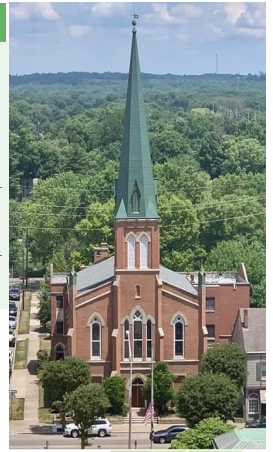




# The Steeple Bell— March 2022

Franklin First United Methodist Church

*“Under the Green Steeple”*



## Lent – A Time of Reflection

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2. It is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays – ending on Holy Saturday. This period is set aside as a time of preparation for celebrating Easter. We typically approach it as an opportunity for personal reflection on our individual faith commitment, but this year Franklin First will be using this as an occasion to reflect on the practices of our congregation.



Christians know that Jesus left his followers with the Great Commission: go and make disciples of all...yet in each generation, the means of making disciples looks a bit different. Today, people do not typically visit a church “cold turkey” without establishing some level of a connection with someone in the congregation and without researching the church to ascertain whether this Body of Christ might be a welcoming fit for them.

On Sunday March 6, Rev. Joe Royer of Springboro UMC will lead us through training to help us do three things:

1. Reflect on the purpose of the church – why we exist.
2. Look at the process of making disciples – what we do that invites others to know the Lord.
3. Consider FFUMC’s ministry structure – how we work together to accomplish our vision and mission.

We will be considering five pieces of the process:

1. Risk-taking mission and service – in our day and age, what are effective ways that we can invite others to know us and through us, to know God?
2. Radical hospitality – what can we do that will enable a newcomer to feel comfortable when visiting?
3. Passionate worship – how does our worship service help others encounter God and encourage developing a relationship with the Lord?
4. Faith-forming relationships – what can we do to pave the way for deepening our discipleship in connection with other believers?
5. Compassionate care – what can we employ as our safety net so that everyone stays engaged in the church and feels valued and care for?

As Christians, we want our family, friends, and community to be in relationship with God, and we also want Franklin First to be a beacon of God’s light for generations to come. It is important to be intentional about our ministry choices to carry the Gospel message into the future.

Pastor Laura



**Discipleship  
Pathway  
Training  
(Dinner  
Provided)**

**Sunday March  
6th**

**4:00 – 6:30  
p.m.**

**All are invited  
to attend!**

**Please call the  
office to sign up  
or use the fol-  
lowing link:**  
[https://  
franklin-  
firstumc.breezec  
hms.com/  
form/7d5545](https://franklin-firstumc.breezec-hms.com/form/7d5545)





## Happy St. Patrick's Day

On March 17, many of us will be reviewing our wardrobe to find the appropriate shade of green apparel. St. Patrick (AD 385-461) is the patron saint of Ireland, and St. Patrick's Day celebrates his work to bring Christianity to the land. He used a three-sided shamrock as an object lesson to explain the Holy Trinity. On this day, the Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking are lifted.

## Heifer Project

During the Sundays of Lent beginning March 6 and running through April 10, our children will once again get out their "noisy bucket" to gather donations for the Heifer Project. There is no better way to bless multiple families from around the globe than to give the gift of animals that provide a better quality of life by offering struggling households a hand up rather than a hand-out.



Noisy Bucket  
Collection

Sundays in Lent



The last time Franklin First collected for the Heifer Project, your generosity amounting to \$730 enabled us to provide two alpacas, one goat, one sheep, one pig, one hive of honeybees, and two flocks of chicks. Rather than slaughter these animals for food, families use their products as a valuable source of protein and the sale of their offspring as income. Natural fertilizer provides nourishment to crops and soil.

Wouldn't it be amazing if we could broaden our scope of blessing by providing even more animals to needy families? "

***It is more blessed to give than to receive."***

***Acts 20:35***

**IRISH BLESSING**

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your  
face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his  
hand.

