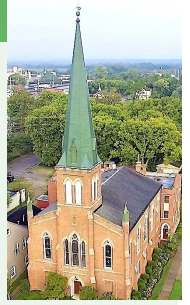




The Steeple Bell—March 2024

Franklin First United Methodist Church

“Under the Green Steeple”



THE SUFFERING SERVANT

Have you ever read the 53rd chapter of the prophet Isaiah? Isaiah is known as the “Messianic Prophet” because so much of his writings foretell the coming of the Messiah. The 53rd chapter is a prophecy of the “substitutionary atonement” that is accomplished through Jesus’ death on the cross.

Think of a time as a kid when you were punished for disobedience. My dad was the disciplinarian in my family, and he had this process. If my brothers and/or I were doing something wrong, Dad would start counting. “One” was a warning that we better straighten up. “Two” indicated that we were pushing our defiance to the limit. If Dad got to “three,” we knew that we had crossed the line, and we were going to be paying consequences for our rebellion. He was consistent in doling out those corrections, but they were always administered with love.

When we read Isaiah 53 however, we are reminded again that Jesus bore consequences that he did not earn. As the Suffering Servant, he paid the price for our sins. “Substitutionary atonement” means that Jesus was our substitute. Sin separates us from God. God is holy and will not abide with sin, but Jesus bridges that gap that would prevent us from having a relationship with God.

“For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” John 3:16.

I remember a few times from childhood that I was included in punishment that I felt I hadn’t deserved. It was my brothers’ fault, but Dad didn’t see it that way. I felt the unfairness of it all.

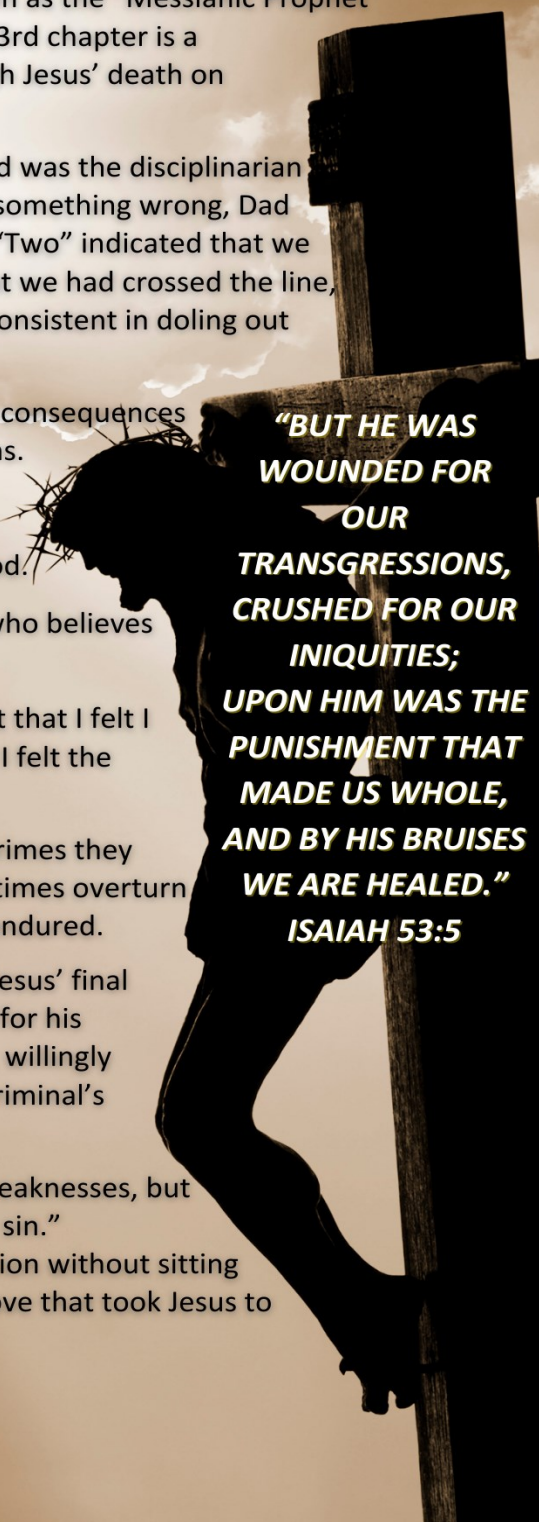
In today’s world, we don’t like to think about people being punished for crimes they didn’t commit. With today’s technology, new forensic evidence will sometimes overturn convictions and we are upset about the unjust punishment a person has endured.

