volunteer. (Do something for someone else with absolutely no expectation of getting something in return).
6. Express yourself. (Use your God given gifts as an act of expression).
7. Spend time with loved ones, (Show them you value them by giving them the one thing that you cannot buy back or replace – time).
8. Find joy in many areas of your life, work, relationships, activities, family and faith. (Seeking ways to grow in all those places).

So, this series will not only remind you to live thankfully each day of your life in your homes, work, and schools, but it will also give us an opportunity to see how we might live thankfully in our faith life. How we might support the ministries and missions of the church that have been an active part of our faith journey. Remember, “Living a Thankful Life” is not about concentrating on what we can get, but rather about what we can give in an expression of gratitude for all God has done for us.

Watch for your “Living A Thankful Life” Packet that will be coming by mail. Inside you will find a “**Save the Date**” Card for a church wide worship and thanksgiving meal on **November 14th** 10:15AM in the Activity Building. The meal is being provided and every member and regular attendee is encouraged to attend. We want to celebrate with each one of you. See additional information about the dinner in this newsletter.

Pastor Polly



**Youth Council
Meeting
Wednesday,
November 3rd
@ 5:00PM**

**Youth
Council**



SAVE THE DATE



**Mark your calendars
for the Youth Christ-
mas Party on Wednes-
day, December 15th at
6:00pm**



Prayer Committee 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

Also, if you are at the church there is a Prayer Box in the Sanctuary where you can write your prayers for Sunday Worship.

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



Fall is here and the Worship Committee is busy getting ready for the holiday season by working toward enhancing the worship experience at Franklin UMC.

November:

November 7 – As we come to All Saints Day this November 7, 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.

Ruth Schultz

Julia Ann Michael

Herbert Tully Standing

November 14 – Veterans' Day Celebration. The worship service will take place in the Activity Building & will include special music, followed by a lunch prepared by the Finance, Trustees & Worship Committees.

November 21 -Christ the King Sunday.

November 28 – Advent Theme: **HOPE REVEALED** We will begin to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child.

**Mark Your Calendars~ ~November 22, 4:00pm—Decorating of the church for the Holidays.
Soup supper to follow decorating.**

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 Thanksgiving from the FUMP Staff.

What does Thanksgiving mean to you? To some it means food, family, football, fun, and Black Friday shopping. As a believer it is a holiday where we give praise and thanks to our Heavenly Father. This month the teachers will present lessons of gratitude to God for His blessings to our children. At the first Thanksgiving the Pilgrims gave thanks to God for His blessings. As I reflect on the meaning of Thanksgiving, it is not just a day. It is an action of our belief system. We should continually give thanks to God and ***not store up treasures for ourselves on earth but store up treasures in Heaven. Matthew 6:19-20.***

This month the preschool will hold its annual Thanksgiving Feast, feeding our children and their families. We ask the parents to donate food items if they are willing and able. The menu this year will be Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, and dessert. Some of our littles are not too fond of turkey so we have added some chicken nuggets. Most of the food is lovingly prepared at the preschool by the staff. It is a blessing to have the facilities to feed our families and thank them for entrusting their child to us. One of the highlights of the day is the Silent Auction. The teachers are working diligently creating items for the bidding. It is entertaining to see individuals up their dollar amount in hopes of purchasing their child's class project.

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In Christ,
Sherry Buchanan
Director FUMP



Bible Study

Tuesday 10:00am
Gospel of Mark

Bring your Bible and a notebook and come join us in the activity building.

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

IGNITE

2TIMOTHY 1:6

Praise & Worship
Night
at Franklin UMC

November 21 at 6pm

&
IGNITE
KIDS
6:30PM



Worship and Celebration Lunch

November 14, 2021 10:15am

Activity Building

Hosted by Finance, Trustee, and Worship Committees

It is our hope that every member and active participant of the church will join us for this celebration! It would not be the same without each and every one of you present.



IGNITE IS BACK SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST. FAMILIES WILL ENJOY A POTLUCK DINNER TOGETHER AT 6:00PM IN THE ACTIVITY BUILDING. AT 6:30PM THE KIDS WILL BREAK OFF TO ENJOY A TIME OF WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP & FUN WHERE THEY WILL GET FIRED UP FOR GOD THROUGH SCIENCE & MUSIC!



HELPING HANDS NEEDED!

VOLUNTEER IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



We need volunteers to help lead the time for Children during the Sunday worship service each week. All the sermons are prepared for you and emailed during the week prior to your scheduled Sunday. All supplies are prepped for you. If you are Interested in signing up to serve please contact the church office at 979-828-3355 or email franklinumc@gmail.com

Our Amazon Wish List

has been updated with some new items that the Church and PreSchool 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.



