



# STEEPLE BELL

JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER

## SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED:

EXTRA SCREWS, BIG FAITH, AND FATHERHOOD

It's that time of year again—the season when we collectively celebrate the men who taught us how to ride a bike, bait a hook, and most importantly, how to referee a game from the Family Room. Happy Father's Day month to all our dads, granddads, uncles, and mentors.

I've noticed that fatherhood—and being a male role model in general—is a lot like assembling furniture from IKEA. You're pretty sure you have all the parts, the instructions are written in a language you only partially understand, and by the end, you've got two extra screws left over. Yet, somehow, by the grace of God, the bookshelf still stands.

In the Bible, we see a powerful call for men in 1 Corinthians 16:13-14: "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love".

I love this verse because it's short and punchy—exactly the kind of instructions men seem to like. It doesn't say "Be perfect" or "Never get lost because you refuse to use GPS". It says stand firm. Being a role model isn't about having all the answers; it's about being present. It's about standing in the gap when life gets shaky.

The most important part of that scripture is the very last line: "Do everything in love". The world often tells men that strength is about being loud, being tough, or winning every argument. But biblical strength is different. It's the strength to be gentle. It's the courage to admit when you're wrong—even if it takes a few hours of "thinking it over" in the garage.

A true male role model isn't the man who never fails; he's the man who shows those around him how to get back up after a fall. He reflects the heart of our Heavenly Father—someone who is slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and always willing to welcome us home.

### Father's Day Tips

- The "Dad Joke": This is a spiritual gift. Use it wisely (and frequently).
- Nap Time: This is a legitimate form of meditation.
- Assignment: The phrase "Go ask your mother" is a biblical exercise in delegation.
- Compassion: As Psalm 103:13 reminds us, the Lord has compassion on those who fear him, just as a father has compassion on his children.

To the men of Franklin First: thank you for the ways you lead and serve. You are more important than you know. Keep standing firm, loving well, and for heaven's sake, keep those extra IKEA screws in a jar somewhere. You never know when you'll need them.

Happy Father's Day!  
Pastor Laura

Happy  
FATHER'S DAY



EXTRA SCREWS, BIG FAITH, AND FATHERHOOD

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1 Corinthians 16:13-14

## MUSIC SUNDAY THANKS!

Our music groups lifted us into a wonderful Mother's Day celebration on May 10. The morning was inspiring, and we want to thank all our musicians.

Special thanks goes to Monica Rhude, Tami Chamberlain, Megan Duff, Trisha Dicken, and our guest instrumentalists. It was a great way to celebrate the special women in our lives.



## WOMEN OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to Shirley Berold, Franklin First's 2026 Woman of the Year. Shirley has been an active participant in many ministries around the church. You have likely seen her helping in the kitchen, rolling out noodles, and most recently volunteering in the office.

Be sure to let Shirley know how much we appreciate her warm personality and her ethic of involvement.

## VBS "GALAXY – LAUNCHING KIDS ON A MISSION OF GOD'S LOVE" – JULY 29-31

Save the date for a great time for kids, Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> graders. "Galaxy" is our theme this year. We are encouraging youngsters from the community to come. We will meet from 6:00 – 8:00 pm for three evenings.

Our theme scripture verse is 1 John 4:7. "Let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God." Activities will include games, Bible stories, science lesson, music, snacks, and more. This is a FREE event, and all students are encouraged to register by July 20th.

Volunteers, you are invited to a planning session on Wednesday, June 3 at 5:30 here at our church. Hope United Methodist Church and Franklin First are partnering for this VBS, which will be held at Franklin First.

A big thanks to Kaylee Glossip, VBS director! Thanks to everyone who chooses to volunteer.

## CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Summer months are times of traveling and special commitments. We are adjusting our children's program to accommodate summer schedules. Children's Church will adjourn during the months of June and July for the summer and will resume in mid-August.

Several of our summer worship services will include special involvement for our kids, and there will be age-appropriate activity bags available for youngsters in the worship service.