As we review Isaiah 53, we see so many references to what happened in Jesus’ final hours. No one opposed Jesus’ unjust punishment – instead, they shouted for his crucifixion. Jesus was silent when given an opportunity to defend himself, willingly sacrificing himself for God’s plan of salvation. He was beaten and died a criminal’s death.

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.”

Hebrews 4:15. Easter is on the horizon but let us not rush to the resurrection without sitting in the shadow of the cross and contemplating the courage, resolve, and love that took Jesus to Calvary.

Pastor Laura



**“BUT HE WAS
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AND BY HIS BRUISES
WE ARE HEALED.”
ISAIAH 53:5**

The Trials of Jesus



MARCH 3
THOMAS, THE 'DOUBTING' DISCIPLE

MARCH 10
JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA, BURIED JESUS' BODY IN HIS TOMB

MARCH 17
NICODEMUS, HELPED BURY JESUS

MARCH 24
PALM SUNDAY
PILOT, ROMAN GOVERNOR

MARCH 28
MAUNDY THURSDAY
SIMON OF CYRENE, MADE TO CARRY JESUS' CROSS

MARCH 29
GOOD FRIDAY
BARABBAS, CRIMINAL RELEASED INSTEAD OF JESUS

MARCH 31
EASTER SUNDAY
ANGEL IN JESUS' TOMB - "HE IS RISEN"

The Trials of Jesus

Jeff Sams and Pastor Laura are doing a second round of the Lenten drama ministry "Trials of Jesus." We have heard from John, Jesus' beloved disciple and Mary, the mother of Jesus. Did you discover any hidden insights that might not have occurred to you before? As we journey through Lent and into Easter, we will be hearing from a wide variety of the witnesses that were present for Jesus' passion, crucifixion, and resurrection. As they share their perspectives, perhaps we will gain a deeper understanding of the miracle of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

Visit our website to view the testimony of John and Mary at <https://franklin->

Holy Week

You are invited to keep Holy Week beginning March 24 with our Palm Sunday worship service at 10:45. We will be continuing our "Trial of Jesus" series with Pontius Pilate on the stand.

Maundy Thursday is March 28 and we will be observing Holy Communion. Simon of Cyrene, who was made to carry Jesus' cross, will be giving testimony.

Good Friday on March 29 brings Barabbas to the stand. Barabbas was released instead of Jesus and was a hardened criminal.

Our Easter worship will feature glorious music and we will hear from one of the angels at Jesus' empty tomb. Easter is the high point of the Christian year as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and his triumph over death. Invite family and friends for a meaningful Easter observance.



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday Service March 24th - 10:45 am
Maundy Thursday Service March 28th - 7 pm
Good Friday Service March 29th - 7 pm
Easter Sunday March 31st - 10:45 am

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



Sunday Worship

If you are interested in helping with Sunday Worship as an usher or greeter, please contact the [office](#).

General Conference



In the governance of the United Methodist Church, General Conference is the highest ruling body. Members of General Conference are selected by vote at area Annual Conferences for both Laity and Clergy. For matters to be considered at General Conference (which is scheduled to meet every four years), they must be submitted as legislation and there is a process to go through and a deadline for these items to be put on the agenda.

Our West Ohio Conference Bishop Gregory Palmer will be in attendance, along with the rest of the Council of Bishops. The bishops have no vote in General Conference matters, but they do provide spiritual leadership and monitor conference proceedings.

The next General Conference is set in Charlotte, NC and runs from April 23 through May 3 of this year. This will be an important conference, as many matters that could not be addressed because of the COVID cancellations of previous General Conferences will come before these conference delegates.

