

Franklin Methodist Church
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Purpose Statement

Franklin 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 Methodist 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 was the last time you took a few moments to ponder the stars? Do you contemplate the God who created, sustains, and names them?

I love this time of year. The temperature, like the leaves, begins to fall. The grass slows down its growth and eliminates the need for weekly mowing and edging. Hearts start turning to thoughts of gratitude and gift giving. And let's not forget that frogs begin to hibernate. That alone makes sitting outside more enjoyable.

Friday night football games are more comfortable as the summer heat becomes a memory. Camping becomes more bearable and sitting around a campfire becomes a heartwarming experience. The nights begin to come earlier again, and the leafless trees provide a clearer look at the stars twinkling overhead.

Jeanbon Saint-Andre, the French revolutionist and atheist, said to a lowly farmer, "I will have all your steeples pulled down, so that you may no longer have any object by which you may be reminded of your old superstitions." "Ah," said the farmer, "but you can't help leaving us the stars".

Abraham Lincoln, who was born 60 years after Jeanbon Saint-Andre, once said: "I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up into the heavens and say there is no God."

Nathaniel Parker Willis was just three years older than Lincoln. He was a poet. He spoke of the stars in this way: "There they stand, the innumerable stars, shining in order like a living hymn, written in light."

The Psalmist wrote: "He determines the number of stars and calls them each by name." Psalm 147:4.

And before the psalmist God speaks to Abram, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness."

Lauren Daigle wrote Look Up Child which goes like this: *"Where are You now when darkness seems to win? Where are You now when the world is crumbling? Oh I, I-I-I, I hear You say I hear You say, Look up child, ayy Look up child, ayy."*

I don't know what difficulties are befalling you, or what earthly troubles are consuming your mind. But I know this, we live in a world that is suffering, trouble abounds, but I also know that there is something greater than those issues, difficulties, and earthly troubles, there is a God who created the world and said it was good and created humankind and said it was very good. And I believe it was no coincidence that God sent a star to light the way to our savior on that day so long ago. There is something profoundly inspirational about the stars. So when you feel your world falling apart, and you feel despair over the way things are going turn your eyes upward and believe the God who created them loves you too. I know I plan to do just that.

Pastor Polly





Wednesday, November 9th—
Volunteering at the Food Pantry
Wednesday, November 16th—
Location Change, more information to
come
Wednesday, November 23rd—No
Youth Group - Happy Thanksgiving!

SAVE THE DATE



It's back by popular demand!
The Youth will be doing their Salsa sale fundraiser.
Orders will be taken after Thanksgiving.
Delivery will be on Sunday, December 11 and Monday, December 12.



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 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.

The new Prayer Cards are now available from the ushers as you enter the sanctuary. They should be placed in the collection plates during the offertory to be brought forward at prayer time.

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 Methodist.

November Worship:

November 6 (*Daylight Savings Time ends at 2am~don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour.*)

As we come to All Saints Day this November 6, 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.

**Barbara Eller
Nelda Johnson
Mary Jane McGill
Kenner Reinhardt
Ferman Richard**

November 13—Veterans' Day Celebration.

November 20—Christ the King Sunday.

Mark Your Calendars~ ~November 21, 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

November is the month of Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for in our lives together. God continues to bless our preschool with an awesome staff, a very supportive executive board, and amazing parents who entrust us with their little ones.

This is the time of year when things get really busy around the preschool. Preparations are being made for our Little FUMP-kin Feast. The shopping list for our Thanksgiving meal has been started, while our staff is actively working on crafts for the silent auction. This group of ladies is so very creative, I feel certain the auction will be a success. The preschool has three fundraising events to bring in money which goes toward making improvements to our preschool.

Since Harvest is the season for gathering crops, we will take our annual field trip to the Franklin Supermarket to learn about the food that God created for our enjoyment and nutrition. The employees at the supermarket are the best! They take the kids on a tour of each department and allow them to scan an item to be donated to our local Food Pantry. The teachers will teach our littles about Fall weather and giving thanks to God for all of our many blessings, just as the Pilgrims and Indians did on the first Thanksgiving.

Our FUMP Staff wishes each of you a **Happy Thanksgiving!** We hope that you enjoy your time with family and friends during this blessed holiday.

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

In Christ,
Sherry Buchanan
Director FUMP



Bake Sale **@ the Robertson County Bank** **November 4th**

We need as many donations of baked goods as possible from the community to be dropped off at the Robertson county bank between 8:00AM-4:00PM on November 3rd & 4th

COME PURCHASE BAKED GOODS
@ THE ROBERTSON COUNTY BANK
between 8:00-4:00 on Nov. 4th

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS FUNDING THE:

Holiday Feast of Sharing **&** **Christmas Angels**

Questions? Call Melissa Williams @ 979-324-8871
Or email holidayfeastofsharing@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."

Psalms 147:1

Choir practice is every Wednesday beginning at 5:00pm. Come be part of this ministry as we prepare for the Holiday season.

The SonShine Strummers Ukulele band begins practice at 5:45pm. The band has several upcoming performances during November and December.

November 11, 2:00pm at Carriage Inn in Bryan
December 1, 2:00pm at Parc at Traditions in Bryan
December 7, 12:15pm at GEMS in Franklin
December 9, 6:15pm at Arbor Oaks in Bryan

WANTED: CHOIR MEMBERS!
No previous experience required!!



"Sing"cerely, Rhonda



Does mom need a break?

