



January 18, 2024

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



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF FRANKFORT**

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Engage!

**Sunday Evenings
February 18-March 24**

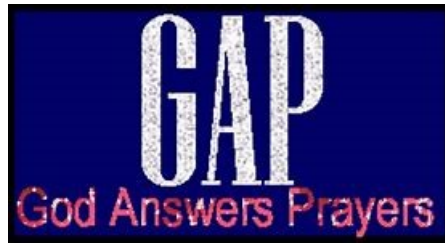
5:00-5:45pm Supper, Asbury Hall
Cost: \$20 per family
\$8 ages 13 & up
\$5 ages 5-12,
Free ages 4 & under,

5:45-7:00pm Small Group Options:

- ***Gleanings From the Earliest Gospel Story: Mark***
with Revs. Jack Brewer and Richard Smith in the Sanctuary
Just bring a Bible and you're ready to go!
- ***Dynamite Prayer: A 28 Day Experiment***
with Rev. Tom Corum in the Wesley Center
Dynamite Prayer by Rosario Picardo and Sue Nilson Kibbey is a daily prayer guide that will show you how to begin a practice of "breakthrough prayer," a way of praying where we ask God to open new doors and reveal new possibilities, fueled by the Spirit's power. This 28-day adventure will take you from feeling stuck, overwhelmed, and uninspired to curious and expectant as you surrender your own preferences and ideas and courageously follow the miracles God brings into your life. Watch upcoming FUMC communications for information about ordering the book, as well as a Zoom option!

***Watch upcoming FUMC communications for
youth and children's options!***

***Put it on your calendar now!
Plan to be a part of it!
Hope to see you there!***



God Answers Prayers for Our Homeless Neighbors

Our church launched God Answers Prayers Through Compassionate People, also known as the GAP Ministry, in June 2022. Since then, we have connected with 189 homeless friends - including men, women, youth, children. Each month the GAP sees around 60 people.

Many of these homeless friends are long time Frankfort residents who grew up in our community. Bad luck, hard times, poor choices, and health issues have left them without a roof over their heads. In January, one friend could hardly wait to tell us that this was the first Christmas he could remember being sober. We celebrated his new sobriety, and prayed that he wouldn't stumble. Getting off the streets is hard work; it requires a lot of effort from individuals at a low point in their lives.

Thank you for being the caring hands, the listening ears and the warm hearts that offer hope to those who feel hopeless. Our mission is making a difference and changing lives here in our own community.

The GAP team thanks each of you who responded to the Christmas offering and gave \$20 Kroger cards. We are delighted to share that First Christian Church is gathering Kroger cards and partnering with us in homeless outreach. As we see greater needs, God is answering our prayers.

Because we are helping many, we need additional supplies for our GAP gift room (essential supplies) and our brown bag snack program. For those who find it easier to shop on Amazon (or another internet store), you can buy online and drop ship directly to the church at 211 Washington Street, marked **Attention: GAP**. If you purchase items locally, you can drop them at the church office (Monday -Thursday 9am-300pm) or bring them on Sunday. We welcome donations of \$20 Kroger gift cards as well as items on the list:

Essentials:

- Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Pain and cold medicines
- Chapstick
- Baby powder/antifungal powder
- Pens (we have pads of paper)
- Toilet paper (we bag individually)
- Hair brushes/combs/hair ties
- Nail care
- Mini flashlights
- Dog food (we repackage in gallon bags)
- Winter gloves
- Blankets (clean, used is fine)

Brown Paper Bag Snacks:

- Single serve proteins (peanut butter, chicken, SPAM, Vienna sausage) – we have plenty of tuna
- Small stack crackers (i.e., Ritz)
- Single serve fruit (applesauce, raisins)
- Peanut butter or cheese crackers/nabs
- Pop tarts or breakfast bars
- Treats (Little Debbie's, trail mix, candy)
- Pocket hand warmers
- Napkins
- Hand wipes, singles
- Lunch bags
- Plastic utensils



New Year of Sunday School!

