

FRANKLIN FIRST UMC STEEPLE BELL NEWSLETTER

June/July
2025

“WHAT SHOULD WE DO?!”

Imagine you are traveling through Jerusalem, a Jewish visitor from out of town. You are going about your business when suddenly you hear something coming from a nearby house that sounds like a tornado, but there is no accompanying storm. You are stunned and turn to investigate. Some men you do not know begin to exit the house and resting above their heads are flickering tongues of color that look like fire, but this fire doesn't burn anything. You cannot begin to understand what you're seeing. It is a bit terrifying.

Then the unimaginable happens. Each of these men begins to speak in a different language. They are not voicing the local Aramaic or Hebrew, but are talking in your language, and in your dialect. You can understand perfectly what the man in front of you is saying, but you cannot understand the man beside him. You are part of an international crowd, but others around you are experiencing the same phenomenon.

You're confused, but so is everyone else. Someone explains that all these men are Galileans, and you've heard that this area is not known for producing men of learning. They haven't received training in these languages. The sheer impossibility of this event is mind-boggling.

Opposing explanations surface among the crowd. Some begin to mock these men, claiming them to be drunk. Others call this a miracle and find themselves lost in wonder.

Then one of the men, others call him “Peter,” begins to preach. The message he shares cuts you to the quick. The Jewish man “Jesus” who had been crucified was the Promised Messiah. Peter labels him “the Son of God,” who died on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. He further claims that God has resurrected him from the dead, and that by believing in Jesus one receives salvation from God.

You and others around you are convinced and converted. “What must we do?” Peter invites you to be baptized into faith in Jesus, and you are one of more than 3,000 who commit themselves to Jesus Christ this day. Your life is never the same.

Friends, we can read familiar Bible passages and become immune to the real-life drama that living through them would have entailed. Let's make sure we don't “snooze” our way through Bible stories. Those situations had the power to convince and convict in Bible days, and they have the same power today.

Pastor Laura



VBS Olympics: Champions for Christ—July 19th

Save the date for a great time for kids, aged incoming kindergarten through 6th graders. “VBS Olympics” is our theme this year. We are encouraging youngsters from the community to come. We will meet from 10:00 till 2:00 for this one-day event.

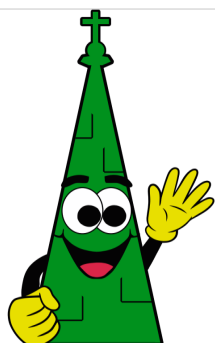
Our lesson will be based on Hebrews 12:1-2. “So let's run the race God has marked out for you.” Activities will include games, Bible stories, science lesson, music, concessions, and more. This is a FREE event, and all students are encouraged to register by July 15. A big thanks to Kaylee Glossip, our director! Thanks to everyone who chooses to volunteer.

Summer Snack Packs

Franklin City Schools is offering a free summer breakfast/lunch program for children ages 18 and younger. Franklin First has been asked to provide weekend snack packs to participants. The first week of our commitment is June 5, and we will continue through the week of August 8. *On Sunday, June 1 we will have fellowship after worship and will also be asking you to help pack a month's worth of snack packs.* This is an easy and family-friendly activity, as we will only be stocking each bag with about seven items. We are honored to be a part of this summer program.



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 after June 15 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.

Music Sunday Thanks!

Our music groups lifted us into the theme of “Love, Peace & Hope” on May 18. The morning was inspiring, and we want to thank all our musicians. Special thanks goes to Monica Rhude, Tami Chamberlain, Megan Duff, Trisha Dick- en, and Kaylee Glossip for their leadership.



Sweet Tea Sunday

Let's celebrate southern hospitality as a vision of God's love and grace. Join us August 3 for a special worship service followed by a yummy after-service gathering. We will enjoy a Southern Gospel style of worship and the relaxed fellowship of a good old fashioned Ice Cream Social. We will share more details closer to the date.



