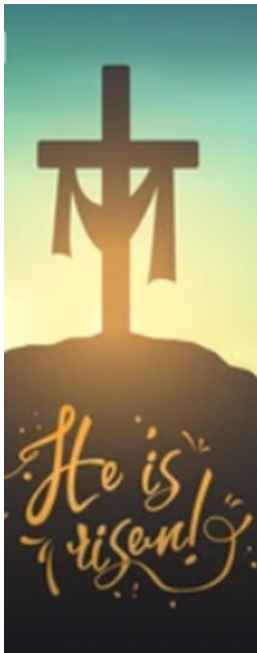


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Purpose Statement

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

When I was young, I struggled with Language Arts. Phonics was taught in the early elementary years of school. Due to multiple moves resulting in attendance at multiple schools, I unfortunately missed out on learning phonics with the rest of the kids. The result was disastrous. I couldn't spell, I struggled to pronounce unfamiliar words, and my grammar suffered. By fourth grade I was in the "Red Bird" reading group. I had to work hard to overcome some of those struggles. I even choose my undergrad degree in Pre-Professional English just to help improve my communication skills. Believe it or not, the thing that helped me the most was taking Ancient Greek.

When I struggled to understand the sentence structure in Greek, my professor, Dr. Pozzi, would smile and say, "Ah, Polly, I have to teach you English before I teach you Greek." It is true, I learned about the different verb conjugations (Present, Imperative, Subjunctive, Optative, Infinitive, and Participles). I had never even heard of a Subjunctive verb. While I was struggling with two languages, she, on the other hand, knew 20 plus languages.



Here is a picture of Dr. Pozzi and I at my graduation from the University of Houston. I graduated with honors and was honored as one of the student commencement speaker finalists for graduation. As a result, I was given the privilege of being escorted by a professor of choice. I selected Dr. Pozzi.

One of the most difficult aspects of reading Ancient Greek is that it didn't have your typical use of punctuation that we see today. In the oldest text, it looked more like a word search puzzle than a written text.

I discovered quick how difficult it is to understand written texts without punctuation.

I am reminded of Joe LoMusio's question in "If I Should Die Before I Live", "If I were to ask you to describe Easter without using any words, you could only use punctuation marks, which punctuation mark would you choose to describe this Easter for yourself?" Take a moment to pause and think about that question before reading the rest of his quote below.



"Maybe this Easter is a comma for you. It makes you stop, pause, think, and listen, but that's about it. Perhaps today is a downer – a big bold period. You thought you'd feel excited, but instead it seems to be more like empty ritual. You feel like you're not on the inside, but on the outside...an onlooker.

It was a day when life felt like a period for Jesus' disciples. He was dead. He was buried. An end to expectations. But wait – news of an empty tomb...the period is no longer a period, it's a question mark. That's worse than a period. Now they're beginning to doubt. Where is He? They're perplexed. The guards are gone, the stone is rolled away. He is not there. And if not there, where?

An angel speaks, "Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but he has risen. Remember how he spoke to you while he was in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and how he must be crucified, and the third day he must rise again." Of course, they remembered! The periods are gone. The question marks are removed. There is one massive exclamation point!

That's what Easter is all about...an exclamation of gratitude and of praise for the resurrection of Jesus Christ and for the salvation his victory over death brought to us."

It is my prayer for you that this Easter will be marked with one massive exclamation point! Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed!

Pastor Polly



Youth Ministry NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE



We will be celebrating our graduating seniors on **Sunday, May 22nd** during worship. Join us at the Ranch pavilion immediately after for a time of food, fellowship, and fun.



June 6th-11th graduated 6th-12th will be volunteering at Camp Blessing, a camp for people with disabilities near Brenham. To be added to the waitlist contact Mary Kamas or the church office.



June 12th-18th a mission team of graduated 8th-12th youth and adults will serve through UM ARMY in Gulfport, MS to do hurricane relief work. If you are interested in participating contact Mary Kamas or the church office.



PARENTS OF GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Please be sure to submit pictures for the special slide show that will be shown during the worship service honoring our 2022 graduating high school seniors. Any questions contact Mary Kamas or the church office.



Wednesdays during Lent (April 6 & 13) Noon—1:00pm Activity Building

What is your role in the suffering and death of Christ? What role did some of the biblical characters have in the crucifixion of Christ? These characters include Adam and Eve, Nicodemus, Judas, Barabbas, Pilate, the father of the Thief on the Right, Peter, the Centurion, and Mary Magdalene. Come, bring your lunch and explore these questions. Drinks will be provided.

