



February 2, 2024

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



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# **CAPITAL CITY METHODIST**



## **Ash Wednesday Services**

As our Lenten season begins on Wednesday, February 14, we offer two worship opportunities with a noon come and go imposition of ashes and a reflective interactive prayer service at 6:00 p.m.. Both services will be in the sanctuary.

## **All Church Members Invited to Church Council on February 26**

We are a month into 2024 and there are many exciting things happening in the life of our church. One of our goals for this year is to increase communication from our councils to members regarding events, needs, and future plans. One excellent opportunity for increased communication is via church council. All church members are both able to and invited to attend church council meetings. Our first meeting of the year will take place on February 26 at 5:30 pm in the Susannah Room. We look forward to seeing many of you there.



The United Methodist Men will meet Monday, February 5, in Asbury Hall. Our meal (barbecue chicken, potato salad, pea salad, hot buttered rolls, and coon hunters cake) begins at 6:00 p.m. prepared by the

Nances followed by a program on our church youth by Cameron Kenner. If you are a man in the Methodist church, come join our mission-minded men's ministry Monday and give it a try. Hope to see you there.

## **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 15.





... the family of WANDA LIPPERT passed away on Sunday, January 14.

... the family of JOAN VANHORNE who passed away on January 15.

... June Payton whose son Robert Phillips passed away recently

... to Margie Moore and Deanna Moore in the recent death of Kevin Moore, Margie's son and Deena's brother.

## LIFE House with Triple L

Our Living Longer and Loving It senior adult group will meet on Thursday, February 15, with lunch at 11:30 in Asbury Hall. Following lunch we will hear about the Betty Martin LIFE (Let Important Friends Exist) House for Animals, a wonderful no-kill non profit shelter for dogs and cats in Frankfort. Betty Martin and Dawn Welch will be our guests. Join us!

## Anna's Friends at the Country Club

Our widow and widower support group will meet for lunch on Saturday, February 17, at 11:30 at the Frankfort Country Club. If you plan to go, please contact Judie Blake or Rev. Tonya Kenner.

## Heart Healthy Sunday

Our Congregational Care Team is offering blood pressure and memory screening on Sunday, February 11. Come to Gallery Hall between worship services from 10 to 11 to check on your health.



## Monday Morning Walkers

Our gym will be open on February Mondays from 10 to 12 for walking. Enjoy a warm and safe walk!



## Easter Egg Hunt Donations Needed

Please bring wrapped candies and treats for our Easter egg hunt by Sunday, March 17. Our First In Serving Him fourth and fifth graders will fill the eggs for the hunt. Items can be left in the church office or on the welcome desk in the Wesley Center.

## Lenten Study Offered

Our Thursday Women's Bible Study will begin a Lenten series on February 15 in the Todd House Parlor. "Third Day: Living the Resurrection" is a video and study by Tom Berlin on some of the individuals who were with Jesus in his final days – Peter, Mary Magdalene, Thomas, and the disciples at Emmaus as well as how the Resurrection affected Paul. Books are in the church office for \$14.



## 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

# The Mission of Thailand Now

Perhaps you were fortunate to be at FUMC when Mike and Sherri Morrissey visited our church this past summer and offered facts, stories, and real inspiration about their long-standing ministry in Thailand. However, if you will be learning about this ministry for the first time, Larry Epley's article, redistributed with his permission below, will offer valuable insight. Then during both worship services on Feb. 11, a Mission Moment will offer recent updates on the life-changing work of Thailand Now.

## Thailand NOW

Serving the Thai people with the love of Jesus

What is Thailand NOW? It is the new name for the Thailand Methodist Mission which began in 2005 when a clergy couple from the Kentucky Conference felt called to the mission field. Mike and Sherri Morrissey met with the Board of Global Ministries and were assigned to Thailand since the United Methodist Church had no presence there. They began the process of learning the language, culture and making friends with Thai Christians. They began to plant churches, developing and training lay pastors using the Pioneer Pastors program. It is the vision of the Pioneer Pastor movement that every county have at least one thriving Thai church. With the prayers and support of Christian people, God has enabled Thailand NOW pastors and leaders to plant 47 new churches in previously unreached counties in Thailand (plus many more in counties that already had one church). The need is still great because 75% of counties (sub-districts) in Thailand are still unreached, having no Christian churches. The country is 95% Buddhist, 4% Islam and 1% Christian but the faith is exploding (see <https://msmorrissey.blogspot.com/>). The number of Christian churches increased from 2,250 in 2000 to 8,317 in 2022. Thailand NOW takes seriously the Great Commission in their new church plants. New church plants in turn have the passion to plant other new churches thus the Kingdom grows by multiplication.

