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**Glorify God
By
Connecting People
With
Jesus Christ
Through
Spiritual Nourishment
And
Dynamic Outreach**



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“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

“Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” (Philippians 4:4-8)



Dear First Friends,

If I could ask you to do one thing as I begin my time among you, it would be to meditate daily on the passage above from Paul’s letter to the Church at Philippi. (So, consider yourself asked to do that, in case you were still uncertain. As far as that goes, I wonder what would happen if we all did it?)

These are among my favorite lines of Scripture. I have long said that I would like for them to be read at my funeral, not because I’m good at taking heed of them, but because I consider them worthy of serious attention and I hope to be better at fulfilling them by that time.

Honestly, I find it rather easy to moan and groan these days. Life is full of stress, and chaos reigns. So much of what we have known is changing. I have adapted about all I care to. The daily news is dismal. It’s really hard to be the church in times like these. I know you are tired and weary, too, friends.

Paul’s words seem counterintuitive, at least in some measure, given all that plagues us. But at the risk of oversimplifying things, I believe Paul just may be onto something we, the church in our very particular time and place, are in desperate need of hearing and doing.

That said, I want to invite (encourage, urge, implore...) you to give up worry, to intentionally be on the lookout for reasons to rejoice, and to regularly let your concerns be made known to God through prayer (never forgetting to lift up your thanksgivings as well!).

Specifically, where First United Methodist Church is concerned, I am asking you to fix your minds on whatever is “excellent and worthy of praise,” not ignoring the stresses or struggles in which we find ourselves, but allowing what is good to take deeper root in your heart and your mind so that the Holy Spirit can use you to build on the many (and I do mean *many*) great characteristics and ministries that make First UMC of Frankfort what it is.

I know no other way but this to begin our journey together. Pray. Remember God is always near. Be thankful. Remember and tell one another, tell others, tell me what is good about First Church. I believe God can make good use of these commitments as we find our way together.

Be of good courage,
Pastor Tom

Calling All Senior Adults!

Triple L (Living Longer and Loving It) has planned a trip to Louisville for August 18. We will meet at West Walgreen's at 9:00 am for a trip to see the "Beyond Van Gogh" exhibit at the Kentucky International Convention Center with lunch afterward. Tickets are limited to 14 with a cost of \$44 plus lunch money. You must pay for your ticket/transportation to reserve your place on the bus by Sunday, August 14.

Anna' Friends

Widows and widowers are invited to an Anna's Friends' outing to the Glitz for lunch on Saturday, July 23. We leave from Brighton Park ATM at 10:00 am. Lunch is \$30 (plus gratuity) and \$5 for transportation. Contact Judie Blake, Rev. Tonya Kenner or the church office to reserve your place by Monday, July 18.

Boys and Girls Who Enjoy Flowers- This Is for You!



The Garden Club of Frankfort is hosting a Flower Show at the Franklin County Fair July 21 and 22. On Thursday, July 21, from 3-5 a workshop will be held teaching how to arrange flowers. You will learn proper procedures on how to cut and process flowers. Also how to arrange and how to

choose a correct container. The arrangement you make will be entered into the fair.

Ribbons for all arrangements will be awarded.

Ages 5,6,7 will be group A; ages 8,9,10 will be group B; and ages 11,12,13 will be group C.

A fun and educational afternoon will be expected at the County Extension Office (basement) is from 3:00-5:00pm. If you are interested, call Karen Nance.

Sunday School Class Collection Items for New Men's Shelter

Daniel and Amy Snow's Sunday School class, (no official class name at this time), is collecting items for a new mens' residential substance use treatment program that is opening in Franklin County. We are collecting donations of twin and full size bed linens, blankets, pillows, towels, wash cloths, kitchen wares, (plates, silverware, toaster, etc), home wares, (pictures, furniture- dressers and kitchen table), hygiene products cleaning supplies, and mens everyday type clothing. Donations can be delivered to the Sunshine classroom, located across from the choir room, through June 30. Please contact Amy Snow if you have furniture to donate. Pick up arrangements can be made.

Turning Bare Feet into Learning Feet



The Franklin County Schools Resource and Youth Services Centers are collecting new shoes for the *Turning Bare Feet into Learning Feet* back-to-school free shoes program. Donations can be delivered to Bondurant Middle School by July 20. The program will be held Saturday, July 30, at Bondurant Middle School. For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

Amanda.Hancoc@franklin.kyschools.us.

Maggard Photos Benefit Gap

You've no doubt seen the beautiful framed photos in the hallway outside the sanctuary! Danny and Martha Maggard are offering these pieces for between \$25 and \$45 with all the proceeds benefitting our new GAP ministry for the homeless!

Why not bless yourself with one or more of these special pictures and in so doing help FUMC help the homeless?

Contact Jessica in the church office and let her know which photos you'd like to purchase!

