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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FRANKFORT

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CAPITAL CITY METHODIST

May the Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all now and forevermore!

My goodness! Can the time be so close? I know those of you who have retired, you remember the self-reflection and the years of memories. Lots of good times, blessings and the occasional bump in the road. One thing I know is true about my time in ministry. I wanted to share the love of Christ and leave blessings upon the congregations. Paul did such with this blessing from 2 Corinthians 13:14. He had an up and down relationship with the Church of Corinth,



trying to work through many issues confronting the small church. But he ended his 2nd (or 3rd) letter with what has become a "grace" or blessing that is said as benedictions and prayers at end of meetings. I memorized it in Belize, because in our meetings Bishop Roosvelt Papouloute would stand and say, "Rev. Jamie (or whoever he chose), please lead us in the Grace." And this is the prayer that would be lifted. Grace...blessings...., I hope you know that is what I have desired to leave with you.

Thank you church for the love and care you have extended to me, for being a blessing to me. I know the circumstance of my being interim may not have been your first choice, but I know for myself, I have been honored and blessed to be your pastor. Yes, there were a couple of ups and downs, but First UMC is truly a blessing to this community and to me. I know Rev. Tom Corum will fall in love with this church as quickly as I have. To Jack, Richard, and Tonya; thank you for stepping in as you did during the health issues. I know it was difficult, but the church is blessed to have you. To Diana and Jessica, you made life so much easier, thank you to you both! I want to name everyone by name, but I am going to just say thank you to you all! You have made me feel at home.

I am so proud of the work the strategic team. I believe great days are ahead for First UMC. I will be praying for you all as you move forward in these unsettled days for our denomination. So.....

May the Lord bless you and Keep you.

May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

May the Lord's countenance fall upon you and give you peace, now and forevermore.

Blessings, Grace, and Peace *Pastor Jamie*

Church Website Updates

We've been working hard to update our Frankfort FUMC website! We added links to the most recent newsletter and the church calendar on the Home Page. An

archive of 2022 newsletters and approved Church Council meeting minutes has been added to a new Newsletters Page under "About Us." Updates were made to include Sunday School class information for children, youth, and adults. Information and photos on the Youth page were updated as well. <u>Check it out at http://</u>

www.fumcfrankfort.org! Additional updates and changes will be made to the Children and Adults pages soon!

You Asked for It . . .



Now, you can access a church directory of email addresses, phone numbers (including mobile), and even pictures from your phone or PC. It's easy. Just download the ACS Churchlife app and request access from Diana Gregory:

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dianafumc1198@gmail.com

You will need to create a login and password of eight characters: at least one capital letter, two numbers, and a special character. Send these to Diana and she will grant you access to the directory.

Helpers Needed to Water Our Beautiful Flowers This Summer!



Our church flowerpots are already full of beautiful blooms, bringing smiles to members and guests alike. We need some help keeping the flowers watered and happy. We can use your help on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis.

Not sure what to do? We will show you where

the hoses are and help you with your first watering. Contact the church office (502-22-7430), Rosie Doerting (502-229-0679 or <u>ddoerting@msn.com</u>) or Abbie Meyer (<u>meyer.abbie@outlook.com</u>) and we will help you find a time to help. Thank you in advance.

Join Us for Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School will focus on how we can feed the hungry while learning about times when Jesus ate with people – including breakfast with the disciples, lunch with Zaccheus, dinner with Mary

and Martha and the plan for a Great Banquet. This fun and learning will happen on Sundays, June 12, 26 and July 10, 24 from 4:00 to 5:30. We invite 3 year olds to rising 5th graders to join us for Bible stories, crafts, recreation and snacks. Contact the church office (227-7430) or Rev. Tonya Kenner know if you need a registration form.

Kentucky Annual Conference Meets

This week the Kentucky Annual Conference met in Owensboro. Delegates were Jamie Williams, Tonya Kenner, Arba Kenner and Kay Scott. Our offering for the Methodist Home and continued support after the Western Kentucky tornadoes was given on Mission Night. Former pastor, Billy Ray Jennings, was remembered in the Memorial Service on Tuesday.

