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By
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With
Jesus Christ
Through
Spiritual Nourishment
And
Dynamic Outreach**



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CAPITAL CITY METHODIST

My Dad

Dear First Friends,

I am unspeakably grateful to you for your many prayers, words, cards, notes, and acts of kindness following the death of my dear dad at the age of 92 on February 24. Our family has been comforted by your prayers and thoughtfulness.

Dad was an outstanding woodworker, craftsman, and fixer. He lived by the motto that a task worth doing is worth doing well. Dad and Mom enjoyed doing seemingly endless projects at home and in their yard and remained in their own home until the ages of 87 and 90.

Dad always planned his work out carefully, and I tend to be that way by nature. He always “measured twice and cut once.” If ever a boy could have learned to be handy with tools, I would have learned it from him, but my interests were elsewhere. He tried.

Dad was a hard worker and relaxed by watching TV, movies, and music videos. He was fascinated with technology and enjoyed learning about and using his computer. He enjoyed quoting movie lines, words of wisdom, and the funny things his children and grandchildren said.

Dad was very proud of his family. He taught my sister and me to care for our extended family, to be careful and wise with money, to take good care of what we have, to appreciate a good steak, and to always be honest. He and Mom introduced us to the church and to Christian faith from an early age.

Dad wasn’t much of a talker until he retired, at which point he seemed to spend the rest of his life trying to make up for lost time. He was very logical and pragmatic and rarely expressed his emotions until his later years when he became much more inclined to talk about and express his feelings, and even to cry, usually about a song he listened to or his gratitude for his family and friends. On those occasions when he sat in the pew while I was preaching, I often caught a glimpse of him smiling and I knew how proud he was of me.

I will forever be grateful that my dad could live near to us these last few years and that he was deeply loved and well cared for at Dominion Senior Living here in Frankfort. I know that making that last move without Mom took a lot of courage, and he was courageous just like always. In his words, “When I walk into that new place, I’m going to be like, ‘Yeah, I’m cool.’”

I’m glad Dad is no longer struggling. Dementia and physical decline were becoming a heavy burden, even for someone as strong as he was. I’m glad he was my dad. I’m glad for the many times we said, “I love you.” I’m glad he’s with Mom. I am grateful that God loved him from the very beginning and that we share the hope of resurrection.

As Holy Week and Easter approach, I am also thankful not only that Jesus was raised from the dead but also that he came back to us. I have known his presence especially through your care and kindness over these last few weeks. I also witness the Risen Christ daily through your love for one another, your devotion to God and to FUMC, and the many ways in which you care for others in our community and our world.

I look forward to sharing Holy Week and Easter with you all. There is no way that words can express the tremendous gift of a God who came to where we are, who suffers and dies with and for us, and who keeps coming back to us. There is no greater gift than God’s love, our love for one another, and the hope of all things being restored.

Faithfully yours,
Pastor Tom

Sympathy

Our sympathy to the Eads family (Dow and Van Eads, and siblings, Diana, Carolyn and Lorenzo) in the death of ROBERT EADS on March 15. A Celebration of Life service will be held at First United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 13, at 2pm.

SHIRLEY ANN MIDDLETON passed away on March 18. Her funeral is at noon on Friday 19., March 22.

CAROLYN NEMETH passed away on March 19. You may send condolences to Maggie Nemeth.

PATTI CAPITO passed away on March 19. You may send condolences to Bob Capito.

Women's Bible Study

A four-week study on Discernment begins on Thursday, April 4, with Rev. Tonya Kenner. The study is part of the Holy Living Series. Books can be bought in the church office for \$8. The class meets from 10-11:30 am through April 25.

Interested in Fine Arts?

The Fine Arts Committee is looking for additional committee Members. Present members are Phyllis Rogers, Kay Scott, Roy Nance and Stephanie Sorrell. Phyllis Rogers can be reached by phone at 502-875-3713, or cell phone at 502-229-0143. In either case you can leave a message. Thanks. We are always looking for new artists whose work we can exhibit. If you would like to find out about the Fine Arts Committee, give Phyllis a call or leave a message at the church.