**Franklin First UMC & Hope UMC**  
**GALAXY**  
*Launching Kids on a Mission of God's Love*  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 29, 30, & 31st**  
**6 - 8 pm**  
PRESCHOOL (3 YRS OLD) - 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE (FALL 2026)  
LET US CONTINUE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER, FOR LOVE COMES FROM GOD.  
1 JOHN 4:7  
REGISTER NOW  
OR VISIT  
WWW.FRANKLINFIRSTUMC.ORG  
HOSTED AT: FRANKLIN FIRST UMC  
303 S. MAIN ST.  
FRANKLIN, OH 45317

## HOOK, LINE, AND FAITH: LAUNCHING OUR NEW KID'S FISHING CLUB!



There is something magical about watching ripples on the water, the quiet anticipation of a tug on the line, and the pure joy of a child catching their very first fish. A Kids' Fishing Club, the brainchild of retired school superintendent Steve Price, is in the planning stages here at Franklin First.

Our club is about much more than just learning to bait a hook or cast a reel. It is designed to cast a wide net of community, mentorship, and foundational values for our children. In today's fast-paced, screen-heavy world, children face an overwhelming amount of digital noise. This fishing club would offer a peaceful counterweight—a positive, faith-focused space where kids can unplug and connect with the beauty of creation. Standing on the shoreline provides a natural backdrop for teaching timeless values like patience, perseverance, and stewardship of the earth. It is an opportunity for kids to get outside, cultivate a hobby, and grow in their faith while surrounded by a supportive community.

One of the most beautiful aspects of fishing is that it cannot be done in a rush. It requires time, and that time opens the door for meaningful, side-by-side interaction between generations. We are looking to pair kids with adult mentors, parents, and volunteers. These interactive moments break down barriers in a way that structured indoor environments rarely can. As adults and youngsters work together to untangle lines or celebrate a catch, they build mutual trust and real connection. Adults get to pour encouragement into the next generation, and children gain the invaluable gift of knowing they have safe, caring grown-ups cheering them on.

We are looking for adult volunteers—whether you are an expert fisherman or simply want to be a supportive presence on the bank for elementary and Junior High aged kids.

- When: Our organizational meeting is SATURDAY, JUNE 6 at 8:00 am (continental breakfast provided)
- Where: Franklin First's Fellowship Hall (enter through Third Street door)

Please let Pastor Laura or Steve Price know if you plan to attend.

**FISHING CLUB  
ADULT VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

**ORGANIZATIONAL  
MEETING**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH**

**8 AM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL  
USE THIRD ST.  
ENTRANCE**

**FRANKLIN FIRSTUMC**

**[CLICK HERE TO LET  
US KNOW YOU WILL  
BE ATTENDING.](#)**

## DIGITAL DISCIPLESHIP: FAITH IN A FILTERED WORLD

We live in a world shaped by screens, notifications, and constant connection. While technology can be a gift, it can also leave us feeling distracted from what matters most.

Join us for a two-week Worship series, Digital Discipleship, as we explore how our faith meets our digital lives. In "Poise & Presence Over Pixels" on June 7<sup>th</sup>, we'll reflect on choosing presence over distraction. In "The Algorithm of Grace" on June 14<sup>th</sup>, we'll consider how our words and interactions can reflect Christ's love.

Together, we'll discover simple ways to find balance, deepen our faith, and use our voices to build up and encourage.



# CLASS OF 2026 CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the graduates of our Franklin First families. We celebrate all of their hard work, accomplishments and send our congratulations and prayers on their next adventure.



## **WILL BENJAMIN**

Will Benjamin, a graduate of Middletown High School, will attend the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, where he will study music and pursue a Bachelor of Music degree.



## **CAMILLE FULTZ**

Camille is the daughter of Theresa & Chance Fultz. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Point Park University. She plans to travel overseas to continue her education and play basketball.



## **HUNTER BUTLER**

Hunter Butler, a graduate of Middletown High School, will attend Ohio University, where he plans to study Meteorology.



## **MAKENNA HEBERT**

Makenna graduated magna cum laude from San Diego State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology and a minor in child development.



## **ALEX CARRERA**

Alex Carrera, a graduate of Middletown High School, plans to take a gap year while her family relocates to South Carolina. She intends to apply to both Ohio University and the University of South Carolina, where she hopes to study Marine Biology.

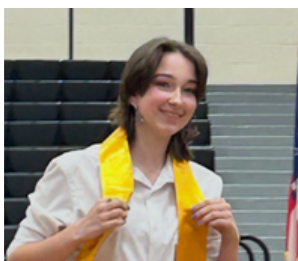
Makenna is the great-niece of Judy and Bob Bowman.



