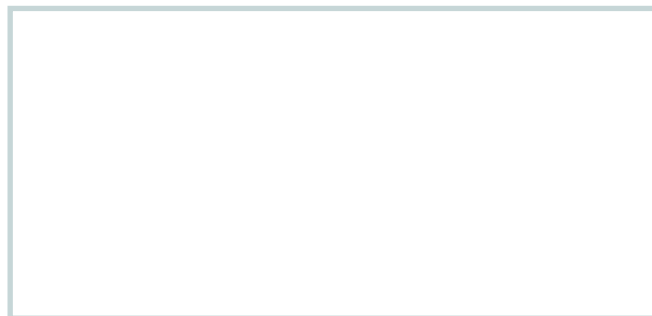


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Purpose Statement

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

Every decision you make ...is a decision about Who You Are.- Neale Donald Walsch

Neale Donald Walsch was an American author of the series "Conversations with God". I don't know much about his theology but this statement speaks to me. I have often said every decision either moves us closer to God or further away from God. And in that sense the direction we choose says something about who we believe ourselves to be, who we are and who we want to be.

I was pondering how I might have experienced this as a recipient in my life. I remember the white-haired elderly lady who taught our Sunday School class and *never missed a day*. She believed the Bible was worth teaching.

I remember the nurse who came and sat with me at my bedside, playing "Go Fish" while my broken jaw healed. I am sure she had many other things to do, but still she sat with me. She believed a simple gift of presence could make a difference in someone's life.

I remember the pastor that introduced us to long time members that lead to a long-term friendship. So well matched were we that I knew he had spent valuable time making the selection. He believed that church members were meant to be in relationship with one another.

This morning a friend sent me a website article "You Need to Be Inconvenienced for Your Church," by Tyler Greene. In the article he talks about a revival taking place in Scotland's rural churches in the 1800's. From homes and farms located in the middle of nowhere in the middle of winter they would travel long distances to gather at the church. Here are a few words from the article:

"It was often a stirring sight to witness the multitudes assembling during the dark winter evenings – to trace their progress as they came in all directions across moors and mountains by the blazing torches which they carried to light their way to the places of meeting. The Word of the Lord was precious in those days; and personal inconvenience was little thought of when the hungering soul sought to be satisfied."

This afternoon I have spent several hours taking individuals around our town, talking about the need for decks to be built outside several trailer homes that have recently been placed where tornado ravaged homes once stood. They, and 25 or so of their fellow employees, will come to Franklin July 17th and 18th to meet that need. Why would they want to inconvenience themselves in this way? I asked that of a friend of mine and she returned with "I don't know, why did you go muck out houses after the flood?"

The truth is that I believe we are called to wear ourselves out for the sake of the Gospel. And while you can't always preach the message, you can choose to be an example of the message. Grace is a gift given freely. When disaster strikes, people are in a place to receive a free gift, and I hope in doing so I have shown them a glimpse of the love and grace that God has so freely given toward them.

What do you believe? How are you willing to inconvenience yourself for your Heavenly Father? Maybe you will sacrifice a little sleep on Sunday morning and make it to Sunday school, because you believe the Bible is the Word of God and worth knowing. Maybe you will work VBS because you believe every child should know about our God in whose image they were created. Maybe you will help with meals when the work teams come in because you believe that feeding their bodies will also feed their souls. Maybe you will make it a habit to bring canned goods or a donation to the communion rail on the first Sunday of each month because you believe giving to missions is being the hands of God to our community. Maybe you will teach Sunday school, join a committee, help the Trustees on Wednesday's, join the choir, give more generously, help with the sound board or visual screens, maybe you will keep the van's clean and in good repair, maybe you will help with Youth or Children's ministries, maybe you will participate in an Emmaus group, maybe you will visit at the nursing home, or call members to check up on them. There are as many opportunities as there are individuals. And I know whatever you choose it will say something about what you believe and the extent you are willing to inconvenience yourself for the sake of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 8:3-4

For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave of their own accord, begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints...

Pastor Polly

July Monthly Mission Clean Water



*A sweet little peach
is on the way!*

PLEASE JOIN US TO SHOWER SOME LOVE ON THIS BABY GIRL
AND HER PARENTS

Megan Hawes and Drew Reed

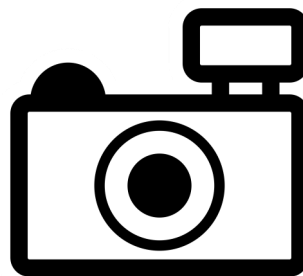
SUNDAY JULY 21ST 2PM TO 4PM
FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ACTIVITIES BUILDING

REGISTERED AT TARGET

Thank You

Pastor Polly and FUMC Congregation,
Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this
organization. I am so grateful for all of the
well-wishes and pieces of advice I received after
church last Sunday. I have had a lot of fun
over the last few years growing and interacting with
my fellow members of the congregation. I will forever
cherish the memories I have made with the Franklin
United Methodist Church, and I'm very excited to see
what the next chapter of my life has in store for
me.

