



November 26, 2023

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



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# CAPITAL CITY METHODIST

## Confirmation Class

Dear First Friends,

Confirmation Class has begun for the 2023-2024 school year. I sometimes think that Confirmation Class is a less than adequate name. That is to say, our seven participants are preparing for a lifetime of Christian discipleship, and one class can never prepare them for everything a life of discipleship entails. They are, in fact, learners, but when it comes to following Jesus, they will be “in class” for the rest of their lives.

Still, we engage in what we call Confirmation Class for a time (in this case, until next spring), knowing that those who choose at the “end” to profess their faith, follow Jesus, and pledge their loyalty to Christ through the United Methodist Church (and First United Methodist Church) will not be graduating. They simply will be moving forward into whatever Christ will teach them and however God will call them next.

Let me tell you who they are, so that you may pray for them and for all of us. I will list their adult faith friends, those who are walking alongside them on this journey, in parentheses. They are: Aaron Goins (Scott Meyer), Graham MacDonald (John Gilbert), Logan McDonald (Trevor Hanson), Henry Thomas (Phil Plant), Mallory Toppass (Elly Gilbert), Blakely West (Erika Hancock), and Brooklyn West (Amber Logan).

Rev. Tonya and I will continue to meet with this wonderful group of people monthly. This year we are aiming to make the class more conversational and experiential/hands-on than in the past, while still moving toward the goal of having our students *confirm* their intentions to live out the vows of the baptismal covenant, whether first made by their parents or made themselves on Confirmation Sunday.

So that you will become more familiar with our students, there will be a *Get to Know* article on each one over the coming months, beginning with this issue of *The Capital City Methodist*. I hope you will take just a few moments to learn about each one and to encourage them when you see them.

This is a good time for all of us to remember the questions we answered when we were confirmed or otherwise united with a United Methodist Church, and the promises we made to be loyal to Christ through our congregation by way of our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

You are in my prayers as together we endeavor to glorify God, follow Jesus, serve others, and welcome everyone.

Faithfully yours,  
*Pastor Tom*



**October 29**

**10:00 a.m.**

**No Sunday School**

**Special Offering accepted for Kentucky United Methodist Homes for Children and Youth.**

## Triple L Holiday Plans

Our Living Longer and Loving It (ages 55 +) group will travel to Beaumont Inn in Harrodsburg on Friday, November 17, for a lunch buffet. Each diner will pay their own bill but \$5 cash is requested for the gas money. Meet at Walgreen's west parking lot at 10:45. Contact the church office or Rev. Tonya Kenner to sign up soon!

The December plan is a Christmas lunch matinee at Derby Dinner Playhouse on Wednesday, December 20. Meet at Walgreen's west at 11:00. Cost is \$34 plus \$10 cash for the gas money. You can write a check for the ticket and bring to the church office to sign up by November 19. Contact Rev. Tonya Kenner with questions.

## Widows and Widower Fellowship Plans for November and December

Our Anna's Friends group will travel to The Glitz on Friday, November 10, for lunch. Each person will pay separately but \$5 cash is requested for gas money that day. Meet at the Brighton Park ATM at 10:00. Seating is limited so please contact Judie Blake or Rev. Tonya Kenner to sign up.

A trip to Shaker Village for lunch is planned for Saturday, December 9. We will leave from Walgreen's west at 11:30. A donation of \$5 for gas is requested that day with each person paying separate lunch bill. Please sign up through Judie Blake or Rev. Tonya Kenner.



Our November church-wide gathering plans include a soup and sandwich potluck on Sunday, November 26, at 5:00 in Asbury Hall. After our meal, there will be activities and crafts related to Advent. All ages are invited to join the fun.

In December, we will not meet on the fourth Sunday but will be Going Forth through a caroling party on Sunday, December 10 at 4:00. Meet at the church to travel by buses and cars to our shut-in members. We will return to the church for snacks and hot chocolate.

## Last Call for Advent Devotionals

Once again the members of Frankfort FUMC will pool their creative talents to produce an Advent Devotional. The 2023 Advent season begins Sunday, December 3. Advent is a time of preparation and expectation for Christians around the world, a time when we anticipate our celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ and look forward to His Second Coming. This daily devotional book—written by our own church family—will help us focus our attention throughout the advent season.

