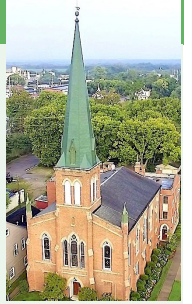




## *The Steeple Bell— October 2023*

Franklin First United Methodist Church

*“Under the Green Steeple”*



# Grace

**“God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.”**

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

Grace. The word is quite common in our language. It is a lovely name for a girl. It is a prayer before our meal. It can refer to effortless movement. We use “grace” to reference someone who exhibits thoughtfulness and good manners. We get a grace period before we are charged extra fees on a bill, and it can be a formal title for a person of special distinction.

In today’s world, there seems to be a distinct lack of grace. Folks have forgotten how to be civil, take their own opinions as absolute fact, and are quick to take offense. Basic kindness is in short supply.

In Christian belief, grace refers to the free and unmerited favor of God as manifested in the salvation of sinners and the divine giving of blessings. One acronym for grace is, “God’s riches at Christ’s expense.” Forgiveness is an essential piece of grace.

We pray the Lord’s Prayer (often without thinking critically about what we’re praying), and we ask God to forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. We practice generous grace when we adopt an attitude of forgiveness toward others, modeling God’s forgiveness for us. Humility is required to live a life of grace.

Do you remember Children’s Moment in worship a few weeks ago? One of our toddler children gave a perfect example of grace when she spontaneously walked to Megan who was sitting with the kids for that part of the service, and she shared her candy with Megan – who had been deliberately left out on the distribution of treats. Generosity of spirit – this little child gave us the perfect example.

During the month of October, our sermon series will explore grace. How do we live with grace? How does God’s predisposition toward grace inform our own words and actions? Where do we need to grow in our personal expressions of grace? As a church (the Body of Christ), how do we expand our witness of grace?

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound. May we all grow in love and grace.

Pastor Laura



## Breast Cancer Awareness

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, and Franklin First will be observing Breast Cancer Awareness Sunday on October 15 during worship. We will be remembering those who have passed who had breast cancer (that does not need to have been their cause of death) and honoring those who are survivors. The Women's Circle will hold a bake sale that day as a fundraiser for breast cancer research. The Susan G. Komen Foundation has contacted our church to let us know that what we contribute before October 31 will be met with a TRIPLE MATCH. Their work includes (1) funding technologies that accelerate breakthrough treatments, (2) ensuring breast cancer patients have access to high-quality, affordable care, and (3) providing a safe, supportive and hopeful community for all.



## Children's Christian Education

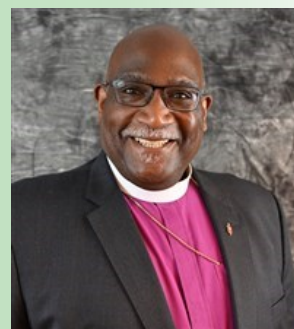
Our Nursery and Children's Church are going strong as we move through the Fall. During the summer, many of our kids are with their families at various activities and then re-engage as school starts. Please take your turn in the Christian education of our children. This is a primary ministry of the church. We thank Rhonda Robison for taking the lead teacher position for Children's Church through the end of the year. You do not have to be a Bible scholar to lead the kids. We learn as we teach. Talk to Chris Womack with questions or to volunteer. She will accommodate your schedule.

## Lay Leadership Nominations



Our Committee on Lay Leadership will be working to establish our roster of leadership for 2024, along with our ministry teams. It takes the gifts and effort of the full Body of Christ to maintain a quality level of ministry. We have some key positions to fill this year. For each position, we prayerfully seek an individual who feels called to the ministry and is motivated to fulfill their commitment. If you are contacted, please pray about it.

You are being called because you are a good candidate for a particular ministry. Thank you for offering your gifts and graces to our church's efforts.



## Bishop's Fall Tour

You are invited to Faith Community UMC in West Chester on

Thursday, October 19 at 6:30 pm to join Bishop Gregory Palmer as he tours the West Ohio Conference. This will be a time of information sharing and fellowship with our Bishop. All are welcome.



