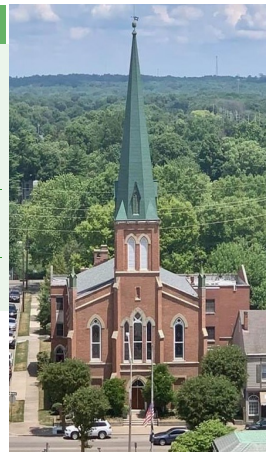




# The Steeple Bell— June 2022

Franklin First United Methodist Church

*"Under the Green Steeple"*



"Give, and it will be given to you. A good portion – packed down, firmly shaken, and overflowing – will fall into your lap. The portion you give will determine the portion you receive in return." Luke 6:38.

June is wedding month. Were you married in June? I was, 47 years ago this year. Any couple on their wedding day knows only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to loving deeply. Learning to love well is a life-long process. Every relationship has hills and valleys.

Psychotherapist Jonathan Robinson wrote a book entitled, "Communication Miracles for Couples." The subtitle reads, "Easy and Effective Ways to Create

More Love and Less Conflict." Which of us would not like to reach that goal?

Dr. Robinson writes about three "As" of conveying love, filling our "self-esteem bank accounts."

♦ **Acknowledgment:** when people are experiencing low self-esteem, they need to have their version of things acknowledged *before* they can hear what you have to say. Acknowledging their view of things is not the same as agreeing with them – or suggesting that they're right and you're wrong. It simply means you validate their personal experience. You accept that what they say is the truth *as they see it*. Acknowledgment is being willing to agree that your partner really is having the experience they say they are having. The first thing you should do when things get a bit heated on your mate's side is to acknowledge their experience, even if you think it's crazy. Acknowledgment builds trust. Most people immediately try to "fix" their partner. People need plenty of empathy and understanding before they are receptive to solutions.

1. It sounds like (or it seems) you...*paraphrase in a sentence or two what your partner's experience seems to be.*
2. That must feel...*guess as to how such an experience must feel.*
3. I'm sorry you feel...*guess as to what they're feeling.*

♦ **Appreciation:** the art of telling your partner what you like about him or her. Use appreciation frequently, and make your observations very specific, precise, and graphic. Even if your words sound a bit corny, go ahead and say them. Encouragement is a very powerful communication skill.

"You are such a thoughtful person. You offered to help that man in the wheelchair get into the elevator so graciously. You're always doing little things like that for me, and it makes me feel cherished."

♦ **Acceptance:** means that you love your partner just as he or she is, warts and all. Another term for acceptance is "unconditional love." Acceptance may require a shift in your attitude. One way to help you accept your partner unconditionally is to learn to "tune into" the positive intention he or she has at any given moment. Accepting your partner does not mean that you never get annoyed. It means that you choose love despite an occasional display of difficult behavior. It means that you continually anticipate that the other person is seeking the best from the relationship as well.

Dr. Robinson's book is a treasure-trove of suggestions to improve your relationship with your spouse, but it works well with others in your life too.

We can all brush up on our relationship skills.

Pastor Laura

## Pentecost

The sanctuary on Pentecost Sunday is filled with the color red, the liturgical hue symbolizing the work of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is celebrated on the fiftieth and last day of the Easter Season, when the Church received the gift of the Holy Spirit. The story is told in Acts 2. With the sound of a fierce wind and tongues of fire above the disci-



ples' heads, these men were empowered to speak in the languages of their audience the message of the Gospel of Christ. Peter preached a powerful sermon and 3,000 were baptized into the faith that day – the start of the Church of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit indwells believers – empowering us to follow God's direction, challenging us when we've strayed, helping us pray when we don't know how, comforting us, and enabling us to do more individually and collectively than we could ever do on our own strength. God's promise of the Divine Helper wasn't just for the disciples in Jesus' time, but for us as well. Come, Holy Spirit!

## Children's Summer Programming

Summer months are times of traveling and special commitments. We are adjusting our children's program to accommodate summer schedules. From June 5 through August 7, there will be no Children's Church. A number of our summer worship services will include special involvement for our kids, and there will be age-appropriate activity bags available for kids in the worship service. The nursery will continue throughout the summer, and the top nursery age will be expanded to include six-year-olds who wish to attend. Thanks to everyone who volunteers to keep our children's ministry vibrant.