National Night Out—August 5th

Once again, Franklin First is planning to participate in this local event to honor our Police Department. Last year was a great success, and we are going to man a booth with drawings for backpacks full of school supplies. We will also have games and giveaways for the kids. If you would like to be a part of this outreach, please contact Linda Smith or Karen Anderson for more information. We need smiling faces to greet our community and let them see we care. The event runs from 5:30 to 8:30. Can you take a shift?

Join the Sunday Team

We're seeking friendly and welcoming individuals to serve as ushers or greeters once or twice a month for Sunday Worship.

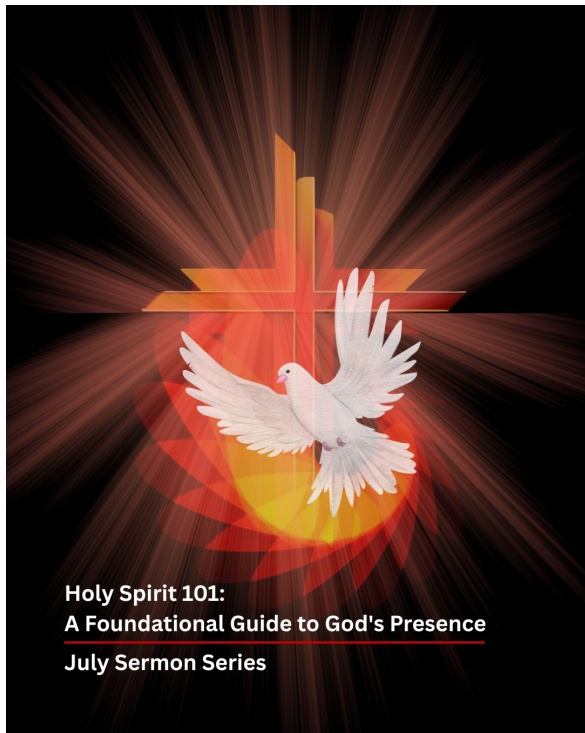
As an usher or greeter, you'll play a vital role in creating a warm and inviting atmosphere for our congregation and visitors. It's a wonderful way to share your smile!

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



Backpack Sunday

Again this year, we will be hosting Backpack Sunday during worship as we ask God's blessing on our children and school staff who will be returning to classrooms. Invite family and neighbors to share in these blessings. **Please be collecting school supplies, as we will be giving them away to kids and staff alike**



Holy Spirit Focus

I was asked earlier this year to offer a sermon series on the Holy Spirit. The request came from a desire to more fully understand the work of the third person of the Holy Trinity. While we might feel that we have a fuller grasp of God the Father and God the Son, many of us have never studied God the Holy Spirit. Yet Jesus told us that believers would have the indwelling presence of the Spirit to guide us in the ways of God.

July worship will focus on the work of the Holy Spirit. Come join us and explore the power of God within as we learn more about the Spirit's nature and purpose in the life of believers.

Pastor Laura

Give Franklin First a Review!

Take a moment to tell others what you like about Franklin First. Use the link below to give us a review on Google. The more positive reviews and interaction, the better placement we receive when individuals search for a church in Franklin.

[Click Here to leave a review!](#)



A Father's Love, A Godly Guide

When I think of a father, true and kind,
A reflection of God in heart and mind.
He walks in faith, with purpose clear,
Casting out doubt, calming every fear.
He teaches of grace and mercy so deep,
The promises of Christ, he helps us to keep.
With gentle hand, he points to the Way,
Guiding our steps day after day.
He prays for his children with fervent plea,
That they'll grow in wisdom and spiritually.
He shows us what it means to forgive and to mend,
A true servant of God, our faithful friend.
So on this Father's Day, we honor and praise
The Christian fathers in so many ways.
May God bless them richly from heaven above
For their Godly example and unending love.

