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



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I've Had Enough

Dear First Friends,

I've had enough, more than enough. My heart is weary from it. My mind tries to push it aside, but my heart won't allow it. One more death will be too many. It's already too many, way too many.

I'm talking about gun violence. Before I go any further, I'm not talking about politics of the left or of the right. I'm not talking about Democrats or Republicans. I'm not spouting CNN or FOX News talking points. I'm not talking about "it's the gun" vs. "it's the person," because it takes both, and frankly I'm sick to death of the type of politics that pits one side against the other to the end that none of it—absolutely nothing—changes.

It doesn't matter whether you hate guns and want to take and bury all of them in the ground forever or you are a staunch supporter of gun rights. Or if you are somewhere in the middle, for that matter. Regardless of your politics or ideology, the often-daily news of another deadly shooting surely troubles you. If it doesn't, I would like to know why.

I'm angry. I'm angry because it hurts. More people killing more people with guns hurts my heart. As a nation we have every resource necessary to seriously reduce injuries and deaths by gun violence. But we're not doing it.

We're not doing it, in part, because we are weary and overwhelmed, and perhaps we've even convinced ourselves it's too big a mountain to climb. We're not doing it, in great measure, because partisan politics thrive on protecting their own interests at all costs and demonizing the other side.

Meanwhile, more people are dying. And I've had enough, more than enough. It's not okay anymore. It never was.

I'm not an expert on the law, the Constitution, guns, sociology, mental health, or public policy. I'm not writing from any particular political corner or angle. I don't have a simple answer to wave in the air. Nor do I care to dismiss any thought or proposal that, while less than a full remedy for gun violence, might contribute positively to the conversation.

"Thoughts and prayers." Some are satisfied to say it, primarily for victims and survivors of gun violence. Others insist that thoughts and prayers are not enough. We need action. Or we need legislation.

Let me tell you what I am doing right now and invite you to join me if the Holy Spirit moves you. While I pray for comfort for victims and survivors of gun violence and those who love them, while I pray for perpetrators of gun violence as God's beloved children in need of healing, I also pray that elected officials and our citizenry at large will join together across political and ideological differences to find ways to reduce, or even end, gun violence in our country.

After all, if God raised Jesus from the dead, even what seems impossible is possible.

First United Methodist Church, I can think of no better time in history than right now to seek to glorify God, follow Jesus, serve others, and welcome everyone.



Faithfully yours,
Pastor Tom

Triple L to Derby Dinner

Our Older Adult Fellowship group, Living Longer and Loving It (Triple L), will travel to Derby Dinner Playhouse for our May meeting for "Father of the Bride." This Wednesday lunch matinee (***note date change***) is **May 24** as we leave from Walgreen's west at 10:30. Tickets are \$37 and are payable to the church for your reservation with 20 tickets available. A collection will be taken for gas money the day we go. Contact Rev. Tonya Kenner with questions and sign up through the church office with your ticket money.



InReach Meets May 17

If you are interested in helping the InReach team with congregational care, you are invited to attend the meeting on Tuesday, May 17, at 7:00 in the Todd House Parlor. InReach includes visiting shut-ins, Angels with Tool Belts, transportation for shut-ins to appointments, medical equipment loaning library and other ministries.

Caring for Parents Meets May 26

Encouragement and support are the focus of our monthly gathering of adults caring for aging parents. Our next meeting is Thursday, May 26, at 7:00 in the Todd House Parlor. Call Rev. Tonya Kenner if you want to know more.



Spring Into Summer Sunday School

Our Sunday school classes continue to meet from 10 to 10:45 in various rooms across our campus. These gatherings offer time for learning and fellowship. Feel free to attend a class! Here are the plans for some of our classes.

- SAGE Women's Class meets in the Wesley Center second floor and has begun a study of Adam Hamilton's, [Simon Peter: Flawed But Faithful Disciple](#).
- Upper Room Class continues a study of the book of Acts, meeting in the Wesley Center second floor.
- Covenant Class, meeting in the Averill House first floor, is studying James Moore's, [Attitude Is Your Paintbrush: It Colors Every Situation](#).
- The Broderson Class is a discussion class for men that consider current events and thought in light of scriptural truths and contemplative thought, meeting in the Todd House second floor.



Do You Like to Polish Silver?

