

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

Be persistent in prayer even if you have no words and can only lift up broken-hearted cries . . . the Lord is with you. He sees you. He loves you. He hears the cries of your heart. Never stop praying. 1 Thessalonians 5:17.

I am a writer. I love to create pictures with words. Except this morning as I sit to write my newsletter no words come to mind. So, I decided to do what many writers do for inspiration – read. I begin by googling “inspirational short stories”. After a bit of internet surfing, I came across this story about a little girl, entitled: “What You Give To God, He Multiplies”.

Hattie May Wiatt, a six-year-old-girl, lived near Grace Baptist Church in Philadelphia, USA. The Sunday school was very crowded. Russell H. Conwell, the minister, told her that one day they would have building big enough to allow everyone to attend. She said, ‘I hope you will. It is so crowded I am afraid to go there alone.’ He replied, ‘When we get the money we will construct one large enough to get all the children in,’

Two years later, in 1886, Hattie May died. After the funeral Hattie’s mother gave the minister a little bag they had found under their daughter’s pillow containing 57 cents in change that she had saved up. Alongside it was a note in her handwriting: ‘To help build bigger so that more children can go to Sunday school.’

The minister changed all the money into pennies and offered each one for sale. He received \$250.00 – and 54 of the cents were given back. The \$250 was itself changed into pennies and sold by the newly formed ‘Wiatt Mite Society’. In this way, her 57 cents kept on multiplying.

Twenty- six years later, in a talk entitled, ‘The history of the 57 cents’, the minister explained the results of her 57-cent donation: a church with a membership of over 5,600 people, a hospital where tens of thousands of people had been treated, 80,000 young people going through university, 2,000 people going out to preach the gospel – all this happened ‘because Hattie May Wiatt invested her 57 cents’

The theme of multiplication runs throughout the Bible. What cannot be achieved by addition, God does by multiplication. You reap what you sow, only many times more. What you give to the Lord, he multiplies.

I was fascinated so I put *Wiatt Mite Society* into google and found the rest of the story.

Within five years the little girl’s gift had increased to \$250,000.00 – a huge sum for that time (near the turn of the century). Her unselfish love had paid large dividend.

When you are in the city of Philadelphia, look up Temple Baptist Church, with a seating capacity of 3,300 and Temple University, where hundreds of students are trained. Have a look, too, at the Good Samaritan Hospital and at a Sunday School building which houses hundreds of Sunday Schoolers, so that no child in the area will ever need to be left outside during Sunday school time.



Temple Baptist (then and now) the church built from the desire of Hattie May Wiatt and the pastor Dr. Russel H Conwell who was sent to the church in 1882 to serve and who had the great fortune of inviting Hattie May Wiatt out of the cold to learn about faith in Sunday School and instead discovered she was to teach him about faith.

The funny thing is I end this article still without words. But this time, my mind is too in awe to speak, and my heart is thoughtful, stirred, convicted, and well – really full.

Pastor Polly



The church will be celebrating its Annual Family Fall Festival. The event will be held on Sunday, October 16th at Pastor Polly's home beginning at 4:30pm. Families are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun & fellowship. There will be food, music, a bounce house, and lots of games. Come be a part of the fun!

SAVE THE DATE



**It's back by popular demand!
The Youth will be doing their Salsa sale fundraiser.**

Sunday, December 11th-12th.

More information to come.

Stay tuned.....



6th-12th grade youth are invited to come be a part of a Winter Weekend camp at Carolina Creek. Save the date for January 27th-29th 2023. Contact Mary Kamas for more information.



Prayer Committee **NOTICE SOMETHING DIFFERENT?**

THE NEW PRAYER CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS AS YOU ENTER THE SANCTUARY AND CAN THEN BE PLACED IN THE COLLECTION PLATES DURING THE OFFERTORY TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD AT PRAYER TIME.

As always, you can make these as confidential as you want, either with the cards or by calling the church office. It is our privilege to lift you up in prayer.

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 those who attend of Franklin Methodist Church.

October:

October 2 – World Communion Sunday

October 16 – Laity Sunday. A special "Hymn Sing-A-Long" is being planned for that day. Stay "tuned" for updated information on how you can participate.

There will be several opportunities for service and fellowship during October and the upcoming months. We encourage you to learn about these opportunities as they are announced and find those 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



After a long, hot summer we eagerly await cooler temperatures paired with the beautiful fall leaves. We will be learning about how God makes every season beautiful in its own time. We will FALL in LOVE with JESUS!

One of our Bible stories this month will be the Good Samaritan. This inspiring story teaches children about kindness, generosity, and compassion. Even though the Samaritans and Jews had different beliefs and were enemies, kindness came above all.

Another story that the teachers will share is the story of Fishers of Men. The children will learn that Jesus called ordinary men to be His disciples and that we too are to be obedient to tell others about God's love.

