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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF FRANKFORT**

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CAPITAL CITY METHODIST



Engage!

Sunday Evenings thru March 24

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

Menu March 3-Tacos prepared by Class Acts SS Class

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***
Men's study with Jack Brewer—10:00 am on Saturdays in the Todd House
- ***Dynamite Prayer: A 28 Day Experiment (ZOOM OPTION)***
with Elly Gilbert—Wednesdays @7:00 pm

YOUTH : First Spark with Cameron Kenner

CHILDREN:

- Children will enjoy Children's choir and Lenten Learnings 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.



... to the family of MARTHA JANE ROGERS, who passed away on February 12. You may send your condolences to her husband, Roe Rogers and her daughter Cindy Armstrong. Martha Jane's memorial service will be held on Sunday, March 17, at 2 p.m. in Gallery Hall of the Wesley Center.

... to Ronnie Nolan whose mother passed away on February 5.

... to Charlie Baglan whose sister, Jean Baglan, passed away on February 8.

- ... Rev. Tom Corum in the death of his father Bill Corum on February 24. His funeral is Saturday, March 2, at Preston-Hanley Funeral Home in Pekin, IL. Visitation is from 9-11 a.m. with the funeral at 11:00 a.m. You may send condolences to Pastor Tom at 8000 John Davis Drive #705, Frankfort.

Thank You

My deepest thank and appreciation for the Love and support that our family has received during the unexpected passing of our son, brother and dad, Robert Blackburn Phillips. You all gave us "strength, peace and comfort to carry on!"

"Our church, our staff, our choir—our rock!"

Our Unending Love to All,

June Phillips Payton and Family

Monday Morning Walkers

Time to walk continues in the gym from 10 am to 12 pm on Monday mornings through March. Come and go as you want for a warm and flat place to 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.

First Friday in our Gym

Volleyball Night is Friday, March 1 - Join Chris Powell and others members of our church family for some athletic fellowship in the Gym on March 1st from 6-8pm. We will be playing volleyball for fun, so all ability levels are invited to join. Contact Chris with any questions.

Anna's Friends Spring Plans

Our widow and widower group will meet to go out to lunch on Saturday, March 16, in Louisville at Connor's Steak and Seafood Restaurant. Meet at the Walgreen's West parking lot at 10:30. Upcoming lunch plans include Smithtown Seafood in Lexington on Friday, April 26, at Little Mount Lavender Café in Simpsonville on Saturday, May 18, and Hall's on the River in Winchester on June 15. Contact Rev. Tonya Kenner or Judie Blake to sign up!

Triple L Meets on March 21

All senior adults are invited to lunch on Thursday, March 21, at 11:30. Our speaker is Barbara Mathis, Family Resource Center Coordinator at Bridgeport Elementary. Barbara will be sharing about the Backpack program which provides take home meals for students in the Franklin County and Frankfort Independent school systems. You are invited to bring donations for her - (note, all food must be in its original container no homemade meals or unboxed items can be accepted, no Little Debbie snacks, cakes, juice boxes or chip bags. Needed Items:

- Breakfast Bars, granola bars
- Fruit Cups (Non gel only), pudding packs
- Snack Crackers/peanut butter packs
- Soup, Ramen Noodles, Mac and Cheese cups,
- Pasta Meals
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Fruit Roll-ups



First Connections

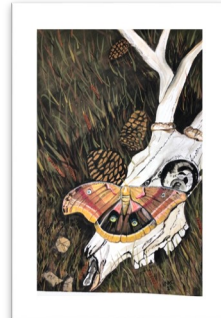
You are invited to First Connections on Sunday, March 10, from 10:00-10:30am in Asbury Hall. This will be an informal time to meet one another, share about your needs and where you are in your journey with FUMC, and talk about how we can best prepare you for church membership should you decide to join FUMC. You can just show up, or feel free to send Pastor Tom an email at: tom.corum@fumcfrankfort.org to let him know you will be attending.