## All Saints Sunday Nov. 5th

Looking ahead, all Saints Sunday will be observed Nov. 5. We will be remembering those who have joined the Church Triumphant since All Saints Day last year. You are welcome to submit a picture of your loved one by October 30 for use in the worship service.



## Men's Group Next Meeting

Franklin First's Men's Group has been reconvened under the leadership of Ken Lang. Their next meeting is Sunday October 8 at 7:00 pm. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Music Program

Franklin First is blessed with many talented musicians, as was evident during the Sundays of September. Our Chancel Choir resumed their ministry on Grandparent's Sunday, and the Aspenleiter Bell Choir rang for Homecoming Sunday. The Women's Ensemble graces us with their music on a regular basis. Megan is a joy at the piano, Trisha keeps the beat on percussion, and others share their instrumental talents as well...flute, violin, cello, organ. Connie whistles beautiful pieces. Thanks to everyone who shares their musical skills. You do not have to have perform solos to be a part of our music program. Talk to our directors, Monica and Tami, and see where you can plug in.



## Community Trunk or Treat

Franklin First has signed up to participate in the City of Franklin's Trunk or Treat on Saturday October 21. Registrations to have a decorated vehicle along Main Street were due in September, but you are welcome to come & participate and join in the fun as children walk Franklin Community Park from 5-7 pm for their treats. Our church will have information to share about our ministries, a photo opportunity, and smiling hosts. We encourage you to provide wrapped store-bought candy donations for those who will be handing out treats, as we expect large numbers of Trick or Treaters for this event. It promises to fun.





## Homecoming—225th Celebration

We celebrated our annual Homecoming with Franklin First’s 225 years of ministry as our highlight. Each of our choirs shared their message in music and they did a wonderful job. Our guest musicians included Jake Eyink on the cello, Molly Eyink on the violin, Becky Huddilston on bass, and Priscilla Acuff our guest organist. District Superintendent Rev. Jenn Lucas gave our message, and past pastor Dale Lykins participated in worship as well. Many commented that it was a meaningful service.



Following worship, folks enjoyed a complimentary buffet meal from T.J. Chump. The weather was beautiful, and smiles were in place all around. Thanks to everyone who helped make Homecoming such a memorable time. It was a great time to connect with old acquaintances and greet new friends.



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IN THE HOLY SPIRIT;  
**ROOTED**  
IN THE GREATER  
FRANKLIN COMMUNITY  
**REJOICING**  
IN SERVICE OF OTHERS!

CELEBRATING 225 YEARS OF GOD’S  
FAITHFULNESS & GRACE  
AT FRANKLIN FIRST

LET THE SPIRIT OF GOD RENEW YOUR  
MIND, ATTITUDE, & HEART.  
EPHESIANS 4: 23



Franklin First United Methodist Church  
1798 - 2023  
Shining God's Light  
For 225 Years



An Updated History to Commemorate 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
Methodism in Franklin Ohio

Robert C. Bowman, Jr  
(FFUMC Historian)

303 S. Main Street, Franklin, OH 45005

## Franklin First History Booklet

Bob Bowman has worked tirelessly to put together a 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary historical account of the Franklin First congregation. You are welcome to pick one up, and donations toward printing costs are accepted but not necessary.



## Marketplace News

The Women’s Circle and friends have started producing noodles for the Marketplace on Saturday November 4 running from 9:00 – 2:00 pm. Lisa Dillon is lining up vendors, and plans are developing for take-out orders and the luncheon. Noodles can be pre-ordered. **Donations of Gold Medal or Pillsbury all-purpose flour and large eggs are needed ASAP.** This is a well organized and well attended event. Thank you to all who work to make it happen. If you have any questions, please see Monica Rhude.

## Missions & Outreach Team Update

- ⇒ The Mission Team is continuing to collect cleaning supplies during the month of October for The Panty. In addition, they are collecting of personal hygiene items for Franklin High school and Jr. High students.
- ⇒ Snack packs started on Sept. 6th, we are packing 225 snack packs each week at approximately \$2 each-
- ⇒ Tutoring started Sept. 7th and we are tutoring 10 students. We will start passing out books next month.
- ⇒ Look for Franklin First at the City of Franklin Trunk or Treat on October 21st at the Community Park. If you would like to join the fun, contact the office. Donations of candy for the event can be dropped off at the office.
- ⇒ School supplies were delivered to all five elementary schools, the Jr High and Sr High Supplies were collected from our congregation and the public at a booth set up at the Franklin Walmart. We also received \$130 in cash donations from the booth.