Probably the top of this list is the denomination's stance toward sexual orientation. Currently our Book of Discipline wording indicates that homosexual practice is not scriptural and prohibits the ordination of candidates for ministry that are practicing homosexuals. There are many pieces of legislation addressing sexual orientation.

Another topic is the structuring of the United Methodist Church, and a dominant proposal suggests a more regional approach to governance that enables geographic leadership to consider the context of their society in the statutes their region adopts.

The mission and ministry of the United Methodist Church has not changed. We are to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. My prayer for Franklin First and the denomination as a whole is that we stay united in the pursuit of this mission and ministry and not get sidetracked by the challenging issues before us.

Pastor Laura



Scouting Ministries

Were you a Boy or Girl Scout? How many people do you know who were? Adult volunteers who give of their time are working to give our kids solid footing to face their adult years.

On Sunday, March 10 during worship, we will be honoring our Scouts. They will help lead us during the service and we will have an opportunity to congratulate them on their accomplishments. We will also be recognizing the adults among us who give leadership to the many programs that benefit our young people. Invite a scout you know to come and be applauded.



Anthony Wayne Tutoring

Franklin First volunteers continue to tutor ten Anthony Wayne second graders during this winter/spring season. We work with the students on literacy training using curriculum provided by teacher Mrs. Simas. As the kids work on their language arts skills, they are also building relationships with their tutors.

As I was talking to Mr. Rhoades about the importance of the tutoring program, he observed that these early elementary students are at a disadvantage due to COVID restrictions. Kids that might normally have had the opportunity for advance learning opportunities in preschool were denied those benefits when preschools could not operate. Thus, the children entered school without the basic preparation that preschool learning can provide. As we work with them, we are reinforcing skills that are necessary for the upper grades.

We will be wrapping up tutoring for this school year with a party on March 21. I am so thankful for our faithful volunteers that enable this mission project! You are giving the kids a hand up with your time and encouragement. God bless you!

Pastor Laura



FHS Snack Pack Volunteers

It has been a real blessing to include Franklin High School National Honor Society volunteers for our February packing sessions. Our usual packing crew was smaller because of some winter vacation absences, and these students stepped up to fill the vacancies. Thank you!!!

Save the Date

March 23

Easter Egg Hunt in the field behind Anthony Wayne Elementary

April 19

Franklin First is providing dinner for the Franklin High School Musical students & staff

April 28

Our Aspenleiter Bell Choir and Chancel Choir will bring an afternoon concert followed by refreshments

May 12

Special Mother's Day worship service. Invite those special ladies!

May 19

Music Sunday worship service

June 2

Graduation Sunday worship service

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New Franklin High School Open House

The new Franklin High School will be opening for classes for students on Monday, March 4th. The new building will be formally dedicated on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 1 p.m. with the board, administration, and key partners in attend-

ance by invitation. The public is welcome to watch a livestream of the event.



The

livestream link is <https://www.facebook.com/franklinwildcatfootball>

Tours will begin after the ceremony at approximately 2 p.m. Please note: Some portions of the building (main gym and weight room) are still under construction. **An open house with tours will be scheduled later this year when the building is complete.**

If you have questions, comments, or would like more information please email communications@franklincityschoools.com



Men's Group

All men are invited to the monthly meeting of Franklin's Men's Group on the second Sunday of the month at 7:00 pm. Grow in faith and in service to others with Christian brothers. The next meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, March 10th**



Spring Flowers For Sale

Women's Circle is once again selling Spring Flowers! Purchase potted lilies, tulips, hyacinths, or daffodils to adorn our Easter altar in memory or in honor of a loved one. (Available to take home after Easter).

Or order one to take home for your Easter Sunday table. Each potted plant is \$12 and the order deadline is Friday, March 22nd. Order online at:

<https://franklinfirstumc.breezechms.com/form/362a6161509549> Paper order forms are also available at the office.

