



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRANKLIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 17, 2026

CREATED FOR COMMUNITY

"Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another."

Hebrews 10:24-25

In a world where we can send a message across the globe in seconds, many people still struggle with loneliness. We can be surrounded by people, yet feel unseen. We can know hundreds of names, yet long for deeper relationships.

God did not create us to journey through life alone. From the very beginning, Scripture reminds us that community is part of God's design. The church is more than a building or a Sunday gathering. It is a family of faith where we encourage one another, carry one another's burdens, and remind one another of God's love.

As United Methodists, we believe that grace is often experienced through relationships. A kind word, a phone call, a shared meal, or a simple "How are you?" can become a powerful expression of Christ's love.

This week, consider reaching out to someone. Send a card, make a call, invite a friend for coffee, or check on a neighbor. You may discover that the blessing you offer is also the blessing you receive.

Prayer: *Loving God, thank You for creating us to live in community. Help us notice those who may be feeling alone, and give us courage to reach out with kindness and compassion. Strengthen the bonds of our church family and remind us that we are never alone, for You are always with us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*



Safe Sanctuary Training

**Sunday, Oct. 18th
Noon, After Service
Fellowship Hall**

Light meal will be served.
Contact the office or visit our website to sign-up.

Join us for a vital training session that ensures the safety and well-being of our youngest members.

Safe Sanctuary Training will be held **Sunday, October 18, at noon following worship** in the Fellowship Hall. This training is required for anyone serving with children or youth and reflects our commitment to providing a safe, welcoming environment where young people can learn and grow in faith. A light meal will be provided. Please contact the church office or use the below link.

Sign Up Here:

<https://franklinfirstumc.breezechms.com/form/Obf6894279>

Sep 20, 2026	Sep 27, 2026
Greeters: Cheryl Krasnonski	Greeters: Mike & Linda Smith
Elevator Greeter: Mike Runyan	Elevator Greeter: Gary Ogdin
Ushers: Volunteer Needed Nancy Massey Paul Anderson Karen Anderson	Ushers: Karen Anderson Paul Anderson David Setser Cheryl Cyphers
Liturgist: Mishelle Dicken	Liturgist: Mishelle Dicken
Opening/Closing: Chris Womack Lorton Trisha Dicken	Opening/Closing: Chris Womack Lorton Trisha Dicken

CCEP (Children's
Christian Education
Program)



Sep 20, 2026	Sep 27, 2026
10 - 10:30 am Lesson Leader: Dakota Raynor	10 - 10:30 am Lesson Leader: Rachel Chamberlain
Reader: Carol Runyan	Craft Leader: Volunteer Needed
Snack Provider: Monica Rhude	Snack Provider: Monica Rhude
Packet Maker: Kaylee Glossip	Packet Maker: Kaylee Glossip
Nursery: Volunteers Needed	Nursery: Rachel Chamberlain Volunteer Needed

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, Sept. 21

Church Council
6:30 pm

Monday, Sept. 29

Noodle Making Starts
9 am

Tuesday, Oct. 6

Lay Leadership Meeting
6:30 pm

Wednesday, Oct 7

Finance Meeting;
2:30 pm

Monday, October 12

Women's Circle
6:30 pm



NOODLE MAKING BEGINS



Noodle Making
Mondays | 9:00 am
Sept. 28
Oct. 5 & 12

Noodle Packaging
Wednesdays | 9:00 am
Sept. 30
Oct. 7 & 14



Youth Fishing Club

We had a great first meeting, and we're excited to announce that our first Kids' Fishing Club event is scheduled for **Sunday, October 11th at noon**. The Club will welcome kids ages **5 -12 years**. We can't wait to get started!

A couple of important reminders:

- Any adults planning to volunteer must complete a **Permission to Obtain a Background Check Form** so the church office can process the required background check before October 10th.
- Also, please help us spread the word and invite families to participate. A sign-up link for children is included below. Paper copies available in Fellowship Hall.
<https://franklinfirstumc.breezechms.com/form/73053d17478682354>

Free Family Cookout Party!

The Coffee Collab is hosting another **Cookout Party**

Tuesday, September 22nd
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Want to help out? We are looking for additional volunteers to assist with set-up and serving! If you are available to lend a hand, please let the office know or simply show up ready to help.

FREE! FREE! FAMILY Cookout Party
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND
5-7 PM
GRILL IS ON!
FRANKLIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
303 SOUTH MAIN ST., FRANKLIN, OH 45005
HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, & ALL THE FIXINGS!
GAMES, FACE PAINTING, & FAMILY FUN
HOSTED BY COFFEE COLLAB



CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM BRING THE KIDS AT 10 AM

Our new Children's Christian Education Program (CCEP) has begun! **Children through 5th grade are invited to meet at 10:00 a.m. in the third-floor classroom for a fun, faith-filled time of Bible learning, discussion, and activities.**

We're still looking for volunteers to help support this growing ministry. In particular, we need nursery workers for this Sunday, along with volunteers for future weeks to assist with lessons, crafts, story reading, Praise Packets, and snacks.

