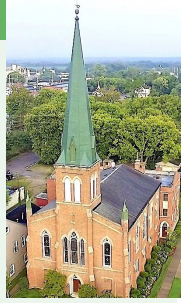




The Steeple Bell—November 2024

Franklin First United Methodist Church

“Under the Green Steeple”



As I write this, the presidential race is too close to predict. Some polls have Harris slightly ahead, some Trump. My mail has been inundated with political propaganda, and you cannot turn on live television without a multitude of political commercials. Much of the rhetoric has been very negative, and by election day we can be thoroughly frustrated with the democratic process and tempted to boycott the whole ordeal.

Don't! While our system of politics is not without its downfalls, we have a privilege that many of our worldwide neighbors would love to enjoy. We can vote without fear of violence or reprisal, and we can help shape the future of our country.

Have you educated yourself on the candidates and the issues? If you said, “Yes!” – good for you. If not, it's not too late. VOTE! It is the one thing that each citizen in this country can do to influence our future. If we choose not to vote, we have abdicated our voice to others. We may not like the outcome, but we have not contributed to the decision that will mold our country's future.

We also need to support our elected officials. If we disagree with their policies, we can work through our representatives to influence those policies.

My prayer is that our 2025 and beyond can be more positive, with less polarization. I intend to do what I can personally do to contribute to the general welfare of all Americans. What are your intentions?

Pastor Laura

Franklin First United Methodist Church

FALL MARKETPLACE

SATURDAY
November 2, 2024
9 am - 2 pm

LUNCH SERVED FROM 11:30 - 1
Chicken & Noodles, Bean Soup, & Barbecue

Plus, grab your favorites by the quart or pint, or snag one-pound bag of our Dry Homemade Noodles!

Pre-orders recommended at franklinfirstumc.org

START YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING

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Fall Marketplace—November 2nd

Our Women’s Circle has been working diligently to prepare for the Marketplace on Saturday November 2 from 9:00 – 2:00. Lunch will be served; food and vendor items will be available for purchase. Thanks to everyone who has labored for this event. The noodle crew was amazing, and they all needed to visit their massage therapist Tuesday afternoon on each of the four weeks to work out the rolling pin kinks. Or at least take a nap.



ALL SAINTS' DAY
NOVEMBER 3RD

"REJOICE AND BE GLAD, FOR YOUR REWARD IS GREAT IN HEAVEN"
MATTHEW 5: 12

All Saints Sunday

On November 3 in our Worship service, we will be remembering those who have joined the Church Triumphant since last November. It is always difficult when we lose a loved one, but through Christian faith we believe that the parting is temporary – that those who have died in faith are part of the Communion of Saints in the eternal presence of Almighty God. Join us as we celebrate their victory.

Free Medical Clinic

Tuesday of each week, Dr. Chamberlain and a volunteer staff welcome the uninsured and underinsured to receive free medical attention and prayer. Patients are treated with dignity and respect and are always grateful for the care they receive. We are grateful for the ministry opportunity and the staff that feels called to provide these services.

FREE MEDICAL CLINIC
Tuesdays
5:30 - 6:30 pm

To Benefit the Uninsured or Underinsured



God With Us

Thanksgiving is a few short weeks away, and the Christmas season is on the horizon. This year seems to have flown by. One of my favorite radio stations starts playing Christmas music the day after Halloween. Ready or not, the holidays will soon be upon us.

The season of Advent precedes Christmas, and we observe Advent on the four Sundays before Christmas – this year beginning December 1. Our Advent focus this year will be on the some of the common folk of the Christmas story. We will consider Zechariah, Joseph, and the Shepherds to discover how God was with them in their unusual circumstances. God is with us in our unusual circumstances as well, even though it may be easier to see God’s presence in retrospect. Let’s make sure that in the busyness of the holiday season, we make Jesus our focus.



Advent Noisy Bucket

Franklin First kids will be collecting change during Advent in the month of December for the Noisy Bucket, supporting Heifer International. This mission provides animals, clean water wells, and education for girls in under-developed countries around the world. Save your change and provide a hand-

Christmas Baskets

Franklin First will once again be spearheading the Christmas distribution for the needy in our community. You can choose to sponsor a food basket for \$25 and/or buy children’s gifts. Sign-ups will be the first two Mondays in November from 11:00 – 4:00. Tami Chamberlain is the coordinator. Contact her to see how you can help. Distribution will be held on Thursday December 19 from 1:00 – 6:00. Recipients must have a photo ID and proof of residency.