Triple L

Our next Triple L gathering is Thursday, June 16, with Joe Wieman, a member of the Board of Directors for Henderson Settlement, a United Methodist ministry in Frakes, Kentucky. We will eat at 11:30 with the program following. Please come learn and support this ministry.

Anna's Friends Travel to Woodford County

Our Anna's Friends widow ministry will go to lunch at Woodford Country Club on Saturday, June 18. All those interested should contact the church office, Judie Blake or Tonya Kenner. We will leave from Brighton Park ATM at 11:00 for our 11:30 reservations.

Young Adult Sunday School Class

A new adult Sunday School Class for ages 20—40 is being offered with the help of Amy and Daniel Snow. The class meets in the Wesley Center in Room 110 across from the Choir Room. Bring your children to Sunday School and try out this class. The Class Acts Sunday School Class also welcomes new attendees. They meet on the second floor of the Averill House.

Rose Farley, Former Church Secretary Deceased



Roy and Karen Nance attended a memorial service at Pikeville United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 28, for Rose Farley. Rose died last year during Covid. Her

daughters, Claire, Jenny, and Dana have planned the service. Rose was church secretary for several years and led Bible studies as well as teacher for the Upper Room Class.

Rose was a saint who endeared herself to many. Those who might like to send a note or sympathy card may get them to Roy or Karen. Memorial gifts may be sent to Pikeville United Methodist Church, 107 Main Street, Pikeville, KY 41501.

Sympathy

ELWANDA WRIGHT passed away on June 3.

RICK WAYMAN passed away on June 4. You may send your condolences to his wife Marti Wayman and sons Bryan and Eric.

We express our condolences to the family of BARBARA BANKS passed away on May 15. You may send condolences to her sons: Fontaine (Chip) Banks III and Robert, and her grandchildren: Betsy, Daniel and Patrick.

Thank You!

FUMC Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls and texts since my heart attack! I also appreciate you loving on my family during this time. Needless to say it has been a life-changing experience for all of us.

> Love, Jana Sturm

God Answers Prayers (GAP Ministry)

For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, "You shall open wide your hand to your brother (and sister), to the needy and to the poor, in your land."

<u>Deuteronomy 15:11</u> ESV

One of the issues we cannot get past when it comes to what is important to God is taking care of those who are in need. Being a downtown church, First UMC has sought for ways to help those who are homeless, hungry, or without means to survive. There have been wonderful ministries that have started out of this congregation and many of you participate in these ministries.

Sometimes, there are those who are caught in between what is offered in our community and what is not provided. Knowing that this is important to God and to our church, we are starting a new ministry called GAP. GAP is an acronym for God Answers Prayers.

We have people who come throughout the week seeking help and sometimes they are caught in a "gap". They need help right away or the service that has been provided is no longer available. No two issues are the same. Rev. Richard Smith is graciously volunteering his time to help with those caught in a "gap", providing help as needed.

We will be reviving an old tradition. We will have baskets at the altar on Communion Sunday for people to drop in money for the care ministry. We will still take up the offering for tithes and gifts. This is for loose change and dollars. Every communion Sunday both services will have an opportunity to give. If you want to give by check, write the check to First UMC and put GAP in the memo section.

I am excited about this new ministry, and really this is not a new ministry for First UMC. The church has always been generous to those in need. This is an effort to be more intentional in loving our neighbor as they may find themselves in a GAP!

Pastor Jamie

Church Staffing Updates

Dear Church,

On behalf of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee and Pastor Jamie, I want to let you know that Dr. Sang Wook Park is leaving our staff and will no longer serve as our Director of Music, effective May 31st. The SPRC sincerely thanks Dr. Park for his time and service to our church ministries, and we wish he and his family the very best and we know you do too. Please continue to be in daily prayer for him, Mrs. Park, and for all of the staff serving our church and our Day School during this time of changes in our parish.

The SPRC members will be working diligently in the days ahead to recruit new leaders of our music and worship ministries for both the traditional and GNN services, and our other programs. Changes always bring challenges, but they always bring new opportunities as well.

Remember that we continue to prepare for the transition of our senior pastor. We will say farewell to Pastor Jamie with a reception at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 19, in Gallery Hall. Please plan to attend this time with Jamie, and sign up for a light refreshment to share by clicking on QR Code or by at: <u>https://signup.com/go/wbnERmY</u>



We will then celebrate our new Pastor Tom Corum with a potluck lunch after the end of the 11 o'clock service on Sunday, June 26, in Asbury Hall. Please plan to attend and bring a dish to share. The main meat course of fried chicken will be provided.

