

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

"Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them."

Ephesians 4:29

Words have always held power for me. Early on I learned how words can hurt and harm. Sometimes it was because the words were sweet but the actions spoke hurt into my life; like the elderly man next door who liked to play games with children. Sometimes the words came from friends, who no longer chose to be so. Or the sharp words uttered by my music teacher that said I had no musical abilities when my heart longed to sing. Sometimes they were words spoken in a father's drunken rage calling my mother names I still can not bring myself to say.

But words can speak healing as well. Like the words spoken by the woman whose name I no longer remember but whose expression of kindness eased the anxiety caused by the alcohol fueled monologue spewed out by the dark shadow in the door way of my bedroom earlier that evening.

Sometimes healing words can be spoken by the very ones who have hurt you before. Like the words of my father who said "leave her alone when she finds some one, he will be the best"; and 40 years later he still is. Then there was the power of the words "I DO" that began to erase all the destructive work of the words that told me I would never be good enough.

Sometimes the power of words is contained in black ink on parchment; sometimes loose leaf like love letters in the mail or messages on cards. Sometimes they are on paper bound together with purpose and intention. Like the words of the scripture:

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

"You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in Your bottle. Are they not in Your record? Then my enemies will retreat in the day when I call. This I know, that God is for me." Psalms 56:8-9

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live." John 14:18-19

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account, Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." Matthew 5:10-12

Sometimes the hurtful words come out of my mouth. Sometimes they are intended to hurt, more often they are thoughtlessly uttered without harmful intent. Regardless, their destructive damage has been unleashed.

So, the words of Jesus breathlessly spoken, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do" speak hope that I am included in his forgiveness too. And, of course, I am so grateful that when I was young, I was taught "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." John 3:16-17

Today, I share these words first spoken by Blaise Pascal:

"Knowing God without knowing our own wretchedness makes for pride. Knowing our own wretchedness without knowing God makes for despair. Knowing Jesus Christ strikes the balance because he shows us both God and our own wretchedness. Jesus is a God whom we can approach without pride and before whom we can humble ourselves without despair."

Join me in speaking aloud these prayerful words: I thank You Father God for speaking words into my life; words of hope, healing, and salvation. And I also thank You Almighty God for speaking corrective words, convicting words, and teaching words into my life. Thank You for allowing me to be humbled without despair. And thank You for the Word spoken in syllabus of flesh and bone, Jesus Your only begotten Son, in whose name I pray. Amen

Pastor Polly

Youth

“But he answered me, 'My grace is always more than enough for you, and my power finds its full expression through your weakness.' So I will celebrate my weaknesses, for when I'm weak, I sense more deeply the mighty power of Christ living in me. So I'm *not defeated* by my weakness, but delighted! For when I feel my weakness and endure mistreatment—when I'm surrounded with troubles on every side and face persecution *because of my love* for Christ—I am made yet stronger. For my weakness becomes a portal to God's power.” (2 Corinthians 12:9-10 TPT).

What a comforting truth it is that our weaknesses don't determine what we can accomplish for God's Kingdom! When we acknowledge our weaknesses, instead of relying on ourselves, Christ's power works through us to produce His will. Thanks be to God!

Big shout out to the wonderful people that provide our meals each youth night! We appreciate you!

Thank you to Julie Jarrell for her faithful service to our youth every Wednesday night!



Wednesday, Oct. 7th : FUMYF in Activity Building (6:00 - 8:00 pm)

Wednesday, Oct 14th: FUMYF (same as above)

Wednesday, Oct 21st: FUMYF (same as above)

Sunday, Oct. 18th: Youth-led worship service. If you know of a youth in our church who doesn't regularly attend FUMYF, but would like to participate in the worship service, please contact me.

Wed., Oct. 28th: the FUMYF will join other church families to pack Christmas gift boxes for the Operation Christmas Child mission project. (6:00 - 8:00 pm)

30-Hour Famine: Due to a scheduling conflict for several of our youth on Nov. 7th, the date of the 30-Hour Famine will be rescheduled to a later date.