Christmas Gift Ideas

As you are thinking about your Christmas gift list, do you have a person on the list that you have a hard time buying for? Why not give in their honor to a special project at the church? We will provide a gift card for you to give them that allows you to share what ministry or project your gift will be supporting. You could specify the music ministry, Franklin First’s children’s ministry, the snack pack program, the permanent endowment fund, or another choice. Talk to treasurer Tami Chamberlain or Pastor Laura for more information or ideas.



Church Conference

One time each year, each United Methodist church has a conference to do the official business of the congregation. Ours is scheduled for Monday November 11 at 6:30 pm. Everyone from the congregation is welcome to attend, church members will have voting rights. Officers are expected to attend. Items on the agenda include reports from ministry teams, a membership report, the pastor's compensation package, and a presentation of our Breakthrough Goals for next year.



LOOKING AHEAD TO THE Holidays

NOVEMBER 24	THANKSGIVING SUNDAY HANGING OF THE GREENS
DECEMBER 1, 8, 15, & 22	THE FOUR SUNDAYS OF ADVENT WITH ADVENT WREATH LIGHTINGS & SERMON SERIES "GOD WITH US" 10:45 AM
DECEMBER 8	BLESSING OF THE NAVITITES Bring a piece of your home Nativity set.
DECEMBER 22	CHRISTMAS MUSIC CELEBRATION
DECEMBER 24	CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 7 PM
DECEMBER 29	WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:45 AM, INCLUDING A CAROL SING.

GOD WITH US

Wesley Foundation in Cincinnati



This organization is a campus ministry to the University of Cincinnati and Miami University in Oxford. The ministry provides community and spiritual guidance for college students at an influential formation time in their lives. The foundation is in need of funding, as their grant monies have lessened in recent years. You will find brochures and envelopes on the table in the fellowship hall. Let's support the work of Christ in this population of people.



Snack Pack Program

Franklin First has been packing snack packs for Gerke Elementary first grade students who deal with food scarcity on the weekends at home. This school year has been a transition as we are serving a new school with the closing of Anthony Wayne.

What a blessing to be able to help a child be his/her best self! We are also happy to welcome Franklin High School Honor Students as packing partners once per month to help to meet their community service hours quota.



First Grade Tutoring

Principal Jim Rhoades and I have been in contact about the first grade tutoring program at Gerke Elementary. The reorganization of Franklin Schools has delayed the start of this ministry, and we can now expect to begin tutoring after the Christmas

holidays. Please let me, Linda Smith, or Karen Anderson know if you intend to tutor in 2025. Thanks! Pastor Laura

Angel Shop

The Angel Shop was a great success this year, helping about 100 young people dress their best for special events. Director Jenny Chilcutt will be hosting a DONATION DAY on Sunday, November 24 from 12:30 – 2:00 for community friends to donate formal wear to the shop to offer students in 2025.



Thanksgiving Offering

Our special Thanksgiving offering this year will be used to purchase gifts for teenagers for the Christmas distribution. Thank you for supporting this effort.



Third Grade Bibles

We will be handing out third grade Bibles on Sunday November 10. We love our children and consider it a priority that our youngsters come to know Jesus and God's Word.



Women's Circle News

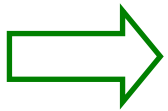


NOODLE MANIA! Our Women's Circle and helpers prepared **572 batches** of noodles for the Fall Marketplace. These noodles have a reputation for culinary excellence. Thanks to all who worked so hard on this project.



BAKE SALE THANKS! Our Women's Circle sponsored a bake sale to raise funds for breast cancer research. They raised \$324, which will be triple matched by the Susan Komen Foundation.

UPCOMING POINSETTIA SALE: The Women's Circle will be selling Poinsettias soon for gifts or your home and for the altar at Christmas in memory of or in honor of a loved one.



NEXT MEETING DATE! Monday, November 18th, 6:30 pm



CHRISTMAS GATHERING! Women's Circle members, mark your calendars for Monday December 9 to celebrate Christmas at the Bowman home. Thanks to Judy and Bob for their hospitality. Bring a covered dish and gifts for the adopted family. We will also have an ornament exchange.

