



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRANKLIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 28, 2026

PENTECOST: THE MIRACLE OF UNDERSTANDING

Last Sunday, we celebrated one of the most vibrant days in the life of the Church: Pentecost. While we often associate this day with the "birthday of the Church," the heartbeat of the Pentecost story is actually about a profound, life-changing gift: the peace of God. In a world that is often fractured and loud, Pentecost offers us a blueprint for a peace that goes far beyond a simple "absence of conflict."

One of the most striking parts of the Pentecost story is that the Holy Spirit didn't descend and force everyone to speak a single, "sacred" language. Instead, the miracle was that everyone heard the message in their own native tongue.

This is the foundation of God's peace. While human systems often demand that we all act, think, or speak the same to get along, Pentecost teaches us that true peace is found when we are heard and understood across our differences. It proves that we can be united without being identical.

We often forget that before the Spirit arrived, the disciples were huddled in a locked room, paralyzed by fear and uncertainty. It was the "Breath of God" (Ruach) that gave them the courage to step out. This is the peace Jesus promised—not a peace that hides from the world, but a peace that equips us to face it. It is a peace that:

- Replaces anxiety with wholeness: It is personal presence of God's grace that allows us to stay grounded even when our external circumstances feel chaotic.
- Moves us to action: The early Church didn't just feel peaceful; they practiced peace by looking after one another, ensuring that no one in their community was left behind.
- Builds bridges: It gives us the "boldness" (a favorite word in the book of Acts) to seek reconciliation in places where it seems impossible.

The peace of the world is often fragile, depending on perfect conditions or external quiet. But the peace of God is resilient. It thrives in diversity, it heals through honest communication, and it burns with a fire that no darkness can put out.

This week let's pray for a fresh wind to blow through our lives. May we step out into our neighborhoods as bold, active witnesses—carrying a peace that the world cannot give, and the world cannot take away.



Faith Seekers
Bible Study meets at 9:15 am
on Sundays.



ALL ARE WELCOME!



May 31, 2026	Jun 7, 2026
Greeters: Barb & Gary Ogdin	Greeters: Jerry & Jan Truesdell
Elevator Greeter: Mike Runyan	Elevator Greeter: Cheryl Cyphers
Ushers: Dorothy Rayburg Cheryl Cyphers Paul Anderson Karen Anderson	Ushers: David Setser LeeAnn Lee Cindy Kuntzman Bob Bowman
Liturgist: LeeAnn Lee	Liturgist: Kaylee Womack
Opening/Closing: Mike Runyan	Opening/Closing: Jim Martin
Children's Ministry Linda Smith Jan Truesdell	Children's Ministry No Class

New Kids' Fishing Club Coming to Franklin First!

Franklin First is launching a Kids' Fishing Club (elementary and junior high) focused on community, mentorship, and helping kids unplug to connect with faith and nature. Founded by retired superintendent Steve Price, this club pairs youth with adult mentors to build meaningful, cross-generational connections.



We need adult volunteers! Whether you're an expert angler or simply want to be a supportive presence, we invite you to join us.

What: Organizational Meeting (Continental breakfast provided)

When: Saturday, June 6 at 8:00 AM

Where: Fellowship Hall (Enter through the Third Street door)

Please RSVP to Pastor Laura or Steve Price if you plan to attend or [Click Here](#)

Vacation Bible School

We're getting ready for Vacation Bible School and are forming our VBS team.



The program will run Wednesday, July 29, through Friday, the 31st, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

If you've helped before, we'd love to welcome you back—and if you're new, we'd love to have you join us!

Volunteer Meeting
June 3rd, 5:30 pm

Contact Kaylee, the church office, or [CLICK HERE](#) to get involved.

Sign Up the Kids Now:
[CLICK HERE!](#)

The registration link is also available on our website. Paper registrations are available at the office.

Mark Your Calendar

VBS (Vacation Bible School)

Volunteer Meeting

June 3rd, 5:30 pm.

