



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRANKLIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 3, 2026

FINDING PEACE AMID THE NOISE

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."
— Romans 12:2

In a world that constantly demands our attention, speed, and productivity, it is easy to let the anxiety of our daily routines dictate our spirits. We look around our communities and see neighbors carrying heavy burdens—whether from economic pressures, personal isolation, or simply the exhaustion of keeping up.

As followers of Christ rooted in the Wesleyan tradition, we are called to a different rhythm. John Wesley emphasized that works of piety and compassion go hand in hand; we cannot pour out love to our neighborhoods if our own inner wells are dry. Taking a moment to pause is not an escape from our responsibilities, but an act of spiritual preparation. When we quiet our minds, we create space for God's grace to transform our perspective, replacing weariness with resilient hope and division with a spirit of grace.

A Short Prayer

*Gracious and Loving God,
Thank you for meeting us right where we are today. In a world full of noise and constant demands, quiet our racing thoughts and calm our anxious hearts. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon our community, renewing our minds and softening our hearts. Give us the courage to step away from the pressures of this world and into your peace, so that we may be instruments of your healing love to everyone we meet this week.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*



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 **Sunday, October 11th 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>

Sep 6, 2026	Sep 13, 2026
Greeters: Jan & Jerry Truesdell	Greeters: Gary & Barb Ogdin
Elevator Greeter: Cheryl Cyphers	Elevator Greeter: Charlotte Summer
Ushers: Dorothy Rayburg Nancy Massey LeeAnn Lee Sally Fitzgerald	Ushers: Dave Setser Jason Leffew Cheryl Cyphers Paul Anderson
Liturgist: Tami Chamberlain	Liturgist: Tami Chamberlain
Opening/Closing: Chris Womack Lorton Trisha Dicken	Opening/Closing: Chris Womack Lorton Trisha Dicken

**The Faith Seekers Bible Study
will not meet this
Sunday, September 6th.**



Mark Your Calendar

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

Monday, Sept. 29
Noodle Making Starts
9 am

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

Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed!

We are excited to launch CCEP (Children's Christian Education Program) this fall! Children's Sunday School will be held from 10:00-10:30 a.m. before worship for children through the 5th grade, using the Simply Loved curriculum to help children grow in faith through Bible lessons, discussion, and hands-on activities. Parents and grandparents are invited to enjoy coffee and fellowship during this time.

We're looking for volunteers to help make this ministry a success!

Volunteers of all ages are welcome! Older youth and adults can make wonderful lesson readers and craft leaders, bringing unique perspectives and encouragement to our children.

Opportunities include:

- Lesson Readers (lessons provided)
- Craft Leaders (supplies provided)
- Story Readers
- Nursery Workers during worship
- Preparing weekly Praise Packets
- Providing snacks and refreshments



Whether you enjoy working directly with children or helping behind the scenes, there is a place for you to serve.

Contact Kaylee Glossip at 513-515-5595 or the church office to help or ask questions.



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.

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.



Music Ministry: Choir Rehearsal Kickoff

If you enjoy singing, playing music, or would like to explore a new way to serve, we invite you to become part of our music ministry. No matter your experience level, there is a place for you!

Weekly rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 9:

Chancel Choir | 6:30 PM

Aspenleiter Handbell Choir | 7:30 PM

We would love to welcome new members to either group. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact the church office, Monica, or Tami.

Come join us as we lift our voices and bells in praise to God!



ANGEL SHOP

FREE GENTLY USED FORMAL WEAR FOR TEENS



ANGEL SHOP HOURS
SUNDAYS
12:30 - 2 pm

OPEN
AUGUST 16TH - OCTOBER 11TH
FOR HOMECOMING
SHOPPING

FRANKLIN FIRST UMC
303 S. MAIN ST.
FRANKLIN, OH 45005
WWW.FRANKLINFIRSTUMC.ORG

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

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

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



SCAN ME



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.

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.

FALL Marketplace

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY
November 7, 2026
9 am - 2 pm

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

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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! 🍁

WOMEN'S CIRCLE NOODLE MAKING BEGINS



Noodle Making
Mondays | 9:00 am
Sept. 28
Oct. 5 & 12

Noodle Packaging
Wednesdays | 9:00 am
Sept. 30
Oct. 7 & 14

FFUMC Weekly Calendar

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9/6/2026	8/7/2026	9/8/2026	9/9/2026	9/10/2026	9/11/2026	9/12/2026	9/13/2026
NO Faith Seekers 10:45 am Worship Service Livestreamed NO Angel Shop	Office Closed LABOR DAY	Office Open 9—2:30 pm	Office Open 9—2:30 pm 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Office Open 9 —2:30 pm 4:00—5:00 pm St. Mary's Community Dinner	Office Closed Croppin' Good Time	Office Closed 9:15 am Faith Seekers 10:00 am Children's Education Class 10:45 am Worship Service Livestreamed 12:30 - 2 pm Angel Shop	Grandparent's Sunday 9:15 am Faith Seekers 10:00 am Children's Education Class 10:45 am Worship Service Livestreamed 12:30 - 2 pm Angel Shop

- Birthdays**

 - 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

 - September 22 Pam & Greg Trout
 - September 30 Pam & Daran Bishop

Pastor Laura & Lee's New Address:

39 Wyndemere Dr
Franklin, OH 45005



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!



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

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

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
- ***Dorothy Rayburg for Alvin's friend David Carozza – for a fractured femur and needs a liver transplant.***
- ***Charlotte Summer for a broken wrist***
- ***Mishelle Dicken's recovery from illness***
- ***Mary Harville - joy for two new great-granddaughters in July & August.***
- ***Bob Bowman - recovery from knee replacement surgery progressing successfully***
- 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 upcoming tests*** and 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.
- ***Ogdins for Dakota- infection in her stent on IV antibiotics; surgery scheduled for 9/15, and for Cheryl and granddaughter for medical issues.***
- Lang's for Tim Lampy - brain cancer
- Lisa Dillion recovery from cataract surgery
- Jo Steinberger – 2 specific lung infections, started pulmonary rehab again
- Monica Rhude for son Steve's fiancé Brooke Franks –***home from hospital and doing better.***
- Cindy Kuntzman for husband ***Bill – vertigo – has improved some but still struggling***
- 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



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.

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