## **ADELYN MARTIN**

Adelyn Martin is the granddaughter of Jim and Kathy Martin.

She graduated from Springboro High School and plans to attend Cedarville University next year.



## **TARYN DELANEY**

Taryn, granddaughter of Mike and Carol Runyan, graduated from Lakota East High School.

She plans to attend Ohio University, where she will major in Theater.



# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2026



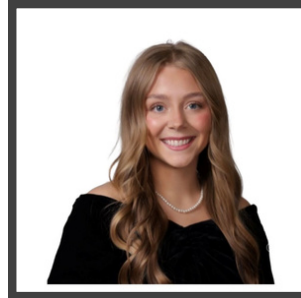
## **OLIVIA TRUESDELL**

Olivia Grace Truesdell is the granddaughter of Jerry and Jan Truesdell and the daughter of Charles and Jamie Truesdell. She is a graduate of Franklin High School.

Olivia plans to attend the University of Dayton, where she will major in Psychology and pursue preparation for a career in forensic criminology.

A dedicated student-athlete, Olivia earned four varsity letters in basketball and volleyball. She holds school records for career aces and scoring over 1,000 points, and she has received recognition from the OHSAA.

Olivia is also a scholar-athlete, a member of the National Honor Society and earned an Honor Diploma.



## **ALLISON M RAYBURG**

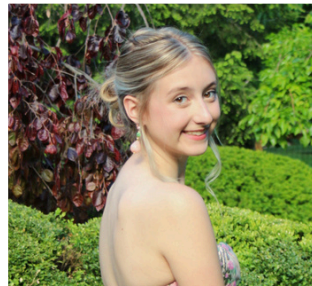
Allison is the granddaughter of Dorothy Rayburg. She graduated with honors in Science from Ohio University in Athens, OH on Saturday, May 2, 2026.

Allison will be working for Medpace Clinical Trials in Cincinnati, OH



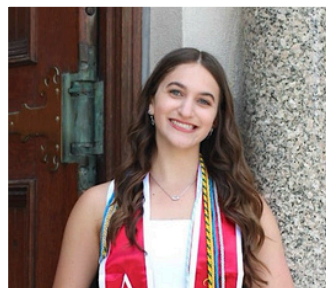
## **MORGAN RUNYAN**

Morgan Runyan, granddaughter of Carol and Mike Runyan, graduated from Lakota East High School. She will be attending the University of Cincinnati, where she plans to major in Criminal Justice with a focus on forensics.



## **ISABEL TADYCH**

Isabel Tadych, a graduate of Middletown High School, will attend Ohio University, where she plans to study Psychology.



## **JULIA ATHENA TOUVANNAS**

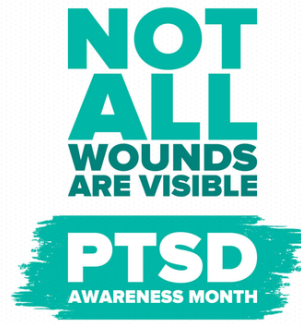
Julia graduated from Marquette University with a Bachelor of Science degree summa cum laude from the College of Health Sciences. She will continue in the graduate school at Marquette to earn a doctorate degree in physical therapy in two years.

Julia is the granddaughter of Judy and Bob Bowman.



We give thanks for our recent graduates and place their futures into Your hands. As they take their next steps, grant them wisdom to make good choices, courage to face new challenges, and a deep sense of purpose. Guide their paths, protect them on the journey, and remind them that You are always with them. Amen.

## UNDERSTANDING THE INVISIBLE WOUND: JUNE IS PTSD AWARENESS MONTH



June is National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Month—a dedicated time to bring a vital conversation out of the shadows.

When many people hear "PTSD," their minds immediately go to combat veterans. While our military community is deeply affected, the truth is that PTSD can touch anyone. It is a mental health condition triggered by witnessing or experiencing a terrifying event—such as a car accident, a natural disaster, personal assault, or severe medical trauma.