It is a great time to start, continue or return to Sunday School. Classes meet from 10:00 to 10:45.

Children's classes meet in the Wesley Center first floor.

First Care: Children under three—Room 110

Childcare Worker: Nicole Young

First Friends: Preschool to First Grade - Room 108

Teachers: Patti Blythe, Jill Burton, Mendy Covington and Holly Brunson.

First Followers / First In Serving Him: Second through Fifth grade—Room 115

Teachers: Audrey Gilbert, Elly Gilbert and April Trent



Youth classes meet in the Light House, our youth building next to the sanctuary.

Teachers: Cameron Kenner and Donna Jackson

Adult classes meet all over our campus.

The Friendship Class meets in the Todd House Parlor with Rev. Richard Smith as the primary teacher. This winter, they are doing a series on *Principles of Paul for Faithful and Fruitful Living* with a Lenten Study starting on February 18 on *Characters on the Road to Jerusalem*.

The Covenant Class meets on the first floor of the Averill House. A series on the *Miracles of Jesus* continues with *Bible Stories for Adults* beginning on January 28. Class members teach the class.

The Chapel Class is led by class members and currently use articles by Pastor Paul Prather or the Upper Room devotional book for their lessons. They meet in the Wesley Center, Room 121. The class goes out for lunch once a month.

The Upper Room Class meets in Wesley Center, Room 120 and is beginning a study of *Six Amazing Bible Stories to Warm Our Hearts*.

Class Acts meets in the Wesley Center, Room 119, with winter plans evolving.

SAGE Class, a woman's class, meets in the Wesley Center, Room 206. Currently they are studying, *Making Sense of the Bible*.

The Broderson Men's Class meets in the Wesley Center, Room 207 and choose a book for the group to read and discuss.

Meet the Lincolns!

Our Living Longer and Loving It (Triple L) group will meet for a pasta lunch on Thursday, January 18, at 11:30 in Asbury Hall. Following our lunch, we will hear from guests Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln (Larry and Mary Elliott) as they share their life stories up to the night in Ford Theatre on April 14, 1865. Please join us for this special program.

Lunch Out

Anna's Friends, our widow/widower support group, will meet at Frankfort Country Club for lunch on Saturday, January 20, at 11:30. If you would like to attend, please contact Judie Blake or Rev. Tonya Kenner.



Let's Go, 4th! in January with a potluck at 5:00 pm on Sunday, January 28. Bring a dish to add to the fried chicken supper. Children, youth and adults will join together for the meal and stay together to hear personal stories of those who have been part of our God Answers Prayer ministry. You are invited to bring items for the GAP ministry - \$20 gift cards (Kroger), adult gloves, lip balm, adult socks, travel size shampoo, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, dry dog food (any kind, any size and will be placed in gallon bags), cold medicine, hair brushes, hand sanitizer, deodorant, etc.

First Fridays in the Gym

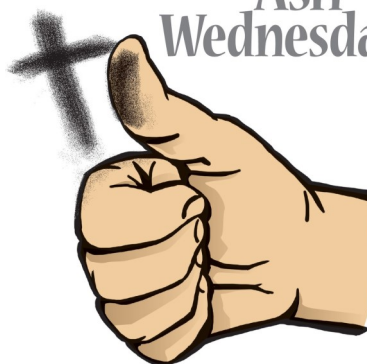
A new time of intergenerational fun is offered on the First Friday of the month in our gym. Our February 2 Friday will be basketball from 7:00 to 9:00. All ages are invited to join in pick-up games during that time. Feel free to come and go as needed.

Monday Morning Walks

Maybe your new year's resolution was to walk but the winter is holding you back? Our gym will be open on Monday mornings beginning February 5 from 10:00 am to noon for walking. Come and go as you want during that two-hour block.



Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season, is Wednesday, February 14. We plan to offer a noon service as well as a 6:00 pm service that day. The noon service will be come and go as desired and include the imposition of ashes in the sanctuary. Our evening service will also be in the sanctuary with the imposition of Ashes as well as interactive stations to reflect on our Lenten journey.

