

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

“Don’t just be an object of God’s blessing but be an instrument of God’s blessings for others.”

This weekend I had the opportunity to pastor 30 young women during their Walk to Emmaus. It was sometime on Saturday that I heard this phrase spoken. I can’t remember who said it, but it caught my attention. In fact, I stopped what I was doing and wrote it down. Through out the day I found myself drawn to the phrase. At some point toward the evening it occurred to me that this would be a tremendous statement of purpose for our Mission’s Committee. After all they had just lived out the truth of this phrase with their coat drive, giving 30+ children each a coat for the winter months ahead.

Then my mind wandered another direction; after all, the next morning, the members of the church would be sharing in a blessing as the worship service was led by laity. Kenner would be sharing the message that was placed on his heart with his usual mix of humor and seriousness. Caitlyn would lead the praise songs with a mixture of youthful confidence and human vulnerability. The Sonshine Strummers would bring their joy filled presentation of the hymns and special music. A treat that is usually taken to the nursing homes around the area. LeAnn would lead the children’s sermon. All the while the usual suspects would continue their service in teaching Sunday morning small groups, greeting, ushering, running the sound and media center, carrying in the light of Christ, collecting offering, counting money, and locking up. Yes, Sunday morning would be filled with people who had experienced God’s blessings now becoming an instrument of God’s blessing.

Then my thoughts turned to all the people it takes to work the Walk to Emmaus. Just like the VBS we ran this summer. It takes just as many individuals to work VBS as it takes children to attend. Some work before the event, some work during, some work up front, some work behind the scenes and some come in and clean up after. Each doing so to be a blessing because they themselves have been blessed.

Thought I had pretty well thought through that phrase, then the Lord gave me an active learning lesson. As I stepped out at the end of a long day, I felt the Lord say, “What will you do for Me today?” Really, I had already given Him my full day. That’s when I heard that the bathrooms had backed up into the toilets and shower. This would never do. But no plumber could be reached. Who was able to come? So the Spiritual Director said he was willing to do the work and I agreed to step in as well. Together, with God’s help, we would seek to locate the pipe, isolate the clogs, and clear them into the septic tank that we had already decided was in working order and not the cause of the problem. With one shovel (whose handle broke a couple of hours in), a small yard flag stick, a couple of screw drivers, a short and rickety snake, a marshmallow roasting stick, an electric drill and bit, and an electric knife blade we set off to work.

We laughed, we asked the Lord. “How long?”, as we continued to dig holes to track the unknown path of the pipe across the acreage from bunk houses to the septic tank. At one point I stated that the Lord had a funny way of getting preachers to their knees! By 5 am the work was done. We had opened the pipes cleared the clogs, covered up all the holes and we were getting cleaned up, exhausted but feeling the peace that comes from knowing you have been used as a instrument of blessing to others.

Get ready, ‘cause now that you have taken the phrase in, I am sure there is an active learning lesson coming your way. Don’t miss the opportunity to be an instrument of God’s blessings for others.

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10

Pastor Polly

Lending Library

We are happy to announce that we have motivational & Christian resources available to borrow! Take a minute or two to browse our new lending library located near the Narthex and find something that speaks to you! Have a book or DVD that you have found helpful or encouraging, we’d love your help to grow our library!

Includes “The Ark Encounter” from Pastor Polly’s recent trip!



Sunday Small Groups

Begin at 9:00 am

Small groups are also traditionally known as "Sunday School Classes". We want everyone to feel welcome to come try a small group and find what works for you & your family!

ARK - Nursery, Pre-K & Kinder

Kingdom Kids - 1st thru 4th

Encounter - 5th thru 7th

Fusion - 8th thru 12th

Journey - Any Adult

Home Builders - Any Adult

Wisdom - Any Adult

If you want to get plugged in to a Sunday Small Group and don't know where to start or would like to help teach, co-teach or sub please talk to Mary Kamas or Beth Vickers or call the church office at 979-828-3355.

* Our Adult Advent Video Series begins in December & would be the perfect opportunity for you to get plugged-in!

Youth

When: Each (almost every) Wednesday from 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Where: The Activity Building at Franklin Methodist

What: Food, Fellowship, Faith Talk, Fun and Games

We have had a great kick off to the year. Special thanks to all those individuals, who are serving us meals on a regular basis. If you are interested in helping with a meal on a 4th Wednesday, please contact the church office. We also want to thank the Miller's, who opened their lake house to us in October. We had a great time! Thanks for the invitation to return sometime and fish – We will definitely take you up on that invitation.