Author unknown

—HAPPY—
FATHER'S
—DAY—

National Postage Stamp Day Quiz

NO FAIR CHECKING THE INTERNET FOR ANSWERS 😊

1. July 1, 1847 was the first day of issued postage stamp usage. George Washington and Benjamin Franklin were pictured on two different stamps. What were each of the stamps worth?

_____ & _____

2. Prior to the use of stamps, the cost of mailings...

- ☐ was free
- ☐ was a set fee
- ☐ was paid by the recipient

3. In what year did stamp usage become mandatory?

- ☐ 1850
- ☐ 1855
- ☐ 1860

4. The study of stamps and postal history is called _____.

5. The first Postmaster General of the United States was _____.

6. A first-class stamp will mail a single piece of regular-sized mail weighing _____.

7. Which U.S. President was an avid collector of stamps, possessing more than 1,200,000 in his collection at his death?

- ☐ Abraham Lincoln
- ☐ Franklin Roosevelt
- ☐ Richard Nixon

8. The Smithsonian in Washington DC houses a National Postal Stamp Museum. T___F___

9. Forever stamps were first issued in what year?

- ☐ 2000
- ☐ 2005
- ☐ 2007

10. The current value of a Forever Stamp is \$._____.

Please be sure the office has the correct cell phone number, home phone number, email, address, etc. for your family.

Confirm with the office if you are unsure.





Congratulations Class of 2025



MAREK DONALSON

Marek graduated from Bluffton High School. He will attend Bowling Green State University to major in physical therapy. He is the grandson of Kathy & Jim Martin.

To our graduates—your hard work, resilience, and dedication have brought you to this proud moment. May this achievement be the foundation of a future filled with purpose, passion, and endless possibilities.

To the families—thank you for your unwavering support, love, and encouragement.

This milestone is yours to celebrate too.

Wishing you all continued success, joy, and blessings on the journey ahead.

The world is better because of the dreams you dare to chase.

With pride and warmest congratulations, We celebrate you today and always.



RHETT DONALSON

Rhett graduated from Ohio University with a major in marketing.

He is the grandson of Kathy & Jim Martin.



EVAN MICHAEL KRASNONSKI

Evan graduated from Miami University with a degree in Primary Education.

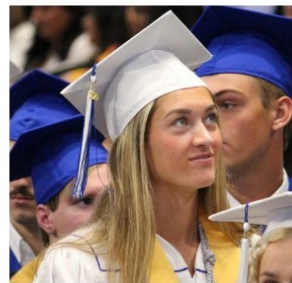
He is the grandson of Cheryl Krasnonski.



ANDY KUNTZMAN

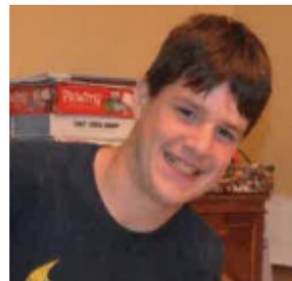
Andy earned a B.S. in Computer Engineering from the University of Dayton, where he served as Treasurer for two years and President this past year of Epsilon Tau

Pi, a fraternity for Eagle Scouts. He is currently working at the University of Dayton Research Institute through October while seeking a permanent career opportunity. He is the son of Cindy & Bill Kuntzman.



BRYNLEIGH MARTIN

Brynleigh graduated from Springboro High School. She will attend Ohio State to major in business and play basketball. She is the granddaughter of Kathy & Jim Martin.



DANIEL NELSON

Daniel is graduate of Wyoming High School.

Grandson of Ken Smith.



JOSH NELSON

Josh graduated with Bachelor's Degree from the University of Cincinnati.