Meet Confirmation Student Logan McDonald

Logan, a seventh-grade student at Second Street School, is the son of Morgan and Taylor McDonald. He has a younger sister, Alex. At school he is involved in basketball, baseball, archery, golf, and Beta. His favorite activity is baseball.

Logan's favorite color is blue and his favorite food is pizza. His favorite song is "World's Smallest Violin," and his favorite movie is "The Perfect Game." He feels closest to God at church and enjoys youth group and the fact that FUMC is kid friendly.



February Birthdays

2	Alisa Friedly Reed Dorothy Hanson	12	Sara Callaway Samuel Stafford Travis Trent	23	Graham Clements Ruth Derrington
3	Joseph Alexander Ben Hurley Karen Kinman	14	Logan McDonald	24	Nancy Collett Jane Kelly
5	Nicole Burgess Glenna Hughes	15	Mary Arp Will Doerting Betsy Powell James Russell Emma Stevenson	26	Charleigh Deaton
6	Byron Brewer Bob Wilcher			27	Ann McCabe Wanda Meeks
7	Layne Allen Margaret Doyle Jan Wahrer	16	Owen Powell Samuel Stafford April Trent	27	Gregory Meyer Gena Stokley Jessica Tillett
8	Mendy Covington Ben McDonald Emily Powell	17	Bill Elam	27	Lyda Parker Moore Gena Stokley
10	Earl Arp Jack Barnes Matthias Jones Kim Suter	18	Laura Leigh Goins	29	Diana Gregory Grace Trent
		19	Max Alexander		
		21	Nancy Schaffner Adrienne Willis		
11	Ashley Lawhorn Courtney Sturgill	22	Catherine Clements		

It's Time to Apply for College Scholarships!

FUMC Frankfort has several scholarships available for both new and returning college students within our church family. Awards range from \$500 to \$1,500. More information can be found on the church's website or by calling the church office. The application deadline for all scholarships is February 15th.

Additions to Church Council for 2024

Christian Education Team Chair: April Trent—Members: Olivia Thomas, Steph Sorrell, Abbie Meyer, Mary Pat Dobbins, Leanne Scott & April Trent

Trustees Chair: Paul Mauer, Vice Chair: Daniel Snow, Secretary: Melissa Toppas

Staff Parish Chair: Patricia MacDonald, Vice Chair: Stefan Brunson; Secretary: Eric Kennedy

What is “United Women in Faith” ?

The purpose of United Women in Faith is to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities. Our groups here at Frankfort First focus on local needs for women and children. We also meet because we just enjoy each other’s company – it’s fun to fellowship!

All women in the Methodist Church can be part of the local unit. Unit meetings happen 4 times a year, dates and times are listed in church announcements. Circles are smaller groups of women who meet in between Unit meetings and support some sort of local mission project. Some Circles meet monthly, while others meet quarterly or as-needed for special projects. Some meet during the day while others have a more flexible schedule. At-large members generally only attend Unit meetings.

Interested in trying a women’s group? Read the descriptions of our groups at FUMC. If you want to learn more about a specific group, contact the person listed to find out more specifics. Try a meeting or two and then see if one of these groups can help you feel more a part of our church as you make a positive difference in caring for the needs of women and children.