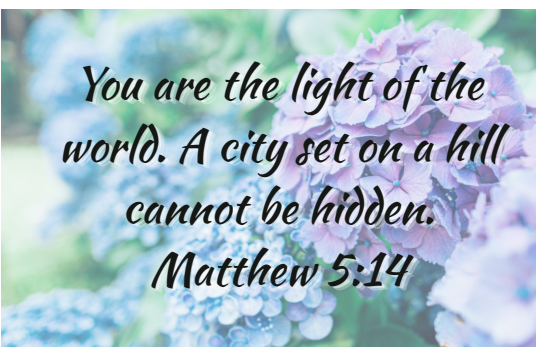
Mission/Outreach Team Meeting

June 9th, 6:30 pm



Volunteer Recognition Sunday

We invite you to personally welcome the partners, friends, and volunteers who help make our ministries possible. This is a meaningful opportunity to say "thank you" and to share in worship together.



FFUMC Weekly Calendar

A current Franklin First Calendar can also be found on our [website](#).

Sunday 5/31/2026	Monday 6/1/2026	Tuesday 6/2/2026	Wednesday 6/3/2026	Thursday 6/4/2026	Friday 6/5/2026	Saturday 6/6/2026	Sunday 7/7/2026
9:15 am Faith Seekers 10:45 am Worship Sanctuary Livestreamed Children Dismissed after Children Moment for Children's Ministry Activities	Office Closed Pastor Laura works from the parsonage. 937-	Office Open 9—2:30 pm	Office Open 9—2:30 pm 5:30 pm VBS Meeting	Office Open 9 —2:30 pm 4:00—5:00 pm St. Mary's Community Dinner	Office Closed	Office Closed 8 am Fishing Club Volunteer Meeting	9:15 am Faith Seekers 10:45 am Worship Sanctuary Livestreamed

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



Water & Pop

We're in need of donations of water and pop to stock the beverage refrigerator—help us fill the cooler! Proceeds from the refrigerator support outreach ministries through Pastor Laura's discretionary fund.



PRAYER LIST

-Italicized green text indicates a new prayer request since last week's announcements.

Our confined members:

- JoAnn Achtermann – home (6734 Catskill Dr. Franklin 45005)
- Don Chamberlain – home (6338 Decker Rd. Franklin)
- Hiram Fullen – home (6649 Hamilton-Middletown Road, Franklin)
- Jackie Messmore – Carlisle Manor (730 Hillcrest Ave. Carlisle 45005)
- Dick Taylor – home (8096 E. Lawn Dr., Franklin, OH 45005)

Our weekly prayer list:

- War with Iran
- *For Ken Lang - shingles*
- *For family & friends of Chuck Dilgaard (from Otterbein) at his passing*
- *Mike & Vicki Jarvis – prayers needed for illness*
- *Mishelle & Trish Dicken for Crandall family following death of Chic Blake*
- *Regina Sams for Wyatt French – MIRACLE! out of coma, sitting up, writing messages, responding to commands. Moving from ICU to step down unit. Was presented graduation diploma in hospital.*
- *John Lass for neighbor Dianne McDonald - in ICU with double pneumonia, low sodium and other health concerns*
- *Ogdins - unspoken request for a friend*
- *Connie Bolinger for friend Ray McDaniel - hospitalized at UC. Can't do more cancer treatments because of heart disease.*
- *Jo Steinberger has appointment with pulmonologist on Friday and will start pulmonary rehab next week.*
- For Kim Chewning – recovery from knee replacement surgery
- For Jill Drake – MRI testing; for stepson Justin – on assignment for government job in CT till December
- For Gib Woody – weakness resulting in mobility concerns
- Judy Deskins for son Jared – unspoken request
- Cheryl Cyphers for daughter Ashley – needs job & struggling in every way/ would appreciate odd jobs to help make ends meet
- Runyans for sister Sandy's friend Jen Rollins – stage 3 colon cancer; for Teri – ALS & while performing procedure to help with feeding tube, doctor tore her esophagus – in ICU
- Mary Harville for sister Sheila – metastatic cancer
- For Nancy Massey - health
- For Rocky & Rose Adams – medical concerns
- Chamberlains for Tami's Aunt Connie in WI – dementia & other health issues

Contact Theresa or Pastor Laura to make additions or changes to this list



IN NEED OF IMMEDIATE PRAYERS?

Text or call request sent to our Prayer Chain.

If you have an immediate prayer request, text Lee Saunders at 513-833-6920 & Lee will forward it to our prayer warriors.

SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST ANYTIME

Your church family cares for you. Whether you're carrying a burden or celebrating a joy, we are here to pray with you. Your request goes directly to Pastor Laura and will be added to our prayer list as indicated in your request.

[Click here](#) or visit our [website](#)—to share your Prayer Request.