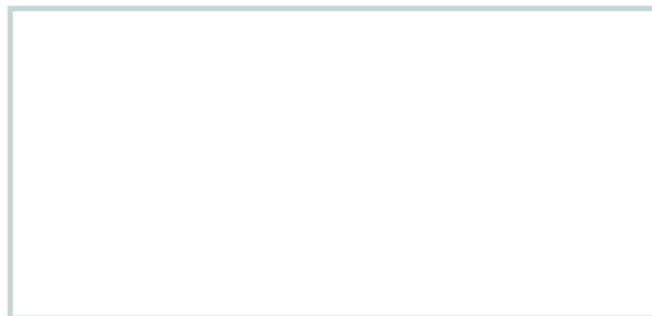


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**May 2022**



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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

Do you hear the music... "His Oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. On Christ the solid rock I stand. All other ground is sinking sand. All other ground is sinking sand."

Have you ever encountered a time in your life when you were trying frantically to get a solid footing under you? When nothing seemed safe and secure? When you felt a bit like you were running in place and getting nowhere? Or that the foundation under you was giving way to the storm that was brewing?

I have a picture image of my dad in a swimming pool on top of a huge log, working frantically to stay balanced and out of the water. Weird I know. It was an advertising thing to draw people to my uncle's mobile home sales lot. The image was captured in a picture printed in the local newspaper. I have another picture image in my mind. This time it is an image of Peter desperately trying to get his footing as the waves are growing stronger and the boat is being tossed around. His face carries a bit of the fear and uncertainty that is rising.

Paul Dailey writes in his article entitled "Stepping Into Your New Season" that Peter was very much like my Dad struggling for footing on the log in the midst of the water. He notes that Peter had a choice to make at that moment. He could either stay in the boat in the only place of security that was known to him, even though it seemed to be in an unsafe situation, or he could step out of the boat onto a foreign foundation built on trust in the one who was calling him out into the raging waters. You can't do that sort of thing "half-way" says Dailey. You must be all in! Trust requires that sort of thing.

Our District Superintendent is retiring this Annual Conference. She will be stepping out of the place of serving where she has found secure footing and following Christ into yet again new and unknown places. There is always a bit of fear in those transitions. I know you will be offering up prayers for her as she moves on to discover the new adventures that God has waiting for her.

We, to are preparing as a denomination to move into uncharted waters. To seek a way out of the storm that has been raging in our denomination for more than 40 years. Our Annual Conference is being held at the end of May and there are decisions to be made. Will the conference continue to be associated with the United Methodist Church as it moves in a new direction, or will we decide as a conference to step out in faith to a new chartered course that will more closely align with our understanding of the authority of scripture and the Wesleyan heritage we have come to love? Our Texas Annual Conference needs to be bathed in prayer and I am asking every member of this church family to begin praying for God's guidance for not only The United Methodist Denomination as a whole, not only for the Texas Annual Conference to which we belong, but for our own church family as well. There will be a bit of fear and uncertainty involved. We may feel a bit unsteady struggling to find our footing. And yet we as a congregation are determined to step out of the boat with confidence to follow our Lord where he calls. We will not do it half-way. And I trust that if we will pray and listen carefully for God's leading, we will discover, just like Peter did so long ago, that it is when we leave the security of the boat that we find we are stepping onto the solid rock, Jesus Christ, who is our sure foundation.

So let me ask you again, are you running in place getting nowhere, are you frantically trying to get your footing? Step out of the boat. And when you do you will discover as Paul Dailey writes, "God will never allow you to utterly fall when you are living by faith." He will reach out and pull you up and place you on the solid rock.

Do you hear the music..."You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail. And there I find You in the mystery. In oceans deep my faith will stand. And I will call upon Your name. And keep my eyes above waves. When oceans rise. My soul will rest in Your embrace. For I am Yours and You are mine...."  
worship service.

*Pastor Polly*



## UPCOMING EVENTS



As a fundraiser for their summer mission trips, the youth will be taking pre-sale orders for homemade kolaches (Debbie Black's recipe—yum, yum!). The kolaches will be available for pick-up on Saturday, May 7th (10:00am-noon). Flavors available per dozen: cream cheese, apple, cherry, peach, sausage, or assorted (baker's choice).

Suggested donation per dozen: \$15 (fruit & cream cheese) & \$20 (sausage). Pre-Order forms will be available from any member or our youth group or in the church office. Unless pre-ordered, there is no guarantee that kolaches will be available for sale on May 7th.

For more information contact Mary Kamas 979-777-1038.



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.

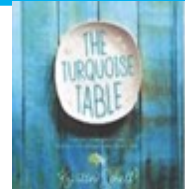


**June 12th-18th** a mission team of graduated 8th-12th youth and adults will serve through UM ARMY in Gulfport, MS to do hurricane relief work. If you are interested in participating contact Mary Kamas or the church office.