> In Service, Eric Kennedy SPRC Chair for 2022

P.S. "Good news! Our incoming pastor, Rev. Tom Corum, has secured his housing in Frankfort. Thank you to all church members who shared possible housing leads with him and SPRC over the last few weeks."

Job Opportunities in Music Ministry

First UMC is seeking to hire two talented and motivated individuals to fill two positions in music ministry of our congregation as soon as possible.

- (1) Director of Music and Worship—a full-time position
- (2) Director of Contemporary Worship—a par-time position

For detailed information on these positions visit the church website: <u>fumcfrankfort.org</u> or contact the church office (phone: 502-227-7430 or email: info@fumcfrankfort.org).

Cinderella's Closet Needs Shoes

Cinderella's Closet is in need of new shoes. Now that prom season is passed, dress shoes are on sale. Shoes should be silver, black, and gold colors only. Any size heel, flat, and wide width shoes accepted. Please bring your purchases to church by Sunday, July 10. A box for donations will be located in the Wesley Center, near the front door.

- 2 John Browning Kaylee Anne Burgess Christa Hall Leon Townsend Jan Wright
- 3 Melissa Hall Shelley Mauer
- 4 Judie Blake Pam Jackson Betty McNees Russell Wells
- 5 Chris Holland
- 6 Jim Neal
- 8 Gayle Alvis
 J. D. Harville
 Evan Hutchison
 Dian Knight
 Bruce Smith
- 9 Laveta Browning Sabrina James
- 10 Gayle DeatonBen GillligHannah StrunkCarter James Watts
- 11 Jacob Allen Jane Bush Brendan Smith Suzanne Spencer

July Birthdays

- 12 Martha Bowers Henry Fuller Michael Nunley
- 13 Debra Chadwick Maggie McDonald
- 14 Luke Scott
- 15 Robert Barnes
- 16 Adam Decker Erika Hancock
- 18 Patsy BlevinsKay ScottRebecca TurnerSean Weber
- 19 Logan Hurley Ginny Smith Randy Thomas
- 20 Sheilah Kurtz Hannah Neal Henry Thomas Jacob Tracy Ethan Williams-Hale
- 21 Alexis Wilson
- 22 Rusty Wilhoite Jett Wasson
- 23 Connie Jones Paul Mauer Alan Meeks

- 24 Tyler Baker Corinne Brewer Henry Lawson Matt Smothermon
- 25 John Gilbert
- 26 Heather Risk
- 27 Lindsay Briggs Allen Jackson Ryan Sturm
- 28 Sara BellElaine BrawnerGreg BurtonMichael GaddisBarbara Lambdin
- 29 Virginia Crumbaugh
- 30 Gretchen Gillig
 Phil Lawson
 Kathy Moreland
 Luke Tolson
 Andrew Wink
- 31 Adam Scott





Open Gym

Open Gym basketball is growing! Middle and high school age youth are welcome to attend, Sundays at 3pm. Amy Snow, Donna Jackson, and Mark Alexander facilitate opening up the gym. Please be in prayer for this program as it welcomes youth from the community. We believe that "Open Gym" is a way to open our hearts, minds, and doors to youth who need a positive connection.

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High School Graduates Recognized

On Sunday, June 5, high school graduates were recognized during the 9 o'clock Good News at Nine Service and the 11:00 worship service. Scholarships were also awarded.

Congratulations to our graduates. Ella Abney-Frankfort High The following scholarships were awarded: Michael Gaddis—Frankfort HIgh Sublett-Mathew Meyer and Ella Abney Pauli Hancock-Frankfort High McChesney—Ella Kays Dorothy Hanson—Frankfort HIgh Spurrier-Michael Gaddis Ella Kays—Anderson County Crosthwait—Sara Jones Vivien Kurtz—SCAPA (Fayette County) Beth McDonald—Western Hills Lucas Nance—Western Hills

Hannah Neal-Western Hills Grace Trent—Western Hills

Congratulates to our scholarship recipients.