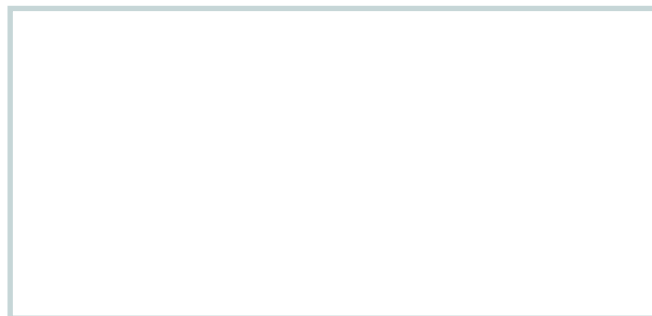


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May 2021



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www.umc-franklin.org

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

Teaching, Learning, and Pot Luck for Everyone

“You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am.” John 13:13

Don't judge me, but I read poetry. I came across this one entitled: “Somewhere The Child”

Among the thousands of tiny things growing up all over the land, some of them under my very wing- watched and tended, unwatched and untended, loved, unloved protected from danger, thrust into temptation - among them somewhere is the child who will write the novel that will stir men's hearts to nobler issues and incite them to better deeds.

There is the child who will paint the greatest picture or carve the greatest statue of the age; another who will deliver his country in an hour of peril; another who will give his life for a great principle; and another, born more of the spirit than of the flesh, who will live continually on the heights of moral being, and dying, draw men after him.

It may be that I shall preserve one of these children to the race. It is a peg big enough on which to hang a hope, for every child born into the world is a new incarnate through of God, an ever fresh and radiant possibility. Kate Douglas Wiggin

The author was unknown to me so I looked her up: Born September 28, 1856 and died August 24, 1923. She wrote children's stories and many of you have heard of at least one of them; *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm*. But even more interesting and important was the fact that she along with her sister started the first free kindergarten in San Francisco in 1878. And she established a training school for kindergarten teachers. In a time when children were considered cheap labor, she saw potential and knew that education was the key to a successful foundation.

Here at Franklin UMC, we have a rich history of caring for young children in the community. Our preschool has stood the test of time. This year we will have the opportunity to bring three new teachers into this rich heritage. I hope you will be in prayer for them. And while you are at prayer, begin praying about a mission and ministry to young elementary students that many of us believe God is calling us to begin.

On any given Sunday, you can look out in our congregation and see both former and current teachers. And, of course, we lift up the name of the One who came and called the children to him; the one who taught us about The Father and His great love for us. The one, Jesus, who reminded us that we are loved by our creator. Yes, teachers bring a richness into the world. They inspire creativity, build disciplined minds, and inspire future achievements. What a wonderful way to fulfill the scripture. *“Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”* Proverbs 22:6

On May 30th we will join together after the service to celebrate our graduating high school seniors. We are so proud of these young people. Danyelle Edwards, Wayburn Harris, Allie Herring, Luke Kamas, and Karlie Kissinger. And we are so blessed to have been a small part of their growing years. Come celebrate all they have already achieved and encourage them as they set out in faith to new horizons. Bring a dish of your choice - dessert is being provided - and join us May 30 in the activity building following the worship service.

Pastor Polly

NEWSLETTER SURVEY

What is your preference for receiving and reading the church's newsletter?

PREFER EMAIL

PREFER POSTAL MAIL

You can call the office with your response or drop this survey in the collection plate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DUST OFF YOUR CASSETTES
TEASE UP YOUR HAIR
IT'S A TOTALLY 80'S PARTY
BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021
80'S THEMED DANCE PARTY
6:00-9:00PM
COSTUME CONTEST, CANDY BAR,
GAMES, DINNER AND DANCING!

Tickets
\$12 Adults
\$10 Children under 10
\$40 Family

SIFAT Camp

June 12th-18th

Incoming 6th through 12th grade will have an opportunity to travel with us to SIFAT In Lineville, Alabama. SIFAT raises awareness of needs and global issues, providing opportunities for people to get involved



personally, both to learn from, experience and to serve alongside those with scarce resources.



FRANKLIN UMC
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 12TH-16TH
YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Youth Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 19th
@ 5:15PM

IT'S FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

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Registration Begins May 2nd

Franklin UMC
Vacation Bible School
July 12th-16th
Preschool-5th Grade

Knights of North Castle

Children's Ministry News May 2021

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The FUMP CORNER

WE MADE IT! COVID-19 did not shut us down this school year and we are so very happy. We are at the end of our year together. This year went so fast and was full of learning and fun. We were able to tell the kids all about God's love for them.

