

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

Does the Great Commission Still Matter? And If So How Do We Live It Out?

It has been awhile ago now that I was sitting at a lunch when I heard a minister state that he wasn't into all that evangelism: talking to people about God stuff. It wasn't his strength. Unfortunately, his statement might be the epitome of the Barna Research study entitled: Sharing Faith Is Increasingly Optional to Christians.

According to the study, 86% of the people polled disagreed with the statement that "Converting people to Christianity is the job of the local church". However, 89% agreed that "Every Christian has a responsibility to share his/her faith." This is an interesting contradiction in and of itself since the local church is a collection of individual Christians. Today, even the percentage of those who believe that individual Christians are responsible for sharing their faith has dropped to 64%.

But, there is some upside to the study as well. Today, the study shows that faith-sharers are less likely to use scripture quoting as a form of conversion and they are less controversial in their approach; seeking sharing faith stories rather than challenging the other person to defend his/her faith. The study also stated that those who agree with faith-sharing understand that it is most effective when it is done with those whom they already have a relationship with.

You might be asking me why does all this matter? Well, it matters because your faith journey is a vital part of who you are. And it helps to shape your decisions, thoughts, and beliefs. To not talk about your faith story is to deny a voice to a large part of who you are. It also means that you are not giving a voice to a very important aspect in strengthening relationships with whom you share life's journey. Sharing faith stories in love and compassion allows us to enter into a deeper relationship and gain a greater understanding of others. Those shared stories help us to see how God is moving in the world. How faith has sustained ourselves and others in difficult and even dark times. In our shared expressions of faith, we are trusting others with a vital part of ourselves and we are inviting them to share part of themselves with us. Sharing our faith allows the Holy Spirit to work in and through our lives to shape us and to shape those who hear our story of faith.

In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus tells his Disciples, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen". Sometimes we translate that command – Go into all the world and *make* disciples. The difficulty here is that some take the command of God and use it as a power tool for forcing others into the faith. And, of course, that has never been the desire of God. He did not send Jesus to condemn the world and so neither would Jesus send us to condemn others. Jesus told us about his relationship with God, and about God's relationship with the world. He pointed out truth and used everyday visuals to do so. He took care of people in need and greatly desired to sit down with those who would invite him in. We, too, are invited to share our story, and to share the story of the Bible, so that others might hear and be moved to choose faith. We, too, are invited to meet the needs of others and to exhibit the compassion and love of God. We do all this with the hope that others will see God's continual unrelenting love for humanity and to see His indescribable mercy extended to all. We do this because our Lord and Savior has asked us to do so, and we do it because the love of God towards us and our love for God compels us to do so. We do this because the hope that we find through faith carries us through the ups and downs of life and we can't image living without that hope. We do it because there is a world of people who have no hope and it breaks out hearts each time that hopelessness reveals itself in horrific ways and at the expense of innocent lives. We will continue to do it no matter what small percentage of others choose to join us because our hope tells us there is a better day coming when there will be no more tears. What a day of rejoicing that will be!

*Pastor Polly*

## YOUTH NEWS

Hello All, we are gearing up well for the Summer. The Kolache Sale Fundraiser went very well. God blessed us with immense provision and it was a lot of fun. A huge thanks to all who supported the youth. We will be continuing Wednesday night activities through the summer. The new happenings this month are UMARMY and Lakeview. UMARMY will be the 17th through 23rd with Lakeview following the 24 through 29th. As we prepare and leave for these trips, our youth will be in great need of the prayers of our church family. We will not meet the Wednesdays during the UMARMY and Lakeview weeks.

God bless you,  
John Kamas



Greetings Church Family,



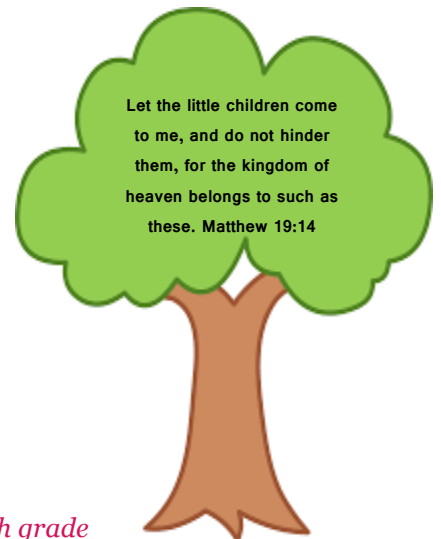
I hope your family has enjoyed the opportunity to collect funds for Rice-Bowls.org! My hope & prayer was that this would be an opportunity to have open and honest discussions with our children about the importance of healthy food, the need to help one another in a real and tangible way and to

bring about a recognition of our abundant blessings! We will conclude our rice bowl project with a fun "Bowl Bash" ceremony at Altitude in College Station. We will plan to leave FUMC at 5:30pm on **Wednesday, June 6th** and plan to return by 9:30pm. We **WILL** need a few chaperones, so please let me know if you are able to help! Please RSVP with the Church office by **Tuesday, June 5th** and let us know if you will need transportation for your child! Please send \$15 per child to cover jump party & pizza!