May God be with you and bless you:  
May you see your children's children.  
May you be poor in misfortune,  
Rich in blessings.

May you know nothing but happiness  
From this day forward.

May the road rise up to meet you  
May the wind be always at your back  
May the warm rays of sun fall upon  
your home

And may the hand of a friend always be  
near.

May green be the grass you walk on,  
May blue be the skies above you,  
May pure be the joys that surround you,  
May true be the hearts that love you

**Author: Anonymous**

## Permanent Endowment Fund

At our Free Medical Clinic recently, one of our clients who had asked to have prayer with me said that she had been following our church on social media. She was trying to judge if she would be welcomed here and had been enjoying our worship services as a source of food for her soul. She thanked me for the church's decision to reach out into the community and said that she felt she already knew us in many ways.

Her story is important as an example of reaching others in the name of Jesus Christ. Times have changed and we have found that we must get creative in the ways that we invite others to engage in a life of faith. Yet we all want our children and grandchildren, our neighbors and friends, the many beyond our circle of influence to come to know the Lord.

A friend of mine was telling me recently that he had visited a financial planner. Prior to the appointment, he was sure that he was doing all he could with his resources. The financial planner opened his eyes to new possibilities.

Did you know that there are creative ways to give to the church and extend the church's influence to future generations? At Franklin First, we have established a Permanent Endowment Fund as a way to help stretch giving dollars. This type of fund is different from General or Memorial Fund giving.

Think of it as "leaving a legacy." Contributions to the Permanent Endowment Fund can be made at any time, and many folks choose to give to this fund as a part of their "Planned" or "Estate" giving. One does not have to be affluent to give to the Permanent Endowment Fund. The gift can be set up through a will or as a regular part of monthly giving. It is a part of personal stewardship.

Do you have questions about the Permanent Endowment Fund? Ken Smith or Pastor Laura would be happy to respond.



## Women's Circle

**Next Meeting**  
**Monday, March 7th**

**6:30 pm**

## The Pantry Collection

We continue to collect items for the Franklin Food pantry. Currently, we are asking for personal care items such as deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.. We specify these items because the pantry typically does not have ready access to these goods. The collection bin is in the church entrance.



## Upcoming Meetings

### Christian Education Meeting

Thursday, March 10th

6:30 pm

### Church Council Meeting

Monday, March 21st

6:30 pm



## Elevator Update

The contract is signed and the parts are on order for the elevator repair. TK Elevator lowered their quote to \$29,800, although the cost may change if there are additional charges for unseen issues. The lead time to receive the necessary parts is 4-6 weeks, and the repairs are expected to take four days.

We were able to pay the half down requirement when the contract was signed and will have the remainder due at the end of the repair. You are always faithful in your generosity with church repairs, and we invite you

to give as you are able. Thank you in advance, and God bless you.

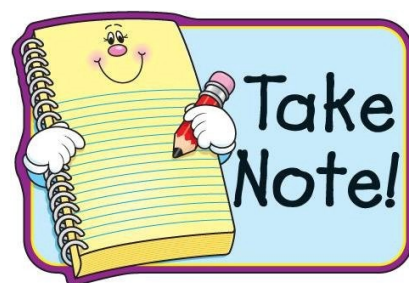
## In Case of Bad Weather: Service Cancellations Or Church Wide Announcements

Due to the expense of the ONE CALL System, we will no longer be continuing the service. In the future we will inform about cancelled services through the following methods:

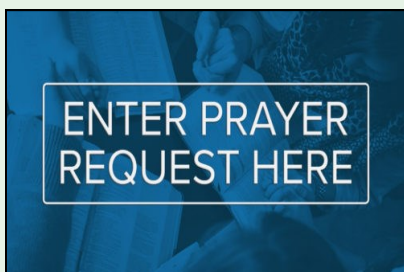
- Email to all currently active individuals
- Text to all currently active individuals
- Posted on our Website & Social Media platforms

**If you not do have access to any of the above listed forms of communication and would like a phone call, please contact Theresa in the office to be added to the contact list to receive a personal phone call.**

Also, please be sure the office has your current mobile phone number to receive a text.