The United Methodist Men meets on Monday, March 4, at 6:00 p.m. in Asbury Hall. The speaker is George Lusby, former judge executive of Scott County who will be talking about his former newspaper column and new book, some of which deals with coping with depression. Karen and Roy Nance are cooking the meal. The menu is baked pork chops, cornbread dressing, lima beans and corn pudding. All men are invited to join us.

Meet Confirmation Student Henry Thomas

Henry, age 13, is the son of Katherine and Matt Thomas. He is a student at Bondurant Middle School where he enjoys math, language arts, and social studies. He also enjoys mountain biking, hiking, and dressing up. A fan of Elton John's "Crocodile Rock" and the movie *Chariots of Fire*, Henry's favorite color is blue and his favorite food is a sandwich. Being outside is what he loves most in the world, and that is where he feels closest to God. Henry's favorite thing about FUMC is the music.



Our new exhibit in the Wesley Center Art Gallery features the work of Mark Crowdus of *Crowdus Art Creations*. Mark discovered his passion for art while a student at Western Hills High School. Under the tutelage of Jim Terry, he learned to hone his talents using watercolors, acrylics, and wood crafting.

After a career in law enforcement, he once again found his love for painting and creating art. He uses gourds (from Happy Jack's Farm) to transform into interesting creatures and driftwood for African Art. His watercolors are vivid depictions of butterflies, bees and other insects.

Please spend some time enjoying Mark's art and join us on Sunday, March 10th, from 10-1:00, to meet Mark, peruse his exhibit, and enjoy some refreshments.

Outreach

Food Pantry

Thank you so much for your financial support in 2023. This year the Emergency Community Food Pantry of Franklin County continued our 40+ years of service to the community in partnership with generous donors like you, tireless volunteers, and community partners. With the rising cost of food and neighbors in need, this year found us busier than ever.

Here are a few things we accomplished in 2023:

- *Provided a week's worth of groceries, equaling about 152,460 meals to individuals and families in need.*
- *Provided 629 vouchers to allow families with young children to purchase fresh food.*
- *Continued to operate with only volunteers.*
- *Partnered with Franklin County Health Department, local schools and community organizations to provide over 700 emergency food bags to clients and students.*
- *Organized multiple food drives.*

Here are a few things we hope to accomplish in 2024:

- *Continue to provide vouchers to families with young children.*
- *Increase the number of monthly donors to provide a strong, steady source of income.*
- *Expand on the good progress made in 2023 re-establishing our in-person food drives.*

We could not have done any of this without the support of caring members like you. Again, thank you. We deeply appreciate your support of the Food Pantry.

Jonathan A. Vaught, President

Dear Friends,

We are in receipt of your contribution to the Resource Office for Social Ministries (ROSM). With your financial help, we are able to provide assistance to those in our community who are in need.

Thank you for your continued support of ROSM. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at rosmfrankfort@gmail.com.

*Tommy Z. Hanes,
Executive Directory*

Wanda Joyce Robinson Foundation—Help us Build a Stronger Community

The mission of the Wanda Joyce Robinson Foundation is to create and invest in relationships that strengthen the lives of children, youth and families impacted by incarceration.

WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN GROW OUR IMPACT

Raise Awareness

Tell a friend about us.
Engage with us on Social Media by liking and sharing our posts.
Invite us to events or speaking opportunities.
Introduce us to new opportunities.

Give Your Time

Volunteer.
Become a Mentor.
Allow a high school youth to shadow you at work one day.
Join our fundraising team.
Attend a WJRF event.

Financial Support

Become a sustainer by donating \$25 a month.
Donate gift cards (Save a Lot, Kroger, gas cards, etc).
Get your office together and host a fundraiser benefiting WJRF.

KSU Wesley Foundation

Dear First United Methodist Church,

I want to thank you for your gifts to the KSU Wesley Foundation. Your gifts help students who are feeling overwhelmed and defeated find Jesus, experience life change and become world changers. I'm a junior at K-State and have been attending since 2020 my freshman year. You all bless our ministry every year and let us use your vans/buses to go on retreats. You've helped in ways that saved us so much trouble! Your deeds are invaluable! Thank you all for y'all's "yes". I pray God doubles your blessings and more! Amen!

