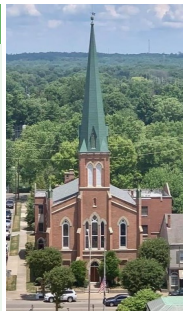




The Steeple Bell— September 2022

Franklin First United Methodist Church

"Under the Green Steeple"



Making Home a Haven

"Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister

sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:38-42

Discord at home...we all have it. Family drama, feelings of being taken for granted, selfishness – the list goes on. We would like for home to be a haven, a place of peace, comfort, and retreat from the stressors of life. Yet our home can often become a place of conflict, differing priorities, and dysfunction.

What are some steps that we can take to increase the harmony in our home? Is it about our dwelling? A fancy house with the latest gadgets and decorating scheme? Is it about activities, a full schedule with lots of obligations? Maybe it's about defined roles and duties within the family.

As we read the story of Mary and Martha, I suspect that the recipe for making the home a haven lies somewhere in the middle of the focus of these two women. We certainly need to pay attention to the details of running a home and managing a family. When I

do pre-marital counseling with couples, we address a lot of home management situations to make sure each partner is realistic about the details of everyday life.

But Mary had an equally important perspective. She was concerned for her spiritual well-being and the opportunity to learn from the Master. Her approach was to make Jesus a priority and give herself time to grow in faith. Was Martha justified in her anger that Mary wasn't accomplishing her share of the work? Perhaps. But have you ever over-thought your hostess or host obligations? Maybe Martha was going overboard with her preparations because she had a celebrity as a guest. She wanted to impress.



For home to be a haven, we must have a balance in our life. We can get so over-stimulated with expectations and obligations that we fail to address the needs of our soul and the souls of our housemates. For the month of September, we will be considering steps to a healthier and hope-filled home life. We will be considering purposeful work, our support systems, healthy conflict resolution skills, juggling obligations, the need for Sabbath rest, parenting and sandwich generation approaches, and Christian faith practices that feed thirsty souls.

Whether we live alone or with a tribe, with God's help and some intentional focus, our home can become more of what we wish it to be. Home is where the heart is.

Pastor Laura

Grandparent's Sunday

Join us in worship on September 11 as we celebrate Grandparent's Sunday. Did you have a close relationship with your grandparents? Perhaps some other elder in your life was a positive influence. The children that God has entrusted to our care here at Franklin First can never have too many elders who believe in and support them. Intergenerational connections enrich our lives.

If you don't have grandkids readily available, why not invite a young person to be your grandkid for the day? Or kids, invite that neighbor or other elder to worship with you. The worship service will be followed by an ice cream social and a bouncy house for the kids, courtesy of GTCO – the local gymnastics gym. We are grateful for their generosity! Lisa Carpenter is coordinating the Ice Cream Social. Let her know if you can provide food or help serve. Let's make this a day to remember.



Remembering September 11th

This year is the 21st anniversary of the attacks on the Twin Towers, when almost 3,000 people lost their lives. These quotes are a powerful reminder of that day.

- ♦ "If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate." Sandy Dahl, wife of Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl.
- ♦ "What separates us from the animals, what separates us from the chaos, is our ability to mourn people we've never met." Author David Levithan
- ♦ "One of the worst days in America's history saw some of the bravest acts in Americans' history. We'll always honor the heroes of 9/11." President George W. Bush
- ♦ "Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11." President Obama

September is Suicide Prevention Month

Pain isn't always obvious. Friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers can be struggling in silence and we can make a difference. Suicide is preventable.org advocates that we become familiar with the signs:

- ♦ Talking about wanting to die or commit suicide.
- ♦ Looking for a way to kill themselves, like searching online or buying items for self-harm.
- ♦ Feelings of hopelessness, desperation, being trapped.
- ♦ Giving away possessions.
- ♦ Putting affairs in order.
- ♦ Reckless behavior.
- ♦ Uncontrolled anger.
- ♦ Increased drug or alcohol use.
- ♦ Withdrawal
- ♦ Anxiety or agitation.
- ♦ Changes in sleep patterns.
- ♦ Sudden mood changes.
- ♦ No sense of purpose.

