



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRANKLIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 27, 2026

BEARING FRUIT TOGETHER

"Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together... but encouraging one another." — Hebrews 10:24-25

In the United Methodist tradition, we believe that faith was never meant to be lived out in isolation. Our founder, John Wesley, taught that personal faith and a commitment to our communities always go hand-in-hand.

To grow in God's love does not mean retreating from the world. Instead, God's grace pushes us outward, connecting our hearts to the needs of our neighbors. It reminds us that we need each other to stay strong.

When we gather, we are not just refueling for our own spiritual journeys; we are sparking courage in one another to love actively and bring healing to a hurting world.

A Brief Prayer:
Gracious God, stir our hearts today. Do not let our faith remain a private comfort, but spark through us a love that reaches our neighbors. Connect us deeply to one another, and give us the courage to live out our faith hand-in-hand. Amen.

Aug 30, 2026	Sep 6, 2026
Greeters: Mike and Carol Runyan	Greeters: Jan & Jerry Truesdell
Elevator Greeter: Charlotte Summer	Elevator Greeter: Cheryl Cyphers
Ushers: Dorothy Rayburg Cheryl Cyphers Paul Anderson Karen Anderson	Ushers: Dorothy Rayburg Nancy Massey LeeAnn Lee Sally Fitzgerald
Liturgist: LeeAnn Lee	Liturgist: Tami Chamberlain
Opening/Closing: Jim Martin	Opening/Closing: Chris Womack Lorton Trisha Dicken

Please plan to stay after worship this Sunday for a brief introduction to changes in the Children's Ministry Program.



Children's Ministry - New Vision

We're excited to welcome a new season of ministry with CCEP (Children's Christian Education Program), the new name and vision for Children's Ministry at Franklin First.

Raising children in faith takes a village, and our church family is an important part of that journey. Parents play a vital role, but every member of our congregation can help make a difference. Whether you're a parent, grandparent, youth, or someone who cares about kids, your gifts are needed. From helping behind the scenes to offering encouragement and support, there are many ways to serve.

ALL are encouraged to stay after worship in the sanctuary on **Sunday, August 30**, for a brief CCEP introductory meeting to share our new vision. We especially encourage parents to attend as we share our vision, answer questions, and look ahead to an exciting year of helping children grow in God's love.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, August 30
Children's Ministry
After Worship, Sanctuary

Friday/Saturday, Sept. 11/12
Croppin' Good Time

Tuesday, Sept. 15
Mission & Outreach Team
6:30 pm

Thursday, Sept. 17
Tutoring Starts

Monday, Sept. 21
Church Council
6:30 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 6
Lay Leadership Meeting
6:30 pm

Wednesday, Oct 7
Finance Meeting;
2:30 pm

Monday, October 12
Women's Circle
6:30 pm

Youth Fishing Club

We had a great first meeting, and we're excited to announce that our first Kids' Fishing Club event is scheduled for **Saturday, October 10th at noon**. The Club will welcome kids ages **5 -12 years**. We can't wait to get started!

A couple of important reminders:

- Any adults planning to volunteer must complete a **Permission to Obtain a Background Check Form** so the church office can process the required background check before October 10th.
- Also, please help us spread the word and invite families to participate. A sign-up link for children is included below. Paper copies available in Fellowship Hall.

<https://franklinfirstumc.breezechms.com/form/73053d17478682354>



CLEANING SUPPLY COLLECTION

THE PANTRY



The Pantry Cleaning Supply Drive
We're collecting cleaning and household supplies for The Pantry over the next two months. Please bring donations on Sundays or during office hours. Non-food items are especially needed and greatly appreciated.



Tutors Needed!

Gerke Elementary Tutoring Starts September 17!

We're looking for volunteers to serve as tutors at Gerke Elementary. Tutors are matched with first-grade students who could use a little extra support and meet with them weekly on Thursday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. for 10 weeks each semester using literacy activities prepared by Gerke staff.

It's a great opportunity to make a difference in a child's life and support students in our community.

Interested? Contact Pam Bishop or the church office for more information.

FREE! FREE! FAMILY Cookout Party
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND
5-7 PM
GRILL IS ON!

FRANKLIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
303 SOUTH MAIN ST.,
FRANKLIN, OH 45005

HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, & ALL THE FIXINGS!

GAMES, FACE PAINTING, & FAMILY FUN

HOSTED BY COFFEE COLLAB

Free Dental Clinic & Community Pantry
— **Saturday, Oct 10, 9 AM–3 PM** at
Franklin Dental Care & Dentures, 314 S River St. Free x-rays, oral cancer screenings, and extractions, plus a free food pantry. No insurance required.
Questions: media@franklindental.care

Free Family Cookout Party!

The Coffee Collab is hosting another Cookout Party

Date: Tuesday, September 22nd

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: Franklin First United Methodist Church, 303 South Main St., Franklin, OH 45005

Want to help out? We are looking for additional volunteers to assist with set-up and serving! If you are available to lend a hand, please let the office know or simply show up ready to help.