Do you have a brief story or a memory you'd like to share? Perhaps describe your most memorable Christmas, or a time when you felt God's presence in a personal or powerful way. Maybe a Christmas poem. We'd love to include it!

The format is up to you but keep in mind these suggestions. Try to keep the length at 400 words or less. If your devotional focuses on a Bible verse, include that. And often devotionals will end with a brief prayer. Contact Ginny Smith if you have questions or need help writing your idea.

Send your devotional in an email or hand deliver it to Ginny Smith. **The deadline for submissions is Midnight EST on Sunday, October 29, 2023**, so what are you waiting for? Start writing!

Ginny Smith (801-647-9464)

email: [VirginiaSmithAuthor@gmail.com](mailto:VirginiaSmithAuthor@gmail.com)



## Financial Report

Giving through 10/12/2023	\$592,656
Expenses through 10/12/2023	\$641,784
Needed to meet Budget	\$785,028
Mortgage Balance	\$1,264,303



You're Invited  
KSU Wesley Foundation Fundraiser  
Thursday, November 9  
6:00 p.m.  
Wesley Center

Menu: BBQ, Baked Beans, Coleslaw and Potato Chips

## Please Help Bridge the GAP

For the past few years, our church's members generously gave funds that provided Christmas bonuses to our low-salaried day care workers. Now we have an opportunity to help another FUMC mission: GAP (God Answers Prayers Through Compassionate People). GAP leaders meet with each recipient once a month, listen to their stories, assess their needs, and offer compassionate response and prayer.

The Upper Room Class invites you to donate one or more \$20 Kroger gift cards to GAP. The cards (distributed in singles or multiples, based on individual circumstances) allow recipients to buy either groceries or gas — and bridge the gap between what they need and the assistance they receive from other sources.

Winter's coming, so needs are increasing. Please donate \$20 Kroger gift cards on or before Sunday, December 3 in one of these ways:

- Give them to Jana Sturm, Abbie Meyer, Fran Salyers or any other member of the Upper Room Class.
- Drop them in the offering plate (no envelope or note required).
- Deliver them to the church office.
- Mail them to Upper Room Class, 2030 Berry Hill Dr., Frankfort, KY 40601. If you can't make it to Kroger but want to donate Kroger gift cards, please send your check payable to Upper Room Class. We'll get the cards for you.



## Winter is coming...

The GAP ministry (God Answers Prayers Through Compassionate People) is seeing more homeless individuals each month. Currently, our church regularly helps almost 50 desperate neighbors monthly. With each encounter, our GAP team offers modest Kroger cards for gas and groceries, a listening ear and a compassionate heart. We hold each of them close in prayer, but as cold weather approaches our concerns for their welfare increase.

Thanks to your generosity, we offer essential supplies and a small brown paper bag full of enough food to last a single day. Our current needs include:

- Chapstick
- Disposable razors for men and women
- Shaving cream
- Purse sized tissues
- Shampoo
- Toilet paper
- Small flashlights (we had a generous donation this month, but they are going quickly as it's getting darker)
- Warm socks for men or women
- Winter gloves, hats and scarves
- Blankets (clean, used ones are fine)

In addition, we can *always* use single serving sizes of protein (chicken, Vienna sausages, SPAM, peanut butter and tuna), breakfast bars, applesauce/fruits, and snacks. If you found yourself with an abundance of Halloween candy after the holiday, we'd love to include leftover treats in our brown paper bags!

Donations can be brought to the church office. Thank you for continuing to see the need. It's easy to look away since every intersection has someone holding a sign and begging for help, but our GAP team is careful with church resources and ensures that our help is going to those who are truly needy.

## Healing Hearts Grief Group and Service Offered



This Thanksgiving and Christmas might be difficult as we remember family members and friends who have died. Grief is different for every person as our relationships and our personalities are different. Pastor Tom Corum, Rev. Tonya Kenner, Rev. Richard Smith and Rev. Jack Brewer invite any who are interested to join in a Healing

Hearts Grief Group on Sundays,

November 5, 12 and 19, at 4:00 in the Todd House Parlor. The goal is to give support and encouragement to each other during this holiday season. A worship service for Healing Hearts is offered on Sunday, December 3 at 4:00 as well. Participants are invited to come to any or all of these dates. Invite others who may be interested. You are free to show up but if you have questions, please direct to any of the leaders.



