



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRANKLIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 10, 2026

FINDING GOD IN THE HEAT

"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. - Isaiah 40:29 (NIV)

The recent summer heat wave has reminded us just how much we depend on things we often take for granted: a cool breeze, a shady tree, a glass of cold water. When the temperatures rise and our energy fades, even simple tasks can feel overwhelming.

Spiritually, we experience seasons like that too. There are times when life's pressures leave us feeling drained, weary, and longing for relief. Yet Scripture reminds us that God is our source of strength. Just as a refreshing drink cools and renews us on a hot day, God's presence refreshes our souls when we are tired and burdened.

As we move through these warm days, let the heat be a reminder to pause and seek God's renewing grace. It can also remind us to care for one another by checking on neighbors, offering kindness, and extending compassion to those who may be struggling. In doing so, we become instruments of God's love in a world that often feels weary.

May we be renewed by God's presence and share that renewal with others this week.

Prayer: *Loving God, when we feel weary, refresh our hearts with Your presence. Help us to notice those in need and to share Your love through simple acts of kindness. Strengthen us and guide us each day. Amen.*

Sep 13, 2026	Sep 20, 2026
Greeters: Gary & Barb Ogdin	Greeters: Cheryl Krasnonski
Elevator Greeter: Volunteer Needed	Elevator Greeter: Mike Runyan
Ushers: Dave Setser Jason Leffew Cheryl Cyphers Paul Anderson	Ushers: Volunteer Needed Nancy Massey Paul Anderson Karen Anderson
Liturgist: Tami Chamberlain	Liturgist: Tami Chamberlain
Opening/Closing: Chris Womack Lorton Trisha Dicken	Opening/Closing: Chris Womack Lorton Trisha Dicken



CCEP (Children's
Christian Education
Program)

Sep 13, 2026	Sep 20, 2026
10 - 10:30 am Lesson Leader: Kaylee Glossip	10 - 10:30 am Lesson Leader: Dakota Raynor
Craft Leader: Amanda Leffew	Craft Leader: Volunteer Needed
Snack Provider: Monica Rhude	Snack Provider: Monica Rhude
Packet Maker: Kaylee Glossip	Packet Maker: Kaylee Glossip
Nursery: Sally Fitzgerald Volunteer Needed	Nursery: Volunteers Needed



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>

Mark Your Calendar

Friday/Saturday, Sept. 11/12
Croppin' Good Time

Tuesday, Sept. 15
Mission & Outreach Team
6:30 pm

Thursday, Sept. 17
Tutoring Starts

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



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.



Join us on this Sunday as we celebrate **Grandparents' Sunday** and give thanks for the grandparents and grandparent figures who have helped shape our lives and faith.

Our message, "Fan the Flame," from 2 Timothy 1:1-7, reminds us of the vital role grandparents,

parents, and mentors play in passing faith from one generation to the next. Together with Psalm 90:1-6, we will reflect on God's faithfulness across generations and the lasting impact of those who have shared His love, wisdom, and encouragement with us.

Tutors Needed! Gerke Elementary Tutoring Starts September 17!



We're looking for volunteers to serve as tutors at Gerke Elementary. Tutors are matched with first-grade students who could use a little extra support and meet with them weekly on Thursday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. for 10 weeks each semester using literacy activities prepared by Gerke staff.

It's a great opportunity to make a difference in a child's life and support students in our community.

Interested? Contact Pam Bishop or the church office for more information.



Children's Ministry Begins **This Sunday!**

Our new Children's Christian Education Program (CCEP) kicks off this Sunday! 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 a nursery worker 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.



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



ANGEL SHOP

FREE GENTLY USED FORMAL WEAR FOR TEENS

ANGEL SHOP HOURS
SUNDAYS
12:30 - 2 pm

OPEN
AUGUST 16TH - OCTOBER 11TH
FOR HOMECOMING SHOPPING

FRANKLIN FIRST UMC
303 S. MAIN ST.
FRANKLIN, OH 45005
WWW.FRANKLINFIRSTUMC.ORG

The Angel Shop

Help Spread the Word.

Sundays, through

October 11

12:30–2:00 PM

Most Needed Donations

Khaki pants (all sizes)

Men's dress shoes

Men's socks

Men's belts

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

A CROPPIN' GOOD TIME

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026 - 6-11 PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 - 9 AM - 8 PM

SIXTEEN HOURS OF SCRAPBOOKING & CRAFTING, FUN WITH FRIENDS!