Whether you enjoy working with children or serving behind the scenes, there's a place for you! Interested in helping? Contact Kaylee Glossip at 513-515-5595 or the church office.

FFUMC Weekly Calendar

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

Sunday 9/20/2026	Monday 9/21/2026	Tuesday 9/22/2026	Wednesday 9/23/2026	Thursday 9/24/2026	Friday 9/25/2026	Saturday 9/26/2026	Sunday 9/27/2026
9:15 am Faith Seekers 10:00 am Children's Education Class 10:45 am Worship Service Livestreamed 12:30 - 2 pm Angel Shop	Office Closed	Office Open 9—2:30 pm	Office Open 9—2:30 pm	Office Open 9 —2:30 pm	Office Closed	Office Closed	9:15 am Faith Seekers 10:00 am Children's Education Class 10:45 am Worship Service Livestreamed 12:30 - 2 pm Angel Shop
				3 pm Gerke Elementary Tutoring 4:00—5:00 pm St. Mary's Community Dinner			
	6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	5-7 pm Family Cookout Hosted by Coffee Collab	6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal				

Birthdays

September 15 Cindy Kuntzman
 September 16 Deric Lucas
 September 16 Joe Jeromos
 September 17 Grayson Leffew
 September 20 Ernestine Chamberlain
 September 23 Tom Steinberger

Anniversaries

September 22 Pam & Greg Trout
 September 30 Pam & Daran Bishop



The Pantry Cleaning
 Supply Drive
 We're collecting cleaning
 and household supplies
 for The Pantry over the
 next two months. Please
 bring donations on
 Sundays or during office
 hours. Non-food items
 are especially needed and
 greatly appreciated.



Faith Seekers
 Sunday Bible Study
 9:15 am
 Fellowship Hall
 All Are Welcome!

PRAYER LIST

-Italicized green text indicates a new prayer request since last week's announcements.

Our confined members:

- JoAnn Achtermann – home (6734 Catskill Dr. Franklin 45005)
- Don Chamberlain – home (6338 Decker Rd. Franklin)
- Hiram Fullen – home (6649 Hamilton-Middletown Road, Franklin)
- Jackie Messmore – Carlisle Manor (730 Hillcrest Ave. Carlisle 45005)
- Dick Taylor – home (8096 E. Lawn Dr., Franklin, OH 45005)

Our weekly prayer list:

- War with Iran
- Dorothy Rayburg for Alvin's friend David Caroza – for a fractured femur and needs a liver transplant.
- *Megan & Rhonda Duff for Nana/Mom who had heart rhythm put back in sync on 9/16*
- *Judy Lofty whose husband passed away*
- *Norma House & family who were in a car accident on 9/12*
- Charlotte Summer for a broken wrist
- Pastor Laura & Lee during her leave and Lee's continued health challenges
- Flood victims of the last few weeks across the country
- Lori Hemmelgarn for upcoming tests and for her sister Nina, diagnosed with cancer
- Steve & Ann Price for friend Carol & her family as she in hospice
- Pastor Laura & Lee during her leave and the transition to a new home.
- *Ogdins for Dakota- recovery from surgery; for Susan for recovery from fall & chip fractures in ankle and hip; for Susan's son Brian recovery from emergency surgery; for Linda very ill and hospitalized.*
- Lang's for Tim Lampy - brain cancer
- Jan Truesdell for sister **Judy Deal** – radiation treatments – going well - **PET Scan this week**
- Cheryl Cypher for daughter Ashley's job search & depression
- Nancy Massey for friend Bill Myers – broke ankle; granddaughter Samantha – surgery recovery
- Mary Harville – undergoing treatment for non-Hodgkins Lymphoma,
- Gib Woody for sister-in-law Nancy Woody – undetermined health issues
- Linda Rose & family – in Hospice
- *Mike Smith for Michelle Wallace & family for the passing of her husband Eddie*
- Mike & Vicki Jarvis – prayers needed for illness
- Judy Deskins for son Jared – unspoken request

Contact Theresa or Pastor Laura to make additions or changes to this list



IN NEED OF IMMEDIATE PRAYERS?

Text or call request sent to our Prayer Chain.

If you have an immediate prayer request, text Lee Saunders at 513-833-6920 & Lee will forward it to our prayer warriors.

SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST ANYTIME

Your church family cares for you. Whether you're carrying a burden or celebrating a joy, we are here to pray with you. Your request goes directly to Pastor Laura and will be added to our prayer list as indicated in your request.

[Click here](#) or visit our [website](#)—to share your Prayer Request.