In fact, about 6% of the population will experience PTSD at some point in their lives. It isn't a sign of weakness, nor is it a character flaw. It is a biological response to trauma; the brain's "fight or flight" system essentially gets stuck in the "on" position. PTSD manifests differently in everyone, but it generally falls into four categories:

- **Intrusive Memories:** Vivid flashbacks, nightmares, or uninvited thoughts about the event.
- **Avoidance:** Steering clear of places, people, or conversations that serve as reminders.
- **Changes in Thinking and Mood:** Feeling numb, detached from loved ones, or overwhelmed by negative thoughts about the world.
- **Hyperarousal:** Feeling constantly on edge, easily startled, irritable, or having trouble sleeping.

The biggest barrier to healing is often the stigma surrounding mental health. You can make a difference by simply changing how we talk about it:

1. **Educate Yourself:** Take a few minutes to learn the facts about trauma. Understanding breeds empathy.
2. **Listen Freely:** If someone opens up to you about their struggles, you don't need to "fix" them. Just listen without judgment.
3. **Share Resources:** Normalize seeking help. If you or someone you know is struggling, reaching out to a professional is the strongest step you can take.

If you or a loved one needs immediate support, free, confidential help is available 24/7. In the US, you can call or text the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988, or text HOME to 741741 to connect with the Crisis Text Line.

## PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE



Want to help our church thrive for generations?

The Permanent Endowment Fund supports long-term ministry by investing your gift so it continues giving year after year.

### A "Forever Gift"

- Your principal stays intact.
- The earnings support future ministry.
- Your generosity keeps working long after today.

### Why It Matters

- Builds a legacy of faith
- Provides stability in every season
- Blesses future generations of families

### Learn More

A one-time gift or estate designation can make a lasting impact.

Contact Pastor Laura Saunders to explore how you can leave a legacy of hope.

# JUNE CALENDAR

## Wednesday, June 3, 2026

5:30 PM - Vacation Bible School Volunteer Meeting

## Thursday, June 4, 2026

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM - Community Dinner (St. Mary's K of C )

## Saturday, June 6, 2026

8:00 AM - Fishing Club Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

## Sunday, June 7, 2026

9:15 AM - Faith Seekers Study Group  
10:45 AM - Livestream of Worship on Facebook  
10:45 AM - Worship Service

## Tuesday, June 9, 2026

6:30 PM - Mission/Outreach Team Meeting

## Thursday, June 11, 2026

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
Community Dinner (St. Mary's K of C )

## Sunday, June 14, 2026 - Fellowship Sunday

9:15 AM - Faith Seekers Study Group  
10:45 AM - Livestream of Worship on Facebook  
10:45 AM - Worship Service  
After Service - Fellowship in the Dining Room

## Thursday, June 18, 2026

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM - Community Dinner (St. Mary's K of C )

## Sunday, June 21, 2026

9:15 AM - Faith Seekers Study Group  
10:45 AM - Livestream of Worship on Facebook  
10:45 AM - Worship Service

## Tuesday, June 23, 2026

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM - Community Dinner (Coffee Collab)

## Thursday, June 25, 2026

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM - Community Dinner (St. Mary's K of C )

## Sunday, June 28, 2026

9:15 AM - Faith Seekers Study Group  
10:45 AM - Livestream of Worship on Facebook  
10:45 AM - Worship Service

## JUNE 28 – JOHN WESLEY'S BIRTHDAY

Born June 28, 1703, John Wesley was the founder of the Methodist movement and a tireless preacher of God's grace for all people. He believed faith was something to be lived out daily—through prayer, acts of mercy, and a commitment



to justice and compassion. Wesley's legacy still shapes the United Methodist Church today as we seek both personal and social holiness, loving God and neighbor in all we do.

As Wesley famously said, "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

## EASY WAY TO SUPPORT FRANKLIN FIRST: CHECK YOUR KROGER RECEIPT!

Did you know your weekly grocery run can support the ministries of Franklin First—at no extra cost to you?

When you shop at Kroger, linking your account to our Community Rewards helps fund ministry all year long. It's free, takes just a minute, and if you're already enrolled, no action is needed—this is only for new sign-ups with our new church number.