Meeting Dates: November - 7th, 14th & 28th
December - 5th, 12th & 19th
January - 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

Officer Positions: Applications are due by November 14th. If you need an application please contact Pastor Polly by text at 281-733-0978.

Parents, we need a **current liability sheet** completed and returned for each student. If you have not received one yet, contact the church office or pick one up at the next Wednesday Youth Group Meeting.

Also, Parents, we are putting together an updated contact list. Please provide at least one cell number that can receive text and an email address to which you wish contact information to be sent. You can call the church office at 979-828-3355 and give that information to LeAnn.

FUMC **KIDS**

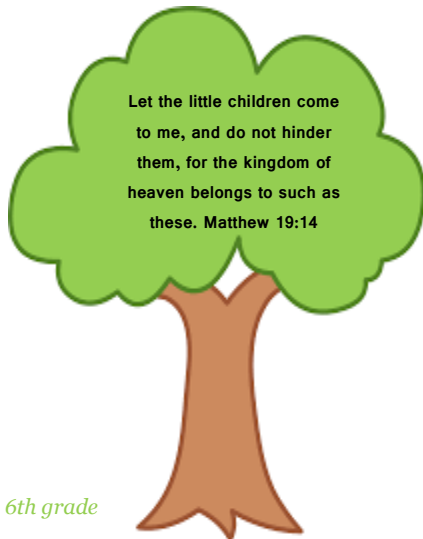
*Love kids?
Passionate about making
a difference?
Join our team!*

We are looking for a dedicated individual to join our staff as the Director of Children's Ministry. Responsibilities include:

- ◆ Lead Children's Sermon during Worship.
- ◆ Plan & promote events that foster the spiritual development of children.
- ◆ Attend planning meetings such as Education committee & Administrative Counsel.

**Contact Rev. Polly Standing
for more info!**

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Matthew 19:14



Children's Ministry serves ages 3 - 6th grade



KID MIN EVENT

When: Sunday, November 18, 2018 at 3pm

Where: Central Baptist Church in College Station

What: We invite you to experience a whole new world and gain a new perspective on how millions of kids around world live daily.

This is a free event and we have reserved space for 20 people. We are happy to have more, but would like an estimated head count. We may choose to meet as a group and enjoy lunch together beforehand or enjoy an afternoon snack after.

More details to follow as we have an idea of how many will participate.
All are welcome!



Mrs. Fannin's First Grade class visits the Pumpkin Patch!



HOW DO WE MEASURE SUCCESS?

In the number of lives touched!

Thank you all for your support of this year's Pumpkin Patch!

PRAYING PIECERS NEWS

The Praying Piecers will meet on November 12th and November 28th (that is if we're not too stuffed to move after Thanksgiving). I realize that some of us will be out of town, but those who are here and want to have some time to themselves after a busy holiday are welcome to meet at 9 a.m.

We're open to all who would like to sew, knit, crochet, or do any other kind of hand work.

Happy stitching,
Donna Otto

Music Note:



I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. --Psalm 34:1

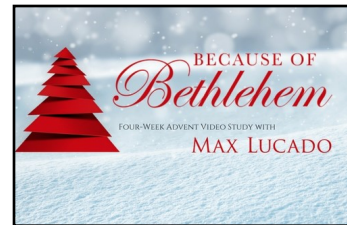
Our church choir continues to bless the Lord with our praise through music. We're working on Christmas songs now because December is coming up fast. The Sunshine Strummers have taken their Christmas songs out too. We have several important performances this month and next. The Children's Christmas choir begins this week. We invite all children who like to sing to come to the Monday afternoon practices. Please call the church for details.

"Sing"cerely,
Rhonda

Children's Christmas Choir

Our Children's Christmas Choir will begin practicing on Monday, November 5th. 3:30 - 4:00.

- Children must be in Pre-K at the elementary school or older.
- They may ride Bus #15 to the church, but you must notify the church office & school.
- Tentative performance date is Sunday, December 16th, during worship service.
- We will have caroling around the square, tentatively on Monday, December 17th.
- If Monday does not work for you, but your child would like to be involved, please contact the Church office. Rhonda is willing to meet at one other time during the week, so that all can participate.



Advent is a season of preparation & anticipation— a glorious gift is coming soon and we want to be ready to receive it!

Join us as we discover the enduring promises of Christmas and a lifetime of hope because of one baby born in Bethlehem.

Beginning **Sunday, December 2nd**, please plan to join us for our Churchwide Advent Video Study and Fellowship!

All adults will meet during the Sunday Morning Small Group Time at 9:00am in the Activities Building.

Coffee and Small Bites will be provided.
(No study book is necessary!)

