

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

"I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people." Leviticus 26:12

When I was younger, gift giving seemed a bit easier. I would just pick up something that seemed to fit the personality of the person for whom I was getting the gift. It was a surface kind of gifting. There was not a lot of thought put into the gift and it certainly did not require a personal relationship with the recipient that went beyond the acquaintance category.

But today, I find that I want to give something that helps the individual to see how much they are loved, valued, and cherished. These gifts require more thought, more time, sometimes more cash, in other words, these gifts require something more of me. They require a relationship.

God did just that when He looked deep into the needs of humanity and made the choice to give to us the only gift that could ever meet our needs. This gift comes to us at great personal cost to God. Because of God's desire for a relationship with mankind, and His desire to bring us back into a right relationship with Him we received the gift of Jesus Christ, the only begotten Divine Son of God birthed into the world in flesh and blood. We didn't earn the gift of Christ, nor deserve it. But still God gifted us.

It is my prayer that as Christmas morning dawned each of us took a moment to say a word of thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ. It is my prayer that we will reflect on the ways in which we have been willing to receive not only the Christ Child but the relationship with God that has been righted, desired, and willingly ushered into our lives.

May we all treasure the gift of Christ and be more intentional in our relationship with God knowing that we are loved beyond any measure we could have ever imagined. His gift of Christ is full of mercy, grace, and hope. Yes, we have been saved! Saved from the suffocating bondage of sin and death. Saved to a life of abundant joy!

Wishing you a hope filled New Year!

Pastor Polly

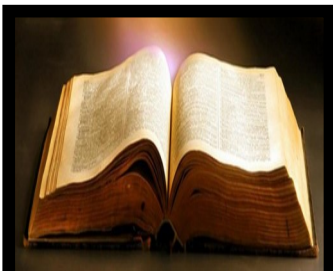
Bible Study

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.



Turquoise Table Ladies Meets 1st Thursday every month 11am—Activity Building



Come share lunch and stay for fun and games!!

Bring your own sandwich (the chips, drinks and dessert are provided.) After lunch we will break out the games and you can have your choice from several fun activities. For more information contact Deborah Hicks 979-255-8333 or Julie Jarrell 979-255-2966.



Youth Group meets for the first time this new year on Wednesday, January 5 at 6:00pm in the Activity Building. Come see what is being planned for the new year!!!



FOOD PANTRY WORKDAY JANUARY 15

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 January 15.** 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 call the church office.

The FUMP CORNER

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all from the FUMP Staff.

We will kick off the Spring Semester January 6 with Pajama Day, which by the way is everyone's favorite day. Our curriculum will focus on winter weather which we have yet to experience. Teaching our littles about cold weather, snow, and bundling up to go outside seems a bit strange with temperatures in the 80's. It's a good thing we live in Texas because the weather can change in the blink of an eye. The teachers will teach the children that there is *SNOWbody Like You!* God made each of us unique, just like a snowflake.

I hope many of you were able to view our Thank You, Baby Jesus Christmas Program on Facebook Live. Every year I feel that it was the best. This year was no different, as I found myself saying the same thing. I want to personally thank all the staff for their hard work to help the children learn about God's love for us by giving us the best gift, Jesus Christ. In addition, a huge shout out of thanks to John Standing for videoing the program and Frances Boyette for uploading it to our Facebook page.

As I look back on this year many emotions arise, from concerns for our world and families to how blessed I am. God has given me a true passion for loving and working with children. Serving as director of the preschool has been one of the best gifts given me and I am so thankful for Pastor Polly's leadership, the Preschool Executive Board's support and the staff God has brought to us. I pray that as we enter the new year that we draw closer to God, embrace each day as an opportunity to share God's love to others, and count our many blessings. *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."* John 13:34-35

We look forward to the upcoming new year of learning, fun, and all the excitement that the year will hold. We appreciate all your prayers for the preschool as we minister to these precious families.

In Christ,
Sherry Buchanan,
Director FUMP



Katie's Korner Katie and some of her YWAM team!



MOPS
FRANKLIN

Wednesday 9:00am-11:00am

January
12th & 26th

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

All those suffering during the pandemic

Tonya Boyette

Hospitalized COVID patients

Teachers and Students as they struggle with COVID

Audrey Miller

Kaye Poe

Sherry Smith

Pat Cate



Happy New Year to our Franklin UMC family! What a blessed Advent Season we had with many families able to come together in some fashion once again. The Worship Committee is looking forward to planning meaningful worship experiences for 2022.

January 2 – Epiphany Sunday

January 3 – Worship Committee will meet at 4:00 p.m. to take down the Christmas decorations. If you would like to help, feel free to join us as some of our committee members will be unavailable due Covid or other circumstances.

Blessings to all in this New Year.

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

January Mission of the Month Heartland Tornado Victims

Remember April 13, 2019 when a tornado tore through Franklin? Remember all the help that poured into our town from all over?

Now is our chance to offer that same type of help to other tornado victims. All funds collected will be sent to aid those that were affected by the tornados that tore through the heartland of America in early December.

Giving for Last Month

General Offering	\$	23,795.89
Building Fund	\$	6,635.00
Memorial- Designated~Other	\$	335.00
Cookie Walk	\$	4,216.15
Salsa Youth Fundraiser	\$	3,136.00
Mini-Bus Donations	\$	3,500.00

Ushers for December

Jerry & Kevin Rawson

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Mary Jane Magill	22nd	Mary Beth Taylor
3rd	Andy Reed	24th	Ben Zamzow
7th	Kyle Hoegemeyer	25th	Caitlyn Martin
9th	Austin Ray Corn	26th	Tabitha Cloat
10th	Landon Vickers	28th	Amy Neichoy
11th	John Kamas	30th	Stephanie Broadus
15th	Sebie Harris	31st	Jim Hanks
	Cooper Huggins		Samantha Harris
17th	Jennifer Garrett		
	Kimberly Perez		
19th	Maddie Nelson		
21st	Keith Zamzow		
	Jan Westerman		
	Raheem Green		
	Meghan Moran		
	Caden Perez		



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES



14th	Todd & Julie Neyland	26th	Lewis Conner & Molly Dean
20th	Bill & Terri Wygle	30th	Frank & Louise Cates
24th	John & Deborah Hicks		