



# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FRANKLIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 18, 2026

### BUILDING FAITH, ONE DAD JOKE AT A TIME

Happy Father's Day to all the men who have mastered the art of "resting their eyes" while the game is on, those who have a designated spot for every tool they own (and no one dare move one), and those who believe a "quick fix" isn't official until it involves at least three trips to the hardware store. Today, we celebrate you. Not just for your lawn-mowing skills or your legendary "Dad jokes" (which, let's be honest, are a spiritual gift of endurance for the rest of us), but for the unique way you reflect the heart of our Heavenly Father.

There is something inherently biblical about a Dad joke. Think about it: they are usually groan-worthy, slightly repetitive, and yet they come from a place of wanting to see someone smile. In a world that can be quite heavy, the ability to find humor in the mundane is a blessing. Dads, when you're making us laugh (or roll our eyes), you're bringing joy.

"Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy." Psalm 126:2

While the world might define Father's Day by sassy t-shirts and new grilling spatulas, we know that your influence goes much deeper. Whether you are a biological father, an adoptive dad, a grandfather, or a mentor, you are a builder. You aren't just building decks or birdhouses; you are building character, safety, and faith.

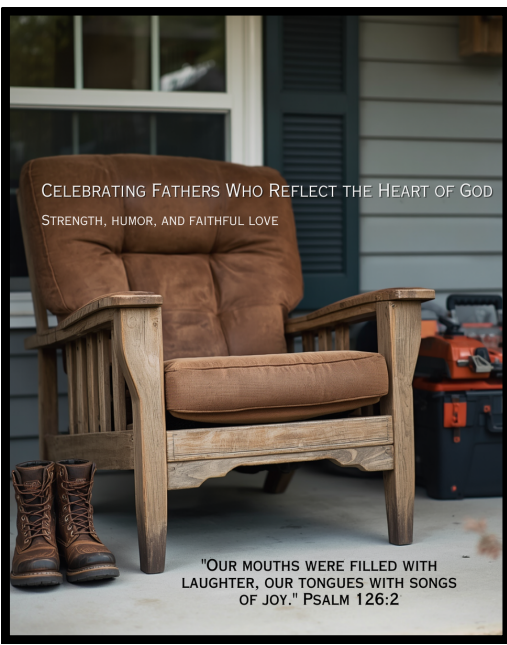
It's a big job, and it doesn't come with an instruction manual. Fortunately, we have a blueprint in Proverbs 20:7: "The righteous lead blameless lives; blessed are their children after them."

To our fathers: Yield the grill duties and watch the game today. You've earned it. But tomorrow, keep leading with that quiet strength and goofy humor.

Your presence and love are the greatest gifts you give your family.

To everyone else: If you see a dad today, give him a high-five, avoid touching his tools, and maybe—just this once—laugh at his joke about the skeleton who couldn't go to the dance because he had "no-body" to go with.

God bless you, Dads!



| Jun 21, 2026                                                                     | Jun 28, 2026                                                                         |
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| <b>Greeters:</b><br>Mike & Carol Runyan                                          | <b>Greeters:</b><br>Barb & Gary Ogdin                                                |
| <b>Elevator Greeter:</b><br>Charlotte Summer                                     | <b>Elevator Greeter:</b><br><b>Volunteer Needed</b>                                  |
| <b>Ushers:</b><br>Jason Leffew<br>Cindy Kuntzman<br>Cheryl Cyphers<br>Bob Bowman | <b>Ushers:</b><br>David Setser<br>Dorothy Rayburg<br>Paul Anderson<br>Karen Anderson |
| <b>Liturgist: NA</b>                                                             | <b>Liturgist: NA</b>                                                                 |
| <b>Opening/Closing:</b><br>Jim Martin                                            | <b>Opening/Closing:</b><br>Jim Martin                                                |

Mark Your Calendar

Vacation Bible School Team Meeting  
July 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm

Mission/Outreach Team Meeting  
July 26<sup>th</sup> After Worship

**Franklin First UMC & Hope UMC**

# GALAXY

*Launching Kids on a Mission of God's Love*

## Vacation Bible School

**July 29, 30, & 31st**  
**6 - 8 pm**

PRESCHOOL (3 YRS OLD) - 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE (FALL 2026)

LET US CONTINUE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER, FOR LOVE COMES FROM GOD. 1 JOHN 4:7

REGISTER NOW



OR VISIT  
WWW.FRANKLINFIRSTUMC.ORG

HOSTED AT: FRANKLIN FIRST UMC  
303 S. MAIN ST., FRANKLIN, OH 45005



## 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](http://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.



### 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.

## 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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## Pastor Vacation Notice

Pastor Laura will be on vacation from June 19 through July 3.

- **For emergencies June 19–22**, please contact Peggy Darragh-Jeromos (513-571-6144) or Cindy Kuntzman (937-623-1220).
- **For emergencies June 23–July 3**, please contact the church office during office hours (937-746-5232), or the parsonage (937-746-5562) after office hours, and arrangements will be made for pastoral care.

Thank you for your understanding.



## Franklin July 4th Parade & Hospitality Assistance

Come help us join in the community fun and spirit! We are participating in the Franklin 4th of July Parade and hosting a hospitality station at the church. There are plenty of ways you can help make this day a success:

- **Parade Walkers & Riders:** While we won't have a formal float this year, we will have a truck! We need individuals to ride in the back, as well as volunteers to walk in front of the truck carrying our VBS sign.
- **Hospitality Workers:** We will be hosting a hospitality table on-site, opening our doors for community bathroom use, and handing out free water bottles. We need friendly faces to help host!
- **Water Donations:** We are going to need lots of water bottles. Donations of cases of water can be dropped off at the church.