April Plans for Triple L and Anna's Friends

Our **Living Longer and Loving It** senior fellowship group will meet on Thursday, April 18, for lunch at 11:30 followed by a program on Bluegrass Care Navigators by Renda Thomas on the many services they provide: Hospice, Transitional Care, Home Health Care, Palliative Care, Grief Care and more. Enjoy the fellowship and learning together.

Our widow and widower support group, **Anna's Friends**, will travel to Lexington on Friday, April 26, for lunch at Smithtown Seafood. We will leave from the ATM in Brighton Park at 10:30. Contact Rev. Tonya Kenner or Judie Blake to sign up.

Thank You, Cooks!

Our Engage Sunday nights have included great food and fellowship along with meaningful group meetings. We thank Ashli Watts for organizing the meals. And we thank our cooks: Lynn Faulkner and Stephanie Stafford, Class Acts Sunday School Class, Holly and Stefan Brunson, Karen Nance and Upper Room Class, and Hope Circle.

Children and families are invited to join for the final Lenten Engage Supper on Sunday, March 24, at 5:00 for a potluck (chicken provided). Following the meal at 5:45, children and families are invited to join for some activities before going out to hunt the eggs. All may leave from the hunt.

Youth Art Auction

The Youth are planning a trip to Lake Junaluska in the summer. To help raise funds for their expenses, they are holding a silent art auction in April. 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). Thank you for supporting our youth program!



Financials as of 2/29/2024

Revenue	\$95,730
Expenses	\$124,303
Needed to meet budget	\$151,357
Mortgage Balance	\$1,203,874

April Birthdays

2 Katie Huckaby	14 Beth Case Cameron Kenner	23 Palmer Collett Regi Reed
3 Melissa Hardison Clara Wade	15 Pat Bacon Patrick Jacobs	24 Sue Coles Becky Gillig Donna Heltzel Travis McCrystal Iris Winkler
4 Alice Fuller	16 Charles Bradshaw Stefan Brunson James Hale	25 Ray Baldwin Ramsey Quarles Melissa Wiard Fran Wells
5 Joan Goins Regina Hellard	18 Jim Hall	28 Brent Higgs Melinda Nunley
6 John Good Scott Stevenson	20 Dawson McCoun	29 Erin Miller
7 Brooklyn West	21 Henry Collett Lane Jacobs Kristi Kays Bill Newman	30 Greg Hardison
8 Beckham West	22 Makenzie Allen Deena Moore Dave Salyers Addison Trent	
9 Elijah Brunson Sandra Burton		
11 Carole Wilson Colton Wiard Emily Wilson		



GAP Urgently Needs Single-Serve Proteins

Our church's GAP mission fills brown bags each month to supply a nutritionally balanced assortment of foods to homeless people who seek help. As needs increase, GAP supplies run short.

As GAP prepares for April, the need for protein-rich foods is urgent. GAP needs individual serving sizes (2 to 4 ounces each) of these foods in pouches or pull-top cans (no can opener needed). To see examples, go to www.amazon.com and search that site for "single-serve meats." If you shop for proteins at a discount store, please check expiration dates before buying.

- Chicken
- SPAM
- Peanut butter
- Vienna sausage
- Beanie Weenies

(GAP has plenty of tuna for now.)



Church groups, classes and families may want to consider donating proteins in quantity. It's easy to do. Go to GAP's Wish List at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3A9JG9XYMR3YQ?ref_=wl_share and order a case to be shipped directly to the church. You can also designate shipping to the church's address if you order from general pages on Amazon or Sam's Club.

For April distribution, please have donations brought or delivered to the church by the end of March. Thanks!

Special Holy Week Services

For more than 30 years our church has been offering noon worship services to the Frankfort community during Holy Week. Guest musicians are invited to present a 20-minute recital beginning at 11:45. Following the recital various community ministers share a devotion and hymn. A luncheon in Asbury Hall is provided Monday-Thursday.