When we perceive that someone is struggling, it is important to start a conversation by mentioning the warning signs we've observed. Ask this person if they're considering ending their life. Listen with concern and reassurance. If we think the person is suicidal, don't leave them alone. Call the suicide hotline at 800-273-8255 to reach a trained counselor for support. The passing of someone we care about is never easy, and is often more difficult when the death was by suicide. Pastor Laura is available for conversation and offers these resources as well. [\(Read more\)](#)



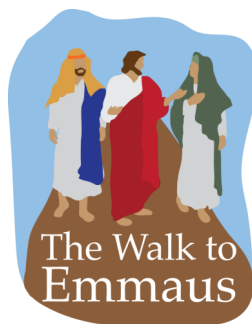


Homecoming Sunday

September 25 will bring a celebration of our church's long history in Franklin. The worship service will include many special moments, including music by our wonderful choirs. There will be a complimentary luncheon afterwards that all are welcome to enjoy. Mark your calendars and save the date.

Emmaus Walk

Are you familiar with the Emmaus Walk? It is a long weekend spiritual retreat with the goal of helping "pilgrims" grow in their faith. To attend a walk, you must submit an application and have a local sponsor (who will have some duties on your behalf.) Talk to Pastor Laura or Mike and Linda Smith for more information. Local retreat opportunities have been on hold for quite some time due to COVID restraints but are now resuming. Men's and Women's Walks are held separately, and are scheduled as follows:



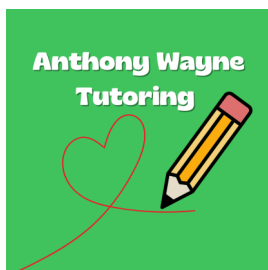
Greater Cincinnati Emmaus @ St. Paul UMC in Madeira (cincinnatiemmaus.org)

Men's Walk 107:	Sept. 22-25, 2022
Women's Walk 125:	Nov. 10-13, 2022
Men's Walk 108:	Mar. 16-19, 2023
Women's Walk 126:	Apr. 13-16, 2023

Northern Lights Emmaus @ Camp Lebanon (nlemmaus.org)

Women's Walk 45:	Oct. 27-30, 2022
Men's Walk 37:	Nov. 10-13, 2022

Anthony Wayne Tutoring



We anticipate resuming our tutoring efforts at Anthony Wayne Elementary this year. The school identifies students who need literacy help and provides a lesson plan for tutors each week. In the past, we have tutored for an eight-week session in the fall, and another session in the winter. Let Linda Smith or Karen Anderson know if you might be interested.

Committee on Lay Leadership



This is the ministry team that prayerfully seeks the leadership for

our church in the next calendar year. We are looking for ministry heads, as well as those to serve on ministry teams. What spiritual gifts do you have to share with this family of faith? The committee will meet for the first time on Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 pm. If you have an area of ministry that you'd like to explore, talk to Pastor Laura before that date. It takes all members of the Body to fulfill the mission of the church.



Faith Seekers Sundays 9:30 am

Join our Faith Seekers group on Sunday mornings. They are currently studying Romans. All are invited!

CLEANING SUPPLY COLLECTION



Missions Team - The Pantry Collection

The Mission Team is currently collecting cleaning supplies to donate to The Pantry. Please bring your contributions to church on Sunday or drop them off at the office!



Fellowship Sunday

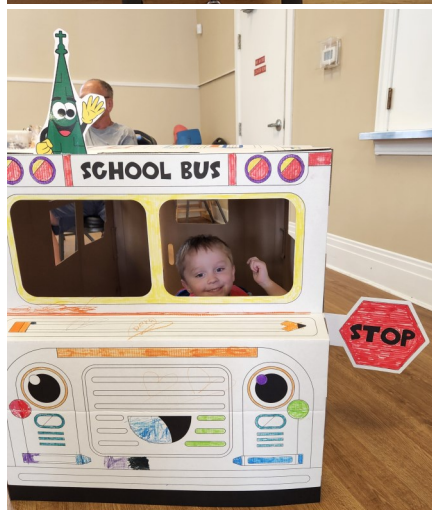
SEPTEMBER 18TH

After Worship in the Dining Room

Have you been on our updated
website? Check it out:

www.franklinfirstumc.org

Let us know what you think



Backpack Sunday

So grateful to have sent the children and school personnel back to school with blessings and supplies for a year filled with learning, fun, & success!