Pastor Laura & Lee's New Address:
39 Wyndemere Dr
Franklin, OH 45005



The Angel Shop

Help Spread the Word.

Sundays, through October 11
(Closed Labor Day Weekend)

12:30–2:00 PM

Most Needed Donations

Khaki pants (all sizes)

Men's dress shoes

Men's socks

Men's belts

From UMC Communications: Take the Survey: Help Shape How We

Tell Our Story

The United Methodist Church is entering a pivotal season of renewal, and your voice matters. As part of a multi-phase brand messaging initiative, United Methodist Communications is listening to leaders, clergy, and members across the connection to shape a message that reflects who we are and who we're becoming.

Share your perspectives on faith, community, and what makes The UMC unique. This anonymous survey takes about 15 minutes and is open through September 4. Please don't share this link on social media, to ensure the appropriate audiences are responding.

[Take the survey. Click Here](#)



Fall Marketplace: Save the Date!

Mark your calendars and help spread the word! Women's Circle is hosting Franklin First UMC's Fall Marketplace is coming on Saturday, November 7, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Join us "Under the Green Steeple" at 303 S. Main Street, Franklin, for a day of shopping, fellowship, and supporting local crafters & small businesses.

Vendor applications are now being accepted! If you or someone you know would like to be a vendor, [CLICK HERE](#) or visit our website for details and registration information.

Learn more and apply online at: www.franklinfirstumc.org
Spread the word and save the date! 🍁



FFUMC Weekly Calendar

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8/30/2026	8/31/2026	9/1/2026	9/2/2026	9/3/2026	9/4/2026	9/5/2026	9/6/2026
9:15 am Faith Seekers 10:45 am Worship Service Livestreamed Children's Ministry Meeting After Service – All are encourage to stay! 12:30 - 2 pm Angel Shop	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 Service Livestreamed 12:30 - 2 pm Angel Shop 

Birthdays

August 25 Amanda Leffew

August 30 John Goodpaster

September 15 **Cindy Kuntzman**

September 16 Deric Lucas

September 16 Joe Jeromos

September 17 Grayson Leffew

September 20 Ernestine Chamberlain

September 23 Tom Steinberger

Anniversaries

August 27 **Ryan & Regina Hynes**

August 31 Jim & Kathy Martin

September 22 Pam & Greg Trout

September 30 Pam & Daran Bishop



Faith Seekers
Sunday Bible Study
9:15 am
Fellowship Hall
All Are Welcome!



DONATE PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS

**FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND
JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS**

Help Us Support Our Students!

Your donations will make a big difference, helping young people in our community feel confident and ready to succeed.

What We Need:

- **Small or Travel-size toiletries:** shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, etc.
- **Menstrual care products:** pads, tampons, menstrual cups, and liners.

Together, we can ensure every student has the resources they need to thrive. Thank you for your generosity and support!

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
- *Kaylee Glossip for Don & Leslie Baker for the passing of their daughter Stephanie in her sleep at the age of 41.*
- *Pastor Laura & Lee during her leave and Lee's continued health challenges*
- *Lily Smith, rabies treatment after being hit in the face with a bat*
- Flood victims of the last few weeks across the country
- Lori Hemmelgarn for her sister Nina, diagnosed with cancer
- Steve & Ann Price for friend Carol & her family as she in hospice
- Pastor Laura & Lee during her leave and the transition to a new home.
- Rhonda Duff for neighbor Hope's mom, who is in the ICU with heart problems and pneumonia.
- Karen Anderson for her niece Glenda Cramer; recovering from surgery for a kink in her bowel.
- Ogdins for Dakota- infection in her stent.
- Lang's for Judy & Bill Lofty – Bill is moving to a nursing home, and recently they were scammed out of their retirement and savings; for Tim Lampy - brain cancer
- Lisa Dillion recovery from cataract surgery
- Jo Steinberger – 2 specific lung infections, *started pulmonary rehab again*
- For Charlotte Summer – healing for broken ribs, rehabbing at daughter's house
- Judy Bowman for husband Bob – *knee surgery recovery is going well*
- Monica Rhude for son Steve's fiancé Brooke Franks – hospitalized/dialysis
- For Lisa Dillon – cataract surgery scheduled for August 3, Rick's healing for toe injury
- Cindy Kuntzman for husband Bill – vertigo
- Julie Abell – PRAISE that Marshall is doing good after being hit by car on his scooter
- Jan Truesdell for sister Judy Deal – radiation treatments – going well
- Cheryl Cypher for daughter Ashley's job search & depression
- Nancy Massey for friend Bill Myers – broke ankle; granddaughter Samantha – surgery recovery
- Shirley Berold – health challenges & black mold issues at condo
- Mary Harville – undergoing treatment for non-Hodgkins Lymphoma,
- Gib Woody for sister-in-law Nancy Woody – undetermined health issues
- Linda Rose & family – in Hospice
- Mike Smith for Eddie & Michelle Wallace – Eddie on quality of life care
- 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.