From your Missions Committee:

Thank you!

We gave out over 35 coats to kids in need of warmth this Winter.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

9AM TO NOON

Cookie Walk

It's that time of year again...time to decide on which Cookies you will be baking for our 4th Annual Cookie Walk Fundraiser! All proceeds go to pay off the Building Note!

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. Each customer is provided with a bakery box to walk around the tables choosing the cookies they wish to purchase. We weigh their box on the way out...it's that simple.

What do we need from YOU?

****COOKIES AND MORE COOKIES!!****

We need many varieties of fresh-baked delicious cookies; good old-fashioned ones as well as fun new creations.

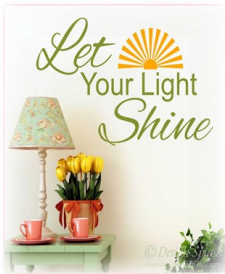
Details: All must be Homemade Goodies. (Fudge and Candies are also welcome) Each family is asked to commit to making a MINIMUM of 5 pounds (which should be about equivalent to a double or triple batch, maybe 4-5 dozen). They should be fresh baked that week. Cookies can be made by people individually 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 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 (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!). If you need help, we have a list of suggested recipes available. (there are many wonderful Christmas cookie ideas on Pinterest under "Cookie Walk") We will need the cookies delivered to the church by Friday, December 7th.

****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!

The FUMP Corner



This Little Light of Mine, I'm gonna let it shine! That has been our theme song for the month of October. Listening to our preschoolers sing this song can certainly warm your heart. They sing it with all enthusiasm they have - a lesson we could all use from time to time.

Autumn is in the air and all around us at the preschool. If you walk into the hallways, orange pumpkins and little children are in our patch. Our Bible verse for October comes from the Ecclesiastes 3:1. It says, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." The teachers are helping the children learn about the different seasons that God gives us to enjoy and how each season is different. It has been so exciting to see the

children's reactions when they first laid eyes on the Pumpkin Patch! Carving and scooping out the "yucky" stuff inside the pumpkin, is similar to how God works in us, as He forgives us of our sins, and molds us into a new creature. We hope this is the lesson that our children are able to take with them.

Since October is Pastor Appreciation month, the preschool will be honoring Pastor Polly for her leadership on October 30th. FUMP will be serving lunch for her and LeAnn Lennie to help celebrate their birthdays. As always, we appreciate your support and your prayers.



In Christ,

Sherry Buchanan

Christmas Angels

Every year the churches and businesses in the Franklin Community join together to provide Christmas Gifts for children in need in the Franklin ISD area. We consolidate our lists and divide them up...our church family will be providing presents for 25 children this year. The wish lists for these children will be available by **Sunday, November 18th** and wrapped presents are due back by **Sunday, December 16th**. If you would like to sign up to be a blessing to a child (or several children), please let us know. You can buy and wrap the gifts yourself or provide a monetary donation and others will shop for you! More information will be available in the church office or contact Beth Vickers at 979-255-1406 or rexandbeth@gmail.com.



Suggested value of presents per child is \$50-\$75 and items purchased on *Black Friday* or on sale should be counted at their normal retail price.

Christmas PARADE

City of Franklin Christmas parade is schedule for

Saturday, December 1st

Details are still being worked out, but we do plan to have a float in the parade and would love for you to be involved!

Please contact the church office if you'd like to help in any capacity!

979-828-3355



Feast of Sharing

The Community **Holiday Feast of Sharing** will be on **Saturday, December 1st**. The Franklin Community has a 20-year tradition of providing delicious Holiday meals for families and individuals that may not receive that meal any other way or that need a reminder that our community cares for them. Many churches in the community join together to make this event a reality and there are numerous ways for you as a member of our church family to participate in this event.

- **Bake Goodies:** cakes, pies or specialty breads for the **Bake Sale Fundraiser on Friday, November 9th** at various restaurants around town.
- **Bake Sale Volunteer:** work the bake sale tables 11/9 from 4:30-7:00pm.
- **Monetary Donation:** to help offset the cost of Holiday meals.
- **Prep Work:** the week before December 1st. Our Church is in charge of sautéing all onions & celery for the cornbread.
- **Kitchen Worker:** 2 hour prep shift the morning of 12/1 at 6am at the Franklin High Cafeteria.
- **Bake Sheet Cakes:** to be cut & delivered as part of the Holiday meal. We need 25!
- **Clean-up Crew:** Around 1:30 on 12/1 at the High School cafeteria.
- **Delivery Driver:** Deliver food on 12/1. Each year, we deliver nearly 1,000 meals! The more drivers we have, the lighter the load & more importantly, the more time you get to visit with those on your route! Often, the best part of the day is sharing His love with our neighbors! Meal pickup will start at 11am.