Submit a Prayer Request Anytime

Use the link below to submit a Prayer Request anytime. The link will send an email directly to the Pastor and our prayer warriors will begin the prayers for your request.

franklinfirstumc.breezechms.com/form/862a54

ENTER PRAYER
REQUEST HERE



Franklin's National Night Out

We had a so much fun making new friends at National Night Out! We had a drawing for a backpack filled with supplies and several gift cards. Thanks to everyone who helped with the event!



UMC Denominational News

The United Methodist Church continues in debate over differences in understanding of LGBTQ+ persons regarding ordination and same-sex marriage according to church policy. We are facing a likely split when the delayed General Conference (the top governing body of the UMC) convenes in 2024. The UMC denomination of which we are a part will remain, but a new conservative Global Methodist Church launched in May of this year and a number of churches have started the process to disaffiliate from our current denomination to join the GMC.

We do not currently know the details that will be worked out at the 2024 General Conference, but we do know that in our present denomination, there will be room for the full spectrum of congregations who consider themselves traditionalists, centrists, or progressives. No entity of the United Methodist Church, including the West Ohio Conference, is asking any clergy person or congregation to disaffiliate.

West Ohio Bishop Gregory Palmer, in a recent town hall meeting, asked congregations to stay focused on the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ and allow the governing process time to work. Christ's prayer for our unity is to gather all to the table, to make space for one another, appreciate one another, and look for Christ in each other. Our witness must be as one people, rooted in scripture, centered in Christ, serving in love, and united in the essentials. This is our sacred work.

If you have questions about our denomination happenings, please talk to Pastor Laura.



New Member Class

Pastor Laura will be holding a New Members class on Sunday, October 16 at 5:00 p.m. A light meal will be provided. If you have thought about joining Franklin First, please plan on attending. If this date doesn't work for you, please let her know.

FRANKLIN FIRSTS UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH



Women's Circle

You are invited to join us at the Kick Off meeting for Women's Circle in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a fellowship and a meal. Bring a covered dish to share — meat and drinks will be provided. We will be discussing our plans for the upcoming year. Look forward to seeing you!



Women's Circle
Monday
Sept. 12th
6:30 pm

Noodle Making — Calling all Noodle Makers!

Noodle making will make it's return this year! Spread the word — we will begin taking orders for noodles at the beginning of October and start the noodle making on Monday, Sept. 26th at 9 am. All are welcome to help! Never made noodles — this is a great time to learn! All are invited to join the fun!



We Need YOU!



Serve in Children's Ministry

Our Children's Ministry is gearing up in mid-August for the coming of fall, and we need volunteers in the Nursery and for Children's Church. Please sign up and support our children in their growth in faith.

Snack Packs

Now that the school year has started, we will be soon starting our Snack Pack Program for Antony Wayne Elementary as well! Donations of individual packaged crackers, cereal, mac & cheese, granola bars, applesauce, etc. are appreciated!



Upcoming September Meetings

Women's Circle
Monday, Sept. 12th, 6:30pm

Mission/Outreach Team Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 13th, 6:30 pm

Finance Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 14th, 2:15 pm

Lay Leadership Team
Thursday, Sept. 15th, 6:30 pm

Church Council Meeting
Monday, Sept. 19th, 6:30 pm



Angel Shop

Franklin First's formal wear shop has been open for two sessions of shopping, and we have welcomed a few guests who have chosen some beautiful items for their special event. Spread the word...we have three more shopping opportunities.