**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)

Update your Information!



**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.**

## Lent & Holy Week

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Observing Lent and Holy Week

**Ash Wednesday** is March 2. We will have an Imposition of Ashes service at 6:30 pm. Choir practices will follow the service.

**Palm Sunday** is April 10, and we will be celebrating in worship with a procession of palms and a remembering of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

**Maunder Thursday** is April 14. Our 6:30 worship service will include Holy Communion.

**Good Friday** is April 15, and this somber 6:30 service will include a stripping of the altar and the sounds of sorrow.

We will celebrate the high holy day of **Easter** on April 17 at our 10:45 worship service with much music and a message of hope.

We invite you to join us in this special commemoration of Jesus' journey to the cross and resurrection from the dead. As Christians, these remembrances are central to our faith.



## UMCOR Sunday

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Imagine you are sleeping peacefully in your bed one night and suddenly you hear what sounds like the roar of a freight train. You run for shelter but moments later your house, indeed your entire community, has been leveled by a major tornado. You were lucky to have survived, but what do you do now?

UMCOR stands for United Methodist Committee on Relief and will be the focal point of a Special Sunday on March 27. When watching disaster unfold around the globe, many of us feel the call to help but are at a loss as to what we can actually do. UMCOR Sunday is the day for congregations around the globe to HELP.

UMCOR offers aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer:

- ◆ For victims of natural disaster, UMCOR is often one of the first relief teams on the scene.
- ◆ When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, UMCOR responded.
- ◆ UMCOR delivers food, water, shelter, and long-term recovery assistance to help many of the 68.5 million people displaced by war, persecution, and natural disaster.

UMCOR acts as the hands and feet of Christ's Church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their time of need. Helping people in their darkest days doesn't have to be something "they" do, it can be something "we" do. Contributions from UMCOR Sunday fund administrative costs so that when we donate to specific disaster efforts through UMCOR – 100% of those funds reach the victims. We can also be part of the support efforts by praying for the volunteers, the lives they touch, and for hearts to be moved in Jesus' name.



## So What is Lent?

Lent is heavy. Lent is serious. It is a time of reflection and self-analysis and intentional consideration of what we believe and stand for as Christians. But, as dark as this sounds, if we do Lent right, we will emerge in 40 days with a renewed understanding of the magnitude of Jesus' sacrifice for us and a renewed trust in God's sovereignty in the light of the greatest spectacle and celebration that the universe has ever known: Easter. (Adapted from: <http://aboutfirst.com/lent-explained>)



### SO, WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a season of the Christian Year where Christians focus on simple living, prayer, and fasting in order to grow closer to God.

### WHEN IS LENT?

It's the forty days before Easter. Lent excludes Sundays because every Sunday is like a little Easter. Basically, it's about one-tenth of a year (like a tithing of time). Mardi Gras is the day before Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday.

### MARDI GRAS? WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH JESUS??

Mardi Gras means "Fat Tuesday." It refers to the day before Lent starts. Since Lent always starts on a Wednesday, the day before is always a Tuesday. And it's called "Fat" or "Great" because it's associated with great food and parties.

In earlier times, people used Lent as a time of fasting and repentance. Through the years Mardi Gras has evolved (in some places) into a pretty wild party with little to do with preparing for the Lenten season of repentance and simplicity. Oh well. But Christians still know it's origin, and hang onto the true Spirit of the season.

### SO THE REAL BEGINNING OF LENT IS ASH WEDNESDAY?

Yes. Ash Wednesday, the day after Mardi Gras, usually begins with a service where we recognize our mortality, repent of our sins, and return to our loving God. We recognize life as a precious gift from God, and re-turn our lives towards Jesus Christ. We may make resolutions and commit to change our lives over the next forty days so that we might be more like Christ. In an Ash Wednesday service, usually a minister or priest marks the sign of the cross on a person's forehead with ashes.