**HARVEST BREAKFAST**  
Saturday, November 11  
9:00 am  
Asbury Hall

Triangle Circle will host this UWF Unit meeting, serving breakfast casseroles and sides. Come for breakfast, fellowship, and hear a local advocate talk about ways Frankfort is helping women in need of housing. Our guest speaker will be Janet Gates from "Fresh Start", which was formerly the Women's Shelter. She will explain the new name, new mission and how it is impacting and helping women in our community.

If you want to bring items for Fresh Start, they can always use toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, and of course, cash donations. We look forward to seeing you there!

Questions? Contact Kay Scott, 502-395-1516



The Frankfort Frosty 5K is on Sunday, December 3, 2023. It includes the following events: Frankfort Frosty 5K, Frankfort Frosty 5K - VIRTUAL RUNNER/WALKER, Fred & Me 143 - 1.43K, Fred & Me 143 - 1.43K VIRTUAL RUNNER/WALKER, Kid's "Little Frosty" Dash, and Race Volunteers.

## Community Thanksgiving Service



Sunday, November 12

7:00 p.m.

Good Shepherd Church

Special offering for ROSM

## Get to Know Confirmation Student Aaron Goins

Aaron is an eighth grade student at Elkhorn Middle School. His favorite subject is History, and he is involved in baseball, band, and choir. Aaron's favorite activities are baseball and playing guitar. His favorite song is "My Sweet Lord" and his favorite movie is *Dunkirk*. He likes pizza and the color purple.



## November Birthdays

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Hannah Drake                                                                                         | 11 Dana Brammer<br>Julie Clouse<br>Robert Eads<br>Gregory Johnson                    | 22 Michele Bushong<br>Rachel Williams-Hale                                   |
| 3 Heather Ayer<br>Kim Coleman<br>Corky Herbert<br>Catelynn Kenner Story<br>Ron Sheets<br>Kim Willhoite | 12 Phil Hill<br>Matthew Meyer                                                        | 23 Elwood Harris<br>Charlotte Lewis<br>Russ Wright                           |
| 4 Tina Marinelli                                                                                       | 13 Beth Vittetow                                                                     | 24 Mildred Sigler                                                            |
| 5 Adam Nance<br>Bill Kendall<br>Elly Toppass                                                           | 14 Shirley Middleton<br>Julie Garland<br>Cathy Kays<br>Ruth Ritter                   | 26 Kaitlyn Page Wink                                                         |
| 6 Dena Plant                                                                                           | 15 Nini Hughes                                                                       | 27 Amy Chambers<br>Trevor Hanson<br>Jace Hurley<br>Phil Plant<br>Rich Powell |
| 7 Beth Gillig<br>Martha Jane Rogers                                                                    | 16 Whit Elam<br>Mary Lois Hilton                                                     | 28 Anna Simpson                                                              |
| 8 Dick Bell<br>Sidney Cobb<br>Barrett Miley<br>Lizzie Sorrell<br>Jerry Tolliver                        | 17 Steven Baldwin<br>Mary Pat Hankla<br>Jeff Johnson<br>Connie Kinman<br>Zailey Snow | 29 Karen Criswell<br>Cole Cambron                                            |
| 9 Doug Doerting<br>Carolyn Nemeth<br>Diana Nelson<br>Meredith Plant<br>Glenn Stark                     | 19 Margaret Maggard<br>H. K. (Chug) Rogers<br>Ryan Watts                             | 30 Willa Skaggs<br>Mark White                                                |
| 10 Jim Jackson                                                                                         | 21 Betty Gray<br>Jillian Jacobs                                                      |                                                                              |



### Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet for their next session on Monday, November 6, at 6 p.m. in Asbury Hall. Travis Trent is preparing the meal and Amy Snow is presenting the program on Cinderella's Closet

The UMM will travel by bus to Claylick United Methodist Church on Monday, November 13, to attend the quarterly Bluegrass District UMM meeting. Information on the bus schedule will be forthcoming.

# Free Money for Church by Swiping your Kroger Card

There's a free and easy way to give money to FUMC just by swiping your Kroger Rewards card when you shop. All you have to do is sign-up.