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

Choir practice will be every Wednesday during November and December in order to prepare for the Holiday season. Please join us Wednesday at 5:00pm.

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."

"Sing"cerely, Rhonda



Advent Study



The Christmas story, or Advent, is more than a sentimental myth or a quiet manger scene we use to decorate our living rooms. The Christmas story is the good news of God entering into our darkness. Join us beginning November 28 at 9:00am and

each Sunday morning at 9:00am during Advent in the Activity Building as we take a deeper look at Jesus as Emmanuel, our Wonderful Counselor, the Everlasting Father, and the great I Am. When you know Jesus, you will realize Christmas is more than a nice story—the arrival of Jesus changes everything.

The video study is led by J.D. Greear. Below is a link to view the trailer of the study.

[The Christmas Story](#)



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

Mission of the Month

HOLIDAY FEAST OF SHARING

*This year's Holiday Feast of Sharing will be December 4,
Join others in the Franklin Community as we continue
the 20+ year tradition of providing holiday meals to
those that may not otherwise receive such a blessing.*

Katie's Korner

I am grateful for the way you have been on this journey with me. We recently have been putting together some incredible resources here at YWAM Newcastle that I'm super excited about. This is a small taste of some of the innovative ways God has led us to 'Know God and Make Him Known' [our YWAM motto] in the last couple of months.

Engage Bible Webinar

Starting the last week of October, our YWAM center will be running a free 3-part webinar on Zoom to invite people to engage in knowing God more deeply as we study the Bible together. We will be using the tools of observing, understanding and applying God's Word. I will be involved as a breakout room facilitator - and am so pumped to chat with others about God and His Word. If you would like to know more about this - click above. I'd love for you to jump online with us!

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



Click below to see a short video.

Cooking, decorating, shopping, football, family festivities ... these are all ingredients to a full and chaotic Thanksgiving holiday. This thoughtful video illustration reminds us that there are a lot of elements that make Thanksgiving an American holiday, but the main ingredient is giving thanks to God.

Thanksgiving Without Turkey

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

NEW LADIES FELLOWSHIP GROUP STARTING IN NOVEMBER



CALLING ALL LADIES

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE FIRST GATHERING OF THE
TURQUOISE TABLE LADIES**

We are starting a ladies' group for fellowship, food, fun and games.

Our first gathering is on Thursday November 11 at 11:00 am in the FUMC Activity Building. We will start with a lite lunch. Please bring a sandwich. Chips, drinks and dessert will be provided by your hostesses Deborah Hicks and Julie Jarrell.

After we share our meal, we will have games. You can have your choice of dominoes, various card games or any game you would like to bring and share.

We hope this will be the beginning of a fun gathering. It's not just for FUMC ladies, so bring all your friends.

Hope to see you there!!!

For further information please call:

Deborah Hicks 979 255-8333

Julie Jarrell 979 255-2966

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

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 9AM TO NOON

Cookie Walk

It's that time of year again...time to decide on which Cookies you will be baking for our 7th Annual Cookie Walk Fundraiser! 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 10.

****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.

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

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
Sherry Smith
Tonya Boyette
Audrey Miller



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

*Join Us to Celebrate the
arrival of Tatum Rae*
In Honor of *Craig & Lauren Jodd*
Sunday, November 21st from 12:00-2:00
A light lunch will be served

**Franklin United Methodist
Church - Activities Building
116 W Decherd St.
Franklin, TX
Hosted by Friends of the Family**

**Bring a package of Diapers or
Wipes to be entered into the
Diapers & Wipes Raffle! Your
name is entered for each item
you bring to win a prize.**

Registered at Babylist.com
Contact Deborah Hicks if you have any questions 979-255-8333

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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	Felicia Smith	23rd	Tanja Peterson
	Morgan Broadus		Roye Moran
	Agatha Stevens	24th	Julie Neyland
9th	Jack Cloat	25th	Greg Stem
12th	Sarah Stem		Ken Reinhardt
	Brent Lennie	26th	Seth Kissinger
15th	Anna Taylor		Donna Otto
16th	Toni Black	28th	Kenneth Jordan
	Bryan Kellum		Jim Callaway
	Toni Chanley		Finley Poe
17th	Dianna Hutchinson	30th	James Stevens



7th	Julie Neyland
14th	Robbie Reinhardt
21st	Carty Hicks
28th	Carty Hicks

Ushers for November

Carty & Deborah Hicks

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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



Giving for Last Month (as of 10/28/2021)

General Offering	\$	22,054.00
Building Fund	\$	910.00
Memorial-Designated	\$	7,155.00

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