We have a job for you! The cabinet in Gallery Hall has silver and silver plate items from the estate of Ralph and Mabel Hawkins that is in dire need of polishing. If you would like to tackle this project speak with Roy Nance. Rnance401@aol.com; 502-382-7791

GAP Ministry - Making a Difference

There's a lot going on at the God Answers Prayer Through Compassionate People (GAP) Ministry. Our congregation continues to supplement the church's approved budget for this program through direct donations and we are deeply grateful for your support.

Borrowing from the Catholic Action Ministry affirmation to See Me, Hear Me, Know Me, our GAP team continues to meet with individuals within our community who struggle for basic needs. As our understanding of this community grows, we have seen and heard their needs more clearly. As a result, the GAP ministry conducts a monthly evaluation to prioritize our charitable dollars. Your generous donations to our essential supplies ministry have kept the shelves stocked with bar soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toilet paper, feminine supplies, and even dogfood for those who have pets. We serve a diverse community. Our homeless community includes individuals who are physically ill, struggling with mental health issues, pregnant, living in cars or vans or tents, and even some who are newly homed in apartments.

Our United Women in Faith have been preparing Welcome Boxes with kitchen supplies to help those who have gotten housing recently. These boxes are a godsend to individuals who lack resources to purchase basic cooking supplies after living out of a car or van. They have been well received by the grateful individuals who find the joy of moving in to an apartment tempered by the emptiness of an unfurnished apartment.

The GAP Ministry welcomes your help. We covet your prayers for the success of our ministry as well as prayers for those individuals we serve. We appreciate your generous donations to the mission. In addition to cash contributions, we welcome your gifts of basic supplies. Items like band aids, OTC pain and allergy medicines, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, etc. are always welcome. We offer blankets and sheets, towels/washcloths, air mattresses, as well as some kitchen supplies (pots, pans, plates, utensils, etc.). We offer a bag of snacks to each individual, and can always use single serving snack packs or bottles of water. We need gently used backpacks and insulated water bottles. If you have items to donate, you can bring them to the church office or contact Abbie Meyer at Meyer.Abbie@outlook.com.

INTERFAITH

FOOD DRIVE

Emergency Community Food

Pantry of Franklin County

Sunday, May 21

12:30—2 pm

Most needed items:

Peanut butter, canned beans, canned vegetables, canned fruit, instant/quick oatmeal, canned soup, canned meat, pasta, pasta sauces, hamburger helper, tuna in can or pouch, chicken in can or pouch, pork and beans, macaroni and cheese, crackers, rice (1 lb. bags)

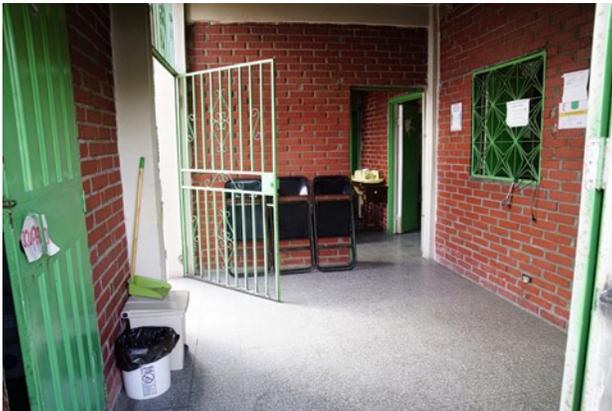
Or donate at:

www.frankfortfoodpantry.org

The Fuerzas Unidas Clinic

The Fuerzas Unidas Clinic is funded by your giving through our Outreach Team. Most of you know that we have been sending a medical/dental mission to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, beginning in 2003. Initially the location we went to was the Fuerzas Unidas (United Forces) UMC. This community was formed by people who were displaced by landslides caused by Hurricane Mitch in 1997. It was a very poor community without waterlines or sewer lines and with jury-rigged electrical lines. Our church sponsored a team to go there for many years, but after 2014, we could no longer safely go to that location due to gang activity in the community. However, we knew there was still a need for medical care there. As result the clinic was created and is staffed by a nurse and a doctor. The nurse, Reina, lives in that community and is paid by a small fee charged to the patients. Dr. Guerrero is paid by the funds we provide. Currently they hold the clinic one day per week and typically see 18 - 20 patients in a day. Last year they were able to hold clinic two times per week because of funds saved when the clinic had to be closed during the COVID pandemic. The funds we send also provide medications for their pharmacy. Dr. Strunk visited the clinic during the recent Honduran mission and took pictures some of which are shown here