## Vacation Bible School—July 12, 13, & 14

Save the date for a great time for kids ages 4 through incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders. "Food Truck Party" is our theme this year, and we are encouraging kids from the community to come.

(Although the 4 & 5 year old class will be open to Franklin First kids only.)

We will meet from 6:00 till 8:00 these three evenings.

Our closing program will be Sunday, July 17.

Our lessons are based on the prayer: "God is great. God is good. Let us thank God for our food. By God's hands we all are fed. Give us Lord our daily bread." Our scriptures will include stories about Moses and the Hebrew people receiving manna and quail from God, Daniel and his friends choosing to eat God's healthy food, and Jesus' feeding of the 5,000. Kids must pre-register online or through the office.



## Father's Day Thanks

Did you know that there are 1.5 billion fathers worldwide, and 66.3 million of those live in the United States? In 1972, Father's Day became an official US holiday, and a necktie is the most popular gift item for dad. A rose is the official flower, and if your father is living – you wear a red one. If deceased, white is appropriate.

The Bible tells us that fathers have important roles in the family. "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4. The U.S. Census Bureau shares some enlightening statistics as well. Children raised with a father figure in the home...

- ◆ Are four times less likely to live in poverty
- ◆ Are two times less likely to drop out of high school
- ◆ Are seven times less likely to become pregnant before the age of 18
- ◆ Are less likely to commit crime and be sentenced to prison

Dads, you are an important influence in your family. We're praying for you.



## Music Program Thanks!

A special thank you to the Choir, Women's Ensemble and to Tami and the Bell Choir for your dedication through out the year to

your church. Also thank you Megan ,what would we do without you, and Trisha for accompanying us each Sunday! You make a difference each Sunday as you bring the word of God through your music to the congregation. "Psalm 105:2 Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts." We are blessed at Franklin First to have so many gifted musicians. Thank you!

Also, thank you Choir for the beautiful flowers and gift card!

Blessings,  
Monica



## Worship In the Park

Mark Your Calendar!

Worship & Picnic Lunch

Sunday, July 24th

10:45 am

Crains Run Park



## The Pantry Collection

### Baby Care Items

### this Quarter

The Mission Team is collecting baby items such as diapers, wipes, formula, etc. this quarter. Bring your items to church and deposit in the bin the front lobby.







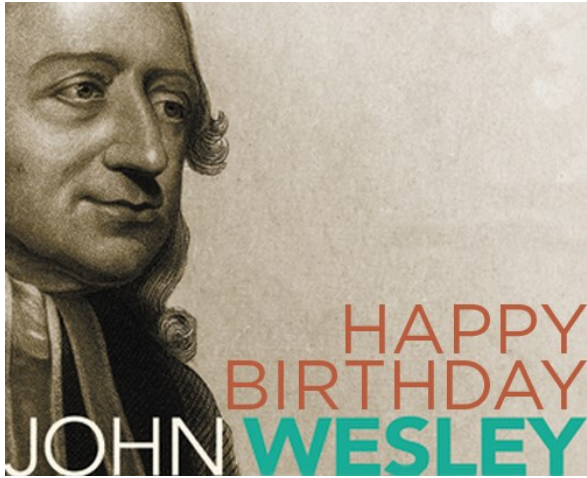
## Music Sunday

May 22, our musicians gave us God's message in song and lifted our hearts to new heights. Franklin First is blessed with much talent, and the morning was filled with uplifting and inspiring pieces.

Thanks to our staff: Monica Rhude, Tami Chamberlain, Megan Duff, and Trisha Dicken. Thanks to our soloists and all those who shared their vocal talents. Thanks to our guest musicians: Priscilla Stanza Acuff on organ and the Eyink family on strings. What a glorious way to end the choir season!







## Happy Birthday John Wesley!

Born June 28, 1703, John Wesley was the founder of the Revival Movement within the Church of England known as Methodism. He was an Anglican priest who is especially known for his teachings of God's Grace – prevenient, justifying, and sanctifying. As believers employ the Means of Grace (attending corporate worship, reading the Bible, praying, partaking of the sacraments, fellowshiping with other Christians) they are transformed into the likeness of Christ (sanctification). John espoused inward holiness as a way of life.

His parents were Rev. Samuel and Susanna Wesley, and he was their fifteenth of nineteen children. His parents, and especially Susanna, were very diligent about their children's spiritual training. John and his brother Charles went on to pastor in both England and the British colonies across the Atlantic. His unique ministry style included preaching outdoors and adapting local customs for religious use. For example, Charles wrote more than 7,000 hymns – often employing popular bar tunes to engage their listeners in the message of the Gospel.