There is a lot planned during the month of May. Our Bible verse is, "Worship the Lord your God..." Exodus 23:25. God is the one and only living God. We should serve and worship Him each and every day. Every month we have learned about the Fruit of the Spirit. This month we are learning about Goodness. The dictionary defines goodness as the quality of being morally good or virtuous. The Bible tells us that the word "good" means holy, pure and righteousness. Goodness should be seen in our actions and conducted with a pure heart. This is the message we teach our children.

I would personally like to thank those who served on the Preschool Interview Committee. Kenner Reinhardt, Maria Cottrell, Pastor Polly, Sandra Hoegemeyer, Sebie Harris, and Tabitha Cloat, gave willingly of their time to help in the decision making of our new Assistant Director. Brenda Smith and Misty Skorupinski were outstanding candidates. After prayer and careful deliberation, the decision was made to appoint Misty as our new assistant director. She has been an employee, literally working in every age level with the exception of the baby class, for seven years. I look forward to seeing what great things Misty will bring to our school.

Early enrollment for our current FUMP families is in full swing. Open enrollment will begin May 4th. If you know of anyone with small children, we have several openings. It is our prayer that we start the school year to capacity.

If you wonder how you can support the preschool, it is in prayer. With God all things are possible.

In Christ,
 Sherry Buchanan,
 Director FUMP



IGNITE
 2TIMOTHY 1:6

Praise & Worship Night at Franklin UMC
May 23 at 6PM



Come celebrate our graduating High School Seniors on Sunday, May 30, 2021.



The Worship Committee is working to enhance the worship experience for our church for the month of May. The following are dates to remember and ways that you can contribute to the worship experiences.

Mothers' Day May 9 – Mark your calendars to join us for a special day in celebration of all women as Mothers in our lives.

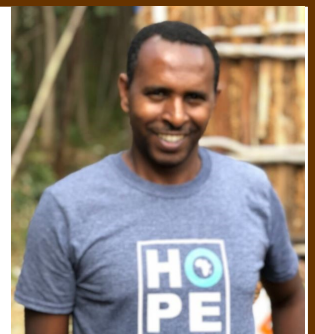
Pentecost Sunday May 23 – Liturgical color for this day is red. Please wear try to wear red and join in the celebration.

Memorial Day Remembrance May 30 – Special day of remembrance of our military. Please come and enjoy this celebration that will include special music.

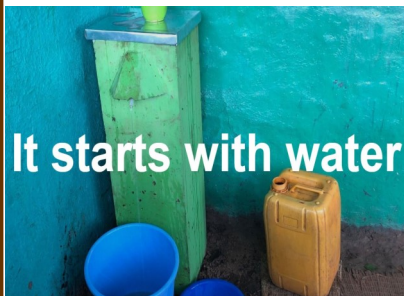
As always, if you have any ideas or suggestions or would like to participate or volunteer to help the Worship Committee with these special opportunities of worship, please contact the church office, and we will be happy to have your input and participation. Deborah Hicks

May Mission of the Month HOPE Missions

Many of you already know **Abraham Bezabeh** from his visits to the church and the wonderful Ethiopian dinners he has cooked for us for several years. Abraham is a founding member of HOPE Missions.



The vision at HOPE Missions is simple: provide hope and improve lives through clean water, education, and building healthy communities. They do this first and foremost by installing bio-sand water filters in remote



It starts with water

villages in Ethiopia. These filters not only save lives by providing families and communities with clean drinking water but they build trust and relationships with the communities that are served. These relationships then allow the communities to share their hopes and dreams, and begin the process of working together to make those hopes a reality. For many it's giving their children the ability to hope and move towards a brighter future. This is done by starting schools, and creating the first educated generation in a village.

HOPE Missions understands their role in the work being done, not to be saviors or give hand-outs, but to build partnerships that lead to sustainable changes in the people and villages they work with. It's not about how they can improve a community but about how they can help and empower people to improve their own communities. This is why the water filters are built using simple techniques and resources local villagers can learn and have access to. It's why the Kondala School was primarily built by the parents of the students it would serve, and why construction did not begin until there was a 5-year self-sustainability plan in place. And it is this philosophy that allows them to constantly grow and reach new people and villages who are just as much in need of hope as those they are currently working with.



Don't forget to get your tickets now~you don't want to be the nerd that misses all the fun!