### SO WHAT IS LENT?

At Jesus' baptism the sky split open, the Spirit of God, which looked like a dove, descended and landed on Jesus, and a

voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, My Beloved, with whom I am pleased." Afterward, as told in Matthew 4:1-11, Jesus was sent into the wilderness by the Spirit. Where he fasted and prayed for 40 days. During his time there he was tempted by Satan and found clarity and strength to resist temptation. Afterwards, he was ready to begin his ministry.

### WHY "DO" LENT? HOW DO I START?

Are you searching for something more? Our lives are filled with distractions that take us away from living a life with Christ. Lent is a great time to "repent" -- to return to God and re-focus our lives to be more in line with Jesus. It's a 40 day trial run in changing your lifestyle and letting God change your heart. You might try one of these practices for Lent:

**FASTING:** Some people have been known to go without food for days. But that's not the only way to fast. You can fast by cutting out some of the things in your life that distract you from God. Some Christians use the whole 40 days to fast from candy, tv, soft drinks, cigarettes or meat as a way to purify their bodies and lives. You might skip one meal a day and use that time to pray instead. Or you can give up some activity like worry or reality tv to spend time outside enjoying God's creation. What do you need to let go of or "fast" from in order to focus on God? What clutters your calendar and life? How can you simplify your life in terms of what you eat, wear or do?

**SERVICE:** Some Christians take something on for Christ. You can collect food for the needy, volunteer once a week to tutor children, or work for reform and justice in your community. You can commit to help a different stranger, co-worker or friend everyday of Lent. Serving others is one way we serve God.

**PRAYER:** Christians also use Lent as a time of intentional prayer. You can pray while you walk, create music or art as a prayer to God, or savor a time of quiet listening. All can be ways of becoming more in tune with God.

Christians from many different traditions celebrate Lent. How will you use the time to grow closer to God?

## Mission Opportunity

*Are you looking for a mission opportunity — consider this “Volunteers In Mission:” trip lead by Pete and Judy of Prospect Street UMC. Mike and Linda Smith have served on several mission trips with them with them and participated on their team.*

This year our team will go to the Waverly, Tn. area to serve with the rebuilding of the area after flooding that occurred in August 2021. Heavy rains and storms severely impacted Middle Tn. Leaving 22 people dead and at least 100 homes forced off their foundations. It has been called the deadliest flood in Middle Tennessee history. At this time 160 homes are in cue for repair and 55 for rebuild. Volunteers are at the heart of all recovery efforts, and you are greatly appreciated by the community in Waverly!



**The Dates:** We will leave our Church on Sunday, June 5th and return on Saturday, June 11th.

**The Work:** We will not know the exact details of our projects until shortly before we depart. With many teams serving ahead of our arrival, we will follow the other teams and continue with the rebuilding. It will be much of the same work that we’ve done in Alabama, Iowa, Maryland, Mississippi, Nashville, New Orleans, South Carolina and West Virginia: Drywall, painting, gutting, plumbing, etc.

**Housing:** Our host Church has yet to be determined. Team members will be responsible for their own linens and cot / air mattress. Meals will be prepared by our team members. Be prepared that there may be another team for the week with us and we will share the facilities with them.

**The Costs:** \$350.00 for each team member. This will include transportation, meals and lodging.

**Payment Schedule:** Deposit of \$100.00 and your application is due by April 24, 2022. The balance of \$250.00 will be due by the team meeting, which will probably be the early part of May. Checks should be made out to “Prospect Street UMC”.

**Applications:** Will be posted on the Mission Board or I can email them to you if needed. Minimum age is 14 and the maximum age is unlimited.

**Size of Team:** The size of the team will be limited to the first 16 to turn in their applications with their deposit.

Being a part of a mission team can be a life-changing experience. You will gain the satisfaction of working hard to help others in the name of Jesus Christ. As I’ve said before, what is one week in a lifetime to serve our lord and his people.