April Mission of the Month Supporting our Youth and Children's Programs



Barry & Jenny Cate would like to thank Olivia Campbell, Noah Smith, John Standing, & Bill Wygle for helping with the fence around the parsonage!

A special thank you to Jim Miller for arranging the arborist to cut down the HUGE half-dead elm tree!

Our praises to God for protecting us during this project! No injuries to report!

Pastor Polly and the whole church say a **VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU** to Barry & Jenny Cate for organizing and leading this monumental effort to improve church property.

The FUMP CORNER



Easter is just around the corner and there are usually so many celebrations. Decorating Easter eggs, hunting the eggs, hearing the Easter message, and gathering around the table with family and friends. Spring weather is in full swing with flowers blooming everywhere.

The preschool will have an Easter Egg Hunt and party on April 12. It is so fun to watch the little ones race across the yard gathering eggs to place in their baskets. Such an exciting time for the kids, staff and parents. Our parents are some of the best as they support the preschool with treats for the party and volunteer to help at every event they can.

The children will learn about Jesus' sacrifice for all mankind and how much God cares for us. For some of our kiddos this is their last year at the preschool. It is my hope and prayer that all the Bible stories we have taught them has been stored in their little hearts and minds. Our awesome staff comes prepared each Tuesday and Thursday with creative ways to make the Bible come alive.

We are so grateful to be given this ministry opportunity. Thank you for your love, prayers, and support.

In Christ,
Sherry Buchanan,
Director FUMP



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 17, 2022.

In Memory of

Bill Hoegemeyer

By: Sandra and Howard Hoegemeyer

Ginger Mareth

By: Jennifer Fleming and Cade Rue

James Pye

By: Rhonda and Jim Miller

Herbert Standing

By: John and Polly Standing

In Honor of

Grandchildren David and Elizabeth Reinke

By: Bob and Donna Otto

Sherry Buchanan

By: Carty and Deborah Hicks

Frances Boyette

By: Carty and Deborah Hicks

Just Because

By: The Stevens Family

(Lily purchases as of March 30, 2022)

Prayer Committee



Surely we all have many concerns and loved ones on our hearts and minds. Your Church Family is here to join with you in prayer—just give us a call. If you are not receiving the weekly prayer concerns call the church office to update your information. Prayer is a wonderful thing we can do for each other

Thanks to all of you who have been prayer partners to our youth. If you would like to be partnered with a youth, please call or text Cathy Reed (979-255-7281.)

Mark your calendar for Thursday, May 5 as we prepare for the National Day of Prayer for our community and our nation. More information to come.

Be joyful always; pray continually.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17



Wednesday Nights April 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th from 6:00-8:00pm. Kids K-2nd & 3rd-5th are invited to join us for dinner, worship, games, and small group time. Nursery is provided for pre-k and under for parents who are volunteering in either Blast or Youth.

For more information call the church office.



Children are invited to participate in the Children's Parade with palms during Worship on Palm Sunday, April 10th at 10:15am.



Families are invited to join us on Palm Sunday, April 10th immediately following the worship service for brunch in the Activity building. There will be a family craft and a photo op with the Easter bunny.



Children up to 5th grade are invited to join us on Easter Sunday, April 17th, immediately following the worship service for an Egg Hunt on the church playgrounds.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 11-15TH

9 AM TO NOON

THANK-YOU-FROM- JANUARY'S MISSION- OF-THE-MONTH



Thank you so much for your generous gift. Your financial contribution will help our congregation to relieve suffering and help with recovery one hurting household at a time. May God Bless You! Please keep the prayers coming and watch our city as God works wonders in our midst.

Rev. Jay Reed



The Easter Season is upon us. With this season comes many opportunities for fellowship and worship. The Worship Committee looks forward to sharing these special moments with the membership of the church.

April 3 – Mercy in Service. In response to God's kindness to us in Jesus, we serve in mercy the needs of those around us by Christ's example.

April 10 – Mercy in Palms. Palm Sunday. A special day as we wave palm branches to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem. We witness Jesus beginning his mission of mercy for all people for the salvation of our souls.