Additionally there will be a noon Good Friday service with no lunch provided. Invite a friend to join you at these meaningful times of worship during Holy Week. See Holy Week flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Children's Choir Presents "The Singing Bishop" on Palm Sunday




The children's choir will present the brief musical, *The Singing Bishop*, by Hal Hopson on Palm Sunday at GNN and the 11:00 worship services. It is a hymn interpretation of the Palm Sunday hymn, "All Glory, Laud and Honor." Bishop Theodulph, a great pastor, poet and educator, was imprisoned in Angers, in the District of Orleans, by King Louis I of France. The charge was treason against the crown. According to legend King Louis was leading the Palm Sunday procession through the streets of Angers in 821 when he heard this beautiful singing from the prison tower. The singing was from Theodulph who he had imprisoned. The story goes that the gentle and merciful monarch was so moved with compassion that he pardoned him and sent him back to his church.

The hymn, All Glory, Laud and Honor, has been in our Methodist hymnals since 1849. The words were translated from Bishop Theodulph's writing in the 9th century.


Maundy Thursday Service

The Chancel Choir and guest soloists under the direction of Josh Golden, will present *The Seven Last Words of Christ* by Theodore Dubois on Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 pm. Written in 1867, the oratorio was Dubois' most popular choral piece. The powerful music dramatically depicts the crucifixion of Christ. The agony of this movement contrasts with the more melodic and gentle words to Mary.

Accompanying the choir will be strings, harp, organ, and timpani. You are encouraged to invite friends to join you in this dramatic work for Holy Week.



Frankfort 1st United Methodist Church
211 Washington Street
presents
The Seven Last Words of Christ
by
Theodore Dubois
March 28th at 7:00 P.M.





The United Methodist Men will meet at 6:00 pm, Monday, April 1, in Asbury Hall. Following a meal prepared by Karen and Roy Nance, the speaker will be Brian Pedigo, director of ACCESS Soup Kitchen and Men's Shelter.

Cinderella's Closet

FUMC's first Cinderella's Closet was held spring of 2009, in the Averill House. We served approximately 25 girls that year. The program quickly grew, requiring more than 100 volunteers and serving 150-200 girls for a one-day annual event! Over the years, 36 schools, across 19 counties have participated.

Cinderella's Closet has been an engaging ministry of our church. Community volunteers and church members have provided food, on site alterations, one-on-one fairy godmothers, and have prayed in the chapel during the event. More than a dress, the Cinderella's Closet provides an experience of unconditional love and grace for students. Many of them, having experienced poverty, abuse/neglect, self harm, teen pregnancy, the loss of a parent, are embraced by the volunteers who serve as the body of Christ, creating a memory of "the day I went to a church in Frankfort and got my prom dress"- something that in their future, may draw them back to a church family.

The event is now held at Memorial Baptist Church. After our 2019 event, we moved the dresses to Memorial for storage, (due to the rising costs of storage unit rental). In 2020 the event was not held. In 2021, we donated dresses directly to schools. In 2022, we were unable to move the dresses to FUMC due to the elevator not working at Memorial. The event was held there and with ease, we simply rolled the dresses out for the program and then rolled them back into storage. Out of logistical convenience, but even more so with the opportunity to partner with the community of Christ, we have found a great collaboration with Memorial Baptist Church.

The 2024 event was held March 12 - 16. 184 students from 17 schools participated. Counties included: Anderson, Estill, Bath, Woodford, Wolfe, Franklin, Morgan, Madison, Menifee, Scott, Shelby, and Owen. FUMC women gathered and prepared 200 snack bags and the following beautifully framed poem-

My Princess...

I know you want to be accepted by others...but you were not meant to "fit in". You, MY Princess, were created to stand out. You were created to be mine...to love and be loved...to live the kind of life that leads others to Me.

Remember, it's your choices that will pave your path in life. I will not force you to do anything. I have given you the free will to walk with Me...or to walk away from Me.