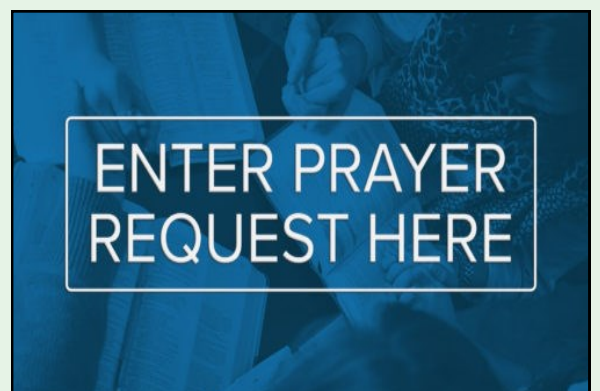
The United Methodist Church is one denomination that traces its origins to the work of John Wesley. We have many sister denominations who claim the same lineage. God chose to use the ministry of this ordinary individual to bring God's message to the New World and to generations of believers across the world.



### Submit a Prayer Request Anytime

Use the link below to submit a Prayer Request anytime. The link will send an email directly to the Pastor and our prayer warriors will begin the prayers for your request.

[franklinfirstumc.breezechms.com/form/862a54](http://franklinfirstumc.breezechms.com/form/862a54)





## Kaylee Bishop

Kettering College Bachelors  
in Science of Respiratory  
Care.

Plans to work at Kettering  
Medical Center following  
the passing of her boards.

## Graduation Congratulations!

Graduations are incredible milestones in life. Concentrated work culminates in degrees that prepare us for the challenges ahead. Congratulations to all those who graduated this year. May God be with you in your next steps. We will be celebrating our graduates on Sunday, June 5th at Worship.



## Amity Bonham

Grandniece of Bob and Judy  
Bowman

Graduated from Northwest  
University in Kirkland WA  
with a Master of Science  
degree in psychology in  
May 2022.

Amity has a full-time posi-  
tion as a case manager for a  
mental health agency in the  
Seattle WA area.



## Maeve Kathleen Don- aldson

Granddaughter of Jim and Kathy  
Martin

Attending Bowling Green University  
in the Fall



## Samantha Bowman

Grandniece of Bob & Judy  
Bowman

Graduated from Eaton High  
School in Eaton OH

She will be attending the  
University of Dayton major-  
ing in pre-law this Fall.



## Katherine Harville

Belmont University

Magna cum laude

BBA degree in Music Business/  
Songwriting

Granddaughter of Mary Harville



## Michael Corn

Graduate of East Clinton  
High School.

Will be joining the Army

Grandson of Charlotte  
Summer



## Nicholas Harville

Ohio State University

Cum laude

BS degree in Microbiology

Grandson of Mary Harville

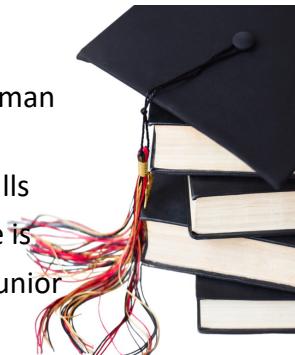




## McKenna Hebert

Grandniece of Judy & Bob Bowman

Graduating from the Granite Hills High School in El Cajon CA. She is continuing her education at a junior college in the area.



## Stephen Summer

Graduate of Kettering College with a degree in Radiology.

Grandson of Charlotte Summer



## Austin Charles Stanley Kolb

Graduated from  
Bellbrook High School

Grandson of Janet Kirby



## Rocco Thomas

Graduate of Westerville North High School, Westerville, OH

Son of Toby & Lucia Thomas;

Grandson of Judy Thomas

Rocco is an honor student who was on the golf & baseball teams. He received the Golf Scholar-Athlete



## Allison Rayburg

Graduated with Honors from  
Springboro High School

Granddaughter of Tom & Dorothy Rayburg

She played Varsity Volleyball for three years and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Allie has received a scholarship from the Ohio University of Athens, OH where she will attend this Fall.



## Julia Athena

## Touvannas

Granddaughter of Bob and Judy Bowman

Graduated from the Lake Zurich High School in Lake Zurich IL.