April 10 – Bunny Brunch. A time together in the Activities Building for us to fellowship together and enjoy a lovely brunch. **This is a multi-generational event~EVERYONE is invited.**

April 6 & 13 - Come together at noon each Wednesday in the Activities Building for a time of devotionals during the Lenten Season. Bring a **Brown Bag** lunch and enjoy this time of focus and fellowship. (Replaces the Lenten Luncheons.)

April 14 – Maundy Thursday service. Mercy in Bread and Wine. As the bread is broken and the cup is poured, Christ's body and blood serve as agents of mercy to us who are broken by sin and thirsting for righteousness.

April 15 – Good Friday. The altar will be stripped and black is added to the cross. Jesus mercifully removed the sentence of sin against us by going to the cross to declare us not guilty. No service this day.

April 17 – Easter Sunday. Mercy in the Open Tomb. Because Christ rose from the dead, we have a new beginning that mirrors the mercy of our Lord and Savior.

As in years past, there is the opportunity to purchase an Easter Lily for someone you love and want to remember in a special way. Envelopes available at the back of Sanctuary or call the church office.

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



Sunday Small Groups

Begin 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



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*

The choir is gearing up for Easter and are always open to new members. Practice is on Wednesdays beginning at 5:00pm. All voices are welcome! For more information please feel free to contact the church office or Rhonda Miller direct.

The SonShine Strummers will be back in action for the first time in a long time on Wednesday, April 27. The performance will be at The Waterford at College Station beginning at 2:30pm.



"Sing"cerely, Rhonda



Katie's Korner

This last year and a half I've been involved in a weekly youth outreach in Windale. As we kick off the school year here in AUS [school starts in the end of Jan], I coordinated a Friday night community BBQ at the park. The days leading up to the event showed lots of rain [and we were getting lots of rain], so I was praying that it would lighten up for us to still get engaged in the community and connect with some of the parents whose kids we get to hang out with every Wednesday. Friday morning came with a back and forth of blue skies and buckets of rain for a few hours. But when we arrived at the park, it was dry skies from 4-8pm and then it rained on our drive back. It was such an incredible gift that God provided us with just the right amount of time to go for it. During the BBQ we were able to meet some new families, perform a skit about our true identity as God's children, and have lots of fun.



(notice God's message, a rainbow, in the sky.)

Motherhood is...



BETTER TOGETHER!



Join us for MOPS
@ FUMC

• March 9th & 23rd

• April 6th & 20th

• May 4th

From 9am-11am

Childcare provided

Contact: Brittany Gresham

@979-412-1467 for more info

See you there!

EASTER LILY ORDERS

It is not too late to purchase Easter Lilies in honor of, or in memory of, that special someone. Pick up an envelope in the church Narthex or call the church office to place your order.



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.

Ferman and Denver Richard
Tonya Boyette
Whitley & Jennifer Cave
Tammy Sangalli

Sherry Smith
Audrey Miller
Mary Jane Magill
Jennifer Garrett

Peace in the world
Pat Cate
Cathy Hayes
Cadie Martin

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General Offering	\$	25,774.26
Building Fund	\$	3,923.00
Memorial- Designated~Other	\$	4,833.00
Bus	\$	4,533.53

(as of March 30, 2022)

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



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

Ushers for April

Rex Vickers
&
Keith Kamas







April Anniversaries

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

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	Sara 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 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regularly Scheduled Events listed below.						
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3	4	5 Bible Study 10am-noon	6 MOPS/MOPSNEXT 9:00-11:00AM  Brown Bag Devotionals Noon-1:00pm	7 Turquoise Table Ladies 11:00am Worship Committee 2:00pm	8	9
10  After Worship Finance/ Trustees Committee After Worship	11	12 Bible Study 10am-noon	13  Brown Bag Devotionals Noon-1:00pm	14 Maundy Thursday Service at 630pm	15 Good Friday	16
17 Easter Sunday  After Worship	18 Church Office Closed	19 Bible Study 10am-noon	20 MOPS/MOPSNEXT 9:00-11:00AM	21	22	23
24	25	26 Bible Study 10am-noon	27 SonShine Strummers 2:30pm The Waterford	28 Women's Emmaus Walk	29	30

Praise Band - Tuesdays 6:30pm

Women's Emmaus - Wednesdays

Choir - Wednesdays 5:00pm

BLAST Kid's Ministry - Wednesdays
6:00pm-8:00pm

Youth - Wednesdays 6:00pm-8:00pm

Men's Emmaus - Thursdays at
6:30am