This clinic is distinct from the Honduran Mission in that the Honduran Mission is not funded through our church budget. It is funded by donations and the Frosty 5K race, both of which many church members contribute to. The clinic is solely funded by the Outreach portion of our budget, which means whenever you give to the church, a small portion of that gift goes to keeping this clinic going. The people of the Fuerzas Unidas Community are blessed by your generosity.



Fuerzas UMC and Clinic



The Pharmacy



Dr. Strunk with nurse Reina

Needed: The Frankfort Honduras/Medical Mission Team needs a fund raising coordinator to work with the team. Anyone interested should contact Roger Strunk strunkrw@aol.com or 502-682-1484.



Our Hard-working Crew

A huge Thank you to all who could help with the Church Grounds Clean Up Day a few weeks ago. We had 19 hard workers of all ages pitch in to rake, trim hedges and edges, pull weeds and mulch. The grounds became a more inviting space for anyone attending or passing by our pretty church. Thank you.

Rosie Doerting 502-229-0679

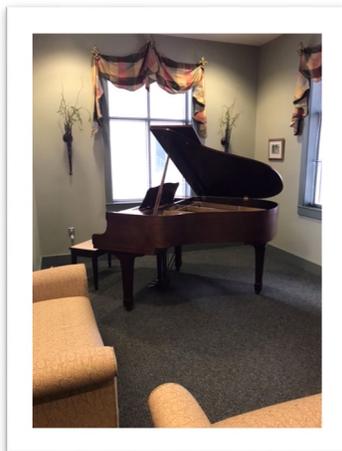
Grand Piano Given to Church

We are grateful to Martha Jane and Roe Rogers who gave the church their beautiful mahogany Yamaha grand piano. While 35 years old the piano looks as if it has just been newly purchased.

Martha Jane has been a longtime member of the alto section of our Chancel Choir. Roe, who has taken many beautiful pictures of our church and stained glass, has been a faithful supporter of our church and the music ministry in particular. He was a member of the committee who chose the Randall Dyer to build our pipe organ 30 years ago. His dad, Ed Rogers, was a trustee and on the committee who chose the Schantz Organ company to build our former instrument. That instrument was given to the church by proceeds from T. P. Rogers, grandfather of Roe.

Roe and Martha Jane have moved to Belmont Assisted Living in Louisville to be closer to their children, Cindy and Jeff. Our prayers are with them in this new phase of their life.

We are grateful for their gift of the piano which is located in Gallery Hall. The piano has already been used at an art reception last week.



Watering Flowerpots This Summer

We have many beautiful flowerpots scattered across our church grounds, which enhance our beautiful campus. We want to keep the flowers happy with regular watering. Here's how it works:

Speak with Rosie Doerting or Abbie Meyer if you can help us water. We put you in the weekly rotation. You water the pots during your week. If it's a cool or rainy week, you don't have to do much. If it's a hot dry week, you might be there twice! Of course, we will be available to help anytime.

If you would like to help water the flowerpots (involves some tugging of hoses and carrying a watering can), please contact the office or Abbie Meyer or Rosie Doerting .

PS. We also do some periodic maintenance like pulling weeds, trimming shrubs, etc. Let us know if you want to help with that group.



Lenten Readers Theater

Ginny Smith would like to thank everyone who participated in the Readers Theater during the Lenten worship services. You brought the Word of God to life! Charlie Baglan, RB Brown, Vicki Easterly, Sam Gilbert, Scott Hankla, Chris Powell, Donna Jackson, Jim Jackson, Eric Kennedy, Patricia MacDonald, Margaret Maggart, Brayleigh Nolan, Ronnie Nolan, Jacob Starkweather, Courtney Sturgill, Philip Sturgill, Elly Toppass, Mallory Toppass, Melissa Toppass, and Emma Watts.

Two Fundraisers Scheduled to Benefit Youth Mission Trip

Our youth are planning a mission trip to Oklahoma. They'll be leaving for Camp Crossway in Pawnee, OK in early July. Our Youth group plans to make repairs and enhance a climbing wall used by the campers who attend this Christian summer camp. To raise funds for this mission, we'll be holding two fundraisers.