Franklin's Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat at Franklin's Community Park on October 19 was once again a success. Franklin First set up in multiple spots, including a booth that offered a photo shoot. Volunteers estimated that they passed out about 600 treats to kids, and the crowd amounted to a total of 1200-1500 people once adults were included. Thanks to all those who made this mission a part of their day. Once again, our church was represented at this important community event.



A Cheerful Giver

Friends, we will be taking a look at our generosity for God's Kingdom in the month of November. We have much for which to be thankful. God is so generous with us, and we return our time, talents, and resources as a response to God's giving. Join me in celebrating the privilege of returning a portion of our blessings to God's work.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A JOYFUL GIVER?

A joyful giver means to give willingly, cheerfully, and with a sense of delight, without feeling obligated or burdened. It is about giving from the heart, motivated by love, gratitude, and faith rather than out of duty, pressure, or guilt. The Bible highlights this concept in 2 Corinthians 9:7, where it says, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."



WILLINGNESS TO GIVE

A joyful giver gives because they **want** to, not because they **have** to. It is a voluntary act, where the person is eager to help others or support a cause, recognizing the blessing of being able to give.

GIVING OUT GRATITUDE

Joyful giving is rooted in thankfulness. When someone reflects on the blessings they have received — whether financial, spiritual, or emotional — they naturally want to share those blessings with others. This gratitude fuels the joy of giving.

TRUST IN GOD'S PROVISION

A joyful giver trusts that God will take care of their needs. They do not give with fear of losing something or experiencing lack, but rather, they give with faith that God will provide for them, just as He always has.

A HEART OF LOVE & COMPASSION

Joyful giving flows from a heart that genuinely cares for others. Whether giving to support a church, a charitable organization, or individuals in need, joyful givers find fulfillment in helping others and participating in God's work.



FREEDOM FROM MATERIAL ATTACHMENT

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A FOCUS ON THE BLESSING OF GIVING

Rather than focusing on how they are giving up, joyful givers focus on the blessing of giving itself. They see it as an opportunity to contribute to something meaningful and to experience the joy that comes from seeing others benefit from their generosity.

EXPERIENCING THE JOY OF PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD.

Giving joyfully is also about participating in God's mission. Whether supporting church ministries, helping the needy, or contributing to community causes, joyful givers see their act of giving as a way to partner with God in bringing about good in the world.

In summary, to be a joyful giver is to give with a heart full of gratitude, love, and trust. It's an act of faith, where the person finds joy not only in the act of giving but in knowing that their generosity reflects God's love and contributes to the well-being of others. It is about giving freely and cheerfully knowing that giving is a blessing in itself.

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Trustee Update

The trustees are diligently working on meeting the requirements of the proposed new insurance company. There are several items they wanted updated, not surprising in a building of the age of the church. None of the items in question are expensive to do, or require major changes to the building. Our timing has been dependent on the service contractors and their schedules.

On another note, last week we were able to get the dishwasher back to its original working condition, after 3 hours finding parts. Not bad for a unit installed in 1986. We were told if taken care of, there is no reason why it wouldn't last another 30 years. It sure gets put to use at the upcoming Market Place.

The new HVAC rooftop units are doing their job. We recently had a fall check up completed and no issues were found. Hopefully we will see some energy savings this winter from the newer units.

2024 at Franklin First

November

2	Fall Marketplace
3	All Saints Sunday/Daylight Savings Ends
4	Christmas Basket Sign-ups
5	Free Medical Clinic, 5:30 pm
6	Snack Pack Packing, 1:30 pm
10	Fellowship Sunday
11	Christmas Basket Sign-ups
11	Church Conference, 6:30 pm
12	Free Medical Clinic, 5:30 pm
12	Mission/Outreach Team, 6:30 pm
13	Snack Pack Packing, 3:00 pm
13	Endowment Team; 2:30 pm
17	Confirmation Class, 11:45 am
18	Women's Circle Meeting; 6:30 pm
19	Free Medical Clinic, 5:30 pm
20	Snack Pack Packing, 1:30 pm
24	Thanksgiving Sunday
24	Hanging of the Greens
26	Free Medical Clinic, 5:30 pm
27 & 28	Office Closed
28	Thanksgiving