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Saturday, May 1, 2021
6:00-9:00PM

Hosted by Franklin UMC Youth

\$12 Adults
\$10 Children under 12
\$40 Family

ADMIT ONE



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

Home Builders - Adult

Wisdom - Adult

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Prayer Committee

A large part of our purpose is to cover those in prayer who have requested it, whether in Sunday service or through the church office. If you have a concern, that you wish to remain confidential, it will be prayed over and held in strictest confidence by this committee. Just signify this when you fill out your request. Also, we would love to encourage your own prayer life. For that reason, we send you a list of those lifted up on Sunday

mornings by email on Monday, in case you could not attend or need a reminder. Are you getting that weekly email of Prayer Request from Your Church Family? If you are not, please call the church office to confirm your email address.

You should also notice that we try to keep the prayer requests section in the church newsletter updated, with your help, we hope to keep it current. Please do not hesitate to call the church office with additions or corrections to that list.

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:24



Music Note:



"Praise to the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious and a song of praise is fitting."

Psalm 147:1

"Sing"cerely, Rhonda

**WANTED: CHOIR MEMBERS!
No previous experience required!!**

Choir practice is every Wednesday at 5:00pm. Come join with us as we "sing to the Lord a joyful song."



REMEMBER ELECTRONIC GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE!!

Can't get to church and want to save a stamp? You now have options. The church has both a PayPal and a Venmo account to receive your electronic giving. Use the links below to send your giving straight to the church's bank account. You can even indicate how to apply the amount you are sending (Giving; Building; Mission, etc.)

PAYPAL

<http://paypal.me/Franklinoxumc>

VENMO

<http://www.venmo.com/FranklinTXMethodist-Church>

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

FRANKLIN UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

GARAGE SALE!

MAY 21 & 22, 2021

9:00am - 4:00pm

**Furniture,
Household Goods/Dishes,
Jewelry, Clothing,
Maternity Clothes,
Tools, Toys, Baby Items,
Holiday Decorations**

Our Amazon Wish List

has been updated with some new items that the church can use, please check it out at this link.

[FUMC Amazon Wish List](#)

This Wish List contains various items that might not be a priority in the church's budget, but that are needed. You can purchase items and they will be delivered right to the church. Of course, we want to acknowledge all the gifts, so be sure to fill out the gift receipt. You can access the wish list by following the link above or searching in Amazon by the church's name or email address.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 6TH, 2021



LORD POUR OUT YOUR
LOVE, LIFE, AND

Liberty



2 CORINTHIANS 3:17

WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG

70
Years of Prayer
for America
1952-2021

National Day of Prayer

This year our church will again host an open house in observation of the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 6, 2021.

The sanctuary will be open from 7:30am to 6:30pm during which time anyone can stop by and spend time in prayer. All of the area churches have been invited to participate so we would like to have a host/hostess here to greet them, hand out brochures outlining areas of prayer and answer questions.

If you can offer an hour of your time to do this, there is a sign up sheet or call the church office.

Help spread the word by sharing the Facebook event page. This will be a day of coming together to offer prayers for our country.

Prayer Committee

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
Sherry Killingsworth
Cynthia Hank's friend

All those suffering during the pandemic
Elizabeth Reinhardt

Tonya Boyette
Trooper Chad Walker Family



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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Kay Kastner	16th	Virginia Akins
3rd	Charles Westerman		Bea Bridwell
	Allen Homann		Laura Cate
4th	Katherine Scasta	20th	Anne Perry
8th	Jay Davis	21st	Teddy Vickers
9th	Mary Kamas	23rd	Brody Huggins
	Brooke Broadus	25th	Tammy Sexton
10th	Denver Richard		Cindy Briggs
11th	Dorthea Allen	29th	Colton Ripley
12th	Gemma Chanley		
13th	Barry Cate		
15th	Odalys Blajeski		

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

9th	Andy & Cathy Reed
20th	Jay & Brenda Davis
22nd	Kelley & Tammy Sexton
30th	Greg & Monica Stem
	Cole & Tiffani McKinney



May Meetings

Finance/Trustees	Sunday, May 9	After Worship
Admin. Council	Sunday, May 16	After Worship

Weekly Meetings

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



2nd	Olivia Campbell
9th	Wayne Huggins
16th	Sandra Hoegemeyer
23rd	Jeff Ripley
30th	

Ushers for May

Jody Smith
Greg Stem

Giving for Last Month

General Offering	\$	19,169.51
Building Fund	\$	3,840.00
Memorial-Designated-Other	\$	704.00

We appreciate and need your continued faithful giving.