A Note From Jessica Neely

As the director of the Wesley Foundation, I am honored to be part of what God is doing. God continues to expand our reach, bring people to Christ and change lives. This fall, Student Life asked us to partner in Welcome Week activities. We served popcorn and snow cones for a movie night, organized a water day when it was 96 degrees outside, cooked hot dogs for freshman, and led a campus wide worship service to start the school year. That week we ministered to hundreds and one even accepted Christ.

During the fall semester we have a retreat and Jesus Week. The fall retreat theme was "Steppin' into the Light". Students were challenged to stop doing a "two step between light and darkness." One student said that God was telling her that she just needed to choose him. God began a work in many students' lives that produced fruit during Jesus week. Jesus Week is a week where the entire campus focuses on Jesus through activities hosted by the Wesley and other campus ministries. This year's theme was Faith Factor. Activities included Nerf Gun War, Gospel Karaoke, Friday Night Live, Revival, and Baptism/Dip Party. On Saturday night, 14 students accepted Christ. Dozens of others asked for prayer for things like healing from abuse, relief from anxiety and depression, and forgiveness. One student said "God is showing me that He is real." Another student said that he needed to stay connected to the vine so God could be with him in the dark places. Another student said that she kept letting dark negative thoughts drive her away from God. God was speaking words of love, healing, and repentance to many of the students present that night. The next night, 12 students were baptized! Students shared amazing stories of what God was doing and life transformation.

Throughout the semester, God has moved through our Sundaze worship, Bible studies, discipleship groups, and Jesus Week. As Marty testified, "So many doors He's opened, so many ways He's made, so many times He's healed me. He has been better than good to me!"

UMCOR—United Methodist Committee on Relief

Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you!

The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be—Thank you!

Since 1940 UMCOR has served as the humanitarian agency of the United Methodist Church, providing disaster response and relief to areas impacted by natural and man-made disasters around the world. And through your financial support, you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships as UMCOR responds to increasingly-frequent and destructive storms—sharing 100% of donated funds with those in need!

Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women and children of ethnic, racial, cultural and national backgrounds and to demonstrate genuine love for our neighbors.

Grace and Peace,
Roland Fernandes
General Secretary

March Birthdays

1	Dow Eads Pauli Hancock Bayla West	16	Barbara Hill Lesley Doane Benjamin Rearden Mae Rearden	28	Corinne Dossett Sarah Gaddis Joyce Nally
2	Sandra Murphree	17	Ellen Raine Emily Gatewood	29	Lydia Hughes Dan McDonald
3	Jim Burris Charlyne Whitcomb	18	Marcia Garland Nick Moreland	30	Jeanne Hansen
8	Katy Quarles Duncan	19	Ella Abney Nancy Watkins	31	Diana Eads Todd Garland Grace Neal
7	Polly Jo Green	20	Alea Hubbard Phyllis Rogers		
9	Cheryl Nance Marilyn Oberlin Daniel Snow	22	Pam Ayer RB Brown Aaron Goins		
10	Helen Hall Abney	23	Jane Orr		
11	Chad Woodruff	24	Gunnar Wasson		
12	Bob Bass Blakely West	25	Amber Logan		
13	Laura Moreno Zach Newman Tyler Pewitt Beth Sturm	26	Evie Lowe		
14	Jonathan Neal	27	Alex McDonald		
15	Jared Deaton				



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!



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Pancake
Breakfast



United Methodist Men's
Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, March 16, 2024

8:00—11:00 a.m.

Wesley Center

Adults \$5.00

Children (12 and under) \$2.50

Proceeds donated to charitable causes.



Spring Cleaning?

The Mountain Mission truck will be here early on Tuesday, March 5. Leave donations of household items, toys, clothes, etc. on the Light House porch on Sunday, March 3. Items needed at this time are: underwear, sleep wear, socks, men's clothing, household items, linens, pillows, pursers, whatnots, electronics, men's shoes. And of course, all wonderfully, good and used items you donate to the mission.