

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

In my own backyard there is a wonderful wealth of wildlife. There is seasonally a small family of birds that roost in a nest that has been in place for all of the eight plus years I have served here in Franklin. I enjoy watching the birds emerge from their shells with a sweet urgency of chirping. I am waiting for the day they move from this nest to take roost on the porch ceiling ledge.

I watch the squirrels playing around the trees and limbs-this year I have Marvel (my rehabilitated squirrel) who visits the porch on early mornings. She loves to hide the nuts we give her and she occasionally eats them.

But for a while on April 13th, the animals were quiet. The playful dance of the squirrels was absent, as was the tree in my neighbor's back yard. I could now see all the way to the Elementary School field. Just like the missing playful squirrels, the sound of laughter and banter was missing from my view. There were no children riding bikes, jumping on trampolines, or playing a game in the field.

The wind had scattered the wildlife, and children along with their parents, into sheltering places. As the wind cleared and I emerged from my home and got in the car to assess the damages, the first thing I noticed was the destruction of homes and businesses now made visible because of the missing trees.

Our church immediately started meeting needs—We set up a medical triage, a shelter for the volunteer organization—Rubicon, who came in to clean trees and other debris. We took our own members out to dirty their own hands in the work of bringing order in the midst of chaos.

As the days went on and the scope of the damage took root, the truth that there were no lives lost became even more unbelievable. And at the same time the vast destruction of trees that had stood tall for decades became even more overwhelming—the trees had taken a toll.

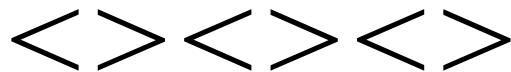
As I reflect theologically on these days, I am overcome with the vision of God's use for saving our lives through the tree that was sacrificed to form a Cross. I invite you to reflect theologically as to what God would have us to do in response of this saving lives: Would you act in gratitude by planting trees? Will you join God's work in saving lives through partnering with the food pantry? Will you help to improve lives by serving at the Clothes Closet? Will you help provide sheltering places through partnering with Habitat? Will you listen to the stories of those who were saved by the hand of God by volunteering with me in the Long-term Recovery Task Force?

Perhaps you have other ideas, other visions, and if so, I would invite you to speak with me so we see how God might make your vision a reality.

And then let's all give words of prayerful thanksgiving for God's reminder that He is still about the work of saving people through the work of the tree upon which Christ died.

Pastor Polly

June Monthly Mission



Peace with Justice

UNITED METHODIST
**SPECIAL
SUNDAY**
PLEASE GIVE
GENEROUSLY

**PEACE WITH
JUSTICE SUNDAY**

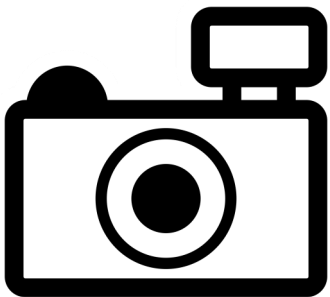
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living a gospel of peace.

"I am encouraged by United Methodists who, along with ecumenical and interfaith partners, are engaging in the genuine pursuit of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East and around the world."
- THE REV. DR. SUSAN HENRY-CROWE, GENERAL
SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY.

"NATION SHALL NOT LIFT UP SWORD AGAINST NATION, NEITHER SHALL THEY LEARN WAR ANY MORE."
- MICAH 4:3b, NRSV

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Church Directory

We are creating an updated church directory. Please remember to have your family photo for the new directory taken by the end of June. Photos are taken before and after church in front of the church or by appointment. If you need an appointment, please call Anne Perry, (979) 828-4374.

If you would like to update your contact information for the church directory, please contact the church office.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Mothers' Day, Senior Recognition and Memorial Day made May a month of celebration for our congregation. We all look forward to summer and the worship opportunities afforded us during this first month of summer break.

Please remember:

June 9 – **Pentecost Sunday** This season begins on this date and continues through August 18.

June 16 – **Father's Day** Special service to remember and honor our fathers.

June 16 – **Trinity Sunday** (Yes, same day as Father's Day.)

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



Wednesday, June 26th, at 6:00pm

All ages (young and “young at heart”) meet at the Activity Building for a fun meal of nacho/taco stackups followed by an entertaining Bunco tournament that is easy-to-learn-and-play for all ages.

Come join us in fellowship!

FAMILY MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Home Hangs

Between camps, vacations and all of the summer busyness, come and spend some time with our church family! Families will be hosting casual gatherings at their homes during June and July. These are times for movies, board games, sports, water activities, and more. We will post upcoming hang-outs and activities with dates and times on social media and through email. If you would be interested in hosting, please contact Katie Kamas.



Lakeview UMC Camp will be June 16-21st! We will leave following the service - please come to church with your bags packed. Be in prayer for the children, youth, and adults who will be attending this week of faith and fun.



Our youth will leave for UM ARMY on June 9. Please be in prayer for the youth and adults who will be serving and for the community of Llano as we share Jesus' love through actions and words.