Thanks for everything,
Colton Rspley



Church Directory

Work is continuing on assembling photos
for the new FUMC Directory. If you haven't
had your/your family photo taken yet
before or after church services, please call
Anne Perry at
979-828-4374 to arrange for a photo
shoot at your convenience.

VBS PRAYER COUNTDOWN

Date	Days to VBS	Scripture	Prayer
July 1	7	1 Timothy 4:12	Today I lift up all of our student/youth volunteers. Use this week to develop their hearts for leadership and service, and help them remember that they set an example for believers through their words <u>and actions.</u>
July 2	6	Luke 8:4-8	Heavenly Father, today I ask that you would prepare the ears, hearts and minds of the kids who will attend VBS. Let them be good soil, so they can hear the lessons, retain them and produce fruit for years to come.
July 3	5	Genesis 8:13-14	I ask for sunshine and good weather Lord. Let the earth be dry and the skies be sunny for VBS.
July 4	4	2 Peter 3:18	Lord, I lift up each grade/crew specifically today and ask that you would help our team reach kids according to their specific needs and abilities. Help kids to grow in the grace and knowledge of you. Jesus, <u>each according to how they are wired.</u>
July 5	3	Hebrews 6:1a	Jesus, I pray for our 5th graders/preteens who are attending their last VBS. Tighten their bonds with each other and with you as they move into the youth group, and continue to lead them toward spiritual maturity.
July 6	2	Psalms 16:1	God today I ask for safety and good health at VBS. Keep us all safe, God, as we take refuge in you. Place a hedge of protection around <u>VBS and our church.</u>
July 7	1	Proverbs 3:24	Give me, the VBS team, and the children attending a sweet sleep tonight so we are full of energy for the start of VBS tomorrow. Let us <u>wake rested, energized and ready for what you will do this week!</u>

PRAYERS DURING VBS

Date	Day of VBS	Scripture	Prayer
July 8	1	Mark 4:9	As we kick off VBS this morning, give kids and volunteers high energy and a lot of excitement. Give everyone safe travels and help check-in run smoothly. I ask that today new friendships begin to form, and I specifically lift up our preschoolers and their leaders today. <u>God, give kids ears to hear all that they will learn and do this week.</u>
July 9	2	2 Corinthians 5:17	As the week continues, Jesus, help kids understand who YOU are. As they learn more about you, may it remind them that they are a new creation, and help their identities be firmly grounded in you. I specifically lift up our kindergarteners and their leaders today.
July 10	3	Colossians 4:6 & Ephesians 4:29	Today I ask that you, God, would be evident in all conversations at VBS. Let our words be full of grace and truth. Let conversations be uplifting and life-giving to others. I also pray specifically for our 1st and 2nd graders and their leaders today.
July 11	4	Philippians 3:14 & Galatians 6:9	As we come to day 4, give us energy, strength, and perseverance to keep serving with excellence at VBS. Help us press on toward the goal even when we are tired and let us not become weary. I also pray specifically for our 3rd and 4th graders and their leaders today.
July 12	5	Hebrews 10:24-25	As we head into the last day of VBS, I ask, God, that you would solidify relationships and help them continue to grow and be fixed upon you. Continue relationships formed this week, and as the clean up and follow up begins, I also pray specifically for our 5th graders and their leaders today.
July 12	the day after VBS	Matthew 25:21	Thank you, Lord for a great week and for an amazing team of volunteers. I am so humbled and honored that you chose me to be part of the faith journey of the children who attended this week. Continue to shape and mold their hearts, and give them reminders of this week and of your love throughout the rest of the summer. Just because VBS is over doesn't mean the work you're doing through VBS is over. God, so today, I ask for good conversations as we follow up, clean up, and collect feedback for next year. Give me and my team rest after such a long but great week, and thank you, Lord for inviting us to serve your children.

FAMILY MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Home Hangs

These are wonderful opportunities to spend time with our church family during the busy summer months:

<> **Saturday, July 20 at the Campbells'**

<> **Thursday, August 1 at the Neylands'**

Details will be shared via e-mail and at Sunday worship services.

If you would like to host a home hangout before the school year begins, please contact Katie Kamas



We had a wonderful week at Lakeview last month with ten campers from our church. With the theme 'Under Pressure' the campers learned about how even in the pressures of life Jesus is Lord and that He brings peace and victory in our challenges. I pray that our children and youth will hold tightly to that truth as they enjoy this last month and a half of summer with the school year and its differing challenges quickly approaching.

Don't forget that July 8-12 is our Community Vacation Bible School. We are all working so hard to prepare to host many children from Franklin and the surrounding areas. We will again have a community dinner and hang-out on the Thursday evening of that week, so be sure to invite your neighbors, family and friends to join us--all ages are welcome!



