



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRANKLIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 16, 2026

WALKING THROUGH EVERY SEASON TOGETHER

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...” Ecclesiastes 3:1

Church family, every week, I have the profound privilege of standing before you to share the Good News, to preach the unchanging Word of God, and to celebrate the beautiful ways Christ is moving in our community. I am usually a person of many words. Yet, I will let you in on a small secret: when it comes to sharing my own personal news, my tongue suddenly feels heavy, and the right words seem incredibly hard to find.

There is a unique difficulty in stepping out from behind the pastoral role to simply be a human being standing before you. As your pastor, my natural instinct is to pour into you, to carry your burdens, and to ensure you feel shepherd-like care. Turning the lens around to say, "Here is what is happening in my life," requires a level of vulnerability that can feel deeply daunting. Whether the news is a joyful new chapter, a sudden transition, or a personal trial, speaking it aloud makes it real in a whole new way.

Ministry is not just about sharing a message from a pulpit; it is about the intertwining of our lives. True Christian community requires us to drop our guards and allow ourselves to be known. That is why my hesitation never lasts long—because I know exactly who I am speaking to...the most wonderfully supportive congregation that I’ve ever served.

I want to take this moment to express my deepest gratitude for you. Time and time again, you have proven yourselves to be a people of immense grace, fierce love, and unwavering support. Whenever our pastoral family has shared a piece of our lives with you, you haven’t responded with judgment or indifference. Instead, you have met us with open arms, fervent prayers, and practical acts of kindness that have sustained us through every season.

Thank you for allowing me to not just be your leader, but a member of this family. Thank you for making this a safe place to be vulnerable. As we continue to walk through the various seasons of life together, I am profoundly grateful to share not just the Gospel, but my very life with you.

With love and blessings,
Pastor Laura



Mark Your Calendar

Mission/Outreach Team Meeting

July 26th After Worship

Church Council Meeting

July 27th, 6:30 pm

Jul 19, 2026	Jul 26, 2026
Greeters: Nancy Massey Cheryl Krasnonski	Greeters: Mike Smith Linda Smith Tyler Smith
Elevator Greeter: Charlotte Summer	Elevator Greeter: Amanda & Grayson Leffew
Ushers: LeeAnn Lee Sally Fitzgerald Pam Bishop Jim Martin	Ushers: Cheryl Cyphers Paul Anderson Dorothy Rayburg Lily Smith
Liturgist: Tami Chamberlain	Liturgist: Cindy Kuntzman
Opening/Closing: Jason Leffew	Opening/Closing: Jason Leffew



Franklin First is collecting school supplies for our local teachers and students. All supplies will be donated to a student, teacher, or school. Purchase any of the below items and drop off to 303 S. Main St, Franklin.

- Headphones
- Pencils
- Colored Pencils,
- Markers
- Crayons
- Pens - blue, black, red
- Highlighters
- Loose leaf paper
- Spiral notebook
- 1 & 5 -subject
- Folders - with pockets
- Binder - 1.5", 2"
- Composition notebook
- Backpack - no wheels
- Glue sticks 4
- Pencil Box/Pouch
- Scissors
- Erasers
- Dry Erase Markers
- Binder Tab Dividers



Galaxy Vacation Bible School

A fun, faith-filled experience for kids this summer!

Hosted together by Franklin First UMC & Hope UMC

Galaxy VBS Dates: July 29–31

Time: 6:00–8:00 PM

Kids (Preschool age 3+ through 6th grade, Fall 2026) will enjoy music, games, Bible stories, hands-on activities, and tons of fun while learning how to shine God's light in the world.

VBS Location (All 3 nights):

Franklin First United Methodist Church
 303 S. Main St., Franklin, OH

Closing Celebration (Families invited):

Sunday, August 2 at 10:30 AM – Held at Hope United Methodist Church
 Franklin First UMC Worship service will be held at Hope UMC on Aug. 2nd.

After service everyone is invited to stay for a picnic lunch (Optional: Bring a dish to share.)

Register by **July 20** at Noon at www.franklinfirstumc.org or **CLICK HERE**

We'd love for you to join us—and invite your friends and family! Explore the stars. Grow in faith. Share God's love.