To volunteer for any of the above needs, please contact the church office or Beth Vickers. rexandbeth@gmail.com or call/

Emmaus Reunion Groups

Men's Day Breakers Reunion Group
Thursdays @ 6:30am in Kitchen

Women's Rekindled Reunion Group
Wednesdays @ 7:00am in Kitchen

Women's Awaken Reunion Group
Wednesdays @ 6:00pm in Church Conference Room



Worship Committee

Nothing signals the beginning of Fall and ushers in the holiday season like the opening of the Pumpkin Patch. Fall worship services for Franklin United Methodist Church are especially meaningful as we honor veterans and count our many blessings. The following are events that we are looking forward to enjoying.

November:

- November 4 – All Saints Sunday – honor and recognize those we have lost this year
- November 11 – Veterans' Day Sunday – special service to honor our veterans
- November 18 – Thanksgiving Sunday – a day for our membership to express our gratitude
- November 25 – Christ the King Sunday

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.



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.

Sanders Family	Harry Gilland	Marie Kellum	Ronny Hibbler
Archer Folterman	John Callaway	Jim Hanks	Madison Wilcox
Ginger Mareth	Katherine Scasta	Tom Fuller	Joey Mickelwitz
Mike Allen	Reeves Family	Dornbush Family	Akins Family

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



Lay Readers

4th Jan Westerman
 11th Sandra Hoegemeyer
 18th Grady Harris
 25th Andy Reed



Giving for Last Month

General Offering	\$22,056.14
Building Fund	\$5,445.00
Memorial/Other	\$431.55
Pumpkin Patch	\$1,787.75

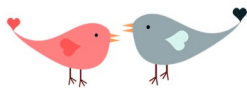
Ushers

Kenner Reinhardt
 Ken Reinhardt

Average Attendance

98

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



November Anniversaries


No love birds this month!?



Please contact the church office to add or correct any info!

1st Julie Folterman	18th Ariel Campsey
4th Carty Hicks	20th Laura Hailey
Frank Perry	Doug Campbell
5th Mrs. Sara Davis	21st Avery Rawson
6th Morgan Broadus	23rd Tanja Peterson
9th Jack Cloat	24th Julie Neyland
12th Sarah Stem	25th Greg Stem
Brent Lennie	Ken Reinhardt
16th Toni Black Chanley	26th Seth Kissinger
Bryan Kellum	Donna Otto
17th Dianna Hutchison	28th Jim Callaway
	Finley Poe

NOVEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>See Regularly Scheduled Events/Times Below</i>				1	2	3  Emmaus Gathering 4th Day at 4pm Gathering at 5pm
4	5	6	7 UMW	8 Girl Scout Leaders Mtg. SPRC 6:30	9 Feast of Sharing Bake Sale Fundraiser	10 MOPS Moms Night
11 Food Pantry Sunday Finance Mtg. Charge Conf	12 Praying Piecers Worship Comm. Work Day	13	14	15	16 MOPS	17
18 Admin. Mtg. KID MIN EVENT 3PM	19	20 FUMP Family Feast	21	22	23	24
25	26 Praying Piecers Worship Comm. Decorate	27	28	29	30 MOPS	

Choir - Wednesdays 5:00pm-5:40pm	Girl Scouts - Wednesdays 4:30pm-6:00pm	Praying Piecers - Select Mondays	Women's Emmaus - Wednesdays 7:00am & 6:00pm
Clothes Closet Volunteer - Mondays 3:00pm-5:00pm	Men's Bible Study - TBA	Preschool - Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm	Youth - Wednesdays 6:00pm-8:00pm
Thursdays 9:00am-11:00am	Men's Emmaus - Thursdays at 6:30am	Ukulele - Wednesdays 5:45pm-6:30pm	*Children's Christmas Choir - Mondays at 3:30pm-4:00pm
	MOPS - Select Fridays 9:00am-11:00am	United Methodist Women - 1st Mondays at 9:30am	* or as scheduled with Rhonda Miller

Reading for the Weekly Worship

November 4	Ruth 1:1-18	Psalm 146	Hebrews 9:11-14	Mark 12:28-34
November 11	Ruth 3:1-4,4:13-17	Psalm 127	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
November 18	1 Samuel 1:4-20	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Hebrews 10:11-14,19-25	Mark 13:1-8
November 25	2 Samuel 23:1-7	Psalm 132:1-12	Revelation 1:4-8	John 18:33-37