Easter SPRING FLOWERS FOR ALTAR OR HOME

- LILIES
- TULIPS,
- HYACINTHS
- DAFFODILS

\$12



FRANKLIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



FEATURING
**ASPENLEITER
HANDBELL CHOIR**

ALSO PERFORMING:
CHANCEL CHOIR &
WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE

**SUNDAY
APRIL 28, 2024**

3:00 PM

RECEPTION FOLLOWING CONCERT

UNDER THE
GREEN STEEPLE AT
303 S. MAIN ST.
FRANKLIN, OH



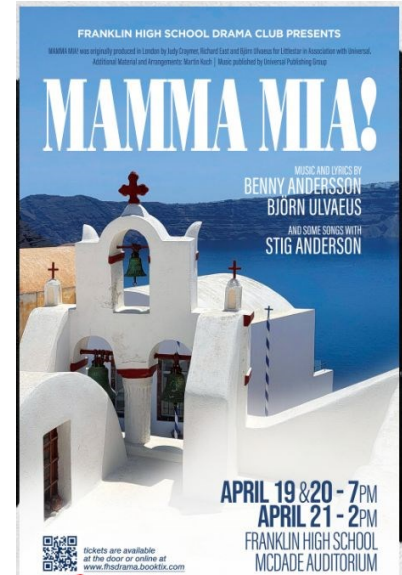
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DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED TO BENEFIT THE FHS MUSIC & DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Upcoming FHS Dinner

Franklin First is hosting the Franklin High Mamma Mia Musical students and staff for dinner on Friday, April 19th at 3 pm. Women's Circle is coordinating the meal but welcomes donations and will need help on the day of event. If you can contribute or help please reach out to the office, Monica Rhude, or a Women's Circle member.

We are looking forward to having almost 100 teenagers as our guests, please consider helping with event and welcoming the youth to Franklin First.





**SATURDAY
MARCH 23, 2023
1:00 PM**

**FIELD BEHIND ANTHONY
WAYNE ELEMENTARY
16 FARM AVE, FRANKLIN**



Easter Egg Hunt

Women's Circle is looking forward to the upcoming Easter Egg hunt for the children of Franklin First and friends. Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 23rd at 1 pm. The Egg Hunt will be at the field behind Anthony Wayne Elementary at 16 Farm Ave. Bring the kids and grandkids!

Hanging Basket Sale

Watch for details for Women's Circle upcoming Hanging Basket sale in May. As Spring approaches, please plan to purchase your hanging flower baskets from the upcoming sale.



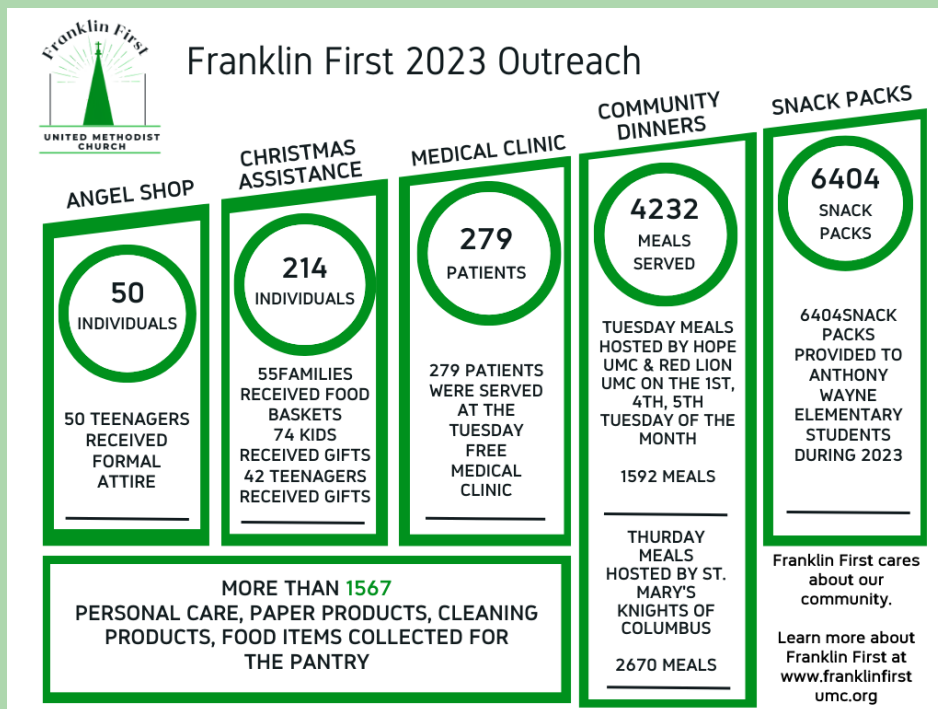
Women's Circle

Next meeting will be on **March 11th at 6:30 pm.** Bring a sandwich and join us for some fellowship.