She will attend Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI in the Fall majoring in Physical Therapy.

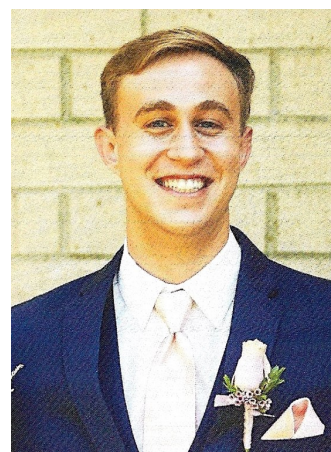


## Brian Suchy

Grandson-in-law of Bob and Judy Bowman

Graduating from Northwestern University in Evanston IL with a Ph.D. in computer systems.

Brian will start as a technical staff member at the Google Corporation in Madison WI.



## Sam Robert

## Touvannas

Grandson of Bob and Judy Bowman.

Graduated with a dual bachelor's degree in statistics and economics from the University of Illinois Champlain-Urbana.

He will be attending the University of Colorado in Boulder CO to earn a master's degree in statistics.

# MISSION CAMPS OFFERED BY WEST OHIO CAMPS

It's time to get excited! Registration is open for a summer filled with fun, faith, and friendship at West Ohio Camps.



West Ohio Camps is gearing up for an amazing summer 2022 camping season. Our camps are designed to appeal to a wide array of interests and includes everything from horses and treehouses to performing arts and scaling boulders. Each will focus on understanding the various names we receive and how we have all be "NAMED" by God.

Summer Camp opportunities will be offered between June and July for campers from ages 7 to 17 across all three of our locations. Whether you are looking to try something new or be close to home, we have options across West Ohio. Camp Widewater is our northern most camp in Liberty Center, Ohio, Camp Wesley is more centrally located in Bellefontaine, Ohio and Camp Otterbein is our southernmost location in Logan, Ohio.

Payment plans are available to help manage camp costs. The earlier you register, the more monthly, bi-weekly, or weekly payments you can spread out over time. Sibling discounts and camperships are also available to help families absorb the cost of multiple children.

The 2022 Summer Guidebook can be found on our website at the following link: <https://bit.ly/2022woc>

The link to registration can be found here: <https://westohiouncampbrainregistration.com/>

For more information about 2022 summer camps, visit the West Ohio Camps website at [www.westohiocamps.org](http://www.westohiocamps.org), email [camps@wocumc.org](mailto:camps@wocumc.org), or call 380-223-2267 (CAMP).

## Birthdays

June 02	Christian Lucas
June 03	Tilley Chilcutt
June 06	Cheryl Cyphers
June 06	Judy Thomas
June 08	Connie Bolinger
June 09	Julie Abell
June 10	Megan Duff
June 14	Nancy Osborne
June 16	Robert Bendel
June 17	Donnie Ervin
June 18	Katie Trout
June 23	Barry Daugherty
June 24	Tom Rayburg
June 26	Lily Smith
June 26	Tyler Smith
June 30	Kathy Martin

## Anniversaries

June 08	Jerry & Monica Rhude
June 14	Joseph & Rachel Chamberlain
June 20	Jan & Jerry Truesdell
June 27	Bill & Carol Hatfield
June 27	Lee & Laura Saunders

## Franklin First Giving

### Online Giving/We SHARE:

This 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:

[franklinfirstumc1.weshareonline.org](http://franklinfirstumc1.weshareonline.org)

### Amazon Smile

When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate to Franklin First United Methodist Church. Support us every time you shop. Just follow the prompts from the link below:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-0599434>





## A Legacy Of A Kingdom-Building Life

God used three major events to provide Howard Longfellow a kingdom-building life: a shorter train ride, a chance encounter and a love for his adopted hometown.

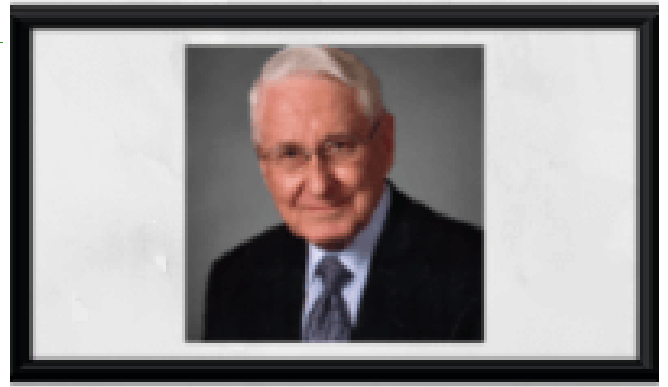
Longfellow grew up in Baltimore, where he attended Lovely Lane United Methodist Church. Toward the end of his senior year in high school, his father encouraged him to apply to an engineering school in the Midwest. At 16, Longfellow researched train schedules to cities in the Midwest and decided to attend The Ohio State University because the ride to Columbus was the shortest on the schedule. He applied and was accepted.