SATURDAY BRUNCH & DINNER INCLUDED

LEARN MORE AT: WWW.FRANKLINFIRSTUMC.ORG

Free Family Cookout Party!

The Coffee Collab is hosting another Cookout Party

Date: Tuesday, September 22nd

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

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

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.

Fall Marketplace: Save the Date!

Mark your calendars and help spread the word! Women's Circle is hosting Franklin First UMC's Fall Marketplace is coming on Saturday, November 7, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Join us "Under the Green Steeple" at 303 S. Main Street, Franklin, for a day of shopping, fellowship, and supporting local crafters & small businesses.

FALL Marketplace

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY
November 7, 2026
9 am - 2 pm

"UNDER THE GREEN STEEPLE"
AT 303 S. MAIN ST.,
FRANKLIN, OH
WWW.FRANKLINFIRSTUMC.ORG

2 Vendor Spots Left!

Vendor applications are now being accepted! If you or someone you know would like to be a vendor, [CLICK HERE](https://www.franklinfirstumc.org) or visit our website for details and registration information.

Learn more and apply online at: www.franklinfirstumc.org

Spread the word and save the date! 🍁

CHRISTIANITY ISN'T ALWAYS EASY.

IT REQUIRES EFFORT, FAITH, AND PERSEVERANCE.

BUT THE REWARD IS WORTH IT.

SO LET US NOT GROW WEARY IN DOING WHAT IS RIGHT, FOR WE WILL REAP AT HARVEST TIME, IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP. GALATIANS 6:9

FFUMC Weekly Calendar

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

Sunday 9/13/2026	Monday 9/14/2026	Tuesday 9/15/2026	Wednesday 9/16/2026	Thursday 9/17/2026	Friday 9/18/2026	Saturday 9/18/2026	Sunday 9/20/2026
Grandparents Sunday 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 Starts 4:00—5:00 pm St. Mary's Community Dinner			
		6:30 pm Mission & Outreach Team Meeting	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



Pastor Laura & Lee's New Address:
 39 Wyndemere Dr
 Franklin, OH 45005

FRANKLIN CITY SCHOOLS
EST 1848

DONATE PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS

FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Help Us Support Our Students!

Your donations will make a big difference, helping young people in our community feel confident and ready to succeed.

What We Need:

- Small or Travel-size toiletries: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, etc.
- Menstrual care products: pads, tampons, menstrual cups, and liners.

Together, we can ensure every student has the resources they need to thrive. Thank you for your generosity and support!



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

Free Dental Clinic & Community Pantry — Saturday, Oct 10, 9 AM–3 PM at Franklin Dental Care & Dentures, 314 S River St. Free x-rays, oral cancer screenings, and extractions, plus a free food pantry. No insurance required. Questions: media@franklindental.care

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
- ***Grandbaby #14 for Rick & Tami Chamberlain – Sam and wife Tara had a baby boy, “Nash” on Sept. 4.***
- Dorothy Rayburg for Alvin’s friend David Carozza – for a fractured femur and needs a liver transplant.
- Charlotte Summer for a broken wrist
- Pastor Laura & Lee during her leave and Lee’s continued health challenges
- Lily Smith, rabies treatment after being hit in the face with a bat
- 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.
- Rhonda Duff for neighbor Hope’s mom, who is in the ICU with heart problems and pneumonia.
- Ogdins for Dakota- infection in her stent on IV antibiotics; surgery scheduled for 9/15, and for Cheryl and granddaughter for medical issues.
- Lang’s for Tim Lampy - brain cancer
- Lisa Dillion recovery from cataract surgery
- Jo Steinberger – 2 specific lung infections, started pulmonary rehab again
- Cindy Kuntzman for husband Bill – vertigo – has improved some but still struggling
- Julie Abell – PRAISE that Marshall is doing good after being hit by car on his scooter
- Jan Truesdell for sister Judy Deal – radiation treatments – going well
- 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 Eddie & Michelle Wallace – Eddie on quality of life care
- Mike & Vicki Jarvis – prayers needed for illness
- Judy Deskins for son Jared – unspoken request



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.

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