Grandson of Ken Smith



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ALEX TRUESDELL

Alex graduated with Master's of Education from Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. He is the grandson of Jerry and Jan Truesdell



BRYCE FULTZ

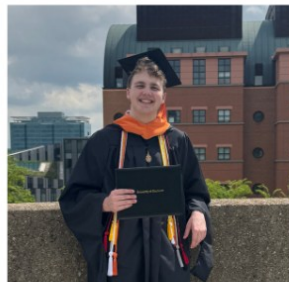
Bryce graduated from Miamisburg High School. He will be attending the University of Cincinnati and studying business analytics. He is the son of Theresa & Chance Fultz



BRYLEE YANTZ

Brylee is a 2025 graduate of Warren County Career Center & Little Miami High School. She will be attending the University of Cincinnati

in the fall pursuing a degree in Engineering. She is the daughter of Jennifer & Brad Yantz and granddaughter of Mike and Linda Smith.



GARETH FULTZ

Gareth graduated from College of Engineering at the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Computer Science. He moved to

Columbus for a new job with Kudu Dynamics. He is the son of Theresa & Chance Fultz



2025—2026 Tutoring

It has been decided! Franklin First will again be tutoring in partnership with Principal Jim Rhoades, and our location this school year will be Gerke Elementary – which housing all first-grade students.

Tutors will work with students who have been identified by school staff as in need of some special attention to reading skills. In the past, tutors have committed to being available from 3:00 – 4:30 on Thursday afternoons. This year's tutoring dates have yet to be determined, but we will be doing both fall and winter/spring sessions. During that time, students have gym time, snack time, and lesson time. The lesson suggestions are provided by school staff.

We can use some new tutors in addition to our seasoned tutors. You will need a background check (if you haven't already had one) and you will get on the job training. We have substitute tutors who can fill in if you cannot make every week. This is a rewarding outreach! Tutors and their students often form a rich bond with one another. The kids love it so much and brag about it, that the other students at the school want to know if they can join in. What a way to bless a child! Talk to Linda Smith or Pastor Laura with questions or to volunteer.

Donation Drive for School Supplies for June & July

Our Mission

team is excited to announce its upcoming Back-to-School Sup-

ply Drive, running throughout June and July, to benefit students and teachers in Franklin City Schools. We believe in supporting our local community, and what better way than by ensuring our educators and children have the resources they need for a successful academic year.

All collected supplies will be donated directly to students and teachers within the Franklin City Schools district. Your generosity can make a significant difference in the lives of many young learners and dedicated educators.

We are collecting a wide range of essential school supplies, including:

- Headphones
- Pencils
- Colored Pencils
- Markers
- Crayons
- Pens - blue, black, red
- Highlighters
- Loose leaf paper
- Spiral notebooks (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

Please purchase any of the above items and drop them off at Franklin First United Methodist Church, located at 303 S. Main St, Franklin.

For more information, please visit our website at www.franklinfirstumc.org or call us at 937-746-5232.

Thank you for helping us equip Franklin City Schools students and teachers for a bright future!



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 08	Debbie Smith
June 09	Julie Abell
June 10	Megan Duff
June 13	Mitchell Long
June 14	Nancy Osborne
June 16	Shari Tutt
June 23	Barry Daugherty
June 25	Marty Wright
June 26	Tyler Smith
June 26	Lily Smith
June 30	Kathy Martin
July 01	Jo Steinberger
July 05	Devyn Johnson
July 06	Jan Truesdell
July 16	Jerry Ragland
July 21	Tami Chamberlain
July 21	Chris Lorton
July 22	Emily Hynes
July 25	Kathy Eich
July 25	Jackie Messmore

Anniversaries

June 12	Andrew & Macie Goodpaster
June 14	Rachel & Jo Chamberlain
June 20	Jerry & Jan Truesdell
June 27	Lee & Laura Saunders
June 27	Carol & Bill Hatfield
July 03	Jessica & Deric Lucas
July 11	Tom & Jo Steinberger
July 16	Barbara & Gary Ogdin
July 20	Cheryl & Greg Cyphers

June 2025

Missions Team collects school supplies

Week of June 1st

1-Jun	Graduation Sunday & Ascension Sunday	
	Faith Seekers Group	9:15 AM

Week of June 8th

8-Jun	Pentecost Sunday	
8-Jun	Faith Seekers Group	9:15 AM
10-Jun	Mission/Outreach Meeting	6:30 PM