December

1	First Sunday of Advent
3	Free Medical Clinic, 5:30 pm
4	Snack Pack Packing, 1:30 pm
8	Second Sunday of Advent
8	Fellowship Sunday
8	Blessing of the Nativities
8	Women's Circle Christmas, 6:30 pm
10	Free Medical Clinic, 5:30 pm
11	Snack Pack Packing, 3:00 pm
15	Third Sunday of Advent
17	Free Medical Clinic, 5:30 pm
18	Snack Pack Packing, 1:30 pm
19	Christmas Basket Distribution, 1—6 pm
22	Fourth Sunday of Advent
22	Christmas Music Sunday
24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service; 7 pm
25	Christmas Day



Bishop Jung to host all-Ohio Day of Thanksgiving and Unity

Bishop Jung invites all Ohio United Methodists to join together for an inspiring day of prayer, worship, and learning on **Saturday, November 23**. With the theme "Hearts Strangely Warmed," the day will begin at 10am at [Worthington United Methodist Church](#), 600 High St, in Worthington and will conclude by 3:30pm.

This day of prayer, centered around Romans 5:1-5, will focus on hope, endurance, and the transformative power of God's love. Attendees will explore how these principles align with the core mission of The United Methodist Church to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The guest speaker for the day is [Rev. Dr. Paul W. Chilcote](#), an award-winning author, Methodist historian, and renowned scholar in Wesleyan theology and



Christian discipleship. His theme for our day together is "A Hope-filled United Methodist Future: A Rediscovered Deep Connection and A Refreshed Wesleyan Vision."

Bishop Jung's transformative day of prayer and learning will include opportunities for worship and celebrating our unity in the UMC. The registration fee is \$10 and includes lunch. Let's seek to grow together in grace and reaffirm our commitment to #BeUMC. [Read more and register here.](#)




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Birthday

November 01	Macie Goodpaster
November 02	Mary (Susie) Mears
November 04	Amelia Leffew
November 08	Rylee Humphries
November 09	Shirley Berold
November 10	Rick Dillon
November 15	Jan Abell
November 26	Joe Wright
November 27	Nathan Glossip

Anniversary

November 12	Jeff & Holly Sams
November 13	Donnie & Marna Rogers



Suggestions for Your Next Inspiring Read by Laura Buchanan

In a recent [Facebook post](#), United Methodist Communications asked our followers, “Outside of the Bible, what book is inspiring you right now?” Since most of us are always looking for a great book to add to our to-be-read list, here are some of the suggestions we received:

THE PILGRIM’S PROGRESS

By John Bunyan
Recommended by Brian Swirbel

“The story chronicles the epic adventure of a man named Christian who leaves his home in the City of Destruction and begins a life-long quest to the Celestial City. Set against the backdrop of a hazardous journey, this powerful drama unfolds as Christian’s adventures lead him into fascinating lands and encounters with interesting people who either help or hinder his progress along a narrow way.

“With a gallery of memorable characters and visits to colorful places, Bunyan’s allegorical narrative describes one man’s extraordinary adventure on his journey to faith,” summarizes [Amazon](#).

THE AFTER PARTY: TOWARD BETTER CHRISTIAN POLITICS

By Curtis Chang and Nancy French
Recommended by Valerie Biundo

“For the exhausted, the hurting, and the faithful, *The After Party* helps reframe our political identity away from the ‘what’ of political positions and toward the ‘how’ of being centered on Jesus. This paradigm-shifting book complements *The After Party Project* – a six-part, video-based, highly interactive curriculum that provides churches, small groups, and individuals with

an on-the-ground, biblically based approach to a very complex topic.

“[The book] helps readers who feel despair about political divisiveness engage with others across political differences, learn specific steps to reframe political identity outside of partisan divides, and focus

on how we relate to one another as Jesus teaches before moving to the *what* of political topics,” explains [Amazon](#).

THE LITTLE PRINCE

By Antoine De Saint-Exupéry
Recommended by Betty Spelman

“A tender tale of friendship, love and loss in which a pilot strands in the desert and meets

a young prince fallen to Earth from a tiny asteroid. The story is philosophical and includes social criticism, commenting on the strangeness of the adult world. While it looks like a children’s book, it targets adult relationships with deep thoughts on how adults perceive life with each other. The book will take its readers on a trip to see the world differently and learn what is really substantial,” shares [Amazon](#).

THE GRACE MESSAGE: IS THE GOSPEL REALLY THIS GOOD?