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TRUSTEES

Trustee Report— Chair Lift

In the past month, the Trustee Committee recommended to Church Council that the chair lift at the front entrance be removed. Annually, the lift costs more than \$800 to be inspected. The Council approved the removal will be completed by the end of September. During the inspection a couple weeks ago, the lift quit operating which explains why it is currently in the middle of the staircase.



Choir at Worship

Chancel Choir will begin singing at Worship on Sunday, September 11th. We look forward to their return.

Featured Preacher:
Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

Bethel International
United Methodist Church

[Learn more...](#)

Laity Session, Saturday September 10 Virtual or In Person at Bethel International

Join Bishop Palmer and Conference Co-Lay Leaders Mitchell Harper and Shannon Spencer for Laity Session 2022 on Saturday, September 10, from 10:00am-12:00pm. Laity Session will be held at Bethel International United Methodist Church, 1220 Bethel Road, Columbus, and will include worship, a message from Bishop Palmer, time for conversation, light refreshments, and a Laity Opportunity Fair.

All West Ohio lay persons are invited to attend, either in-person or virtually. The virtual option will run from 10:00am-11:15am only, and virtual attendees are encouraged to hold "watch parties" with other laity so they can participate in conversation after Bishop Palmer's message. There is no cost to attend Laity Session, but pre-registration is required.

If you have questions, contact Sam Rodriguez at srodri-guez@wocumc.org.

Franklin First Giving

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This is a great choice for when you are unable to join us for Worship to continue to support the church. You can either set-up a recurring payment or give each time you visit the site.

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GOD, SHOW US HOW TO DO MORE: A PRAYER IN RESPONSE TO VIOLENCE

By Aimee Cox

Holy One,
Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of those in Uvalde, Texas.
We recognize, however, that this isn't enough.
Mobilize us, God.
We do not want to be desensitized to violence.
Stir something deep within that empowers us to stand up to violence of all kinds but most especially to the violence that hurts your sweet children.
Give us words to speak truth to power.
Show us how to use our hands, our feet, and our hearts because we know that you require more from us in these times.
Provide us with the strength only you can provide as we seek to protect all of your children.
We pray for the healing of those who are in critical condition, for the parents and families who are grieving, and for this community who has suffered a great loss.
Amen

This prayer was written by Aimee Cox, director of children's ministry at Christ United Methodist Church, and was published on May 24, 2022, by United Methodist Communications. Taken from: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/show-us-how-to-do-more-a-prayer-in-response-to-violence>

Sunday Worship

If you are interested in helping with Sunday Worship as an usher or greeter, please contact the [office](#).

FRANKLIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FALL MARKETPLACE NOVEMBER 5, 2022

9 AM - 2 PM

"UNDER THE GREEN STEEPLE"
AT 303 S. MAIN ST., FRANKLIN, OH



Friendship Month

"Some friends play at friendship, but a true friend sticks closer than one's nearest kin." Proverbs 18:24

September is earmarked as a time that we celebrate the friends that have enriched our lives. Caring and sharing characterize true friendships. Whether it's life's troubles or joys, or creating special memories, sharing with friends brings blessings.



A real friend brightens your life.

Friendship is a sharing at the heart, a bonding that withstands the test of time. You laugh together and cry together. The relationship may not involve overt expressions of love, but the depth of the camaraderie will take you through even skirmishes and tiffs. There is a reciprocity of care, a mutual concern for the other's welfare.

Lift the names of your friends to the Lord with gratitude. Friends are one of God's greatest gifts.



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Find a place of
refuge, a sanctuary,
where brokenness is
welcome and God's
healing is real.

geous discrimination, mounting hardships, crumbling communities... the list goes on and on.

Claiming a desire to stay in the know, I choose to listen to, watch and absorb these endless stories. After a while, or maybe not so long, dark clouds of anger, pain and sadness settle so deeply that it is sometimes hard to feel anything else. I know the light of Christ is present, but can it really overcome the darkness that seems so pervasive? Is God really in control?