In Christ's love,
Mary



Food Pantry Workday October 24

The Robertson County Food Pantry will be starting church rotations again in October. Our Workday will be **October 24**. The food bank will continue to use the drive-through procedure that began in March. For more information or to sign up to volunteer on that Saturday please contact Laura Corn by phone at 979-204-8593 or email at laurahcorn@gmail.com.



Would you like to have communion delivered to you at home? If so, Please contact Julie Jarrell at 979-255-2966

October Monthly Mission

Operation Christmas Child, the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox project, will be the mission for October. Shoeboxes, and a list of suggested items to fill the boxes, are available at the church. There will be a Shoebox Stuffing Party on Wednesday, October 28 during Youth Group. Some of the items needed are hair brushes and combs, toothbrushes, bar soap, socks, flip-flops, underwear, hats, scarves, mittens, crayons, pencils, small toys~just about anything that you would buy your own child or grandchild is welcome. These boxes will be distributed throughout the world, as well as to children living on Native American reservations in the United States.



God's love is demonstrated in a tangible way through each shoebox gift.

Music Note:

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

"There's a Song In the Air" again. The Choir Is Back!! Practice starts again on Wednesday, October 7 at 5:00 p.m. If you've thought about a good way to support our church, then the choir might be the perfect place for you~COME ON! We have a chair just for you! That chair will be set up for social distancing and we will be wearing masks, but the music that will come from behind those masks will most certainly be heavenly!

"Sing"cerely, Rhonda

The FUMP CORNER

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV).

The believer's life should evidence these nine virtues. What a contrast to this difficult time we are living. Our theme for the entire school year is the Fruit of the Spirit. Each month we will take a different virtue to teach our little ones.

During the month of October, we will focus on kindness. Our scripture reference tells the story about a man who was traveling and came upon robbers, who stripped him and beat him, leaving him half dead. "A Samaritan came along and had compassion for the man." The parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:33 is told by Jesus in response to a question about who our neighbor is. It demonstrates how we should love and show kindness to others, especially those who need our help the most. The teachers will read stories and demonstrate how to be kind to each other.

October is Fire Prevention month and Bullying Prevention month. The Fire Department will visit the preschool and share about Fire Safety. I wish everyone could see the children when they get to sit on the fire truck-PRICELESS!

THANK YOU

Amy Huggins for purchasing face shields for the FUMP Staff, and
Sandra Hoegemeyer for the purchase of a wall mounted changing table for the nursery.

In Christ,
Sherry Buchanan,
Director FUMP



Non-Traditional Giving Opportunity

Do you shop on Amazon? Here is an easy way to give to the church and never even have to leave your house.

On Amazon, the church has a [WISH LIST](#) that contains various items used to carry on the business of the church. You can purchase items for the church and they will be delivered right to the church. Of course, we want to acknowledge all gifts, so be sure to fill out the gift receipt. You can access the wish list by following the links above or below or by searching in Amazon by the church's name or email address.

[FUMC Amazon Wish List](#)

Lectio Readings

October 4

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4-14
Matthew 21:33-46

October 18

Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 11

Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

October 25

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

October Meetings

Finance/Trustees	Sunday, October 11	After Worship
Charge Conference	Sunday, October 18	3pm ZOOM
Fall Fellowship	Sunday, October 18	4:30pmpm
SPRC	Sunday, October 25	After Worship

Weekly Meetings

Women's Emmaus	Wednesdays	7:00am-8:00am
Choir Practice	Wednesdays	5:00pm
Youth Group	Wednesdays	6:00pm
Men's Emmaus	Thursdays	6:30am-7:30am



"I need Thee, O I need Thee; Every hour I need Thee; O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee"

These simple lyrics express what can be our most profound longing, especially in times of challenge or sorrow. These words remind us of Who is faithful whenever we might feel the need to be carried or lifted up as life becomes tough and hard to bear.

"Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me. (Psalm 50:15)

Longing for comfort and reassurance draws us to prayer, our most powerful and personal form of worship. It is a priceless gift. Prayer is an opportunity to make our walk with God all the more personal as we engage in one-on-one conversation with God. Constant prayer leads to breakthroughs in our understanding and in our ability to find peace during trying times.

"Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

When we really come to Christ through prayer and personal worship, we find in him all the rest from our burdens, comfort from our worries and reassurance in our cares. Worship Christ through prayer and thanksgiving and know that He is your safe place. He will gladly accept all that you lay before him.

We look forward to the day when we can all come together once again.

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.

Deborah Hicks, Worship Committee Chair

The logo for Fall Fellowship features a branch with three autumn leaves in shades of yellow and orange. The word "fall" is written in a large, elegant, cursive script in a golden-brown color. Below it, the word "FELLOWSHIP" is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font.

FALL FELLOWSHIP



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

HICKS' FARM

4:30PM



Sunday Small Groups at 9:00 am

- ARK** - Nursery, Pre-K & Kindergarten
- Kingdom Kids** - 1st thru 4th grades
- Encounter** - 5th thru 8th grades
- Fusion** - 9th thru 12th grades
- Journey** - Adult
- Home Builders** - Adult
- Wisdom** - Adult

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Prayer Committee

Are you getting the weekly email of Prayer Request from Your Church Family? If you are not, please call the church office to confirm your email address. Also, always check the Prayer Request in this newsletter for others in need of prayer.

Be joyful always; pray continually! 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17



is celebrated October 4 by all United Methodist Churches.

On the first Sunday in October, United Methodist congregations join many Christian churches across the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday which began in 1933. "The term *Holy Communion* invites us to focus... on the holiness of our communion with God and one another," states *This Holy Mystery*, The United Methodist Church's official statement. Today, The United Methodist Church celebrates World Communion Sunday with congregations all over the globe. Followers of Jesus Christ in large churches and small, on farms and in cities, in ornate buildings and under tents, gather to receive the bread and cup of Holy Communion.

Excerpted in part from an article by Joe Iovino, *United Methodist Communications*

We know that because of church not being held as usual you may not have been able to pick up the **NEW 2020 Membership Directory**. Please feel free to stop by the church office anytime to pick one up. If you can't make it to the church office please don't hesitate to call and we will drop one in the mail to you.



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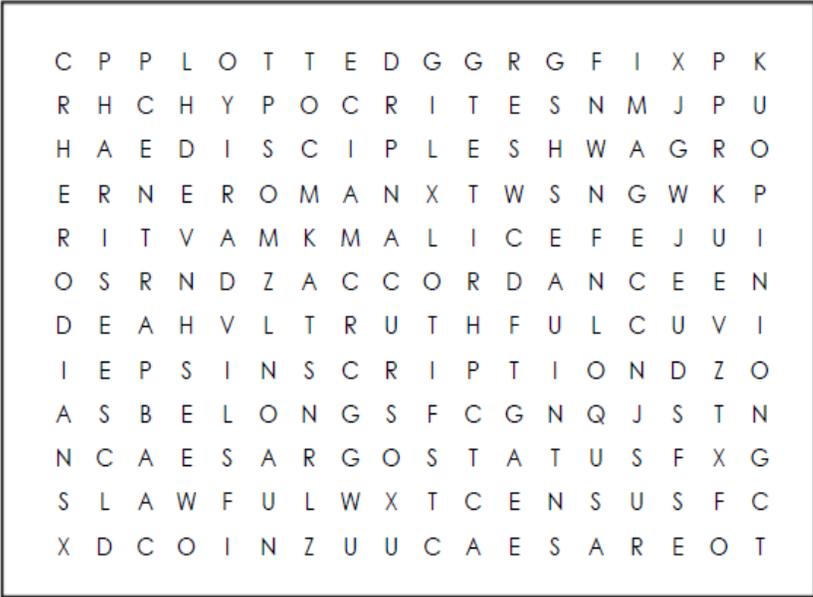
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2020 Directory of FUMC Members and Friends



A Puzzle~Just for Fun!