*1 Peter 4:10: God has given each of you some special abilities, be sure to use them to help each other.*

Are you willing to pick up the cross and be available, to go anywhere, to do anything and to serve God and his people?

Blessings, Pete

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## Frankie Adventures!

**Don't forget** to email your Frankie photos to: office@franklinfirstumc.org and Frankie will post them on his Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/FranklinFirstKids](http://www.facebook.com/FranklinFirstKids) Be sure to like his page so you can follow his adventures.

If you still need a "Flat Frankie" to travel with you, stop by the office or pick one up the Children's Ministry Welcome desk on the second floor.

## 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>

## Application Form

Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Local Church \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

A participant who cancels his/her reservation will be refunded only the amount not paid on his/her behalf by the team leader to secure reservations and supplies.

Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Schedule

**Application with Deposit of \$100.00 is due by April 24, 2022. The balance of \$250.00 will be due by the team meeting, which will be announced at a later date.**

Checks should be made out to the "Prospect Street U.M.C." and mailed or given to: Pete Stambazze 445 Bimini Dr., Marion, OH. 43302

Cell – 740-225-9081, [pstambazze@yahoo.com](mailto:pstambazze@yahoo.com)





# New studies, devotionals for Lent

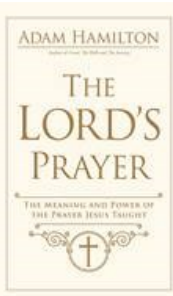
By Philip Brooks

March 2 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent. During Lent, Christians prepare to celebrate the miracle of Easter through prayer, fasting and other spiritual disciplines.

Studies and devotional resources are available from Abingdon Press, the Upper Room and the Society of St. Andrew to help church leaders and congregants experience Lent as a season of reflection and attentiveness. Many are available to order in bulk or come with leader kits. Most are appropriate for individual use and for Sunday school/small group or congregation-wide studies.

[Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Good Friday](#) (Abingdon Press)

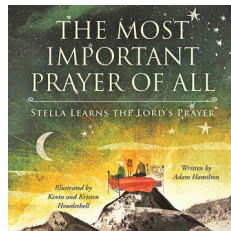
Experience Holy Friday from the perspective of those who watched Jesus die. In *Witness at the Cross*, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine shows how the people at the cross each have distinct roles to play in the Gospels. The story of Jesus's death is not something we just read: we think about it, and we experience it; we hear the taunts of the soldiers, the priests, and the passersby even as we hear the famous "seven last words" from the cross. Available resources include the [book](#) itself, a [leader guide](#) and/or [kit](#) and a [DVD](#).



[The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught](#) (Abingdon Press)

Most Christians know the Lord's Prayer by heart. But do we really understand and appreciate the meaning and power of its words, what we ask of God each time we pray it? In *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught*, pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton guides us to really know—and really pray—the Lord's Prayer.

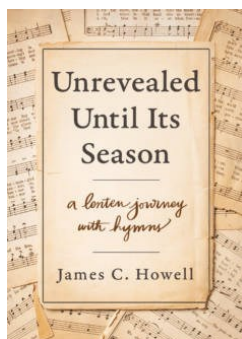
er. He explores each of its rich lines and their meaning in the Bible, illuminating what we ask of God and what we ask of ourselves through its words. And he teaches us how to use it as a pattern for our own prayer life. The [book](#) itself is available along with a [leader guide](#), [leader kit](#), [DVD](#), [worship resources](#) and [bookmark packets](#) (25 per packet).



[The Most Important Prayer of All](#) (Abingdon Press)

In this new children's book by the Rev. Adam Hamilton, a little girl learns the meaning of the Lord's Prayer from her grandfather. Sold in packs of 10 for churches to purchase and give to families. This [book](#) recommended for ages 3-12 is perfect for parents, grandparents and other caregivers to read with children.