Celebrating Growth: Outreach and Mission Ministries Flourish in 2023

Franklin First's outreach and mission ministries experienced growth in 2023 as compared with 2022. Let us celebrate the growth of our outreach and mission ministries, express gratitude to all involved, and recommit ourselves to making a positive impact in our community. Together, we can continue to be a beacon of hope and compassion, reflecting the love of Christ to all.

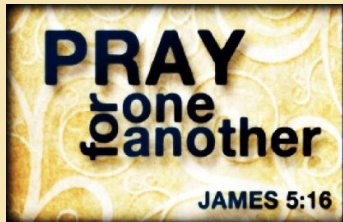
May our efforts in 2024 surpass even our achievements in 2023!



March 2024 at Franklin First

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| 1-2 | A Croppin' Good Time /Women's Circle | 19 | Staff Parish Relations; 6:30 pm |
| 3 | Lenten Bible Study; 5:30 pm | 20 | Snack Pack Packing; 1:30 pm |
| 5 | Free Medical Clinic, 5:30 pm | 20 | Choir Rehearsal; 6:30 pm |
| 6 | Snack Pack Packing; 1:30 pm | 20 | Bells Rehearsal; 7:30 pm |
| 6 | Finance Committee; 2:30 pm | 21 | Anthony Wayne Tutoring; 3:15 pm, FINAL Session |
| 6 | Choir Rehearsal; 6:30 pm | 22 | Deadline for Spring Altar Flower Orders |
| 6 | Bells Rehearsal; 7:30 pm | 23 | Easter Egg Hunt, 1 pm, AW Field |
| 7 | Anthony Wayne Tutoring; 3:15 pm | 24 | Palm Sunday/Holy Week Begins |
| 10 | Scout Sunday | 25 | Lenten Bible Study, Final Session, 5:30 pm |
| 10 | Daylight Savings Time Begins | 26 | Free Medical Clinic, 5:30 pm |
| 10 | Men's Group, 7 pm | 27 | Snack Pack Packing; 1:30 pm, ??? |
| 11 | Women's Circle Meeting, 6:30 pm | 27 | Choir Rehearsal; 6:30 pm |
| 12 | Free Medical Clinic, 5:30 pm | 27 | Bells Rehearsal; 7:30 pm |
| 13 | Snack Pack Packing; 1:30 pm | 28 | Holy Thursday Service; 7 pm |
| 13 | Endowment Team, 2:30 pm | 29 | Good Friday Service; 7 pm |
| 13 | Choir Rehearsal; 6:30 pm | 31 | Easter Sunday |
| 13 | Bells Rehearsal; 7:30 pm | | |
| 14 | Anthony Wayne Tutoring; 3:15 pm | | |
| 17 | Lenten Bible Study, 5:30 pm | | |
| 18 | Church Council Meeting, 6:30 pm | | |
| 19 | Free Medical Clinic, 5:30 pm | | |

March 29—April 5 Franklin Community Schools Break



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



Kroger Community Rewards

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.*

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COMMUNITY REWARDS:

Go to: www.krogers.com
New account users: go to "Register"

Create Account Or Sign-in
Go to: Community – Community Rewards
Click: Enroll now
Church #: RK151

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ANGEL SHOP HOURS
SUNDAYS
12:30 - 2 pm



The Power of Prayer

Prayer is more than just words. It's a **deep and personal conversation** with the Divine, a way to **connect heart-to-heart with God**. It's the **thread that binds us closer** in our relationship with Him.