- **Variety Circle** – Variety Circle meets monthly (except summer months) on the third Thursday at 10:00 AM in the Todd House parlor. Light snacks are served, with conversation, followed by a devotion and program. This group contributes to church outreach and groups in the community who strive to help women, youth, and children in need. We welcome visitors. Contact person is Elsie Townsend at el.townsen@gmail.com or 502-395-1745 (text or email is best).
- **First Needles** – First Needles is a group of women who meet weekly at Panera at 6:00 PM for food, fellowship, and needlework. Examples of our work are baby blankets for new babies in the church, afghans or lapghans for the homebound, hats for King Center kids and people helped by the GAP ministry, and water filter covers for Water With Blessings. Contact person is Gayle Alvis, 502-867-9143.
- **First Readers** – First Readers are a group of women who participate in the United Women in Faith Reading Program. They meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM in the Todd House Parlor. Each month a member reports on a book from The Reading Program or there is a general discussion of what people are reading. Recently they reorganized the church library. Contact person is Arba Kenner- 502-545-0118.
- **Triangle Circle** – Triangle Circle meets 3 or 4 times a year, usually at church, depending on what the mission project might be. Projects support local groups who help women and children as well as missions in our church as well (like GAP). They meet at the Todd House in early evenings, serving light refreshments as they chat, then have the program / project. Contact person is Rosie Doerting- 502-229-0679 or ddoerting@msn.com.
- **Faith Circle** – this Circle meets on the 4th Monday of each month, 10:00AM in the Todd House. In May, we attend the Memorial Day program at the Frankfort Cemetery. In November, we prepare Christmas bags for shut-ins. Other months, we have programs such as: Music program at FUMC, the GAP program, Frankfort Capital City Museum, and Women in Methodist ministry. Contact person is Patty Yeast at pattyyeast@gmail.com

Art Auction to Benefit Youth Mission Trip

We’re making plans for a silent Art Auction in April to raise money for a youth mission trip to Lake Junaluska. If you have works of art to donate, please drop them by the church office (Monday-Thursday 9 am-3pm) or contact Abbie Meyer (Meyer.Abbie@outlook.com) to arrange a pick up. Last year, the art auction proceeds helped with gas money for the bus to Oklahoma. Thank you for supporting our youth program!

Fresh Start Frankfort (Franklin County Women & Family Shelter)
Transitional and Recovery Housing Programs

Our FCWFS Transitional and Recovery Housing Programs primarily serve Franklin County residents while allowing for enrollment from other counties or states if space allows and there are compelling reasons/circumstances for the person or family to relocate to Franklin County. Our programs are not time limited with individuals/families remaining enrolled and living here as long as needed to meet their personal goals, engage and create a healthy, positive community outside of our programming, and achieve stability.

We currently have 10 single adult females enrolled in our Recovery Housing Program and we have 3 on the waiting list for single females. We will not be enrolling any more single females right now to allow time for the ADA renovations at 303 E. Third St. to be completed unless a current resident exits the program. This project is expected to take five months. Upon completion our transitional and recovery housing program will be the only entity in our county with an ADA compliant unit and will build our capacity to better support single adult females with disabilities.

Data for current residents include: three of ten residents have fixed income from Social Security Disability; seven of the ten are employed; one resident has no income and continues to apply for and interview for positions through temporary employment agencies and other posted job openings. All ten enrolled residents have case management, peer support and/or counseling off site. K. Webb provides case management for all and additional support for the three without connections off-site. Nine of the ten residents have sponsors with their chosen pathway to recovery. Nine of the 10 residents have been referred to our Community Rehabilitation Program. Three of the nine have been approved to receive CRP services. The average length of stay for our residents so far in 2023 has been four months.

The above statistics indicate the high level of success of our residents currently enrolled in our structured Recovery Housing Program. Kudos to our Fresh Start Frankfort team members and the hard work each of our residents are doing to achieve success on the pathway to recovery.

We are excited to announce that with new grant funding and community support like what we receive from First United Methodist Church, we have been able to hire a part-time Family Support and Enrichment Specialist to focus solely on families with children enrolled in our programs.



FISH (First in Serving Him) recently helped at the Access Soup Kitchen.



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Thank You

The members of the Staff Parish Relations Committee would like to thank Julie Clouse for her 25 years of service as our church accountant. As of January 31, she will be stepping down from this role and the church's accounting needs will be managed by a local accounting firm as well as an internal bookkeeper. Julie, we are most grateful for your many years of service to Frankfort First United Methodist Church.



Financial Report

Giving through 12/31/2023	\$910,472
Expenses through 12/31/2023	\$861,093
Needed to meet Budget	\$995,645
Mortgage Balance	\$1,226,466