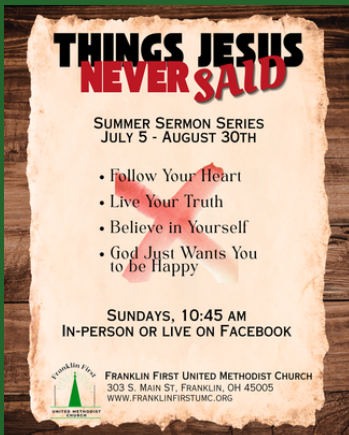
How to enroll:

- Visit [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com)
- Register or Sign In
- Community
- Community Rewards
- Enroll Now
- Enter RK151



Thank you for supporting Franklin First in this easy and meaningful way!

## UPCOMING SERIES: THINGS JESUS NEVER SAID



*"Follow your heart."  
"Live your truth."  
"Everything happens for a reason."*

"They sound like Scripture, but did Jesus actually say them?"

This summer, join us for a 9-week look at culture's favorite clichés. We'll separate well-meaning myths from biblical truth to discover what Jesus really promised: authentic grace and real hope.

# THE ANTIDOTE TO SHAME: ACCEPT GOD'S GRACE AND LOVE

BY: BY LAURA BUCHANAN (ADAPTED FROM UMC.ORG)

"Shame is so powerful. It's the idea that we are not worthy of love and belonging," says Caroline Vogel, a spiritual director, therapist, and author of *As Yourself: The Sacred Work of Embodying Grace*.

According to Vogel, roughly 90% of people experience shame at some point. While a small amount of self-reflection is healthy, shame often gets "supersized." Instead of protecting us, it paralyzes us, creating deep-seated barriers in our relationships with others and with God. Past hurts and traumas often lock us into survival mechanisms that block our ability to receive love.

The ultimate antidote to this paralysis? Choosing to accept a gift we already have: God's grace.

## *Understanding Grace Over Judgment*

In Western culture, we are deeply conditioned to believe that everything must be earned or deserved. Because grace cannot be bought or earned, it can be difficult to accept. But God's love is immeasurably larger than our shame.

Accepting grace does not mean avoiding accountability. Rather, Vogel notes that grace is a much more productive engine for transformation than judgment: "If grace is the engine that fuels our ability to make changes in our life, I have found that's a much better way to create change within myself... than going at it from a place of judgment, criticism, and guilt."

## *Finding Healing in Connection*

Real healing happens through connection—bringing our shame out of the shadows and into the light of a loving God. Vogel points to Jesus washing his disciples' feet as the ultimate template. Jesus provided a physical, felt experience of God's love and asked his followers to do the same for one another. To heal shame, we must live out that love, starting with ourselves. As Matthew 22:39 reminds us: "You must love your neighbor as you love yourself."

## *4 Practical Ways to Practice Self-Compassion*

To break the cycle of shame, we must actively invest in caring for our spiritual and emotional well-being:

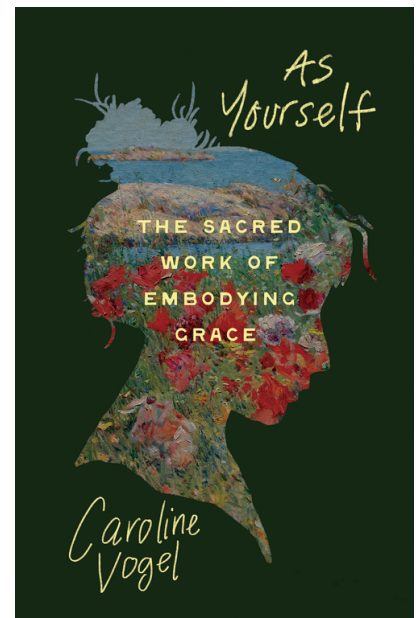
1. **Journal and Share:** Write down your shame or trauma to hold space for it. Articulate the pain, practice self-compassion, and pray for the strength to let go. Sharing your struggle with a trusted friend, therapist, or spiritual director can also break its isolation.
2. **Prioritize Rest:** Resist the urge to over-extend yourself, which inevitably leads to anxiety, frustration, and burnout. When you feel drained, intentionally make time to recharge.
3. **Be Still and Pray:** Make time for quiet contemplation. Being still, silencing the noise, and genuinely feeling your feelings are active spiritual practices that open your heart to the Holy Spirit.
4. **Move Your Body:** Tension lodges itself physically. Going for a nature walk or practicing gentle yoga helps release the physical manifestations of stress, aiding your emotional and spiritual release of shame.