Joint Worship Will be Held at HOPE UMC
on Sunday, August 2nd at 10:30 am at 3642 Shaker Rd, Franklin, OH 45005 for the VBS Closing Celebration with a picnic afterwards.

Sweet Tea Sunday is this Sunday!

Come dressed comfortably, bring your favorite porch hat, and invite a friend. After worship, we'll gather for sweet treats, ice-cold tea, and fellowship.

What hat will you be wearing? Will it be: A straw hat? A vintage bonnet? A favorite ball cap? Something wonderfully unique?



GRAB YOUR PORCH HAT & JOIN US FOR
SWEET TEA SUNDAY
 JULY 19TH | 10:45 AM



Discover what Scripture really says about "God helps those who help themselves"—and join us for uplifting music, sweet fellowship, baked goods, and refreshing sweet tea!

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THINGS JESUS NEVER SAID

SUMMER SERMON SERIES
 JULY 5 - AUGUST 30TH

- Follow Your Heart
- Live Your Truth
- Believe in Yourself
- God Just Wants You to be Happy

SUNDAYS, 10:45 AM
 IN-PERSON OR LIVE ON FACEBOOK



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FFUMC Weekly Calendar

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

Sunday 7/19/2026	Monday 7/20/2026	Tuesday 7/21/2026	Wednesday 7/22/2026	Thursday 7/23/2026	Friday 7/24/2026	Saturday 7/25/2026	Sunday 7/26/2026
Sweet Tea Sunday & Fellowship 9:15 am Faith Seekers 10:45 am Worship Sanctuary Livestreamed	Office Closed	Office Open 9—2:30 pm	Office Open 9—2:30 pm	Office Open 9 —2:30 pm 4:00—5:00 pm St. Mary's Community Dinner	Office Closed	Office Closed	9:15 am Faith Seekers 10:45 am Worship Sanctuary Livestreamed After Worship Mission Team Meeting

A CROPPIN' GOOD TIME

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026 - 6 -11 PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 - 9 AM - 8 PM

**SIXTEEN HOURS OF
SCRAPBOOKING & CRAFTING, FUN
WITH FRIENDS!**

**SATURDAY BRUNCH &
DINNER INCLUDED**

LEARN MORE AT: WWW.FRANKLINFIRSTUMC.ORG



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



ALL ARE WELCOME!

*Look who's 90**

Jackie!



2PM • | July 25th
Carlisle Manor

Lets celebrate with a
party!!

Please NO Gifts!
come celebrate with
cake and ice cream!

- Birthdays
- July 21 Chris Womack Lorton
- July 21 Tami Chamberlain
- July 22 Emily Hynes
- July 25 Kathy Eich
- July 25 Jackie Messmore
- Anniversaries
- July 16 Barbara & Gary Ogdin
- July 20 Cheryl & Greg Cyphers



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 those effected by the fire at Emerald Edge Apartments*
- *For the sixteen children found in deplorable conditions in Hinten County Ohio*
- *Mike Runyan for family of cousin Peggy Roasch following her death*
- *Nancy Massey for friend Bill Myers – broke ankle; granddaughter Samantha – surgery recovery*
- *For Lee Saunders – healing for two infections*
- *Rick Dillion, injured in an ATV accident, is having surgery this week*
- *Dorothy Rayburg for the friends & family of Peg Minton upon her passing*
- *Connie Bolinger's friend, Ray & his friends and family upon his passing.*
- Jo Steinberger – pulmonary health issues
- Ogdins – for Barb – kidney stones – tests to determine underlying causes; unspoken request
- Dave Setser – home, recovery from surgery of July 6
- Tom Profitt – recovery from emergency surgery for severe bleeding ulcer
- Travel mercies for Andersons & Runyans
- Shirley Berold – health challenges
- Mary Harville – undergoing treatment for non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, sister Sheila under Hospice Care
- Linda Rose & family – in Hospice
- Mike Smith for Eddie & Michelle Wallace – Eddie on quality of life care
- Sherri Tutt - multiple family members in health crisis
- Connie Bolinger for Ray McDaniel – discontinued cancer treatments because of heart disease
- Mike & Vicki Jarvis – prayers needed for illness
- Judy Deskins for son Jared – unspoken request

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.