Through prayer, we can:

- **Express our deepest thoughts and feelings:** Share your joys, worries, and everything in between.
- **Seek guidance and wisdom:** Ask for direction in life's challenges.
- **Deepen your connection with God:** Grow closer to the Divine through open communication.

The Bible itself emphasizes the **power of prayer** in James 5:16: "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

Want to learn more about prayer? Here are some resources to get you started:

- **A Praying Life: Connecting With God In A Distracting World** by Paul Miller
- **Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy With God** by Tim Keller
- **The Complete Works of E.M. Bounds on Prayer** by E.M. Bounds
- **Praying The Bible** by Donald Whitney
- **Everyday Prayers: 365 Days To A Gospel-Centered Faith** by Scotty Smith

These books offer insights and guidance to **enrich your prayer life** and **strengthen your connection with God**.



Franklin First Online Giving

Online giving 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:

<https://franklinfirstumc.org/giving-%26-member-resources>

Birthdays

March 02	Aubree Kelly
March 03	Ryan Hynes
March 04	Linda Stevens
March 04	Elliott Duff
March 06	Mike Runyan
March 07	Rick Chamberlain
March 11	Daran Bishop
March 12	Carol Hatfield
March 14	Don Chamberlain
March 14	Barbara Ogdin
March 14	John Lass
March 14	Pastor Laura Saunders
March 15	Gib Woody
March 15	Rick Marksberry
March 22	Oakland Roberts
March 26	Rachel Chamberlain
March 27	LeeAnn Lee
March 27	Noah Hinds
March 27	Easton Hinds
March 30	Carol Runyan
March 31	KayMarksberry

Anniversaries

March 9	Peggy Darragh-Jeromos & Joe Jeromos
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Give Franklin First a Review!

Take a moment to tell others what you like about Franklin First. Use the link below to give us a review on Google. The more positive reviews and interaction, the better placement we receive when individuals search for a church in Franklin.

<https://q.page/r/CebjXokui9PHEB0/review>

A Look at Easter Traditions Around the World

United Methodists around the world celebrate Christ's Resurrection in many ways. Individuals in a variety of countries to share their traditions and here are some of their stories.

Zimbabwe: It is 3 a.m. on Easter Sunday 1980, and my mother, Mavis Mudambanuki, awakens me by knocking on the door of my room. Leaving my brothers asleep, I get dressed and meet her at the gate outside our home in Chipfatsura village, in Manicaland, Zimbabwe. In the dark, we trudge to Chegore village, seven miles away.

As we approach, my mother breaks into a familiar Easter song: "Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Hallelujah!" She knocks at the door of a home as she sings, and three women and a man join us with rattles and tambourines to augment the music. We go on to the next house, and as we move through the village, the procession grows.

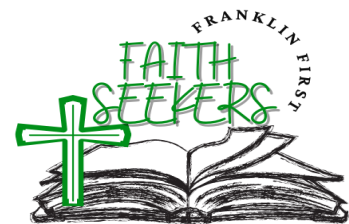
Our party is making a joyful ruckus as we fill the road in Chegore village and head back to Chipfatsura United Methodist Church for a sunrise Easter service. Similar processions and vigils occur in other villages around the country.

- Tafadzwa Mudambanuki

The Philippines: In the "Rice Bowl of the Philippines" — Nueva Ecija, about 60 miles north of Manila — Christians celebrate Easter before sunrise. Traditionally, around 4:30 a.m., local churches form clusters to celebrate Easter jointly. The people gather at the river, by the hill, by the rice field, in front of mountains or in the garden. Most walk to an appointed Easter celebration location.

"It gives a lot of significance and meaning when Easter is celebrated outside the church building," said the Rev. Remedios dela Cruz. "It gives a lot of meaning to our faith and fellowship."

Dela Cruz cherishes the memories of Easters celebrated by the river in Sicsican,



Join our Faith Seekers group on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am. All are invited!



Matanda Tavera. Easter-egg hunting, breakfast fellowship and group bonding, which included a plunge together into the river, followed worship. A fellowship of indigenous United Methodists called Dumagats in Malinaw, Gabaldon, traditionally celebrate Easter by the river as well.