By Andrew Farley
Recommended by Jason Schafer

“Grace. It’s a word we’ve heard since the very first step in our faith journey—but do we really believe in God’s grace? Grace raises eyebrows. It begs questions. Grace turns everything upside down. The Grace Message invites you to discover the best flavor of Christianity and celebrate the good news of the Gospel to the fullest. Here, you’ll learn how to abandon rule-based living and stop trying to measure up, why your new identity in Jesus matters more than you can imagine, and how you can now enjoy God’s New Covenant way of grace,” describes [Amazon](#).

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OPTION B: FACING ADVERSITY, BUILDING RESILIENCE, AND FINDING JOY

By Sheryl Sandberg and Adam Grant

Recommended by Louise A. Rynd

“Two weeks after losing her husband, Sheryl was preparing for a father-child activity. ‘I want Dave,’ she cried. Her friend replied, ‘Option A is not available,’ and then promised to help her make the most of Option B.

“Resilience comes from deep within us and from support outside us. Even after the most devastating events, it is possible to grow by finding deeper meaning and gaining greater appreciation in our lives. *Option B* illuminates how to help others in crisis, develop compassion for ourselves, raise strong children, and create resilient families, communities and workplaces. Many of these lessons can be applied to everyday struggles, allowing us to brave whatever lies ahead,” details [Amazon](#).

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MAKING Prayer a way of life by Joseph YOO

I want to start off by telling you, there’s really no *wrong* way to pray. The only wrong way to pray is to, really, never pray at all.

With that said, I do think that many of us may carry a very narrow view of what prayer really is. We may view prayer (only) as a time where we come before God and start asking for things; sometimes even making prayer time transactional and bargaining. That *is* a part of prayer, for sure. How many of us (even those who may not be Christian) have turned to prayer out of desperation? But prayer goes deeper than us requesting for some heavenly assistance.

If we limit prayer to only asking God for stuff, the urging of “pray continually” may be really difficult to fathom *and* more difficult to practice.

The shape of prayer

There is a beautiful phrase I have learned: *Lex orandi, Lex credendi, Lex vivendi*. Loosely translated, it



means: how we pray shapes how we believe, which shapes how we live.

If we limit prayer to a transactional act it may end up giving us a narrow and limited view of God. After all, the way we pray affects how we believe.

The Rev. Adam Hamilton once said, “breathing is to the body as prayer is to the soul.” Prayer is not *just* something we do before we consume a meal or something turn to when there’s a pop quiz in a class we’re already struggling in or a time to make a plea bargain after breaking your parent’s prized vase. Again, asking for “help” is a very important part of prayer, but there’s more to praying than simply asking for help.

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Prayer, in a nutshell, is how we communicate with God.

Communication is an integral part of a healthy relationship. It's a skewed relationship if one party *only* communicates when they want/need something from the other.

In prayer, we *commune* with God. We thank God. We praise God. We bless God. We adore God. We confess to God. We ask help from God. But also, prayer is not just limited to us talking.

Listening is a very important part of communication in a relationship--and that applies to prayer as well. Sometimes, sitting in silence, contemplatively listening for that *thin quiet* sound (I Kings 19:12b, CEB) is all the prayer we need.

When it comes to speaking to God, speak the way you would speak to the person who is closest to you. Be honest. Be raw. Be angry. Lament, if you have to. Cry. Grieve. Be joyous. Offer gratitude. Offer blessings and praise and adoration. Ask for forgiveness. Ask for wisdom and guidance. Sit in silence surrounded by the presence of God.

Set aside a time for intentional prayer. Or pray on your walk. Pray when you're stopped in traffic. Pray while doing the dishes. Offer a blessing when you witness something beautiful in nature.

Prayerful living

Prayer like this might feel very awkward at first. It feels like you're having a conversation with yourself and you can become very self-aware of how "silly" this may all seem and feel. But the more you pray, the more natu-

ral it becomes.

Jesus found it important to pray and if it was important to Jesus, it is important to us. I believe that prayer sustained Jesus and his ministry. I believe that his prayer life gave him strength, refreshed and renewed him in his ministry, and most importantly, it helped him stay in tune with God.

Jesus modeled an intimate relationship with God, and I feel that this intimacy had a lot to do with how much time he spent in prayer.

The more we pray, the less we become preoccupied by the "success rate" of prayer (how often our prayers may be answered). After all, prayer is less about changing God's mind--as Kierkegaard said: "The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays."

If you're a seasoned vet in prayer, keep praying. If you're new to this, keep praying until it becomes like second nature to you. Continue to commune and communicate with God.