## Online

<https://www.kroger.com/account/community/rewards>

Once you have logged in or created an account go to:

My account

Select Community Rewards on the left side of the screen

Select Enroll

Select Frankfort First United Methodist Church in the search bar and hit enter

All done!



## Kroger Ap

Open the App

Click on the 3 lines in the top left corner

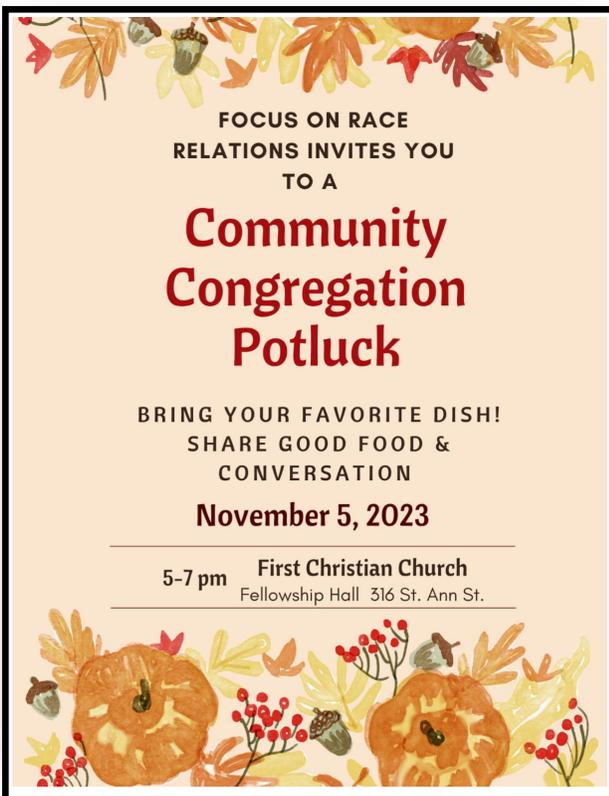
Click Rewards

Click Community Rewards

Search organization—Enter Frankfort First United Methodist Church

Select enroll

All done!



FOCUS ON RACE  
RELATIONS INVITES YOU  
TO A

## Community Congregation Potluck

BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH!  
SHARE GOOD FOOD &  
CONVERSATION

**November 5, 2023**

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5-7 pm **First Christian Church**  
Fellowship Hall 316 St. Ann St.



## Interfaith Food Drive Sunday, November 12

Come help fill up the pick-up truck with non-perishable food items for the Franklin County Food Pantry. Monetary donations also accepted.



Faith and Variety Circle

## Wedding Anniversary

Janet and Edgar Adams are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. You may send them a card at 5285 Elk Run Drive, Liberty Township, Ohio 45011.



Happy Jack's



Happy Jack's Potluck Picnic



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- Pastor

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### Chris Powell

- Director of Contemporary Worship

### Roy Nance

- Organist

### Greg & Melissa Hardison

- Youth Directors

### Jessica Tillett

- Administrative Assistant

### Diana Gregory

- Newsletter Editor

## All Saints Sunday November 5

First United Methodist Church will observe All Saints Sunday on Sunday, November 5, during both our 9:00 am Good News@Nine service and our 11:00 am traditional worship service. Both services also will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel and available on demand soon afterwards. *The United Methodist Book of Worship* characterizes All Saints Day in this way:

All Saints is a day of remembrance for the saints, with the New Testament meaning of all Christian people of every time and place. We celebrate the communion of saints as we remember the dead, both of the Church universal and of our local congregations. For this reason, the names of persons in the congregation who have died during the past year may be solemnly read as a Response to the Word.

All Saints Day is a time when our congregation may recall those whose deaths we have grieved since last All Saints Day and hear again the hope of the gospel in the face of death. Candles will be lit, names of the departed faithful will be read, a banner bearing each one's name will be presented, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated. The scripture readings for the day will be Revelation 7:9-17 and I John 3:1-13, and Pastor Tom's message will be titled, "Feasting with the Saints." Persons being remembered that day are:



Marcia Burton  
Betty Baesler  
Hope Beatty  
John Drake  
Connie Jennings

Dian Knight  
Bob Ratliff  
Ted Smith  
Rebecca Turner

Plan to be present for this holy and meaningful observance.