

## Polly's Pondering

*"Whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction so that we could have **hope** through endurance and through the encouragement of the scriptures." Romans 15:4*

I want to introduce to you the three women who together are the answer to a need we have been working to fill since early 2019. This has been a long time coming but in light of the 2020 COVID-19 year it seems quite understandable. We know that God's timing is perfect. And we are excited about the future for children, youth, and their families here at Franklin United Methodist.



Kim Perez - She will be filling the Family Ministry Director position. She will be responsible for our church family's overall ministry to Children and Youth. This includes, oversight and administration over our monthly events, summer activities, weekly events both Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. She will also be serving as our worship leader, working with our amazing music team, choir, praise band and worship committee. That is a huge task which we believe God has equipped her to do. Luckily, she has two great individuals working with her Destiny Havard and Mary Kamas. (Besides her kids Caden and Nella). Kim officially begins Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.



Destiny Havard - She will work with our youngest kiddos through her position as the Lead Nursery Worker. She will be working directly with the toddlers during the Sunday School hour to ensure that they begin their faith journey at the church as early as possible. In addition, she is responsible for preparing the Children's sermons that will be implemented by volunteers during worship. She will also be working with children during out Sunday Evening praise and prayer events, which are in the planning stage as we speak. She is new to Franklin and the church. But eager to be part of both.



Mary Kamas - She is a long-time member of the church and has been working as the Youth Director now for a couple of years. We are glad to say she is still motivated and excited to be working with our awesome youth! Her own large family prepared her for this position, as she has eight children. She will continue her work with the Students weekly Wednesday activities providing mission, worship, fellowship, discipleship opportunities through out the year.

There are several volunteers who help to meet the needs of our children and youth through our Sunday morning programing. Let me introduce them to you.



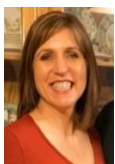
Meghan Moran - Serves as our Christian Education Chairperson. Combined with her strong faith, her training as a public-school teacher will be of great assistance when she heads up the Sunday evening Lenten Studies scheduled to begin the Sunday following Ash Wednesday, February 21.



Julie Jarrell - Assists Middle School Sunday morning classes. She fills the room with joy especially if you are talking about the grace of God! P.S. don't play Bible quiz games with her - I think she has a photographic memory!



Elizabeth Reinhardt - Teaches our Elementary education Sunday morning class. Kindergarten - 4<sup>th</sup> grade. As a retired teacher she brings a wealth of educational experience as she shares her faith with God's young followers.



Julie Neyland - serves as our High School Sunday morning leader. She is a public-school teacher, who enjoys being able to share her faith with students! She is not afraid to get real with her students.



Beth Vickers - Teaches Middle School Sunday morning classes which include 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade and leads our confirmation classes. She is always prepared and has a passion for seeing faith come alive in her students.



Andy Reed - Assists Middle School Sunday morning filling in as a substitute teacher. He is a quiet man of faith whose laughter is infectious! Just tell him a joke and you will see what I mean.

Together this group of amazing individuals through their teaching of God's word will, as it says in Romans 15:4, bring hope to the children and youth that God allows us teach. They **cannot** do this alone. Please **pray** for these individuals, who are helping us fulfill the commandment to train up children in the way they should go! **Volunteer** when and where you are able. And **offer financial support** to the ministries and missions that they work so diligently to provide. Together we will share the Word of God contained in the scriptures and in doing so give hope to our children and youth.