Our youth group would like to extend its gratitude to God and to our church family for the wonderful week of UM ARMY we experienced and the support we received. During the week our camp was able to fully complete 24 projects as well as work on a multi-team, weeklong project at the American Legion in Llano. As always, one of my personal favorite aspects of UM ARMY is meeting our clients and hearing about their lives--they bless us so much more than they may ever realize.

Wednesday youth nights are back on for the full month of July from 6-8pm. This is again a wonderful opportunity for our youth to grow closer as a group and to invite friends in our community who may not have a church home.

The school year is approaching more quickly than I can keep track, and we are looking forward to our incoming 6th graders joining our youth group in late August. More details to come!

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, Sonshine 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: **Isle at Watercrest in Bryan on July 19 at 2:00pm and then on July 25 at Carriage Inn, also in Bryan, at 3:30pm.**

PRAYING PIECERS NEWS

We will be meeting on the 15th and 29th 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.

Be sure to 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 one more training
date set up 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.

If you have not completed the Safe Sanctuary training
please mark your calendars for this final training session

Wednesday, July 3 10:00am-Noon

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, August 25th

Church's Annual



During the month of July,
United Methodist Women are mak-
ing “Hygiene Kits” for U.M.C.O.R.

If you would like to make a kit
or buy an item for a kit here is the
list of items needed.

Contact Shirley Creel for more infor-
mation.

- 1 hand towel 15”x 25” to 17”X 27”
(no kitchen, cleaning or micro fiber towels.)
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 comb (longer than 6 inches)
- 1 metal nail file or nail clippers
- 1 bath-size soap (no Ivory or Jergens)
- 1 toothbrush (adult size in original package)
- 6 adhesive bandages (3/4” to 1” size com-
mon household Band-Aids)
- 1 gallon size zip lock bag.



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 Family of Faith	Mary Garrett & Family	Lennie Family

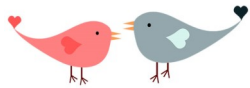
Eric Michael (Air Force)
 Benjamin Standing (National Guard)
 PFC Joseph Pawley (Army, Afghanistan)



Lay Readers	
7th	John Hicks
14th	Julie Jarrell
21st	Julie Neyland
28th	Joe Corn

Giving for Last Month	
General Offering	\$ 17,515.35
Building Fund	\$ 6,150.00
Memorial/Designated	\$
St. Stephens	\$ 9,825.43

Ushers
Bob & Donna Otto
Average Attendance
82



July Anniversaries

July 5
Scott & Amy Huggins

July 28
Roye & Meghan Moran

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1st	Cadie Martin	15th	Louise Cates
	James Buckner		Lee Ann Scasta
2nd	Mac Mareth	16th	Mason Corn
4th	Hanna Westerman		
5th	Elizabeth Reinhardt	17th	Cade Rue
	Frank Cates	20th	Carlee Thompson
	Justin Frieda	22nd	John Harris
	Tessa Frieda		Barbara Eller
			Maloree Neichoy
7th	Kevin Foltermann		James Miller
	David Bailey	23rd	Toni Baxter
8th	Jill Foltermann	24th	Molly Dean
	Keith Kamas	27th	Kyle Caubarreaux
	Lloyd Scasta	28th	Sadie Buckner
9th	Melvin Bailey	29th	Marie Stem
	Thad Allen		Karlie Kissinger
	Andrew Moran		Drew Neyland
10th	Bo Campbell		Hap Campbell
	Aaron Huggins		Addie Nelson
14th	Evelyn Huggins	30th	Brenda Davis

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Christian Growth Meeting @ 6pm Regularly Scheduled Events listed below!	2	3 Safe Sanctuary Training 10:00am-Noon	4 HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY Church office closed	5	6
	VBS Decorating 9am-4pm					
7 Final VBS Decorating Noon—? Registration 2:00-4:00pm	8	9	10	11	12	13 TAMU Wesley Open House 10:00am-8:00pm
	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 8:30am — Noon			VBS FAMILY NIGHT		
14 Finance Meeting	15 Praying Piecers 9:00am- 12:00pm	16	17	18 SPRC Meeting 6:30pm	19	20 Home Hang @ Campbell's
21 Admin Council Meeting Hawes/Reed Baby Shower 2-4pm	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Sewing Camp—All week in Activity Building					
28	29 Praying Piecers 9:00am- 12:00pm	30	31			

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

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

Thursdays 9:00am-11:00am

Women's Emmaus - Wednesdays

Beginner Lessons - Thursdays By Appt.

Lectionary Reading for the Weekly Worship

July 7	2 Kings 5:1-14	Psalm 30	Galatians 6: (1-6) 7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
July 14	Amos 7:7-17	Psalm 82	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
July 21	Amos 8:1-12	Psalm 52	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
July 28	Hosea 1:2-10	Psalm 85	Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)	Luke 8:26-39