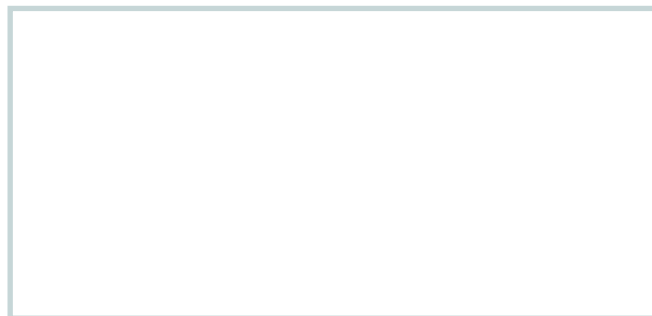
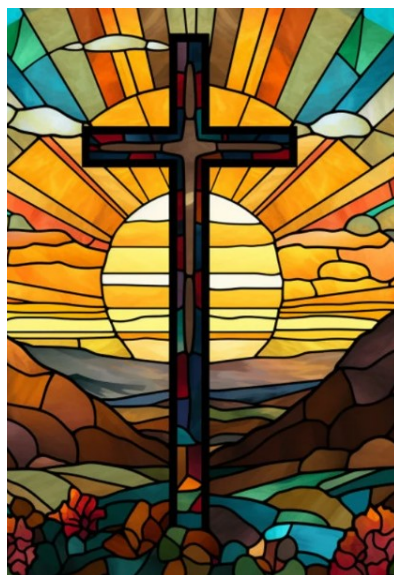


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November 2023

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www.franklinmethodist.org

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

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." Genesis 12:1-3

This is the season of expected hospitality. We decorate our homes, we prepare feasts, and we open our doors to friends and family. We laugh, we love, we reflect. We share memories of years past. We mourn those who are no longer with us. We watch with delight as our children's eyes fill with wonder over fresh baked pies, half eaten cookies, the imaginary sounds of reindeer hooves, and packages wrapped with sparkle and glitter. The sounds of Joy and festivity are everywhere. Yet, every night as we lay ourselves down to sleep, we find ourselves craving rest, peace, and hope. We pray the Lord our soul to keep.

Having kept His promise, we wake to the morning light. To find the sounds of hatefulness manifested in violent words, collapsing buildings, and the unspoken vocabulary of fear and distrust have joined us in this new day. And I find myself asking, how long, oh Lord, will we continue to disappoint you? Even during the seasons of gratitude and wonder, we wait and watch for the Christ child to arrive. And wonder how long will You, O God, remain patient?

Peter Canisius, a Dutch Jesuit priest who was born in 1521 and died in 1597. He too saw the hurt of the world. He longed for mercy and peace too. The words of his poem written centuries ago seem so timely now:

"O God, the refuge of the poor, the strength of those who toil and the comforter of all who sorrow, we commend to your mercy the unfortunate and needy in whatever land they may be. You alone know the number and extent of their sufferings and trials. Look down, Father of mercies, at those unhappy families suffering from war and slaughter, from hunger and disease and other severe trials. Spare them, O Lord, for it is truly a time for mercy."

This is not unlike any other time when the cry for mercy was raised. We are all in need of the Lord's mercy. And I believe that God looks at us and says, you are my people – you I have given mercy through the blood of the Christ child. You have received the gift of forgiveness. You have been given a hope that is imperishable. How long must I wait on you?

So, as you practice hospitality, remember that "God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him will not perish but have ever lasting light. We that have that hope must seek to live that hope, and pray for that hope for others. For now, it is truly a time for mercy.

"And lo, I am with you always [remaining with you perpetually - regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion], even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20b

Pastor Polly



IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!!

January 26 – 28, 2024

Last January our youth group attended this fun & spiritually beneficial retreat, and we are planning to go again!

The Winter Weekends are designed for students to encounter Christ and have the opportunity to take one step closer to Him. Students will participate in exciting and purposeful activities, authentic worship experiences, insightful and challenging messages, all within the context of the relationships of their churches and small groups. Students will be inspired and re-energized for the start of the new year. All youth in 6th –12th grade are welcome to join in.