Week of June 15th

15-Jun	Father's Day	
15-Jun	Faith Seekers Group	9:15 AM
19-Jun	Juneteenth	OFFICE CLOSED

Week of June 22nd

22-Jun	Faith Seekers Group	9:15 AM
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Week of June 29th

29-Jun	Faith Seekers Group	9:15 AM
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JULY 2025

Missions Team collects school supplies

4-Jul	July 4th Parade	5 pm
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Week of July 6th

6-Jul	Faith Seekers Group	9:15 AM
9-Jul	Finance Committee	2:30 PM

Week of July 13th

13-Jul	Faith Seekers Group	9:15 AM
19-Jul	VBS OLYMPICS	10 am—2 pm

Week of July 20th

20-Jul	Faith Seekers Group	9:15 AM
26-Jul	School Supply Collect at Walmart	

Week of July 27th

27-Jul	Faith Seekers Group	9:15 AM
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August 2025

Missions Team begins to collect cleaning products for The Pantry

Angel Shop Opens for Homecoming

Week of August 3rd

3-Aug	Sweet Tea Sunday	
3-Aug	Faith Seekers Group	9:15 AM
5-Aug	National Night Out	

Week of August 10th

10-Aug	Backpack Sunday	
10-Aug	Faith Seekers Group	9:15 AM
13-Aug	Endowment Team	2:30 PM

Week of August 17th

17-Aug	Faith Seekers Group	9:15 AM
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Week of August 24th

24-Aug	Faith Seekers Group	9:15 AM
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Week of August 31st

24-Aug	Faith Seekers Group	9:15 AM
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Building a Legacy That Lasts



Looking for a meaningful way to make a difference in our church's future? A gift to our Permanent Endowment Fund is a powerful way to ensure your generosity lives on. Your contribution will be carefully invested to support our mission and bring hope to those we serve—today and for generations to come. Be part of something enduring. Reach out to Pastor Laura to learn how you can help shape a brighter tomorrow.

National Postage Stamp Quiz

Answers from Page Five

1. Washington \$.10 Franklin \$.05
2. Recipient paid
3. 1855
4. Philately
5. Benjamin Franklin
6. One ounce or less
7. Franklin Roosevelt
8. True
9. 2007
10. \$.73

Have you been on our updated website recently? Check it out: www.franklinfirstumc.org. Let us know what you think!

HOW DOES FAITH IMPACT YOUR WELLNESS

By Joseph Yoo

Faith should impact all aspects of our lives, right?

I tend to believe that everything is integrated, connected. Our soul's health affects our mental health affects our physical health. One can't really be isolated from the other... sort of like a trinity.

It's just that we often choose to live dis-integrated, disconnected lives.

We have our spiritual lives and then our everyday lives. We have the secular and we have the spiritual. We have what we believe and how we live.

Maybe this is a stretch: but perhaps that's why there still exists a stigma when it comes to mental health amongst certain Christian circles. Like, we limit the help one can get because the only help that counts comes from Christian circles.

Depression? Pray it away.

Still depressed? Pray harder.

Still depressed? Maybe there's some unresolved sin. Pray for forgiveness and just be happy.

And because Jesus cures *all* in the end, all you need is Jesus.

(There is some truth to that, but that's why God called some people to be doctors, others to be counselors, others to be therapists, others to be ministers, etc.)