Eager To Be The Change,  
LeAnn Lennie



*Children's Ministry serves ages 3 - 6th grade*



### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee hopes that the congregation enjoyed the Mothers' Day celebration as much as we all did. Thank you so much for sharing your photos for this very special day, and we are working on plans to enhance this presentation for next year. If you have not already, please remember to pick up your photos from LeAnn in the Church office.

Pentecost Sunday was a memorable and moving day for our congregation. Many thanks to those who worked so hard to make the altar so beautiful. A very special thank you to Jim Miller for his hard work on the arches and doves.

Our Memorial Day Remembrance on May 27 as a special day to honor those veterans who are no longer with us. This was a special time for us to express our appreciation for their service and sacrifice.

#### Please remember:

Fathers' Day June 17 – Hopefully, while you were searching for a picture of yourself with your mother, you located one with your dad as well. These pictures should be turned in to the Church office by June 5th.

Blessings to all of you, and we thank you for this opportunity to serve you as we plan special worship experiences throughout the year.

## PRAYING PIECERS NEWS

We will be meeting on Monday, June 4th & Monday, June 18th from 9am - Noon.  
Anyone is welcome to join our sewing group and we always have plenty to eat!  
We will begin our salad lunches, to beat the Summer heat!

Happy Stitching,  
Donna Otto



#### *Music Note:*

*The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts... and with my song I give thanks to Him. -- Psalm 28:7*

Music is our way of inviting worshippers to come inside, join hands and hearts together and praise God. May was a very busy month, so we hope in June we will have more time to practice for our Sunday services. The Sonshine Strummers have two or three performances each month where we go out to retirement homes and nursing homes. We always love to talk to the residents after we sing. Some have stories to tell us because memories were stirred up with some of our songs. So come on! We know you've thought about joining us, so why not this month?

"Sing"cerely, Rhonda

## Pebble Creek Country Club

Will host the Still Creek Scramble on  
**Monday, June 18th**

There are numerous sponsorship and  
single player opportunities available.

If you are interested, you may contact Olivia Campbell  
979-814-6476 or [franklntxbroker@gmail.com](mailto:franklntxbroker@gmail.com)

*Still Creek has been serving children since 1988.*

*When you support Still Creek,*

*you are proving long-term care and  
restoration for children rescued from abuse,  
neglect and abandonment.*

The next Administrative Council  
Meeting will take place on  
**July 15th**  
(Following Worship Service)

### **A Few Notes:**

- ◆ All reports will be heard at that time.
  - ◆ Finances are in good standing.
  - ◆ Property Issues are under control.
- ◆ Nominations will be underway by then.



**ALL HANDS ON DECK....WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

## **FRANKLIN COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

*Sponsored by Franklin United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church*

**June 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to Noon**

***There is a volunteer role for everyone!***

***Contact Beth Vickers with any questions:***

**979-255-1406**



### **Calling All Campers**

Deadline to apply is **June 5th!!** If possible, please go online to [www.lakeviewmcc.org](http://www.lakeviewmcc.org) to register **BEFORE** the deadline. We must provide one adult chaperone per 5 kids that we send to camp. Please help us prepare, by registering ASAP!

Camp is June 24 – June 29

Cost: \$400

(Financial assistance may be available, you must contact the Church Office to coordinate!)

### **Your Texas Annual Conference delegates:**

We did lots of serious work, but also took time to have a little fun!



## **Thank You!**

Thank you to the many donors and volunteers that have made our recent fundraising efforts such a success! We have raised:

**Garage Sale = \$1,763.75**

(Education Building Repairs)

**Bake Sale = \$127.50**

(Summer Camp)

**Kolache Sale = \$2,457.00**

(Summer Camp & UM ARMY)

# Save The Date

## 2nd Annual Family Fun Night

Wednesday, July 11th at 6pm



### ***What is your gift?***

*Perhaps you have a green thumb?*

*Skilled at woodworking?*

*Perhaps you're a "smell good" plumber?*

***We could use your gifts  
in the church!***

Barry & Jenny Cate would love your help with projects given to the Trustees Committee. If you can help with a single project or would like to be part of the committee, please contact them directly or the Church office!