## *The Ripple Effect*

When we accept God's grace and learn to love ourselves, it completely changes how we interact with the world around us. We stop giving from an empty cup and start moving in alignment with the Holy Spirit.

"Receive God's love and allow the breath of the Spirit to guide you forward," Vogel encourages. "The more I let go of shame, the more I embrace God's love... the more capacity I have to follow the Spirit because there's not so much getting in the way."

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Vogel worked on her book, *As Yourself: The Sacred Work of Embodying Grace*, for nearly ten years as she contemplated the juxtaposition of shame and grace. In it, she shares personal experiences and tools that have helped her right-size shame so that she can love herself and live more fully in the Spirit.

A six-week study guide, along with printed and audio meditations, support readers on their journey to accept God's love and grace.

## SPECIAL DAYS!

### BIRTHDAYS

JUNE 02	CHRISTIAN LUCAS
JUNE 02	MARY HARVILLE
JUNE 03	TIFFANY CHILCUTT
JUNE 06	JUDY THOMAS
JUNE 06	CHERYL CYPHERS
JUNE 08	CONNIE BOLINGER
JUNE 09	JULIE ABELL
JUNE 10	MEGAN DUFF
JUNE 11	STEPHEN RHUDE
JUNE 16	SHARI TUTT
JUNE 18	KATIE TROUT
JUNE 26	TYLER SMITH
JUNE 26	LILY SMITH
JUNE 30	KATHY MARTIN

### ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE 12	ANDREW & MACIE GOODPASTER
JUNE 14	RACHEL & JOE CHAMBERLAIN
JUNE 20	JAN & JERRY TRUESDELL
JUNE 27	LEE & LAURA SAUNDERS
JUNE 27	CAROL & BILL HATFIELD

## SAVE THE DATE: FALL FAVORITE

Mark your calendars for our Annual Fall Marketplace on Saturday, November 7!

Shop your favorite vendors, enjoy lunch, and be sure to pick up some of our famous homemade noodles. We'll

also be serving up our fall favorites -- chicken & noodles, ham & bean soup, barbecue sandwiches, and more. It's a tradition we always look forward to—and we'd love to see you there!



## GIVING MADE SIMPLE: SUPPORTING OUR MINISTRY ANYTIME, ANYWHERE

Life can get busy, but your generosity can stay steady. With Franklin First's updated Online Giving platform, supporting the ministries you care about is easier than ever—anytime, anywhere.



### Why Give Online?

- Quick & Convenient: Make one-time or recurring gifts in just seconds—no cash, checks, or Sunday-morning rush needed.
- Consistent Impact: Regular giving helps our ministries plan wisely and serve our community with confidence.
- Safe & Secure: Our trusted system protects your personal information and ensures every transaction is secure.

Your gifts make life-changing ministry possible. Ready to take the next step?

Start today: [franklinfirstumc.org/giving-%26-member-resources](http://franklinfirstumc.org/giving-%26-member-resources)

Thank you for your faithful generosity and for helping us share the love of Christ in powerful ways!

## A CROPPIN' GOOD TIME SAVE THE DATE



Save the Date: The next A Croppin' Good Time will take place September 11–12. More details coming soon!

## THE PANTRY — HELP PROVIDE INFANT CARE ESSENTIALS

Franklin First is collecting infant care items for The Pantry to support families with young children.

Items Needed: Diapers, wipes, infant bath items, diaper cream, lotion, formula & baby food (unopened), bottles, pacifiers, and other baby essentials.



Please place donations in the collection bins at church. Thank you for helping care for our youngest neighbors!

# Franklin First United Methodist Church

## 2026 Lay Leadership Ministry

### Church Council

Church Council Chair	Karen Anderson
Church Council Secretary	Cheryl Cyphers
Lay Leader	Cindy Kuntzman
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Tami Chamberlain
Treasurer	Tami Chamberlain
Financial Secretary	Theresa Fultz
Membership Secretary	Cheryl Cyphers
Church Historian	Robert Bowman
Pastor	Laura Saunders

### Ministry Team Representatives

Staff-Parish	Peggy Darragh-Jeromos
Finance & Endowment	Paul Anderson
Trustee Co-Chairs	Jim Martin, Mike Runyan
Worship	Monica Rhude
Technology	Joe Chamberlain
Committee on Lay Leadership	Laura Saunders
Christian Education Co-Chairs	Mike Smith, Kaylee Glossip
Missions & Outreach Co-Chairs	Linda Smith, Karen Anderson
Hospitality & Events	Carol Runyan
Care Team	Lee Saunders
Welcoming Ministry	Dorothy Rayburg
Women's Circle	Monica Rhude
Member at Large	Amanda Leffew