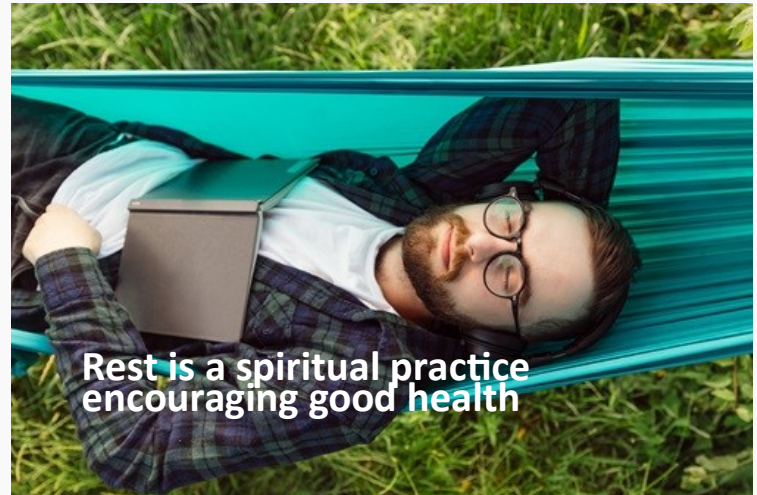
It's okay to believe in Jesus and have a therapist. It's never one or the other. It's okay to tell Jesus about the therapist you're seeing and vice versa. Our faith should compel us to be healthy mentally, physically, *and* spiritually.

After all, faith should help improve our wellness all around.

Spirituality and worship help give us a higher sense of purpose and encourage us to think in positive ways.

Take Paul's words to the Philippians:

From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise.



Studies have shown that meditation and prayer have mental health benefits. From my own personal experience, there have been quite a few times when prayer helped me slow things down and reassess before going into full panic mode. "Breath Prayers" (that my colleague Ryan Dunn [talked about in a video for Rethink Church](#)) really helps me calm down (even if it's just for a tiny bit).

Being part of a faith community, I have a support network that helps in time of need. Not only that, it gives me opportunity to help others which fills our lives with positivity. Most churches provide almost never-ending opportunities to serve.

So be intentional in engaging in activities that make you feel whole.

Exercise.

Read.

Pray.

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Do things that give you joy on a regular basis.

And let yourself rest. Following the drumbeat of the world can leave us exhausted.

So take Sabbath to pause from the craziness of the world so that you can remember who you are and whose you are.

Do you remember that Snickers commercial?

You know, the one where one person is acting aggressively grumpy (usually portrayed by a celebrity like Danny Trejo or Betty White) and someone hands them a Snickers and they return to their original form and it ends with: “You’re not you when you’re hungry.”

We’re also not ourselves when we’re tired.

It’s difficult to be anything, let alone faithful, when we’re exhausted.

When the Israelites’ workload was doubled, Exodus 6:9 tells us “they didn’t listen to Moses, because of their complete exhaustion and their hard labor.”

In 1 King 19, Elijah complained to God, “I’m can’t even! I just want to die!” And God basically responded, “Eat some food and take a nap!”

Elijah slept, ate, and realized that he may have overblown the situation.

Even God thinks that we should not underestimate the

power of a snack and a nap.

So be intentional in taking care of yourself physically, mentally and spiritually. Many of us are good at taking care of others but fail miserably when it comes to self-care. Don’t be ashamed to take some “me-time” and do things that give you joy or empowers you to become better.

Every year, on my birthday, I make a resolution/goal in each of the “categories” that help me towards the path of wholeness. My physical goal was to run a mile under 8 minutes. My spiritual goal was to read 20 faith/ministry/church related books within the year. My mental goal was to get better at writing and say ‘yes’ to any writing opportunity that came my way since writing is something that gives me joy.

Maybe goals/resolution making isn’t your cup of tea. But be intentional in engaging in things that will make you spiritually, physically, and mentally healthier. Take care of yourself because you are God’s favorite creation.

Joseph Yoo is a West Coaster at heart contently living in Houston, Texas with his wife and son. He serves at Mosaic Church in Houston. Find more of his writing at josephyoo.com.

Taken from: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/how-does-faith-impact-your-wellness>



Franklin First Online Giving

Online giving 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.

Connect by using this link:

<https://franklinfirstumc.org/giving-%26-member-resources>

Free Community Dinners

We are honored to be a part of the Franklin community that offers **Free Community Dinners**—a welcoming space where everyone is invited to enjoy a hot meal and good company. These dinners are made possible through the incredible generosity of our community partners: **The Coffee Collab** and **St. Mary's Knights of Columbus**. Together, we're working to ensure that no one in Franklin goes without a warm meal or a place to feel at home.