### **Men's Bible Study**

Mondays 6:30 - 7:30

In the church activity building

Contact Jim Hanks 979-229-9547

[jhanks@hanksengineering.com](mailto:jhanks@hanksengineering.com)



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**Also contact Jim to get involved in our  
community service initiative! See below!**

### **Need a helping hand?**

### **Know someone that does?**

If you or a loved one or neighbor are struggling with small tasks, such as changing the air filter, getting the grass mowed, etc...

**We would like to try and arrange help!**

# 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.

Dornbush Family  
Reeves Family  
Katherine Scasta  
Tom Fuller  
Ginger Mareth  
Joey Mickelwitz

Madison Wilcox  
Jim Hanks  
John Callaway  
Archer Foltermann  
Rhonda Toups  
Ronny Hibler

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



## Lay Readers

3rd Grady Harris  
10th Jeff Ripley  
17th Sandra Hoegemeyer  
24th Wayne Huggins



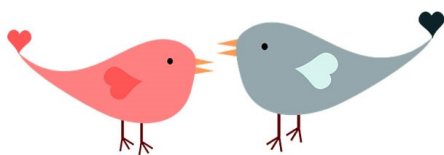
## Tithes & Offering for Last Month

Average Attendance	92.5
Offering Income for May	\$ 17,395.71
New Building Fund	\$ 2,415.00

## Ushers

**Todd Neyland**  
**Ken Reinhardt**

# JUNE BIRTHDAYS



## June Anniversaries

5 Chris & Teresa Callaway  
17 Jerry & Cindy Briggs  
17 Trey & Sarah Miller  
17 Keith & Janet Zamzow  
18 John & Mickie Callaway  
25 Wayne & Sarah Huggins  
27 Ken & Robbie Reinhardt

4 Harry Gilland  
5 Benjamin Cate  
6 Cynthia Hanks  
7 Debbie Black  
8 Avery Rawson  
9 Clark Westerman  
Reese Rawson  
11 Heather Frieda  
12 Christina Martin  
14 Jaycee Smith  
16 James Eller  
Douglas Hicks  
18 Maggie Easterly  
Kari Smith  
19 Davis Kamas  
21 Lilah Lennie

22 Rebecca Vickers  
23 Josh Smith  
24 Chelsea Janacek  
Charlie Harris  
Emily Harris  
Mila Peterson  
25 Ginger Mareth  
26 Shirley Creel  
Regna Blajeski  
KC McCormick Sr.  
Ken McCormick Jr.  
Brenda Michael  
27 Ethan Sexton  
28 Sara Huggins  
29 Chris Caubarraux



# June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 FHS Graduation 7:00pm	2	
3	4 Praying Piecers	5	6 VBS Meeting @ 10am KID MIN @ 5:30pm	7	8 Soneshine Strummers @ 2:30pm Hudson Creek	9 VBS Decorate Day
10 VBS Decorate Day & Pre-Registration 2:00 - 4:00pm	11	Community Vacation Bible School 8:30 - 12:00 (M-F)			15 VBS Family Night SPRC at 6:30pm	16
17 Father's Day	18 Praying Piecers	19	20	21	22 Soneshine Strummers @ 2:00pm Franklin Library	23
	UM ARMY 17th - 22nd					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Lakeview Summer Camp 24th - 29th					

Choir—Wednesdays 5:45pm-6:30pm

Clothes Closet Volunteer—

Mondays 3:00-5:00 Wednesdays 5:00-8:00 Thursdays 9:00-11:00

Men's Bible Study—Mondays at 6:30pm

Men's Emmaus—Thursdays at 6:30am

MOPS—Select Mondays 9:00am-11:00am

Praying Piecers—Select Mondays 9:00am-12:00pm

Preschool—CLOSED FOR SUMMER

Ukulele—Wednesdays 5:00pm-5:45pm

United Methodist Women—1st Wed at 9:30am

Women's Emmaus—Wednesdays at 7:00am

Youth Fellowship—Wednesday s 6:00pm-8:00pm

## Reading for the Weekly Worship

June 3	1 Samuel 3:1-20	Psalms 139:1-6	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Mark 2:23-3:6
June 10	1 Samuel 8:4-20	Psalms 138	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
June 17	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13	Psalms 20 or 72	2 Corinthians 5:6-10	Mark 4:26-34
June 24	1 Samuel 17	Psalms 9:9-20	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41