### Staff-Parish Relations Committee

**Chair:** Peggy Darragh-Jeromos  
 Lay Leader: Cindy Kuntzman  
 Terms expiring 2026  
     Sue Fullen, Peggy Darragh-Jeromos, Pam Trout  
 Terms expiring 2027  
     Sally Fitzgerald, Cindy Kuntzman  
 Terms expiring 2028  
     LeeAnn Lee, Cheryl Cyphers, Joe Chamberlain

### Trustees

**Co-Chairs:** Jim Martin, Mike Runyan  
 Terms expiring 2026:  
     Joe Chamberlain, Chris Womack Lorton  
 Terms expiring 2027  
     Jim Martin, Trisha Dicken, Jan Abell  
 Terms expiring 2028  
     Mike Runyan, Brian Graves, Jason Leffew

### Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations)

**Chair:** Pastor Laura Saunders  
 Lay Leader: Cindy Kuntzman  
 Terms expiring 2026:  
     Sally Fitzgerald, Karen Anderson  
 Terms expiring 2027:  
     Barb Ogden, Charlotte Summer, Brian Graves  
 Terms expiring 2028:  
     Peggy Darragh-Jeromos, Pam Bishop, Kathy Martin

### Finance Committee (By virtue of office.)

**Chair:** Paul Anderson  
 Treasurer: Tami Chamberlain  
 Financial Secretary: Theresa Fultz  
 Church Council Chair: Karen Anderson  
 Trustees Co-Chairs: (one vote) Jim Martin, Mike Runyan  
 Staff Parish Chair: Peggy Darragh – Jeromos  
 Lay Leader: Cindy Kuntzman  
 Lay Member of Annual Conference: Tami Chamberlain  
 Pastor: (non-voting member) Laura Saunder

### Permanent Endowment Fund Committee

Chair of Finance Committee Paul Anderson (**Chair**)  
 Church Treasurer Tami Chamberlain  
 Chair of Board of Trustees Jim Martin  
 Chair of Church Council Karen Anderson  
 Lay Leader Cindy Kuntzman  
 Member at Large (Term: 2025-2026) Jerry Truesdell  
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     Peggy Darragh-Jeromos  
 Pastor (non-voting member) Laura Saunders

### Worship Ministry Team

**Chair:** Monica Rhude  
 Choir Director: Monica Rhude  
 Bell Choir Director: Tami Chamberlain  
 Altar Design: Pam Bishop, Shari Tutt, Carol Runyan  
 Technology: Joe Chamberlain  
 Lay Leader: Cindy Kuntzman  
 Pastor: Laura Saunders

### Mission & Outreach Team

**Co-Chairs:** Linda Smith, Karen Anderson  
 Madelyn Lang, Karen Anderson, Tami Chamberlain,  
 Sally Fitzgerald, Cindy Kuntzman

### Technology Team

**Chair:** Joe Chamberlain  
 Joe Chamberlain, Trisha Dicken, Andy Kuntzman, Tami Chamberlain, Rick Chamberlain, LeeAnn Lee

### Christian Education Team

**Co-Chairs:** Adult: Mike Smith/Children's: Kaylee Glossip  
 Jan Truesdell, Rachel Chamberlain, Madelyn Lang, Carol Runyan, Mike Smith, Kaylee Glossip

### Care Team

**Chair:** Lee Saunders  
 Lee Saunders, Dorothy Rayburg,  
 Jan Truesdell, Judy Deskins



FRANKLIN FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Pastor Laura Saunders

Sunday Worship Service  
10:45 am  
Livestreaming on Facebook

Faith Seekers Bible Study  
Sundays, 9:15 am

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| June 21         | Father's Day                     |
| July 4          | Franklin Independence Day Parade |
| July 19th       | Sweet Tea Sunday                 |
| July 29, 30, 31 | Vacation Bible School (VBS)      |
| August 2        | VBS Sunday                       |
| August 9        | Backpack Sunday                  |
| September 13    | Grandparent's Sunday             |

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