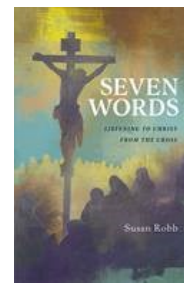
[Unrevealed Until Its Season \(Upper Room Books\)](#)



The Rev. Dr. James C. Howell provides this meaningful Lenten devotional guide for individuals and small groups. *Unrevealed Until Its Season* is also a valuable resource and perfect gift for musicians as

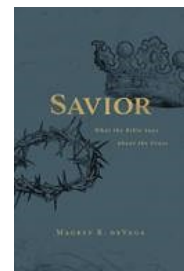
they prepare for worship, and for ministers as they lead worship. Howell ponders phrases from old and new hymns, such as "Be Thou My Vision," "Hymn of Promise," "All Creatures of Our God and King," "For Everyone Born," "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," "Lift High the Cross," and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." The book is available in print or eBook [formats](#).

[Seven Words: Listening to Christ on the Cross](#) (Abingdon Press)



It's natural to try and avoid the reality of how Jesus died, but it is from the cross that Jesus shows his deepest love for us. As Jesus draws his final breath and utters his last words, it is then that his deep trust in the

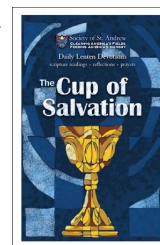
Father and his divine glory are revealed. The Rev. Susan Robb looks at Christ's final words from a biblical and historical perspective, showing how to find life and hope in them. Order the book by [itself](#) or purchase the additional [leader guide](#) and [DVD](#).



[Savior: What the Bible Says about the Cross](#) (Abingdon Press)

As Christians, we're taught that Christ died on the cross to bring us salvation. We know this, but do we understand it?

What exactly did Jesus do to save us from our sins? Was the cross really necessary? Could there have been another way? The Rev. Magrey deVega explores the mystery of salvation through the cross, helping readers find a deeper love for God and others while strengthening their commitment to follow Jesus. Along with the book [itself](#), readers can purchase a [leader guide](#) or [DVD](#).



[Walk Humbly: Lenten Devotionals](#) (Society of St. Andrew)

These devotions contain daily meditations, prayers and guidance written by pastors,

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missionaries and laypeople from many different Christian traditions. The 2022 theme is ["The Cup of Salvation"](#). The devotionals can be used by individuals, small groups or congregations.

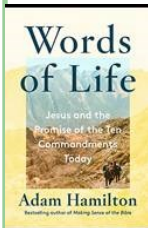
**Reckless Love** (Abingdon Press)



The Rev. Tom Berlin explores Jesus' radical command to love our neighbor and its relationship to his other command to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Berlin suggests the best way to deepen our love for God is to better love our family, friends and neighbors. Order the [book](#), [leader guide](#) and [DVD](#). The Dakotas and Minnesota annual conferences will host a Lenten [video series](#) based on the book featuring an Ash Wednesday message from Bishop Bruce Ough and weekly messages from members of the cabinets.

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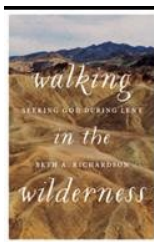
**Words of Life** (Abingdon Press)



The Rev. Adam Hamilton brings modern eyes to the most important set of ethics in history. He considers the commandments in their historical context, considering the meaning of each commandment in Hebrew, unpacking how Jesus

reinterpreted them, and showing how every thou-shalt-not was intended to point to a life-giving "thou shalt." Available resources include the [book](#), a [leader kit](#) with a leader guide, 5 *Words of Life* Card Packs and DVD. Also available as a [youth study](#) or [children's leader guide](#).