After graduating from OSU, Longfellow's first engineering job was with the Western Electric Company in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. On the Sunday before his first day on the job, Longfellow decided to take a train ride to explore the city. The ride led him to Centenary United Methodist Church in time for worship. That day he met his wife of 67 years, Jane. The couple married, started a family and rooted themselves in Winston-Salem.

Later, Longfellow was offered a position with Bell Labs in Columbus, Ohio. He loved Columbus and accepted this opportunity to return to his adopted hometown. The family met the Rev. Charles Kirsch, the pastor of Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church, and began attending the church. Later, they decided to make Worthington UMC their church home.

As a member of Worthington UMC for nearly 60 years, Howard and Jane have lived a kingdom-building life by serving in leadership roles on various committees. The couple is also responsible for the renovation of the church lounge, where they spent a lot of time.

The Longfellows' commitment led them to a planned gift that benefits Worthington UMC. Howard and Jane invested in Charitable Gift Annuities through the former West Ohio Conference Council on Development, now the United Methodist Foundation of West Ohio. The decision provided significant additional income for the couple; allowing them to "have a life, versus just living



paycheck to paycheck," Howard said. This decision will also honor their life of service through a gift to Worthington UMC.

To learn more about Charitable Gift Annuities, contact the United Methodist Foundation of West Ohio at [sblack@wocumc.org](mailto:sblack@wocumc.org) or [momalley@wocumc.org](mailto:momalley@wocumc.org) or by calling 380-223-9339

### Franklin First Permanent Endowment Fund

Franklin First's Permanent Endowment Fund was established recently as a long-term way to invest in the future generations of Franklin First worshippers. Whether we give through an estate plan or as part of our regular giving, the Endowment Fund provides a way for future disciples to carry on the work of the Lord. If you are interested in learning more about contributing to the Franklin First Endowment Fund, please email us at: [office@franklinfirstumc.org](mailto:office@franklinfirstumc.org)

# Franklin First Team Updates

## Missions:

Snack packs are finished for this year. Many volunteer hours went in to purchasing, filling bags



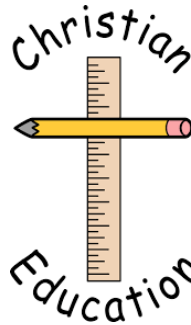
counting and loading bags into the plastic bins. 125 bags were filled every week. These volunteers are worth their weight in gold! Theresa has designed several flyers and cards that were included in the snack pack bags. The snack pack crew delivered Teacher supply bags and staff appreciation bags to the staff at Anthony Wayne on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have also partnered with a group from Southwest Church in Springboro that provides Kindness bags to Pennyroyal, Gerke, Schenk and Hunter elementary schools. We have learned what they pack in their bags, how they finance the mission and how they deliver their bags. We will be discussing this at our next Missions meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30, to evaluate if we want to make any changes in our routine. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend the meeting.

The mission's team has also partnered with Caring Partners which is a Worldwide Medical ministry group. We received a carload of personal hygiene items last fall that we delivered to Franklin High school. In March we receive another group of items with an estimated value of \$1785.00, these items were offered to the congregation, local businesses, and the schools. The remainder of the items were delivered to the Franklin Fire Department and the Franklin Police Department.

The Noisy bucket for Heifer International collected \$646.05. The children decided they wanted to purchase 1 Alpaca (\$150.00), 1 Goat (\$120.00), 1 Sheep (\$120.00), 1 Pig (\$120.00), Garden seeds (\$60.00), 1 Flock of chicks (\$20.00) and 1 share of a Heifer (\$50.00).

We are hoping to participate in National Night out on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We will start to collect school supplies in June in preparation for Backpack Sunday on August 7<sup>th</sup>.



## Christian Education:

We met April 25 and have discussed the following:

### Children's Programming:

We have decided that we will continue with the way things are currently through the month of May related to nursery and Children's Church. We continue to have difficulty getting volunteers for these programs.