We are headed to the Vickers' lake house on **Wednesday, June 29th** for a day of fellowship and fun. Mark your calendars! More details to come.

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

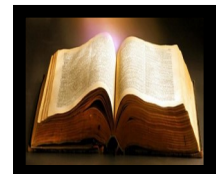


Come share lunch and stay for fun and games!!

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.

## Bible Study

Tuesday 10:00am  
Activity Building.



## FELLOWSHIP FUNDAY

# PICNIC

**SUNDAY, MAY 22**

**At The Franklin Ranch Park After Worship**





Wednesday Nights May 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th  
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.

## SAVE THE DATE



Families are invited to join us on Sunday, June 26th from 3:00-6:00pm for a wet and wild day. We will have hot dogs, snow cones, waterslides, mini pools, games, and more!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 11-15TH

9 AM TO NOON

REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BEGINNING SUNDAY, MAY 1ST

**THANK YOU!!!**  
**To**  
**Bill and Teri Wygle**  
**for making the new**  
**sign for the Clothes**  
**Closet. It looks so**  
**much better!**



## The FUMP CORNER



I cannot believe this school year is coming to a close. One of the things I try to instill in young moms is to cherish each day with their children, especially when they are enrolled in school. Nine months go by so fast which means their little ones are growing up quickly.

Early enrollment for our FUMP families opened April 7th and we have most of our younger kiddos returning. Our graduates will be honored on May 19th at 6:00 PM. We always have mixed emotions at this time because while we are so proud of our little ones to move on to big school, they will be very missed. Several of them have been with us since they were in our baby class. Our graduation theme is taken from Dr. Seuss, "Oh the Places You Will Go." If you want to see what little children can learn, please join us for the performance. It will warm your heart. May 3rd is our Field Trip to Roland Reynolds Elementary to view the Pre-K classes. Prayers for the weather to cooperate, as we will be walking to the school.

April 19th was a special day for FUMP. Brandi Liere, Ag teacher at Franklin High School, and some of her students visited our kiddos to help them plant flowers in pots. This is the second year she has come to help us teach our unit on Spring planting season. Thank you, God, for giving us such amazing creations to enjoy and dedicated teachers in our community!

This school year has come and gone. Fun times were had and memories were made by all. Please continue to pray for us as we close out our year and begin preparations for next year.

In Christ,  
Sherry Buchanan,  
Director FUMP



Come celebrate our  
graduating  
High School Seniors  
on Sunday,  
May 22, 2022.



Spring is here and the Worship Committee looks forward to planning worship opportunities for the upcoming months.

**May 8 — MOTHERS' DAY** — Special service honoring the very special women in our lives. The Children's Sermon will be presented by Kim Perez who will then lead the children as they make a special presentation.

Please stay tuned throughout the month as the committee announces more activities being planned for this month.

*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*

## May Mission of the Month New Mini-Bus and Bus Shelter



As many of you know the church was forced to purchase a new mini-bus after vandalism caused the former bus to be unusable for our ministries. The Trustees shopped around and found the best vehicle that could be taken possession of immediately. (There were waiting lists of up to 2 years on some vehicles.) As a result of your generosity, the balance on the purchase of the bus is around \$15,000. This is on a short-term note which we hope to pay off quickly.

In order to prevent future vandalism to church vehicles there is a need for a covered/secure shelter for storage. The shelter will be built to accommodate both vehicles and the church trailer.



## SAVE THE DATE~THE ADVNTURE STARTS ON JULY 11



From a whimsical lighthouse on an enchanted island, Explorers are guided by a Lighthouse Keeper and Beacon the Puffin on an exciting quest to find five mysterious Infinity Lanterns to help light their way. Map coordinates from their Reference Book (the Bible), will help the children discover clues to finding each Lantern while learning how God's light shines in the lives of familiar biblical characters in Old and New Testament stories.

Contact the church office for more information and registration forms.





## Sunday Small Groups at 9:00 am

**ARK** - Nursery, Pre-K & Kindergarten

**Kingdom Kids** - 1st thru 4th grades

**Encounter** - 5th thru 8th grades

**Home Builders** - Adult

**Wisdom** - Adult



### Click below to see a short video.

When we see other believers working at churches or going into the mission field, it can leave us with this small temptation to diminish our own importance and value to God's kingdom. This dramatic illustration reminds us that ministry is not a job, but a way of life for every Christ follower.

## The Florist

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



## THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022 MARK YOUR CALENDAR

We, as a congregation, will observe this day by gathering on the **Robertson County Courthouse lawn at 12:00 noon** to join other area churches in praying for our country, community and leaders. A Grab-and-Go lunch will be provided (if you would be willing to provide sandwiches, please call the church office or Cathy Reed at 979-255-7281). There is also a 24 hour prayer vigil so you can choose a specific time to be in prayer. Don't pass up this opportunity to impact our world!