Youth will be selling *Be Kind First* t-shirts for \$20 each. These are super soft and comfortable, and they come in a variety pretty colors with a message we can all feel good wearing. Look for the T-shirt table in Gallery Hall each Sunday until they sell out.

In addition, the Youth will be holding a *Silent Art Auction* in the 2nd floor hallway in front of the gym starting on **Sunday, May 21 through Sunday, June 4**. If you have artwork to donate, contact Abbie Meyer at Meyer.Abbie@outlook.com or bring your art to the church office. Plan to come by and bid on some lovely works of art. We have everything from gorgeous photographs to framed Paul Sawyer prints – there's a little something for everyone and a great opportunity to help our Youth group have a successful mission trip.



We have received thank you notes from the following:

Food Pantry

Kings Center

Honduras Mission Trip (Lodging and Rood)

United Methodist Homes

ROSM (Resource Office for Social Ministries)

ACCESS Soup Kitchen and Men's Shelter

Are You a Pray-er?

Frankfort First United Methodist Church is a praying congregation. Members of the Prayer Team receive a weekly email that lists new and ongoing prayer requests for our church family. We practice our faith by following the biblical call to pray for one another. If you'd like to join us in praying for the needs of our church, or if you have a prayer concern to add to the weekly list, contact Ginny Smith at virginiasmithauthor@gmail.com or 801-647-9464 (call or text).

Want to take your commitment to prayer one step further? Become a Prayer Warrior! God hears the prayers of His people. Every Sunday during the 9:00 am and 11:00 am worship services a dedicated prayer warrior is praying for all aspects of that service. By covering our services in prayer, we invite God's presence and Spirit to work in powerful ways through those who minister and to those who hear. Contact Ginny for more information about becoming a Prayer Warrior.



Financial Report

Giving through 4/30/23	\$287,415
Needed to meet budget	\$344,646
Mortgage Balance	\$1,328,556

May Birthdays

1 Carolyn Fetter

2 David Sturm
Carson Thomas

3 Marty Wayman
Hayden Wilkerson

6 Cheryl Meyer
Henrietta Goins
Thomas Jones

8 Alexander Goins
Isabelle Woodruff

9 Logan Clouse
Jennifer Tracy

11 Ali Higgs Myers
Jeff Howson

12 Isabelle Powell

14 Jim Clouse

15 Ashley Hughes
Linda Jones

16 Mason Alexander
Jackson Starkweather

18 Junior Lewis
Sadie Meyer
June Payton
Ava Powell
Harry Lee Wilson

19 Jeff Raine
Alanna McCrystal
Alyssa McCrystal
Jason Powell

20 Mary Pat Dobbins
Patrick Pewitt
Charles Wade

22 Thomas Rhodes

23 Scott Hankla

24 Paige Burton Barnes
Paul McNeas
Dick Watkins

25 Katie Howard Mabry
Mark Wasson

26 Larry Sturm

27 John Gillig

29 Peter Doane
Lucas Nance

30 Ann Bennoit
Addison McCoun

31 Marcia Burton
Dick Smotheermon



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- *Youth Directors*

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- *Administrative Assistant*

Diana Gregory

- *Newsletter Editor*

WESLEY CENTER DAY SCHOOL



Ministry Update—Wesley Center Day School

The Wesley Center Day School will have its last day of service on May 26, 2023. We feel honored and blessed to have served this community with quality childcare over the past 35 years. This unanimous decision was made after months of prayerful, thoughtful, and active engagement from current and former board members, and FUMC staff. The program has had setbacks since covid that have been ongoing, making it impossible to provide the care and experiences we want children to have. We understand this is difficult news, and encourage you to remember that this decision was made with caution and care. We would like to say thank you to all of our families and staff for their commitment to our program as well as the support of First United Methodist through the years. We will be prayerfully considering how we can best serve the community in other ways. We appreciate your support in our path moving forward.



Happy Graduation, High Schoolers!

Our annual High School graduation recognition is Sunday, May 22. Along with acknowledging our graduates, our college scholarship recipients will be announced. Please be present at Good News at Nine or 11:00 worship to celebrate with them.