May you see that prayer is more than just something we do here and there; something more than just a laundry list of requests. But that prayer is a way of living. So may we pray continually.

Joseph Yoo is the author [When the Saints Go Flying in](#).

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Franklin First United Methodist Church 2024 Lay Leadership Ministry

Making disciples... Building Christian community... Transforming lives!



Church Council:

Church Council Chair	Mike Smith
Church Council Secretary	Amber Ramsey
Lay Leader	Mike Smith
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Tami Chamberlain
Lay Member of Annual Conference Alternate	Kim Chewning
Treasurer	Tami Chamberlain
Membership Secretary	Cheryl Cyphers
Financial Secretary	Theresa Fultz
Church Historian	Robert Bowman
Pastor	Laura Saunders

Ministry Team Representatives:

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

Staff-Parish Relations Committee:

Chair: Peggy Darragh-Jeromos **Lay Leader:** Mike Smith
 Terms expiring 2024: Sally Fitzgerald, Karen Anderson
 Terms expiring 2025: Cheryl Cyphers, Mishelle Dicken
 Terms expiring 2026: Sue Fullen, Peggy Darragh-Jeromos, Pam Trout

Trustees: Co-Chairs: Jim Martin, Mike Runyan

Terms expiring 2024: Jan Abell, Jim Martin, Trisha Dicken
 Terms expiring 2025: Cody Chilcutt, Mike Runyan, Connie Bolinger
 Terms expiring 2026: Gary Ogden, Joe Chamberlain, Joe Wright

Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations):

Chair: Pastor Laura Saunders Mike Smith, Lay Leader
 Terms expiring 2024: Ken Smith, Shirley Berold
 Terms expiring 2025: Kathy Martin, Peggy Darragh-Jeromos
 Terms expiring 2026: Sally Fitzgerald, Karen Anderson

Finance Committee: (By virtue of office.)

Chair	Paul Anderson
Treasurer:	Tami Chamberlain
Financial Secretary:	Theresa Fultz
Church Council Chair:	Mike Smith
Trustees Co-Chairs:	Jim Martin, Mike Runyan
Staff Parish Chair:	Peggy Darragh-Jeromos
Lay Leader:	Mike Smith
Lay Member of Annual Conference:	Tami Chamberlain
Pastor:	Laura Saunders

Permanent Endowment Fund Committee

Chair of Finance Committee	Paul Anderson
Church Treasurer	Tami Chamberlain
Chair of Board of Trustees	Jim Martin
Chair of Church Council	Mike Smith
Lay Leader	Mike Smith
Member at Large (Term: 2023-24)	Monica Rhude
Member at Large (Term: 2024-25)	Ken Smith
Pastor (non-voting member)	Laura Saunders

Worship Ministry Team: Chair: Monica Rhude

Choir Director:	Monica Rhude
Bell Choir Director:	Tami Chamberlain
Altar Design:	Kay Marksberry, Pam Bishop, Shari Tutt, Carol Runyan
Technology:	Joe Chamberlain
Lay Leader:	Mike Smith
Pastor:	Laura Saunders

Mission & Outreach Team:

Co-Chairs: Linda Smith, Karen Anderson
 Madelyn Lang, Karen Anderson, Tami Chamberlain, Marna Rogers, Sally Fitzgerald,

Technology Team: Chair: Joe Chamberlain

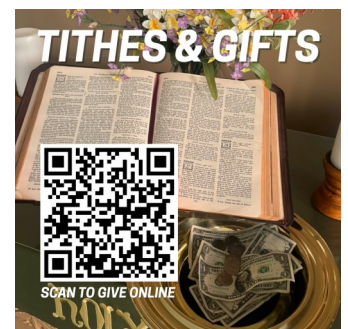
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Christian Education Team:

Co-Chairs: Joe Wright (Adult) Rhonda Roberson (Children)
 Jan Truesdell, Rachel Chamberlain, Madelyn Lang, Carol Runyan, Joe Wright, Rhonda Roberson

Care Team: Chair: Lee Saunders

Lee Saunders (phone contact);
 Charlotte Summer, Dorothy Rayburg, Jan Truesdell, Judy Deskins (visitation team)



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

- November 2 Fall Marketplace
- November 3 All Saint's Sunday
- November 4 & 11 Christmas Basket Sign-Ups
- November 24 Thanksgiving Sunday
- December 1 First Sunday of Advent
- December 22 Christmas Music Sunday
- December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



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