We will have our **Fumpkin Festival** October 25. This is a great time for the kids to play all kinds of games, listen to pumpkin stories, and have a ton of fun. 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.

October 11 is a day to celebrate our Fire Department as we recognize Fire Safety month. Our goal is to inform the children about the dangers of fire and how to stay safe during a fire. We thank our Fire Department for the service to our community.

I would like to thank the Executive Board members for their leadership and guidance, as we strive to lovingly teach the children. Please remember us in prayer each Tuesday and Thursday.

In Christ,

Sherry Buchanan
Director FUMP



Food Pantry Workday October 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 October 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 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."

Want to join the SonShine Strummers Ukulele Band? There are also open seats in the band.

Choir practice is at 5:00pm on Wednesdays and the Ukulele band practice begins at 5:45pm.

Contact Rhonda Miller for more info on joining either the choir or the ukulele band.

"Sing"cerely, Rhonda



*Give Thanks to the Lord,
for He is good.
Psalm 107:1*





Blast

Wednesday Nights kids K-2nd & 3rd-5th are invited to join us from 6:00-8:00pm 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. Blast will meet at the church parsonage @ 503 N Glass Street.

For more information or to volunteer to serve call the church office.



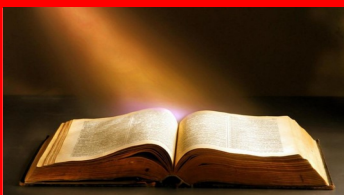
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Our Amazon Wish List

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.



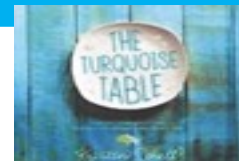
Bible Study

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

Bring your Bible and a notebook and come join us in the kitchen of the activity building as we continue our study of the Gospel of Mark.

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

Turquoise Table Ladies
Meets 1st Thursday every month
11am—Activity Building
Next meeting is October 6



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 at 979-255-8333 or Julie Jarrell at 979-255-2966.



Sunday Small Groups at 9:00 am

ARK - Nursery, Pre-K & Kindergarten

Kingdom Kids - 1st thru 4th grade

Credo Confirmation - 5th thru 8th grade

Fusion - 9th thru 12th grade

Home Builders - Adult

Wisdom - Adult

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Mission of the Month A.S.K.

(After School Knowledge)

Tutoring sessions for "at-risk" first and second graders begin again on October 11. Supplies and manipulatives for those sessions will need to be replenished. Also snacks will need to be stocked up on. Please consider supporting this ministry of the church.

How are you doing on the Old Testament Bible Reading Plan?

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



Celebrated October 2 by Methodist Churches

On the first Sunday in October, 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*. Today, Methodist Church's celebrate 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

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 need for you to write multiple 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/Franklntxumc>

VENMO

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

MORE THAN A
PLAY GROUP

MOPS is...

a place to fellowship
and connect with
women who understand
you. MOPS is a place to
be real, to be heard, to
be encouraged. YOU
ARE WELCOME HERE!
Come join us, we saved
you a seat.

Join us every other Weds from 10-12 @ FUMC
*childcare provided
In October we meet:
5th & 19th

*The family of
Kenne Reinhardt*

*acknowledges with deep appreciation
your kind expression of sympathy*

Dear Church family,

*Thank you for all that you did
to get ready for Kenny's Memorial.
Thanks to all you helped during the service,
ushering, music and everyone videoing
and everyone behind the scene. The visitation
all can say is "Wow"! It was perfect.
Kenny would have loved it. All of you
out did yourself. But most of all thanks
for your prayers and calls and visits, Kenny
and I love our Church family.*

*Elizabeth
Julie and family
Ken and family
Kye and family*

God 
makes everything
beautiful
in its time. -Ecclesiastes 3:11
Harvest Fall!
COPPERHILL.COM



fall **FELLOWSHIP**



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16
at The Standing's
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.

The Reinhardt Family,
Loss of Kenner Reinhardt

Denver Richard,
Loss of Ferman Richard & health concerns

Tonya Boyette,
Continued healing

Tony Arnold, Cathy Reed's brother
Undergoing chemo



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

October Meetings

Turquoise Table Ladies
Finance/Trustees

Thursday, October 6
Sunday, October 9

11:00am
After Worship

Weekly Meetings

Bible Study
A.S.K. Tutoring
Women's Emmaus
MOPS
Choir/Ukulele
Youth Group
BLAST
Men's Emmaus

Tuesdays	10:00am-Noon
Tuesdays (beginning Oct. 11)	3:15-5:00pm
Wednesdays	8:00am-9:00am
Wednesday the 5th & 19th	10:00am-Noon
Wednesdays	5:00pm/5:45pm
Wednesdays	6:00pm
Wednesdays	6:00pm
Thursdays	6:30am-7:30am

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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	\$	22,171.00
Building Fund	\$	2,075.00
Memorial-Designated~Other	\$	1,790.00

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