Seek refuge to find hope

In moments like these, I seek refuge in a calm place, set apart from the rattling keys that threaten to lock away my hope. Sometimes I take a walk. Sometimes I lay on the floor of my office, breathe deeply, cry and pray. Sometimes I sit in a church pew.

There is something about time spent in a church sanctuary that offers a deeper sense of peace and comfort. For me, it stirs memories of the historic United Methodist church building that felt like a second home during my childhood. I still clearly remember the beautiful stained glass windows, the majestic pipe organ and the booming voice of my pastor, who sang hymns in a deep baritone as his sermons came to a close.

Beauty in brokenness

Recently, a friend shared a photo of a shard of stained glass that had previously been part of a window in her church's 102-year-old sanctuary, which was destroyed by a tornado. A church member had plucked pieces of glass from the rubble and turned them into art – visible reminders of the place that had meant so much to so many families for generations.

That little piece of glass resonated with me, bringing me back to rows of creaky pews filled with friendly faces, awash in colorful beams of light. But the note attached to this piece of art is what spoke to my soul.

In part, it said, "[This piece of glass] has witnessed many happy times, such as weddings, baptisms, Christmas programs, children's programs and other joyful events. It has been through sad times like funerals and honoring young men sent to war. Through it all God's light has shone through the beautiful stained glass. Many have said if you were having a bad day, just go to church, sit in the sanctuary and look at the beautiful windows and you will feel peace."

What amazing things this glass has seen! What a celebration of this holy place! A place to worship, grieve, heal, seek and find. A place where the Spirit moved, people connected and

countless memories were made. A place that is being rebuilt so that it can continue to serve as a beacon of hope.

We all have a sanctuary

A holy place just like this one exists for each of us – we can find it wherever we are. Our place, our sanctuary, might not have stained glass windows, or even walls, but it always has God's presence.

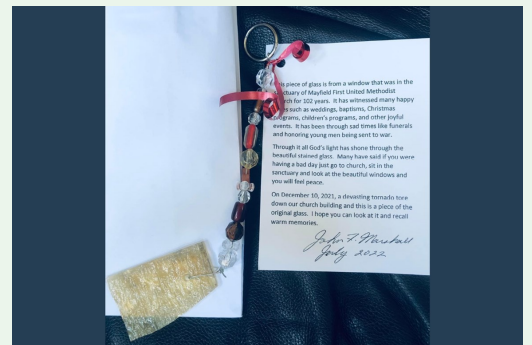
God invites everyone to pause for contemplative rest. In it, we will find a safe place to bring our fear and frustrations. We can wrestle with the unexplainable, unanswerable and infuriating. And undoubtedly, if we open our hearts, we will discover endless grace.

Do moments spent in a sanctuary negate the negative noise? No. But time spent drawn away from the world can be the perfect counterbalance to darkness borne through conflict, devastation, hate and disaster. Whether you step away to a back porch, a bedroom floor, a closet or an actual

church sanctuary, I pray that you'll find holy ground where the Spirit can speak, surround you with the light of God's love and fill you with peace.

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John F. Marshall crafted memorial stained glass ornaments after Mayfield First United Methodist Church's 102-year-old building was destroyed by a tornado that tore across Kentucky on December 10, 2021. Photo courtesy of Jennifer Walker.



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HOW FAITH BUILDS YOUR RESILIENCE SKILLS

We all know resilience is a necessity for bouncing back from life's challenges. And we can certainly rest assured that life presents some challenges. Resilience empowers us to meet those challenges with a base of positivity and to deal with chal-

lenge-based stresses more effectively.

Faith builds resilience by helping us to see our current circumstances through a long-view perspective. It grounds our perspectives in hope and keeps us from being weighed down by trying circumstances. So let's explore some practices of faith which build up our powers of perspective and develop our personal resilience.

What is resilience?

Resilience represents our ability to continue in the midst of adversity. When the going gets tough, it is our resilience which enables us to keep pressing on. Maya Angelou offered a great perspective on resilience, saying "You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them." Life ushers in a realization that we seldom control the circumstances around us. We can, however, control our reaction to these circumstances. Resilience is our personal power to pass through tough circumstances without being diminished by them.