Next Finance Committee Meeting  
 Wednesday  
 October 18, 2021  
 2:15 pm.

## Faith Seekers Sundays 9:15 am



Join our Faith Seekers group on Sunday mornings.  
 All are invited!



## The Gift of Hope

Do you know the benefits of giving financially through a Permanent Endowment Fund? This type of special giving vehicle perpetuates a church's good works through future generations. Donations to endowments survive beyond the lives of their givers, creating true legacies. Through ongoing investment, the benefit to the church is magnified beyond what the donor might be able to do in his or her lifetime. And you are giving the gift of HOPE:

- That future generations will know the joy of a saving relationship with God.
- That this church fellowship will continue to be a source of love and encouragement.
- That each generation of children will know that God loves them, as does their church family.
- That lives can be celebrated through weddings, funerals, and special celebrations.
- That our congregation will continue to bless our neighbors in the name of Christ and be a place of peace and stability in a broken world.

Franklin First offers a Permanent Endowment Fund to extend your financial support. You can give a one-time gift (especially through estate planning) or make scheduled contributions. Your legacy will live on as a blessing of hope.

## Angel Shop

Franklin First's Angel Shop has been busy during the Homecoming season this year. Jenny Chilcutt has done a great job heading this ministry as young people from the area have enjoyed shopping for their formal attire for Homecoming celebrations. Beautiful dresses, shoes, jewelry, and men's wear have been donated from supporters in the community. They are then made available for free. As word about the shop has gotten out the

number of shoppers increased. This valuable service will be made available again next year at prom time. Thanks Jenny and crew!



SHOP WITH US FOR  
PROM & HOMECOMING FORMAL WEAR  
Gently Used Formal Dress & Accessories



## Franklin High School Presents Trap

Franklin High School Drama Club will present TRAP by Stephen Gregg on Oct. 20, 21, and 22. All performances will take place Franklin High School, 750 E. 4th St. Tickets (\$10 adults, \$8 seniors, and \$5 students) will be available at the door or online at <https://fhsdrama.booktix.net/> Several adult members of our church family are involved in the production.

**Synopsis:** MENACHAP, CALIFORNIA. An incomprehensible event: every person in the audience of a high school play falls unconscious-- every person but one. Using interviews with witnesses, loved ones, first responders, and the investigators pursuing the case, a theatre ensemble brings the story of the strange event to life, documentary-style. But as the strands weave together into an increasingly dangerous web, it becomes clear that this phenomenon might not be entirely in the past.



## Upcoming at Franklin First

### Sunday, October 1st

12:30—2 pm Angel Shop

### Monday, October 2nd

9 am Noodle Making

### Tuesday, October 3rd

2:00 pm Communications Team

5:30 pm Free Medical Clinic

### Wednesday, October 4th

10 am Noodle Packing

1:30 pm Snack Pack Packing

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 5th

3:15 pm Anthony Wayne Tutoring

### Sunday, October 8th

#### Fellowship Sunday

12:30—2 pm Angel Shop

7:00 pm Men's Group

### Monday, October 9th

9 am Noodle Making

6:30 pm Women's Circle

### Tuesday, October 10th

5:30 pm Free Medical Clinic

3:30 pm Worship Team

### Wednesday, October 11th

9 am Noodle Making

1:30 pm Snack Pack Packing

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 12th

3:15 pm Anthony Wayne Tutoring

### Sunday, October 15th

**Breast Cancer Awareness Sunday**

**Bake Sale after Worship**

### Monday, October 16th

9 am Noodle Making

6:30 pm Church Council

### Tuesday, October 17th

5:30 pm Free Medical Clinic

### Wednesday, October 18th

10 am Noodle Packing

1:30 pm Snack Pack Packing

2:15 pm Finance Committee

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 19th

3:15 pm Anthony Wayne Tutoring

Saturday, October 21st

5 pm Trunk or Treat

### Monday, October 23rd

9 am Noodle Making

### Tuesday, October 24th

5:30 pm Free Medical Clinic

### Wednesday, October 25th

10 am Noodle Packing

1:30 pm Snack Pack Packing

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 26th

3:15 pm Anthony Wayne Tutoring

### Tuesday, October 31st

5:30 pm Free Medical Clinic

For all activities at Franklin First visit:

[Franklin First Calendar](#)

## Birthdays

October 02 Sally Fitzgerald  
October 04 Bill Hatfield  
October 08 Brady Chamberlain  
October 10 Robert Bowman  
October 15 Sue Fullen  
October 15 Cosette Sams  
October 19 Emily Alyea  
October 19 Maverick Line  
October 31 Tyler Dillon

## Anniversaries

October 11 Carol & Mike Runyan  
October 12 Linda & Mike Smith  
October 19 Kay & Rick Marksberry  
October 23 Cody & Jennifer Chilcutt  
October 23 Chelsea & Jimmy Trout  
October 26 Don & Tine Chamberlain  
October 27 Ken & Madelyn Lang

## Sunday Worship

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



## FREE MEDICAL CLINIC

### Tuesdays

To Benefit the Uninsured & Underinsured

5:30 - 6:30 pm

Questions: 937-748-5232

## Correct Contact Information?

Please be sure the office has the correct cell phone number, home phone number, address, email, etc. for your family. Confirm with the office if you are unsure.



## Trustee Update

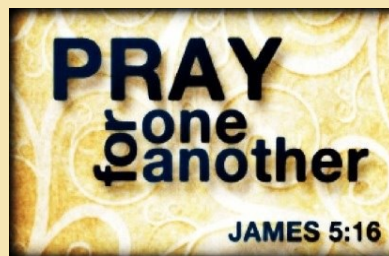
2023 continues to be a very active year for our trustee's.

- ⇒ The flooded basement from the sewer backup continues to be a focus. A contractor, 21 Hammers was selected to do the finish work after the cleanup was completed. They replaced drywall, installed new wood baseboards and door casings. The half bath now has a new vinyl plank floor, and all fixtures are reset and ready for use. The bath, hallway, and two large rooms were primed and received a fresh coat of paint. We are currently getting estimates for carpet installation to complete the project.
- ⇒ The water leak above the alter has stopped, as a result of the new roof section added above a very old original dome roof. We checked the wall with a digital moisture meter, and it verified the wall was back within standards for a plaster wall. We will start working on that area in early October.
- ⇒ On September 26, a Master Craftsman will strip, stain, and seal the main entrance doors. He will be doing the work with the doors in place. Our hope is to return the doors to their original finish, they are in good shape and are solid Mahogany. This should return the entrance to the inviting focal point it was meant to be.
- ⇒ The storm window, that blew out because of high winds this Spring, should be replaced sometime in November. Our original quote was 10-12 weeks to make and install the custom storm. We need to get this completed before any severe winter weather hits us, so the stain glass window is protected.
- ⇒ Thanks to the Women's circle, the sink in the hallway, outside the kitchen, has been replaced. A new cabinet, sink, faucet, and counter top were installed by the trustees. Its a nice updated addition to that area.



## Women's Circle

Women's Circle will meet at the church on **Monday, October 9th, at 6:30 pm.** Please come and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship as we make plans for our upcoming events.



### 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](https://franklinfirstumc.breezechms.com/form/862a54)



### 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/member-resources-%26-giving>

*"If I tell you this, you're going to think I'm crazy."*

The Rev. Wendy Miller of the Missional Wisdom Foundation often hears people say this when they try to describe the work of the Spirit in their lives.

According to Miller, this is common. It is not because the Spirit is usually inactive, but because the church has lost its language for describing the Spirit's movement.

However, Miller says searching the Scriptures, one of John Wesley's means of grace, can help us regain that language.

"The same things that are happening in the Scriptures are happening today," she says, explaining that readers have to look for the lessons and learn how to talk about them.

"When we pay attention to that in Scripture, we are learning, and we're more able to say, 'Yes, that's what grace is' as we see it in our own lives."

John Wesley preached that searching the Scriptures included hearing, reading and meditating on God's word and taught that Scripture leads people to belief in God, informs them of salvation and brings to light God's grace.