I want you to know that you can put on your crown at any time and be the princess you were created to be... to let others know that you belong to Me. If you are ever afraid or hurting, you run to Me and I will protect you and comfort you, My Princess.

You have a royal call on your life. I want you to remember that I love you and will do more in you and through you than you would ever dare to dream.

I love you, My Princess. I love YOU. And you are beautiful.



Holy Week Schedule



Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday

- 9:00 am Good News at Nine Worship, Asbury Hall: Children's Choir presents *The Singing Bishop*
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary: Children's Choir presents *The Singing Bishop*
5:00 pm Supper
5:45 pm Engage Growth Groups

Monday-Thursday, March 25-28

- 11:45 am Recital, Sanctuary
12:05 pm Worship Service
12:30 pm Lunch, Asbury Hall

Monday, March 25

- Organist: Roland Herzel, organ
Preacher: Rev. Tonya Kenner, First United Methodist Church, pastor

Tuesday, March 26

- Pianist: Dr. Patricia Griffin, piano
Preacher: Rev. Leslie Whitlock, First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church

Wednesday, March 27

- Musician: Grant Holcomb, harpsicord, organ
Preacher: Ginny Smith, First United Methodist Church

Thursday, March 28

- Organist: Cade Dundon
Preacher: Father Peter Doddema, Church of the Ascension

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
***The Seven Last Words of Christ* by Theodore Dubois presented by Chancel Choir**

Friday, March 29

- 12:00 pm Good Friday Service, Sanctuary

Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday

- 9:00 am Good News at Nine Worship, Asbury Hall
10:00 am Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary



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Join us for our first ever "Gather," a Young Adult Event. Gather will be on April 6, 2024, from 2 to 6 pm EST at St. Paul UMC in Frankfort at 1800 Louisville Rd (US 60) Frankfort, KY 40601. This event is led by the Young Adult Leadership Team and supported by both the Kentucky Annual Conference and the Central Appalachian Missionary Conference. This event is catering to our young adults in the Commonwealth, ages 18-35. Food, fellowship and worship are guaranteed.

Meet Confirmation Student Mallory Toppass

Mallory is an eighth-grade student at Elkhorn Middle School, where her favorite subject is Social Studies and where she participates in volleyball, band, library and theater. Mallory is the daughter of Melissa and Josh Toppass. She has a younger sister, Elly.

Mallory's favorite activities are volleyball, sleeping and watching football. Her favorite color is purple and her favorite food is chicken. Her favorite things in the world are her dogs and playing volleyball. She enjoys music by Luke Combs and Bryson Tiller, and her favorite movies are *The Lion King* and *Pirates of the Caribbean*.

Mallory's favorite thing about FUMC is the youth group. She describes God as the Creator and a loving Father, and she feels closest to God at church.



Pastor Tom Host First Connections Class

Are you interested in knowing more about becoming a member of First United Methodist Church? You are invited to join Pastor Tom for First Connections on the second Sunday of each month, from 10:00-10:30 90am in Asbury Hall (2nd floor of the Wesley Center where GNN Worship is held). First Connections is an informal time to meet one another and share about your questions and where you are in your journey with FUMC. There will be no pressure to become a member. 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.

Come and See!

When Jesus turned, he said, "What are you looking for?"

They said to him, "Where are you staying?"

And Jesus said to them, "Come and see."



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Easter Flowers

One of the great Easter traditions is flowering of the cross. It began in the 6th century. The congregations is asked to bring bouquets of flowers Friday and Saturday afternoons to put on the drab wooden cross. When completed it will stand majestically over six feet tall in the sanctuary Easter Sunday morning.

Please bring bouquets from your yard, florist, or Kroger to place on the cross. We will work on the cross Good Friday, 12:00-3:00. The cross will be prepared with oasis to keep them fresh. This will be a glorious tribute to the cross on the hill.

Lilies will be placed in the GNN and Traditional services. If you wish to give \$12.00 in memory or honor of someone, please fill out form below and return to church office.



In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

In lieu of flowers monetary donation to _____