This means that trauma, threats and stress do not keep us stuck in place. Certainly powerful negative events like these affect us, and generally not for the better. But these events need not simultaneously reduce our aspirations for the future, our abilities to imagine possibilities for our lives, nor our senses of personal worth. Resilience, buoyed by faith, provides a sense of hope and value.

How does faith impact resilience?

Faith is a catalyst for perspective as it demands we view the world from another point of view—one which is often grounded in hope. To be a person of faith means subscribing to the idea that there is a long-view plan for hope and goodness. Practitioners of the Christian faith base our hope in the expectation that a loving God and God's people are moving the world towards complete love, peace and justice.

Because most faith involves belief in a benevolent Creator, it implies that ultimate control does not belong in the hands of our detractors or our obstacles. Instead, ultimate control of the world falls into the hands of a force for good. While this belief can sometimes feel problematic in the midst of traumatic situations ("Why would God allow this to happen?"), it also offers hope in a long view perspective that our situations are redeemable and there is hope for better circumstances ahead.

In order to remain grounded in this hope, especially in the midst of trying circumstances, it would be beneficial to utilize practices that foster a deeper feeling of resilience.

Recommended practices for increased resilience

The American Psychological Association recommends three general practices for building a stronger sense of resilience: building your connections, fostering wellness, and finding purpose. These general practices are embedded in the life of faith, and many of the spiritual practices utilized to build a deeper sense of faith also inspire resilience.

Build your connections.

Our faith is practiced in community. The precepts of faith center on building communities of support and love. And often an invitation to participate in faith comes through the invitation to become a part of community. Those of us looking to strengthen our resilience may also entertain invitations to Christian community. This means we may consider taking part in one of the following group activities:

- A group Bible study
- An online meditation group
- A Christian discussion group (on Discord or through a Facebook group, for example)
- Regular shared worship experiences
- Joining a church-sponsored service opportunity
- Ask for help when needed

Foster wellness

The American Psychological Association recommends taking care of your body as well as taking care of your mind through mindfulness practices in order to foster a greater sense of personal wellness. The following spiritual practices bring us into a place of mindfulness—and some work towards physical fitness as well:

- Regularly practicing contemplative prayer ([like this Centering Prayer](#), [Ignatian Examen](#) or trying out [Breath Prayer](#))
- Keeping a gratitude journal and writing down what we're grateful for
- Reading scripture and journaling thoughts
- Guided meditation

Find purpose

Purpose is something practiced more than it is something which is discovered. More often than not, we value that which we do. So our purpose is often felt when we're engaged in activities. These activities lead towards connections with purpose:

- Serving others
- Recording goals and our action steps toward them
- Talking with a spiritual director or counselor

Resilience may sometimes be confused with self-reliance. But the two are not the same. Resilience need not be solitary. In fact, building resilience often involves connecting with others, and may also be aided by our asking for help when we need it. Feeling stuck when we've encountered traumatic circumstances does not mean that we do not have resilience. It may simply mean we need to speak with a counselor or therapist in order to engage our resilience.

If you're looking for a group to connect with (and build up your resilience muscles), we certainly invite you to join in conversation on [our Facebook group](#). See you there!

Written by [Rev. Ryan Dunn](#), Minister of Online Engagement for Rethink Church and United Methodist Communications. He is a father, spouse, and spiritual pilgrim. Taken from: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/how-faith-builds-your-resilience-skills>

Franklin First United Methodist Church

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Technology:	Joe Chamberlain
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Pastor:	Laura Saunders

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Upcoming Events

Franklin First

United Methodist
Church

Pastor
Laura Saunders



Sunday Worship Service
10:45 am
Livestreaming on Facebook

September 11th

Grandparent's Sunday

September 25th

Homecoming Sunday

September 26th

Noodle Making Begins

October 16th

New Member Class

November 5th

Fall Marketplace (Fall Bazaar)

Franklin First United Methodist Church

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