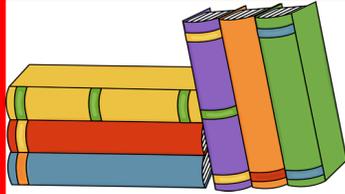
Matthew 22:15-21



Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

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| ACCORDANCE | ENTRAP | OPINION |
| BELONGS | HERODIANS | PHARISEES |
| CAESAR | HYPOCRITES | PLOTTED |
| CAESAR | IMAGE | ROMAN |
| CENSUS | INSCRIPTION | STATUS |
| COIN | LAWFUL | TRUTHFUL |
| DISCIPLES | MALICE | |

Yes, Caesar is on there twice.



Lending Library

Looking for something to read while stuck at home? Be sure to check out the Lending Library located in the Narthex. There are many Christian and motivational books available to borrow! Take a minute or two and browse to find that special something that speaks to you! Have a book or DVD that you have found helpful or encouraging, we would love your help in growing our library! Just stop by the office and have a look.

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE CHURCH WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UP-TO-DATE MEETING AND EVENT DATES AND TIMES.

ALSO REMEMBER THAT THE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE RECORDED AND POSTED TO THOSE PAGES.

AUDIO/VIDEO BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDIES AVAILABLE



The church has acquired several Beth Moore bible studies. Some are audio only (some are cassettes~remember those?) some are video, some have everything you will need and some are missing a few items. BUT all will bring you closer to the Lord through study. Please feel free to stop by the church office and look over the selection.



BACK OPEN ON FRIDAYS.

9AM—12PM

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.

Furman Richard
 Grady Harris
 Peggy Cooper
 Shirley Keen's granddaughters
 Samantha & Sarah
 Tonya Boyette

Frank Perry
 Julia Ann Michael
 Keith Foltermann
 Mike Allen
 (Cynthia Hanks' Brother-in-Law)
 All Students

The Stacey Family
 Katherine Scasta
 All Teachers & Educators
 Chip Blevins
 Amy Huggins' uncle
 Tom and Bessie Fuller



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

**Ushers for
 October**

Ken & Noah Reinhardt



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1st	Billy Davis	15th	Kenner Reinhardt
	Andy Harris	16th	Cindy Caubarreaux
	Rachel Knight	17th	Laura Corn
2nd	LeAnn Lennie		Jo Callaway
6th	Jacob Janacek	20th	Pastor Polly Standing
	Preston Thompson	23rd	Paul Schultz
8th	Brandon Kellum	27th	Drew Reed
12th	Teressa Callaway	29th	Bo Campbell
	Cindy Briggs		Hunter Rawson
13th	David Homann		

News from the Pews~ We want to know, and share with others, your Good News. Did your son or daughter make the Dean's List or loose a tooth? Has your spouse received a promotion or achieved a new personal goal? Do you have a new family member (pets included?) We want to celebrate with you. Please email or call the church office with your good news items.

ELECTRONIC GIVING~IT IS SO EASY!!

It is really very easy to give electronically. One click is basically all it takes. When you get your Worship Guide email each week there are links to both the new PayPal and Venmo accounts on the back page of the Worship Guide. There are also links in the signature of the email. Clicking on those links will take you immediately to the page where you can enter your giving amount and complete the process. You can indicate how to apply the amount you are sending (Giving; Building; Mission, etc.) No more need for writing checks~just indicate the split (\$100 giving; \$100 building.)

ANY questions do not hesitate to give the church office a call (979-828-3355.)

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OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

4th Kevin & Christan Rawson
 15th Rex & Beth Vickers
 24th James & Lacey Buckner



Giving for Last Month	
General Offering	\$ 17,569.00
Building Fund	\$ 3,310.00
Memorial-Designated~Other	\$ 270.00

We appreciate and need your continued faithful giving.