Youth Meetings for the Month

June 5—VBS Training

June 12—No meeting—UM ARMY

June 19—No meeting— Lakeview

June 26—Family Life Bunco Night (Invite the whole family)

Peace,
Katie Kamas

Music Note:

*Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Psalm 95:1*



The Choir, Sunshine Strummers and even our youngest, newest Ukulele players continue to praise Him with a joyful noise! Mrs. Otto has booked a full line-up of two gigs per month for the Ukulele Band, so if you've never had the blessing of watching them perform, make plans soon! Next up: **Crossroads in Hearne on June 7th**. They will take the stage at 3:30pm. On **June 20th** the Sunshine Strummers will be at **Legacy in Bryan starting at 2pm**.

PRAYING PIECERS NEWS

We will be meeting on the 10th and 24th of the month. Come join us in the Activity Building Kitchen from 9am - Noon. We enjoy working on sewing, quilting & other various projects, while we fellowship and enjoy a potluck meal together. If you don't have your own project to work on, we'd be happy to let you help in this wonderful outreach project.

Happy stitching!
Donna Otto



Join us at the FRANKLIN COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Community VBS will be July 8-12th from 8:30am to 12:00pm.
We welcome ages 3 years—6th grade.

Registration forms are available in the church office. Find “*Franklin Community VBS*” on Facebook and let us know if you are coming. Like the event page to stay connected with upcoming information, happenings and exciting VBS news!

CALLING ALL VBS VOLUNTEERS

We need help during VBS and before VBS...there is a role for everyone!

Please contact Beth Vickers to volunteer: 979-255-1406

All VBS volunteers working with children (both adult and youth) will be required to have a Safe Sanctuary training certificate. We have set up two initial training dates and are hoping that you can **attend one** of these in the Activity Building. Safe Sanctuary training is vital in helping us to ensure the safety of the precious children who will be entrusted to our care the week of Vacation Bible School. Mark your calendars for one of the following dates:

Saturday, June 1st 9:30am-11:30am

Wednesday, June 5th 6:00pm-8:00pm

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.

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
Barbara Eller	United Methodist	Mary Garrett & Family	Lennie Family

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



Lay Readers

2nd	Jeff Ripley
9th	Andy Reed
16th	Julie Jarrell
23rd	Joe Corn
30th	Julie Jarrell



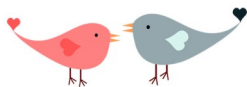
Giving for Last Month

General Offering	\$	19,555.46
Building Fund	\$	2300.00
Memorial/ Designated	\$	6967.05
St. Stephens	\$	

Ushers

Todd Neyland
Kenny Reinhardt

Average Attendance
100



June Anniversaries

Chris & Teresa Callaway

Jerry & Cindy Briggs

Trey & Sarah Miller

John & Mickie Callaway

Wayne & Sara Huggins

Ken & Robbie Reinhardt

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

4th	Harry Gilland	22nd	Rebecca Vickers
5th	Benjamin Cate	23rd	Josh Smith
6th	Cynthia Hanks	24th	Chelsea Janacek
7th	Debbie Black		Charlie Harris
9th	Clark Westerman		Emily Harris
	Reese Rawson		Mila Peterson
11th	Heather Frieda	25th	Ginger Mareth
12th	Christina Martin	26th	Shirley Creel
14th	Jaycee Smith		Regan Blajeski
16th	James Eller		KC McCormick Sr.
	Douglas Hicks		Ken McCormick Jr.
18th	Maggie Easterly		Brenda Michael
	Kari Smith	27th	Ethan Sexton
19th	David Kamas	28th	Sara Huggins
21st	Lilah Lennie	29th	Chris Caubarreaux

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regularly Scheduled Events listed below!						1 VBS Training 9:30am-11:30am Food Pantry 8:30am-12:00pm
2	3	4	5 VBS Decorating 9:00am - 2:00pm VBS Training 6:00pm - 8:00pm	6	7 Sonshine Strummers at Crossroads 3:30pm	8
9 Family Life Meeting Finance Meeting UM ARMY	10 Praying Piecers 9:00am - 12:00pm	11	12 VBS Decorating 9:00am - 2:00pm	13 SPRC Meeting 6:30pm	14	15
16 Peace with Justice Sunday Connections Meeting Lakeview Camp	17	18	19 VBS Decorating 9:00am - 2:00pm Missions Committee Meeting 6:30pm	20 Sonshine Strummers at Legacy 2:00pm	21	22
23 Hunter Rawson Baptism	24 Praying Piecers 9:00am - 12:00pm	25	26 VBS Decorating 9:00am - 2:00pm Family Fun Bunco Night 6:00pm	27	28	29
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Choir - Wednesdays 5:00pm-5:40pm

Girl Scouts - Wednesdays 4:30pm-6:00pm

Praying Piecers - Select Mondays

Clothes Closet Volunteer -

Youth - Wednesdays 6:00pm-8:00pm
(No Youth Meetings in June)

United Methodist Women - 1st Mondays at 9:30am

Mondays 3:00pm-5:00pm

Men's Emmaus - Thursdays at 6:30am

Ukulele - Wednesdays 5:45pm-6:30pm

Beginner Lessons - Thursdays By Appt.

Thursdays 9:00am-11:00am

Women's Emmaus - Wednesdays
7:00am & 6:00pm

Lectionary Reading for the Weekly Worship

June 2	Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
June 9	Acts 2:1-12	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:14-17	John 14:8-17
June 16	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Psalm 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
June 23	1 Kings 19:1-15a	Psalm 42	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
June 30	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62