Therefore, starting in June, we will put Children's Church on hold and it will resume August 14. We will keep the nursery going through all the weeks and expand the ages of the nursery to include children through the age of 6. This will allow those younger school age children the opportunity to go to the nursery if needed. In addition we will make sure the "activity bags" are filled with more age-appropriate, exciting things for the kids that stay in the service if they wish to use those.

Toward the end of July we will start having some church-wide things that will be including the older children in the service.

These things tentatively are:

VBS Program Sunday - July 17

Worship in the Park - July 24

Backpack Sunday - August 7

### VBS Program

Our VBS theme is Food Truck Party. The overarching theme is Matthew 6:11 "Give Us this Day Our Daily Bread."

The daily themes are based on the prayer: God is Great. God is Good. Let us thank God for our food. By God's Hands We All Are Fed! Give Us, Lord, Our Daily Bread! It is a 5 day program that we will be scaling down to 3 days.

July 12, 13, 14 - Note this is Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday which is slightly different than last year. The times are 6pm-8pm. The program, then, will be July 17.

In addition we are also having a PreK class which will include 4 and 5 year olds but that class will be open only to kids from our church. The older kids can be from either our church or from in the community.

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## Trustee Report:

### Recent Projects:

- > Elevator Repair
- > Wiring for micro-phone connection of piano and drums/percussion in Sanctuary
- > Installation of 2 new window Air Conditioners in Dining Room
- > Installation of new toilet in parsonage
- > Installation of new water softener in church basement.
- > Removal of Pop Machine, repair of floor, and installation of a new cooler.
- > 3rd Street Door Installation

### Future Projects to Consider?

1. Investigate leak behind altar in Sanctuary Chancel Area
2. Refinishing of Church Front Doors
3. Trimming of trees along property line in back of the church between church and Mears property.

## Membership:

In person attendance at the 10:45 service has averaged 81 people the last two months, with peaks of 133 Easter Sunday and 107 on 5/15/2022, with two baptisms. One adult and one infant were baptized 5/15/2022.

Six regular attenders have been added to our constituency list, which now totals 56 individuals. Theresa has provided a hard copy of our worship attendance roster so if we are unable to use the Breeze app for attendance, we have a backup system. The hard copy is stored in the tech area of the balcony.



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.

### KROGERS COMMUNITY REWARDS:

Go to: [www.krogers.com](http://www.krogers.com)

New account users: go to "Register"

Create Account

Or Sign-in

Go to: Community – Community Rewards

Click: Enroll now

Church #: RK151



## Finance:

At this time the Finance Committee will not be meeting until June 8, 2022. Our Committee does not have any events planned for the remainder of this year.

The following meetings for the remainder of 2022 are all on Wednesday afternoon at 2:15pm:

June 8, 2022,  
August 9, 2022  
September 14, 2022  
October 11, 2022  
November 8, 2022

Starting in August or September we will be starting to plan the 2023 budget



## Peace with Justice Sunday—June 12th

**Did you know Peace with Justice Sunday offerings support grants for social justice programs and education?**

A portion of the funds received on Peace with Justice Sunday support the work of The General Board of Church and Society (GBCS). Giving allows the agency to disperse funds in the form of grants to ministries that are doing the important peace with justice work in many places around the world. They award three different grants available to United Methodist congregations and organizations. The grants support Ethnic/Minority Local Church ministries, and programs related to the denomination's Special Sundays for Human Relations Day and Peace with Justice. GBCS works to connect with conferences, agencies and other networks to educate, equip and mobilize actions in support of identified Economic, Health, and Gender Justice priorities.

### ABOUT PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY (PWJS)

Peace with Justice is a faithful expression of shalom in the Bible. It calls the church to strengthen its capacity to advocate publicly in communities and nations throughout the world. It aims to make shalom visible and active in people's lives and communities by setting people free from bondage. We will celebrate Peace with Justice as witnesses to God's demand for a faithful, just, disarmed and secure world. Generally, **Peace with Justice Sunday** is celebrated on the second Sunday after Pentecost and a special offering is collected. The offering is administered by the General Board of Church and Society and benefits peace with justice ministries in the Annual Conferences and around the world.