In "Sermon 16: The Means of Grace," Wesley taught about the specific means. He referred to searching the Scriptures as "the great means God has ordained for conveying his manifold grace to man."

### EXPERIENCE BRINGS ENERGY

Miller says Wesley's preaching about Scripture came from experiencing Christ personally.

"The Scriptures came alive for him," Miller said, "because he saw how the experience of knowing Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit energized a person to not only follow Jesus but also to live that life in the world."

The Rev. Steve Manskar, director of Wesleyan leadership at the General Board of Discipleship, says Wesley believed Scripture was "God's direct revelation to humankind."

"When we hold the Scriptures in our hands, open the book and read, we encounter something of the Divine," Manskar says. "God's word is an extension of God's life and love and mission into the lives, hearts and minds of human beings and communities. When we regularly read, listen and meditate upon Scripture, we make ourselves available to the



power of grace to form our thinking, our behavior and our character."

Along with the other means of grace, searching the Scriptures provides "the means for God to heal the damage sin has done to the image of God within every human heart," Manskar says. "In the Scriptures, we find God's good news of love and justice, healing and hope, forgiveness and liberation that sets us free to love as we are loved."

### SEEING GRACE

The Rev. Jim Noggle, lead pastor at Lakewood United Methodist Church in Lake Odessa, Mich., says Scripture allows God's people to see all of the forms of God's grace.

"If I'm looking at the various types of grace, I find them in the Scripture," he says. "We experience every form of grace in a deeper and more profound way by this exercise of daily looking into the Scripture."

This discovery of grace in the Scriptures prompts us to offer grace to those around us, Noggle believes.

"When we experience something that is good, we naturally want to share that," he says, and in so doing, "we become the reflection of God."

Manskar agrees, saying that people "become channels of grace for our neighbor and for the world" having their own encounter with grace.

"As people habitually practice reading, listening and meditating upon God's word contained in Scripture, they open themselves to grace," Manskar says. "The encounter of God in Scripture helps to remove the barriers in our lives that block grace and prevent it from penetrating the heart."

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Searching the Scriptures over time removes those blockages and allows grace to flow into the heart and, in Charles Wesley's words, 'forms the Savior in the soul.'"

Scripture shows the truth about who we are and about who God is, Miller says. This helps shape how we see others.

"Jesus says you need to give as has been given to you," she continues. "We learn over time the experience of grace – how grace comes to us; how the truth about us, however awful it is, is met by grace and mercy. And how do we extend grace and compassion to someone else? This is also a work of the Spirit in us to see other people differently than we otherwise would."

### PRACTICING THE SEARCH

For those who want to incorporate a practice of searching the Scriptures in their daily lives, Noggle, author of *Rivers of Eden: Daily Walks in the Garden* (CreateSpace/Amazon), said he thinks daily devotions, similar to the ones found in his book can be beneficial. Among other sources of accessible daily devotions are *The Upper Room Disciplines*, published annually by The Upper Room.

"I believe using daily devotionals is the best way to begin," he says. "They're short; they're simple; we can fit them in easily."

Noggle says "the contagious nature of God's word" will work in people's hearts as they daily search the Scriptures. "They will continue to grow and want more and more and more of God's grace."

Miller suggests approaching the Scriptures in a new way – something other than simply reading and trying to comprehend. If people can come to the Scriptures in a way that helps them truly encounter God and the Holy Spirit who is "within and between the lines of Scriptures," Miller said, what they read "becomes a living text."

Miller's book, *Jesus, Our Spiritual Director: A Pilgrimage through the Gospels* (Upper Room Books), invites readers to enter into the narrative of Scripture in a way that makes them present in the teachings. She said perhaps this would be a new way for some people to search the Scriptures.

Manskar considers prayer a key ingredient in the process of learning to search the Scriptures.

"A practical way to incorporate searching the Scriptures in your daily life is to practice daily prayer in the morning and at night," he says. "*A Disciple's Journal*, published by Discipleship Resources, is a great resource for developing the

habit of daily Bible reading and pray-



er, both privately and with a small group."