Financial Report

Giving Through July 10, 2022	\$450,408
Needed to meet budget	\$542,693
Mortgage Balance	\$1,638,820

Concerns and Celebrations

New Member

Welcome to BILL LOWERY who joined the church in May.

Birth

Congratulations to Stephen and Olivia Thomas with big sister, Embry, and grandmother, Jennifer Bryant, in the birth of Emmett on June 14. Emmett has already been to church and was baptized on July 3.

Sympathy . . .

. . . to Jonathan MacDonald in the recent death of his grandmother.

. . . to Jeff Howson, Kim Coleman and Kelsey Willhoite along with other family in the death of Vicki Howson on June 29. A funeral service was held on July 6.

. . . to Karen Nance in the death of her brother, Donnie Metcalf.

. . . To the family of Margaret Hensley who passed away on July 9.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for their prayers and support during my recent back surgery and recovery. There were so many that sent cards, emails, texts and offers of aid and assistance. We were given meals every day and different ones made trips to the grocery store, took Corinne to her appointments and did chores around the house. I am especially appreciative of the ministry of our ANGELS WITH TOOL BELTS that took on outside chores in a beautiful way.

I have found this is who we are as people of First United Methodist Church. Corinne and I are looking for ways to pay your generosity and love forward by helping others. Thanks again and God bless!!

Jack Brewer



Parent Cafe

On behalf of the Wanda Joyce Robinso Foundation board, we would like to thank FUMC for the use of your building to host our July Parent Cafe. The *Be Strong Families Parent Cafe* is a national program to facilitate the transformation and healing within families. Cafes provide the opportunity for peer-to-peer learning in a safe space where people can talk and listen to one other. Participants learn Protective Factors and create strategies from their own wisdom and experience to strengthen their families. "Resilient, strong, faith, healing, forgiveness and brave" are just a few of the words that participants used to describe their experience during the cafe. WJRF is a local organization that serves children and youth of the incarcerated.



Congratulations to Paul and Betty McNees who were married 52 years on June 20.

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 31. A box for donations will be located in the Wesley Center, near the front door.

August Birthdays

1 Bill Derrington
Carla Hawkins
Sandra Parker Magel

2 Paul Chambers
Robbie Clements
Emily Keeter

3 Jack Brewer
Parker Ernst
Emma Watts

4 John Fricker
Chloe Nance
Brayden McMurray

5 Brian DeMers
Eric Kennedy
Joe Meyer, III
Bill Willis

6 Ron Faulkner
Larry Lowe

7 Palmer Drake
Sylvia Elam
Justice Heltzel
Ted Howard
Susanne Jones
Bill Matz

8 Shirley Tolliver
Ashli Watts

9 Jonathan MacDonald

10 Mary Claxton
Kate Higgs
Joe Meyer, Jr.
Patty Yeast

11 Grayson Scott

12 Kimberly Smith

13 Stephanie Barnes
Bobbie Brown
Mary Ann Burgess
Sandy Jackson

14 Sarah Brunson
Roy Nance
Marla Smaltz-Walker

15 Steve Woodruff

16 Jeremy Alvis
Aidan Barbour
Van Eads

17 Leanna Kinman
Mike Robinson

19 Cathy Quarles

20 Stephanie Stafford

21 Hannah Covington
Nancy Graham
Garrison Graves

22 Judy Thomas

23 Ramie Hutchison
Wil Rhodes
Perrin Whitt

24 Charles Bush, Jr.
Bill Crumbaugh
Connie Jennings
Audrey Shepherd
Tim Simpson
Elizabeth Strunk

25 David Goins
Barbara Mathis

26 Keith Doane
Easton Powell

27 Nancy Howard
Fran Salyers
Pat Smith

28 Judy Stallons
Jana Sturm
Sue Willis

29 Charles Lockyer
Rick Rogers
Brenda Rue

30 Duncan Barbour
Rondia Burdine

31 Keith Hawkins
Jennifer Reynolds



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Abundance Orchard Continues!



More than twenty children have been learning about God's love through Abundance Orchard. Our final session of Vacation Bible School Abundance

Orchard is Sunday 24 from 4 to 5:30. Three year olds to rising fifth graders are invited as we learn about Jesus having supper with his friends, Mary and Martha and finally the Great Banquet invitation from Jesus. We are learning through Bible story, crafts, recreation and snacks.

Donations for the Food Pantry (beans, soups, peanut butter, canned carrots, etc.) as well as money for the Society of Saint Andrews and our food packing event are welcome.

Vacation Bible School families as well as volunteers are invited to be part of the closing on Saturday, July 30, from 10 am to 12 noon as we gather in the gym to do food packing. Sign – ups from VBS families and volunteers are needed by Sunday, July 24.



July 31 is 5th Sunday

**Combined worship service
at
10:00 am
Asbury Hall**

**Celebration of Sunday School
Blessing of the Backpacks
Blessing of Teachers**

**Special offering for
United Methodist Homes**