"We go down into the river. Dawn is the time when nothing is heard except the rush of the river," said Pastor Daryll Joe Medina. The Dumagats gather to observe an hour of silence, embracing the promise of new life as they witness the light of the sun.

Deaconess Rachel dela Cruz from the Canaan, Rizal, area believes that sunrise depicts the heralding of a new beginning because it brings new hope.

—Gladys Mangiduyos

Germany: In Neuenhain, near Frankfurt, an empty wire mesh cross is placed in the sanctuary before the beginning of the Easter service. The wire mesh symbolizes coldness and aloofness, and the wire represents the pain Jesus Christ endured on the cross. Church members bring flowers.

In the early part of the service, the Easter celebrants place their flowers on the empty wire mesh cross and gradually fill it with flowers. Suddenly, the "cold" cross becomes alive with flowers full of life and conveying a message of hope. This great image sends a reverberating message that Jesus' death is not the end. He gives us new life with God the Creator. Each flower demonstrates that through Christ's death, people's lives are not limited by death.

In the German tradition, the Easter cross reminds people of two truths in their culture.

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First, people are as diverse as flowers. They have different family backgrounds, and Christ would encourage us to appreciate diversity.



Second, people should imagine the cross of Jesus. The flowers on the Easter cross point with all their brightness to Jesus. No one flower makes the cross unique; a plethora of flowers together makes Jesus visible. Similarly, because we are the body of Christ, our individual work pales unless we work collaboratively with other Christians to make a huge

impact.

We further the agenda the Lord Jesus puts in our hearts when we live a life of faith and love. We should be billboards through which ordinary seekers discover Jesus by all our actions and witness.

- Cornelia Trick

Hungary: In the Obuda United Methodist tradition, we have an evening worship on Good Friday and share the Lord's Supper.

At sunrise on Easter, 20 to 30 congregants walk up to an ancient stone cross on a hill rock depicting Calvary's stations. We worship, read liturgy, stand in a circle, read Bible verses and pray together.

In most cases, when we celebrate Easter, it will be raining or foggy. The Easter event is an energizing one for (people of all ages). Together, we enjoy a prepared breakfast at the church. Easter services follow in the afternoon.

- Kristóf Sztupkai

Malawi: Easter celebrations are not identical in all local churches. Each congregation celebrates in a unique way.

Easter revivals are common activities during the Easter weekend. Celebrations include choir performances, hymns and

choruses all reflecting Easter. Dramas or skits from the youth groups portray the passion of Christ. A guest preacher or local pastor preaches during the Easter revivals.

Celebrations begin on Palm Sunday. Congregations march in a celebratory procession about five times in a Jericho fashion around the church, singing and dancing. Women ululate and men whistle as everyone carries small palm branches. This commemorates Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Congregations without church buildings mark this event in a different way. They march carrying palm branches around the villages toward their worship place, either under a tree or in a classroom.

Holy Communion is a central part of the Easter celebration. Usually, the service will last three to four hours. Afterward, a meal is provided to all. The Easter celebration unites people from various communities as they break bread together. People depart for their homes around 1 p.m., marking the end of celebrations.

- Daniel Kabunduli

Tafadzwa Mudambanuki, Senior Manager, Central Conference Relations, at United Methodist Communications, first wrote this article in 2014 and it was published April 16, 2014 (Interpreter Online/UMNS). The article was updated, with the video added, in March 2022.