**Walking in the Wilderness: Seeking God During Lent** (Upper Room Books)



For such a time as this, a Lenten book about journeying through the wilderness was the one author Beth A. Richardson needed to write, and its message is one we need to hear. Both the book, and a special online retreat featuring the author, remind us that even though we are living in a time of wilderness and exile, like the Hebrew people, we are not alone. The Holy One walks with us. Book includes daily reflections and weekly spiritual practices, plus a 6-session guide for small groups. The book is available in [print](#) or [eBook](#) format.

**Walking in the Wilderness: An Online Retreat with The Upper Room**

Based on the book by Beth A. Richardson. This eCourse runs from February 17–April 4 and includes daily readings from the book, weekly live worship events, space for reflection and interaction with other participants and recorded live sessions. Register [today](#).

## Birthdays

- March 01 Lisa Carpenter
- March 02 Aubree Kelly
- March 03 Ryan Hynes
- March 04 Elliott Duff
- March 04 Linda Stevens
- March 06 Mike Runyan
- March 07 Rick Chamberlain
- March 08 Tom Proffitt
- March 09 Charlene Sparks
- March 11 Daran Bishop
- March 12 Carol Hatfield
- March 14 Don Chamberlain
- March 14 John Lass
- March 14 Pastor Laura Saunders
- March 15 Rick Marksberry
- March 15 Gib Woody
- March 26 Rachel Chamberlain
- March 27 Easton Hinds
- March 27 Noah Hinds
- March 27 LeeAnn Lee
- March 30 Carol Runyan
- March 31 Kay Marksberry

## Anniversaries

- March 09 Joe Jeromos & Peggy Darragh-Jeromos
- March 26 Tom & Dorothy Rayburg



### Faith Seekers AKA Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School is getting a new name — Faith Seekers!

Join this group on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am to explore material that surveys the Bible, while engaging in discussion that brings in real life application. The group has just started discussing Galatians.

Hope to see you there on Sunday!

# Franklin First United Methodist Church

## 2022 Lay Leadership Ministry

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



### Church Council:

[churchcouncil2022@franklinfirstumc.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:churchcouncil2022@franklinfirstumc.onmicrosoft.com)

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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):

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#### 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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Lisa Dillon, Madelyn Lang, Tracy Easter, Ken Smith, Karen Anderson, Tami Chamberlain, Marna Rogers, Judy Parker, Sally Fitzgerald, Amber Ramsey

### Technology Team: Chair: Joe Chamberlain

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

### Christian Education Team:

Co-Chairs: Charlotte Summer, Chris Womack

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Jan Truesdell, Rachel Chamberlain, Madelyn Lang, Carol Runyan, Chris Womack, Charlotte Summer

### Care Team: Chair: Lee Saunders

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Lee Saunders (phone contact); Charlotte Summer, Dorothy Rayburg, Jan Truesdell, Judy Bowman (visitation team)

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**Franklin First United Methodist  
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# A Croppin' Good Time

**Friday, March 11, 2022- 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm**  
**Saturday, March 12, 2022- 9:00 am to 8:00 pm**

**Franklin First UMC, 303 South Main Street, Franklin, OH 45005**

**Registration cost: \$50**

Sixteen Hours of Scrapbooking Fun!

Tax deductible donations will benefit the Church.

You will get your own 5-foot round or rectangular table.

Saturday brunch and salad & potato bar dinner will be provided.

Electrical outlets and Wi-Fi available; please bring your own extension cord.

- For more information contact Pam Trout, 937-746-0644, or e-mail: [pktmango@yahoo.com](mailto:pktmango@yahoo.com)
- Registration is non-refundable, but it is transferable to another person.
- Sorry, no childcare available!

**Make your registration check payable to: Franklin First UMC and mail to: A Croppin' Good Time, 303 South Main St., Franklin, OH 45005**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Friend(s) you'd like to sit with:

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

## Upcoming Events

- March 2**      **Ash Wednesday Service; 6:30 pm**
- March 6**      **Pathway to Discipleship Training; 4—6:30 pm**
- March 11 & 12**      **Croppin' Good Time  
Scrapbooking Event**

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