How about two hours of adult conversation with hot coffee, warm breakfast and women who are trying to figure out this whole motherhood thing, just like you! Oh and did we mention we have childcare?

Join us @ Franklin MOPS
Every other Wednesday morning
from 10-12 @ FUMC
Call 979-412-1467 for more info or just
show up, we saved a seat for YOU!



WILL YOU SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY?

Who we are: A group of moms supporting moms in the community in their journey of motherhood and a deeper relationship with Christ

What we do: provide a place for moms to feel welcome, share life together and find encouragement and friendships

When and where we meet: Every other Wednesday at FUMC from 10-12

What we will use our sponsorship towards:

Cost of childcare, providing MOPS memberships to mothers who need sponsorship, supplies, and additional community outreach projects

Please contact:

Brittany Gresham @ 979-412-1467 or

Kelly Myrick @ 979-204-8212 for more information regarding sponsorship

Check out mops.org for more info on MOPS

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.

FMC 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!! FOR A SPECIAL FAMILY/CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENT

Join us on Sunday, December 11 for a "experiential visit" to the town of Bethlehem. We plan on going as a group from the church so please meet at the Activity Building at 4:15pm on Sunday, December 11. More details to come in the December newsletter.





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

Katie's Korner

I celebrated my 3rd year on staff with YWAM in October and have been reflecting on my time here. It's incredible to see what God has taught me in these years and the experiences [good and challenging] that He has led me through. Those three words that God highlighted when I first came here - JOY - PERSEVERANCE - SAFE PLACE are still areas that I am seeing deepen in my life and know that God will continue to teach me. I'm stoked to see what God has for me in this next year...but speaking of that... I was asked to join the DTS (Discipleship Training School) team for the school that is running from Sunday, October 10 through the middle of March. I decided to commit to that team so the next half a year will look quite differently than my last few years on staff. For the next 6 months I will be walking alongside 6 students as they go through this incredible course that focuses on knowing God and making Him known. My first introduction into YWAM was completing this same course back in 2018 and I saw God do so much in my relationship with Him and in developing my confidence to share my faith and serve in various ministries through that experience. There are so many aspects to this course but one that I'm especially stoked for is to walk alongside and disciple these students during the course both during the lecture phase here in Newcastle and the outreach phase traveling in Australia and abroad. Side note: As I have been a part of our youth ministry and school camp ministry for the last couple of years, I will be continuing to work in those areas as well on a very part-time basis while the DTS is running. I'll be working with several school groups, joining in our weekly youth outreach at Windale and prepping for 2023 school camps all along the way. It'll be a very full season, so I'm very grateful that God is leading, guiding, and strengthening me in the journey. (Original article has been edited for clarity purposes.)

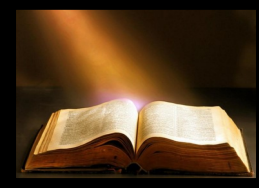
Watch this space for monthly updates on Katie Kamas' mission experiences with the youth in Australia.

Mission of the Month Holiday Feast of Sharing



This year's Holiday Feast of Sharing will be December 3, 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. Our Church will be responsible for cooking the onions and celery for the dressing. Please let us know if you can help in this preparation. (onions and celery are provided.) Cash donations will go toward purchasing items for the meal preparation with any leftover funds going toward the Christmas Angels project.

Christmas Angels



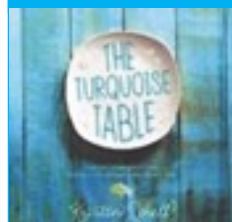
Bible Study

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
Next meeting is November 3



For more information contact Deborah Hicks at 979-255-8333 or Julie Jarrell at 979-255-2966.

Blast

Wednesday Nights November 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 30th 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 @ 503N Glass Street.

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

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 9AM TO NOON

It's that time of year again...time to decide on which Cookies you will be baking for our 8th 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.

Denver Richard
Health concerns

All those that are suffering from forms of dementia
Tonya Boyette
Continued healing



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

November Meetings

Turquoise Table Ladies	Thursday, November 3	11:00am
Finance/Trustees	Sunday, November 13	After Worship
Admin. Council	Sunday, November 20	After Worship

Weekly Meetings

Bible Study	Tuesdays	10:00am-Noon
A.S.K. Tutoring	Tuesdays	3:15-5:00pm
Women's Emmaus	Wednesdays	8:00am-9:00am
MOPS	Wednesday the 2nd & 16th	10:00am-Noon
Choir/Ukulele	Wednesdays	5:00pm/5:45pm
Youth Group	Wednesdays	6:00pm
BLAST	Wednesdays	6:00pm
Men's Emmaus	Thursdays	6:30am-7:30am

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Julie Foltermann Jones	20th Laura Hailey
4th John "Carty" Hicks	Douglas Campbell
5th Frank Perry	21st Avery Rawson
Sara Davis	23rd Tanja Peterson
6th Felicia Smith	Roye Moran
Morgan Broadus	Cal Frieda
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	Amy Marak
18th Ariel Campsey	30th James Stevens



6th	Julie Jarrell
13th	Julie Neyland
20th	Jeff Ripley
27th	Kip Kissinger

Ushers for November

Ken Reinhardt &
Todd Neyland

Giving for Last Month

General Offering	\$	22,409.03
Building Fund	\$	1,400.00
Memorial-Designated	\$	2,025.00

We appreciate and need your continued faithful giving.