If you can help walk, ride, host, or donate, please sign up or contact the office today or

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)



### NAVIGATING HOSPITAL DISCHARGE: WHEN 'GOING HOME' ISN'T AN OPTION.



- » Are you a caregiver feeling overwhelmed by the future?
- » Are you worried that an elderly relative might need more help than you can provide after a hospital stay?
- » How do Medicare and Medicaid fit into the discharge plan?
- » Will I lose my home if my spouse needs Medicaid for long-term care?

Join us for a free educational session to clarify a path forward. Learn the differences between Assisted Living, Skilled Care, and Long-Term Care, and get your questions answered.



FREE  
Light refreshments  
will be provided

Tuesday, July 7th  
6:30 PM  
Franklin First UMC  
303 S. Main St.,  
Franklin, OH

Register at 937-746-5232 or [www.franklinfirstumc.org](http://www.franklinfirstumc.org).

### Navigating Hospital Discharge: When "Going Home" Isn't An Option

- Are you a caregiver feeling overwhelmed by the future?
- Are you worried that an elderly relative might need more help than you can provide after a hospital stay?

When a doctor says a patient is ready for discharge but cannot return home immediately, many families face uncertainty.

Join us for a free session to help understand the critical differences between Assisted Living, Skilled Care, and Long-Term Care, and answer essential questions about financing:

- How do Medicare and Medicaid fit into the discharge plan?
- Will I lose my home if my spouse needs Medicaid for long-term care?

Join us for a free educational session to clarify a path forward. Learn the differences between Assisted Living, Skilled Care, and Long-Term Care, and get your questions answered. Light refreshments will be provided. Register by contacting the office; on our website; or [CLICK HERE](#).

**Steeple Bell  
Submissions are  
Due next Wednesday,  
June 24th.**



# FFUMC Weekly Calendar

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

| Sunday<br>6/21/2026                              | Monday<br>6/22/2026 | Tuesday<br>6/23/2026                                   | Wednesday<br>6/24/2026   | Thursday<br>6/25/2026                             | Friday<br>6/26/2026 | Saturday<br>6/27/2026 | Sunday<br>6/28/2026                              |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
|                                                  | Office Closed       | Office Open<br>9—2:30 pm                               | Office Open<br>9—2:30 pm | Office Open<br>9 —2:30 pm                         | Office Closed       | Office Closed         |                                                  |
|                                                  |                     | ← Pastor Laura's Vacation                              |                          |                                                   | →                   |                       |                                                  |
| 9:15 am<br>Faith Seekers                         |                     |                                                        |                          |                                                   |                     |                       | 9:15 am<br>Faith Seekers                         |
| 10:45 am<br>Worship<br>Sanctuary<br>Livestreamed |                     |                                                        |                          |                                                   |                     |                       | 10:45 am<br>Worship<br>Sanctuary<br>Livestreamed |
|                                                  |                     | 5:00 - 6:00 pm<br>Coffee Collab<br>Community<br>Dinner |                          | 4:00—5:00 pm<br>St. Mary's<br>Community<br>Dinner |                     |                       |                                                  |

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



ALL ARE WELCOME!



## Birthdays

June 16 Shari Tutt  
June 18 Katie Trout  
June 26 Tyler Smith  
June 26 Lily Smith  
June 30 Kathy Martin

## Anniversaries

June 20 Jan & Jerry Truesdell  
June 27 Lee & Laura Saunders  
June 27 Carol & Bill Hatfield



## THE PANTRY



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## MISSION COLLECTION BABY ITEMS

- Diapers (all sizes)
- Baby wipes
- Infant shampoo & body wash
- Diaper cream
- Baby lotion
- Formula & baby food (unopened, in-date)
- Bottles, pacifiers, and other baby essentials

ONLY 2 SUNDAYS  
LEFT TO DONATE  
BABY ITEMS FOR  
THE THE PANTRY

**Elevator  
Greeter  
Needed for  
Sunday,  
June 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Contact the  
office if you  
can help.**

GRAB YOUR PORCH HAT & JOIN US FOR  
**SWEET TEA SUNDAY**  
JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> | 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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# 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 Linda Rose & family – in Hospice*
- *Jill Drake – stepson Justin, exhaustion from working long hours & in car accident, vehicle totaled but he wasn't hurt*
- *For Lori Hemmelgarn – health concerns, neck surgery scheduled for June 23*
- *Cheryl Cyphers for husband Greg – heart tests require no treatment, seeing pulmonologist; daughter Ashley's job needs*
- *For John Lass – broken nose after a fall*
- *Jan Truesdell- for Judy, her sister is starting radiation in July for reoccurrence of cancer*
- Ogdins – for Barb – more kidney stones; unspoken request
- Sherri Tutt - multiple family members in health crisis
- Connie Bolinger for Ray McDaniel – discontinued cancer treatments because of heart disease
- Jo Steinberger – starting pulmonary rehab
- Mike & Vicki Jarvis – prayers needed for illness
- Regina Sams for Wyatt French – out of coma, continued recovery
- For Kim Chewning – recovery from knee replacement surgery
- Judy Deskins for son Jared – unspoken request
- Mary Harville for sister Sheila – metastatic cancer
- 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.