## Katie's Korner

I wanted to share with you about my time on outreach. I would love to extend my thanks to those who were able to give. A local church ended up giving to our team and covered our costs for food and petrol - so everything that was given by you all went directly to supporting those who were effected by the floods - over \$400! If you've seen much news about the floods, you've probably heard of Lismore. The city had hundreds of homes effected. In some places, water was reaching to the rooftops of 2 story homes. We spent the day helping out at a non profit organization that provides food and housing for the homeless in Lismore. The entire bottom story had been underwater, so we were peeling off paint and prepping the rooms to be later repaired by the professionals :) This was also the first day working with the YWAM Sydney Island Breeze team AND we ran into a team from YWAM Byron Bay as well. It was fun to have all of the different YWAM centers working together. I also had a surprising opportunity to be a part of a radio show on Sunday morning. The woman hosting our team at her house runs a weekly country gospel segment so a couple of us from YWAM joined her to share some encouraging messages. I felt God lead me to share about John 14:25-27 - how the Holy Spirit is with us and is our Peace no matter the circumstance.

It can feel hard to condense a week into a few paragraphs - but it was such an incredible time partnering with God in both practical help as well as relational encouragement. If you have any specific questions, feel more than free to reach out!

**One other noteworthy info for you all - I have officially had my new student visa granted! This allows me to continue with YWAM another two years here in Newcastle and along the way I will be completing a course in Christian Missions Leadership! Thank you for the many prayers for this.**

*Peace + Love to you all, Katie*



FRANKLIN UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

# GARAGE SALE!

MAY 13 & 14, 2022

9:00am - 2:00pm

**Furniture,  
Household Goods/Dishes,  
Jewelry, Clothing,  
Maternity Clothes,  
Tools, Toys, Baby Items,  
Holiday Decorations**



## SAVE THE DATE NOW!!

**Family Bunco Night  
with Nacho/Taco Stackups  
Wednesday June 1  
6-8pm**



**last MOPS meeting of  
the year**

**Weds May 4th  
9am-11am @FUMC  
activities building  
-childcare provided**

**Stay tuned for our  
summer play date  
meetups**



**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*

*"Sing"cerely,  
Rhonda Miller*

**WANTED: CHOIR MEMBERS!  
No previous experience  
required!!**

Choir practice is every Wednesday at  
5:00pm. Come join with us as we  
"sing to the Lord a joyful song."

Also the SonShine Strummers Ukulele  
Band is back. Want to be a part of that  
fun group??? Contact Rhonda Miller  
and she will be able to help you.



**HAPPY  
Mother's  
Day**



# 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 and Denver Richard  
Tonya Boyette  
Mary Jane Magill

Sherry Smith  
Audrey Miller  
Tammy Sangalli

Peace in the world  
Pat Cate  
Cadie Martin



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

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Kay Kastner	16th	Virginia Akins
3rd	Charles Westerman		Bea Bridwell
	Allen Homann		Laura Cate
4th	Katherine Scasta	20th	Anne Perry
8th	Jay Davis	21st	Teddy Vickers
	Marlo Davis	23rd	Brody Huggins
9th	Mary Kamas	25th	Tammy Sexton
	Brooke Broadus		Cindy Briggs
10th	Denver Richard	29th	Colton Ripley
11th	Dorthea Allen		
12th	Gemma Chanley		
13th	Barry Cate		
15th	Odalys Blajeski		



## May Meetings

Turquoise Table Ladies Thursday, May 5 11:00am  
Finance/Trustees Sunday, May 8 After Worship  
Admin. Council Sunday, May 15 After Worship

## Weekly Meetings

Bible Study Tuesdays 10:00am  
Praise Band Tuesdays 6:30pm  
Women's Emmaus Wednesdays 8:00am-9:00am  
Choir Wednesdays 5:00pm-5:45pm  
Ukulele Band Wednesdays 5:45pm  
Blast Kids Ministry Wednesday 6:00pm  
Youth Group Wednesdays 6:00pm



1st	Mary Kamas
8th	John "Carty" Hicks
15th	Grady Harris
22nd	Bill Wygle
29th	Reese Rawson

## Ushers for May

**Jim & Cynthia Hanks  
and  
Greg & Monica Stem**

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

9th	Andy & Cathy Reed
20th	Jay & Brenda Davis
22nd	Kelley & Tammy Sexton
30th	Greg & Monica Stem
	Cole & Tiffani McKinney



## Giving for Last Month

General Offering	\$	21,813.60
Building Fund	\$	885.00
Memorial-Designated-Other	\$	350.00

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