Article was Abbreviated: For more traditions from around the world and the entire article visit: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/a-look-at-easter-traditions-around-the-world#:~:>



Personal Hygiene Product Collection for High School students



Fellowship Sunday
MARCH 24

After Worship in the Dining Room

Franklin First United Methodist Church 2024 Lay Leadership Ministry

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



Church Council:

Church Council Chair	Mike Smith
Church Council Secretary	Amber Ramsey
Lay Leader	Mike Smith
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Tami Chamberlain
Lay Member of Annual Conference Alternate	Kim Chewning
Treasurer	Tami Chamberlain
Membership Secretary	Cheryl Cyphers
Financial Secretary	Theresa Fultz
Church Historian	Robert Bowman
Pastor	Laura Saunders

Ministry Team Representatives:

Staff-Parish	Peggy Darragh-Jeromos
Finance	Paul Anderson
Endowment	To Be Determined
Trustee Chairs	Jim Martin, Mike Runyan
Worship	Monica Rhude
Technology	Joe Chamberlain
Committee on Lay Leadership	Laura Saunders
Christian Education	Joe Wright, Rhonda Roberson
Missions & Outreach	Linda Smith, Karen Anderson
Care Team	Lee Saunders
Hospitality & Events	TBD
Welcoming Ministry	Dorothy Rayburg
Women's Circle	Monica Rhude
Member At Large	Kaylee Glossip
Member At Large	Amber Ramsey

Staff-Parish Relations Committee:

Chair: Peggy Darragh-Jeromos	Lay Leader: Mike Smith
Terms expiring 2024:	Sally Fitzgerald, Karen Anderson, Patti Noland
Terms expiring 2025	Cheryl Cyphers, Mishelle Dicken
Terms expiring 2026	Sue Fullen, Peggy Darragh-Jeromos, Pam Trout

Trustees: Co-Chairs: Jim Martin, Mike Runyan

Terms expiring 2024:	Jan Abell, Jim Martin, Trisha Dicken
Terms expiring 2025:	Cody Chilcutt, Mike Runyan, Connie Bolinger
Terms expiring 2026:	Gary Ogden, Joe Chamberlain, Joe Wright

Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations):

Chair: Pastor Laura Saunders	Mike Smith, Lay Leader
Terms expiring 2024:	Ken Smith, Shirley Berold
Terms expiring 2025:	Kathy Martin, Peggy Darragh-Jeromos
Terms expiring 2026:	Sally Fitzgerald, Karen Anderson

Finance Committee: (By virtue of office.)

Chair	Paul Anderson
Treasurer:	Tami Chamberlain
Financial Secretary:	Theresa Fultz
Church Council Chair:	Mike Smith
Trustees Co-Chairs:	Jim Martin, Mike Runyan
Staff Parish Chair:	Peggy Darragh-Jeromos
Lay Leader:	Mike Smith
Lay Member of Annual Conference:	Tami Chamberlain
Pastor:	Laura Saunders

Permanent Endowment Fund Committee

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	Mike Smith
Member at Large (Term: 2023-24)	Monica Rhude
Member at Large (Term: 2024-25)	Ken Smith
Pastor (non-voting member)	Laura Saunders

Worship Ministry Team: Chair: Monica Rhude

Choir Director:	Monica Rhude
Bell Choir Director:	Tami Chamberlain
Altar Design:	Kay Marksberry, Pam Bishop, Shari Tutt, Carol Runyan
Technology:	Joe Chamberlain
Lay Leader:	Mike Smith
Pastor:	Laura Saunders

Mission & Outreach Team:

Co-Chairs: Linda Smith, Karen Anderson
Madelyn Lang, Karen Anderson, Tami Chamberlain, Marna Rogers, Sally Fitzgerald,

Technology Team: Chair: Joe Chamberlain

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

Christian Education Team:

Co-Chairs: Joe Wright (Adult) Rhonda Roberson (Children)
Jan Truesdell, Rachel Chamberlain, Madelyn Lang, Carol Runyan, Joe Wright, Rhonda Roberson

Care Team: Chair: Lee Saunders

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

Franklin First United Methodist
Church

Pastor
Laura Saunders



**Sunday Worship
Service**

10:45 am

Livestreaming on
Facebook

Faith Seekers Bible Study

Sundays, 9:15 am

Upcoming Events

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| March 1 & 2 | Croppin' Good Time |
| March 24 | Palm Sunday/Holy Week Begins |
| March 28 | Holy Thursday |
| March 29 | Good Friday |
| March 31 | Easter Sunday |
| April 28 | Broadway Hits Concert |
| May 12 | Mother's Day |
| May 19 | Music Sunday |

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