The cost of the weekend is \$149 per youth. Partial scholarships are available, so please don't let the cost deter your youth from attending.

In addition to the activities mentioned above, the fee includes: 2 night stay, a light snack on Friday night, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

Please RSVP to Mary (979-777-1038) for your youth as soon as possible.

NO YOUTH GROUP ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22.



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 Prayer Cards are available from the ushers as you enter the sanctuary or at the Prayer Table on the side wall of the Sanctuary. They will 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



Recently 22 members of our youth group served at the Food Pantry. They unpacked and put away the weekly shipment, organized the food storage area, filled the shelves with canned goods, prepared food bags for clients and other assigned jobs.



The Worship Committee is excited and looking forward to the upcoming holiday season. You have probably noticed that the

ushers have been ringing the church bell at 10:13 to signal the beginning of the service. This has signaled the congregation that the service is beginning in two minutes and allows time to be seated. Also, the words to the offertory hymns have been shown on the screens so that the congregation can sing along from their seats. We look forward to the following dates:

November 5 – Guest Preacher Renata Schroeder **All Saints Day**-when we remember those we have lost this past year. **FALL BACK--REMEMBER TO ADJUST CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR**

November 12 – Finding Purpose in Ministry/ Evangelism. Flags will be placed around the church grounds to honor Veterans

November 19 – Living in Thankfulness

November 26 – What Does It Mean to Call Christ The King

The Worship Committee will be meeting to decorate the church for the holidays at 4:00pm on Monday, November 27. Please feel free to come join us if you would like to help. We will break for a soup supper at 6:00 and any anyone helping is welcome.

The FUMP CORNER



Thanksgiving is right around the corner and we have so much in which to be thankful. We are especially blessed to get to spend time with your children and teach them about God's love and what it means to be grateful. This is a very busy and fun month; however, it is a short month. This means we have a lot to accomplish with very little time to do it.

The FUMP staff wants to thank our Executive Board for offering us a raise. This was an act of kindness that came very unexpected. We are extremely grateful for this blessing and appreciate the love and support shown to us.

November 16 from 11:00-12:30 is our FUMPkin Feast and Silent Auction. Our amazing parents help supply canned goods or a monetary donation to offset some of the costs. The staff will prepare a Thanksgiving meal for our FUMP Families while those in attendance bid on the auction items. It is such a blessing to be able to serve each one of our families.

November is a time to remember what is dearest to us all; a time to remember that we all have much to show our gratitude for, especially the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. Giving thanks may not always come natural to us; therefore, we must be intentional in offering our gratitude. I love the old hymn lyrics, "Count your many blessings name them one by one." When we do this the list is endless. Here's praying that you have a very, Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at FUMP.

In Christ,
Sherry Buchanan
Director FUMP



Bake Sale

@ the Robertson County Bank

November 3rd

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 2nd & 3rd



COME PURCHASE BAKED GOODS
@ THE ROBERTSON COUNTY BANK
between 8:00-4:00 on Nov. 3rd



ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS
FUNDING THE:

Christmas Angels

The bank will be matching up to \$500
of items sold before 4:00PM

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."
Psalm 147:1*

The SonShine Strummers Ukulele band begins practice at 4:00pm and then the Choir practice starts at 5:00pm every Wednesday. Come be part of this ministry as we begin to prepare for the Holiday season.

The SonShine Strummers have an upcoming holiday performance at GEMS in Franklin on Wednesday, December 6 at around 12:15pm

**WANTED:
CHOIR and UKULELE BAND
MEMBERS!**

No previous experience required!!

"Sing"cerely, Rhonda

don't forget!
**DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME
ENDS THIS
SUNDAY!**
November 5

THERE IS
Always
SOMETHING TO BE
Thankful
FOR



Fall into MOPS/MOMSNext this November

We meet: Nov. 8th & 22nd

We've saved a seat for you!