Thailand NOW also takes the Great Commandment seriously. With the love of Jesus in their hearts they have a passion for "the least of these". With the leadership of the Morrisseys, it has established three Blessing Homes (Pattaya, Isan and TaParya) to rescue the most at-risk children from being trafficked in the sex trade in Thailand. The ones most at-risk are pre-teens and early teens without strong parental supervision. They also have Special Blessings Korat for special needs children. Thailand NOW has implemented the Abundant Life Savings Program (akin to the Dave Ramsey program) to teach financial budgeting and savings to families and small business owners. This proved invaluable during the pandemic when people could not work but Thai Christians who had savings could buy food and share with others. Phase two of the construction of the Abundant Life Training Center is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2023.

Thailand NOW is an excellent example of Jesus' admonition in Acts 1:8 "... to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." If you want to be a part of a ministry that is highly successful in "making disciples for Jesus Christ," pray for Thailand NOW and give your financial support. Send checks to Thailand NOW, P.O. Box 56, Mannsville, KY 42758 or give online <https://thailandnow.org/>.

Larry Epley  
Outreach Team



## ***Engage!***

### **Sunday Evenings**

### **February 18-March 24**

5:00-5:45 pm Supper, Asbury Hall

**Cost:**

Free age 4 & under

\$5 ages 5-12

\$8 ages 13 & up

\$20 max per family

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

- ***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.
- ***Dynamite Prayer: A 28 Day Experiment (ZOOM OPTION)***  
with Elly Gilbert—Wednesdays @7:00 pm

**Dynamite Prayer books are \$8 (available on Sundays and in church office M-T)**

YOUTH : First Spark with Cameron Kenner

CHILDREN: 5:45-6:45 pm

- Children will enjoy Children's choir and Lenten Learnings from 5:45 to 6:45 with Karen Nance, Patti Blythe, Nicole Young and Tonya Kenner. Children ages four to fifth grade are invited.
- On Sunday, March 24, our Engage series will end with an Easter Egg Hunt. Children will gather for a brief craft and learning time with the hunt beginning at 6:30.

*Put it on your calendar now!*

*Plan to be a part of it!*

*Hope to see you there!*

## Outreach 2024

This year, the Outreach committee's efforts focus on getting outside the walls of our church and positively impacting our community and the world. This year's focus areas are homelessness, hunger, caring for those in need, and spreading Christ's message to those who need to hear it. Sometimes, our Outreach efforts focus on one person or family at a time, but we always seek to make a difference in someone's life. This year, we are providing financial support to many worthy endeavors, including:

- • God Answers Prayers (GAP) Ministry
- • Fuerzas Unidas Medical Clinic in Honduras
- • The Kings Center
- • KSU Wesley Foundation
- • Thailand Now
- • Resource Office for Social Ministries or ROSM
- • Access Soup Kitchen and Men's Shelter
- • Emergency Food Pantry
- • Fresh Start - Franklin County Women and Family Shelter

Our goal is to get the message of Jesus Christ out to those who need to hear it and those who need to see it in action. You are invited to join us on the Outreach Committee or any ministries our church supports. You can help make a difference.

Please contact the church office if you have a desire, time, or resources and want to get involved.

## Cooks Needed for Engage

In addition to Bible studies, we will be having a meal as a church family on Sundays, February 18 - March 21. We need your help in preparing these dinners! If you, your Sunday School class, or group could help cook a meal please let Ashli Watts know at 859-967-7587 or [awatts@kychamber.com](mailto:awatts@kychamber.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](mailto: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!

## First Fridays in the Gym

Beginning on February 2, our gym will be open on the first Friday of the month for an intergenerational physical activity. On February 2 from 6 to 8 basketball is offered. Come and go as you are able and enjoy the fellowship and exercise.







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- *Youth Director*

**Jessica Tillett**

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## **A Message from Joshua Golden, Director of Music and Worship:**

Two years ago, when I moved to Kentucky to begin work on my Doctorate in Music at the University of Kentucky, I did not expect that I would find a place to use my gifts of music in worship to God, much less a church that I could call home. In Frankfort First UMC, I have found just that.

But in life, change is inevitable. In May, I will graduate from UK with a Doctorate in Choral Conducting, and in July, I will start a new career as the Director of Choral Activities at California Baptist University in Riverside, CA.

This was not a move I expected, but I do believe it is one guided by the Lord. My last Sunday as your Director of Music and Worship will be June 23rd. I look forward to making wonderful music in worship at Frankfort First for the next six months and continuing to hear about the wonderful things God is doing at this church and in this community for many years to come.