Join us each week:

• **4th Tuesdays** | 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM; Hosted by *The Coffee Collab*

• **Every Thursday** | 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM; Hosted by *St. Mary's Knights of Columbus*

All dinners are served at **Franklin First UMC**, 303 South Main St., Franklin, OH.

These meals are more than just food—they're a reflection of our shared commitment to care for one another. Whether you're in need of a meal or simply want to connect with neighbors, you're always welcome at our table.

A heartfelt thank-you to The Coffee Collab and St. Mary's Knights of Columbus for their continued support and compassion.

For more details about the dinners or other church events, visit **www.franklinfirstumc.org**.



Do You Know?

A recently discovered painting has surfaced in the church, and we're trying to uncover its story! Do you know who donated it or where it came from?

If you have any information, please contact the church office at office@franklinfirstumc.org or call **937-746-5232**.

Help us solve this little mystery!



Kroger Community Rewards

Have you checked the bottom of your Kroger's Receipt? If it does not list our church as your designated Community Rewards Beneficiary, follow the instructions on the back and get signed up now! Please note our new church number! You do not need to change your current account; this is for new sign-ups.

Go to: www.krogers.com

New account users:

go to "Register"
Create Account
Or Sign-in

Go to: Community – Community Rewards

Click: Enroll now

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Franklin First United Methodist Church

2025 Lay Leadership Ministry

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



Church Council:

Church Council Chair	Mike Smith
Church Council Secretary	
Lay Leader	Connie Bolinger
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	Mike Smith, Rhonda Roberson
Missions & Outreach	Linda Smith, Karen Anderson
Care Team	Lee Saunders
Hospitality & Events	Carol Runyan
Welcoming Ministry	Dorothy Rayburg
Women's Circle	Monica Rhude
Member At Large	Kaylee Glossip
Member At Large	Amanda Leffew

Staff-Parish Relations Committee:

Chair: Peggy Darragh-Jeromos	Lay Leader: Connie Bolinger
Terms expiring 2025	Cheryl Cyphers, Mishelle Dicken
Terms expiring 2026	Sue Fullen, Peggy Darragh-Jeromos, Pam Trout
Terms expiring 2027:	Sally Fitzgerald, Karen Anderson, Cindy Kuntzman

Trustees: Co-Chairs: Jim Martin, Mike Runyan

Terms expiring 2025:	Cody Chilcutt, Mike Runyan, Connie Bolinger
Terms expiring 2026:	Gary Ogden, Joe Chamberlain, Joe Wright
Terms expiring 2027:	Jan Abell, Jim Martin, Trisha Dicken

Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations):

Chair: Pastor Laura Saunders	Lay Leader: Connie Bolinger
Terms expiring 2025:	Kathy Martin, Peggy Darragh-Jeromos
Terms expiring 2026:	Sally Fitzgerald, Karen Anderson
Terms expiring 2027:	Barb Ogden, Charlotte Summer, Brian Graves

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:	Connie Bolinger
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, Mike Runyan
Chair of Church Council	Mike Smith
Lay Leader	Connie Bolinger
Member at Large (Term: 2024-25)	TBD
Member at Large (Term: 2025-26)	Jerry Truesdell
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:	Connie Bolinger
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

Joe Chamberlain, Trisha Dicken, Andy Kuntzman, Tami Chamberlain, LeeAnn Lee, Paul Anderson, Rick Chamberlain

Christian Education Team:

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

JUNE 1	GRADUATION SUNDAY
JUNE 15	FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY
JULY 4	FRANKLIN FOURTH OF JULY PARADE
JULY 19	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AUGUST 3	SWEET TEA SUNDAY
AUGUST 5	NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
AUGUST 10	BACKPACK SUNDAY

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