Dedication Ceremony

Please join us to dedicate a memorial plaque at the Franklin Food Pantry in memory of Ferman Richard

NOVEMBER 18, 2023

DEDICATION AT 2:00

REFRESHMENTS UNTIL 4:00

Franklin Food Pantry
201 S. Calvert Street
Franklin, Texas



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Click below to see a short video.

This inspiring video illustration shows how different people from the Bible praised God, no matter their circumstance. They are a motivation to us to always be grateful to God.

A Cry of Thanksgiving

We've been blessed beyond measure. Reflect on His blessings. Express your gratitude.

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Sunday Small Groups at 9:00 am

ARK - Nursery, Pre-K & Kindergarten

Kingdom Kids - 1st thru 4th grade

Encounter - 5th thru 8th grade

Fusion - 9th thru 12th grade

Home Builders - Adult

Wisdom - Adult

Our Amazon Wish List

has been updated with some new items that the church and preschool can use, please check it out at the following link.

[FMC Amazon Wish List](#)

This Wish List contains various items that might not be a priority in the church and preschool's budgets, but that are needed.

We will be adding many items that will be needed in the renovation of the Wesley House, so please consider this opportunity to be a part of this newest church building.

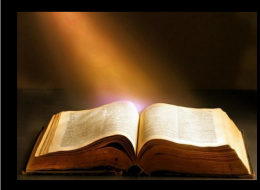
You can purchase items and they will be delivered right to the church. Of course, we want to acknowledge all the gifts, so be sure to fill out the gift receipt. You can access the wish list by following the link above or searching in Amazon by the church's name or email address.

Mission of the Month

Christmas Angels



Again this year we are looking to bless several children with Christmas gifts through the Christmas Angels ministry. The Angel tags will be coming soon and be available in the sanctuary or you can make a monetary donation to purchase gifts for those tags that might not be chosen. Gifts are due back to the church by Sunday, December 17. For more information contact the church office at 979-828-3355 or Beth Vickers at 979-255-1406.



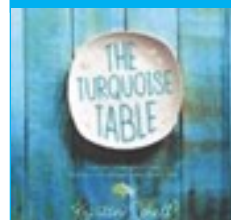
Bible Study

Tuesday 10:00am
Book of James

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 2



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



Kids K-2nd & 3rd-5th are invited to join us Wednesday nights November 1st, 8th, 15th, & 29th from 6:00-7:30pm for dinner, worship, games, & small group time. Blast will meet in the church Education Building.

Cookie Walk

We are in need of some artificial Christmas trees and Christmas lights to use in decorating for the Cookie Walk. Please contact Katherine Scasta

at 979-229-0253 or Beth Vickers at 979-255-1406 for more information on helping with these items.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 9AM TO NOON

Cookie Walk

It's that time of year again...time to decide on which Cookies you will be baking for our 9th Annual Cookie Walk Fundraiser! If you are new to FMC 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 8.

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
Bob Otto-Continued Healing

Terrie Foltermann as she continues to heal.



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

November Meetings

Turquoise Table Ladies	Thursday, November 2	11:00am
Finance/Trustees	Sunday, November 12	After Worship

Weekly Meetings

ESL Classes	Mondays	6:00pm
Bible Study	Tuesdays	10:00am
A.S.K. Tutoring	Tuesdays	3:15-5:00pm
Women's Emmaus	Wednesdays	8:00am-9:00am
MOPS	Wednesday the 8th & 22nd	10:00am-Noon
Choir/Ukulele	Wednesdays	4:00pm/5:00pm
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



Lay Readers

5th	Julie Neyland
12th	Eileen Cross
19th	Kip Kissinger
26th	John "Carty" Hicks

Ushers for November

Ken Reinhardt &
Todd Neyland

Giving for Last Month

General Offering	\$	24,298.00
Building Fund	\$	1,115.00
Memorial-Designated	\$	3,000.00

We appreciate and need your continued faithful giving.