Manskar also says that observing the Daily Office found in *The Book of Common Prayer* could be beneficial. This ancient tradition is a "pattern of prayer that is immersed in Scripture, particularly the Psalms and the prayers found in the Bible. Morning, noon, evening and night prayer are steeped in Scripture."

Manskar also recommends *Dwelling in the Word* (Church Innovations Institute, [www.churchinnovations.org](http://www.churchinnovations.org)), a practice of prayer and reflecting on Scripture for small groups. It involves reading a passage three times and discussing different aspects after each reading.

After the first reading, participants are invited to share words or phrases that stood out to them. Following the second reading, participants share what the passage says to them. After the third reading, the group discusses what God is doing in this passage today.

"The group repeats this process of reading, reflection and conversation with the same passage of Scripture for up to a year," Manskar says. "That is why the process is called 'Dwelling in the Word.' Something new will be heard or gleaned from the Scripture each time it is read."

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Taken From: <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/searching-scriptures-reveals-grace-filled-work-of-the-spirit>

An advertisement for Franklin First UMC's 'Text to Give' program. The background is light blue with a geometric pattern. On the left, the text 'Franklin First UMC' is in a dark font, followed by 'TEXT TO GIVE' in large, bold, black letters. To the right, a smartphone screen displays a text message from 'My Church' with a green bubble containing the number '10' and a grey bubble containing the text: 'Thanks for your gift of \$10.00! You've been emailed a receipt. Type 'refund' if this was a mistake.' Below the phone, there is a list of three bullet points: 'Text the amount you would like to give.', 'If it's your first time, you will receive a link to set up the account with your information.', and 'After the first time, you will just receive thanks for your gift reply.' At the top right of the ad, it says 'Text An Amount To: (937) 582-9009'.

# Franklin First United Methodist Church

## 2023 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	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 Chairs	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	
Welcoming Ministry	Dorothy Rayburg
Scouting Coordinator	
Member At Large	Amber Ramsey

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

(Lay Leader: Mike Smith)

Terms expiring 2023:	Julie Abell, Judy Parker, Sue Fullen
Terms expiring 2024:	Sally Fitzgerald, Karen Anderson, Patti Noland
Terms expiring 2025:	Cheryl Cyphers, Mishelle Dicken

### Trustees: Co-Chairs: Jim Martin, Mike Runyan

Terms expiring 2023:	Joe Chamberlain, Brian Graves
Terms expiring 2024:	Jan Abell, Jim Martin, Trisha Dicken
Terms expiring 2025:	Cody Chilcutt, Mike Runyan, Connie Bolinger

### Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations):

**Chair: Pastor Laura Saunders**

**Mike Smith, Lay Leader**

Terms expiring 2023:	Sally Fitzgerald, Karen Anderson
Terms expiring 2024:	Ken Smith, Shirley Berold
Terms expiring 2025:	Kathy Martin, Peggy Darragh-Jeromos

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

Chair	Paul Anderson
Treasurer:	Tami Chamberlain
Financial Secretary:	Julie Abell
Church Council Chair:	Mike Smith
Trustees Co-Chairs:	Jim Martin, Mike Runyan
Staff Parish Chair:	Julie Abell
Lay Leader:	Mike Smith
Lay Member of Annual Conference:	Charlotte Summer
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: 2022 only)	Monica Rhude
Member at Large (Term: 2022-2023)	<b>Ken Smith, Chair</b>
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
Technology:	Joe Chamberlain
Usher Organizer:	Judy Parker
Lay Leader:	Mike Smith
Pastor:	Laura Saunders

### Mission & Outreach Team:

Co-Chairs: Linda Smith, Karen Anderson

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

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

### Christian Education Team:

Co-Chairs: Charlotte Summer, Chris Womack

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

### Care Team: Chair: Lee Saunders

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

Communication Team: Mike & Carol Runyan, Linda & Mike Smith, Pastor Laura Saunders, Theresa Fultz

## Upcoming Events

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

**October 14**

**Breast Cancer Awareness Sunday**

**November 4**

**Fall Marketplace**

**November 5**

**All Saints Sunday**

**November 19**

**Thanksgiving Sunday**

**December 3**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**STEEPLE BELL NEWSLETTER**

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