# Franklin First United Methodist Church

## 2022 Lay Leadership Ministry

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



### Church Council:

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Church Council Chair	Mike Smith
Church Council Secretary	Amber Ramsey
Lay Leader	Charlotte Summer
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Charlotte Summer
Lay Member of Annual Conference Alternate	Kim Chewning
Treasurer	Tami Chamberlain
Membership Secretary	Lee Ann Lee
Communications Coordinators	Carol & Mike Runyan
Church Historian	Robert Bowman
Pastor	Laura Saunders

### Ministry Team Representatives:

Staff-Parish	Julie Abell
Finance	Paul Anderson
Endowment	Ken Smith
Trustee Tri-Chairs	John Lass, Jim Martin, Mike Runyan
Worship	Monica Rhude
Technology	Joe Chamberlain
Committee on Lay Leadership	Laura Saunders
Christian Education	Charlotte Summer, Chris Womack
Missions & Outreach	Linda Smith, Karen Anderson
Care Team	Lee Saunders
Hospitality & Events	Judy Bowman
Welcoming Ministry	Dorothy Rayburg
Scouting Coordinator	Cindy Kuntzman
Member At Large	Amber Ramsey

### Staff-Parish Relations Committee: Chair: Julie Abell

(Lay Leader: Charlotte Summer)

[staffparishrelations2022@franklinfirstumc.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:staffparishrelations2022@franklinfirstumc.onmicrosoft.com)

Terms expiring 2022:	Cheryl Cyphers, Mishelle Dicken
Terms expiring 2023:	Julie Abell, Judy Parker, Sue Fullen
Terms expiring 2024:	Sally Fitzgerald, Karen Anderson, Patti Noland

### Trustees: Tri-Chairs: John Lass, Jim Martin, Mike Runyan

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Terms expiring 2022:	Cody Chilcutt, Mike Runyan, Connie Bolinger
Terms expiring 2023:	Joe Chamberlain, Brian Graves
Terms expiring 2024:	John Lass, Jim Martin, Trisha Dicken

### Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations):

[layleadership2022@franklinfirstumc.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:layleadership2022@franklinfirstumc.onmicrosoft.com)

#### Chair: Pastor Laura Saunders

#### Charlotte Summer, Lay Leader

Terms expiring 2022:	Pam Bishop, Sue Fullen
Terms expiring 2023:	Sally Fitzgerald, Karen Anderson
Terms expiring 2024:	Ken Smith, Shirley Berold

### Finance Committee: (By virtue of office.)

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Chair	Paul Anderson
Treasurer:	Tami Chamberlain
Financial Secretary:	Julie Abell
Church Council Chair:	Mike Smith
Trustees Tri-Chairs:	John Lass, Jim Martin, Mike Runyan
Staff Parish Chair:	Julie Abell
Lay Leader:	Charlotte Summer
Lay Member of Annual Conference:	Charlotte Summer
Pastor:	Laura Saunders

### Permanent Endowment Fund Committee

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Chair of Finance Committee	Paul Anderson
Church Treasurer	Tami Chamberlain
Chair of Board of Trustees	Jim Martin
Chair of Church Council	Mike Smith
Lay Leader	Charlotte Summer
Member at Large (Term: 2022 only)	Monica Rhude
Member at Large (Term: 2022-2023)	Ken Smith, Chair
Pastor (non-voting member)	Laura Saunders

### Worship Ministry Team: Chair: Monica Rhude

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Choir Director:	Monica Rhude
Bell Choir Director:	Tami Chamberlain
Altar Design:	Kay Marksberry, Pam Bishop, Shari Tutt
Technology:	Joe Chamberlain
Usher Organizer:	Judy Parker
Lay Leader:	Charlotte Summer
Pastor:	Laura Saunders

### Mission & Outreach Team:

Co-Chairs: Linda Smith, Karen Anderson

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Franklin First

United Methodist  
Church

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Laura Saunders



**Sunday Worship Service**  
10:45 am  
Livestreaming on Facebook

## Upcoming Events

**June 5th**

**Fellowship Sunday**

**Graduation Sunday**

**July 4th**

**Wettest July 4th Parade**

**July 12, 13 & 14**

**Vacation Bible School**

**July 17th**

**Vacation Bible School Program at Worship**

**July 24th**

**Worship in the Park**

**August 7th**

**Backpack Sunday**

**September 11th**

**Grandparent's Sunday**

**September 25th**

**Homecoming Sunday**

**November 5th**

**Fall Marketplace (Fall Bazaar)**

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