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# CAPITAL CITY METHODIST

Dear Frankfort First,

*I officially retired from the Kentucky Annual Conference and now from you all, as of June 30. I have so many memories of my ministry and most of them include you! Paul and I will be back soon and I am so excited to have Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley coming here! Here is the memoir I wrote for the Annual Conference:*

*Born into a parsonage family, the church has always been my home. I was nurtured by the people of Ashland First, Falmouth, Georgetown, Richmond and Lexington First. I heard my call through these churches and ultimately from my youth group when Phyllis Hail (retired diaconal minister) was invited by Jim Murphy (retired deacon) to share about her call in Christian Education and Diaconal ministry. Aldersgate Camp, retreats in Myrtle Beach and Lake Junaluska Lab Schools enhanced my spiritual journey. Kentucky Wesleyan College and Scarritt College prepared me for ministry.*

*My first appointment was in the Louisville Conference as Director of Christian Education and Youth at Memorial United Methodist Church in June of 1985 and consecrated as a diaconal minister in 1986. There I met and married my husband, Paul, who has supported my call to ministry in both in theory and practice from attending to driving the bus to cooking/cleaning to setting up and taking down events and more. After the birth of our daughter, Catelynn, and due to Paul's job, we moved to central Kentucky where I accepted an appointment as Minister of Christian Education at Frankfort First in June 1990, serving with my father. My sons, Quentin and Cameron, were born in Frankfort. I was ordained a deacon in 1997. Through the years I have served with nine senior pastors including Roy Webster, Bob Rice, Billy Ray Jennings, David Hilton, Jack Brewer, Wayne Sayre, Phil Hill, Jamie Williams and Tom Corum. For a few years, I also worked part-time for the Frankfort District, serving with Kenneth Cummings and Jean Hawxhurst. I have served with many staff and lay persons in both my congregations and across the district a conference through committees, leadership trainings and events. For professional growth and encouragement, I was active in Christian Educators Fellowship and continue in the Order of Deacons.*

*All of these people and experiences have enhanced my life and ministry as I have focused on planning, resourcing and equipping people and churches for discipleship in the church and the world. I am thankful for the opportunities and people God has placed in my life. I have a lot of emotions as this Annual Conference session includes my retirement as well as the memorial of my mother, two years after my father was honored. Now I am looking forward to the ability to rest, travel and spend quality time with my family, including children, son-in-law, daughter-in-law and new grandson, Leon. I also look forward to new opportunities to serve as the church will continue to be my home.*

*Blessings,*

*Rev. Tonya Jennings Kenner*

## Sympathy to . . .

. . . The family of MERLE HANSEN who passed away on June 1. You may send your condolences to his wife, Jeanne Hansen.

. . . Greg Hardison and family in the recent death of his father, Dewitt Hardison

. . . Molly Alexander and her family in the death of her mother, Angel Smith.

## Welcome to Confirmands

On Sunday, May 19, the following youth joined FUMC after finishing confirmation classes:

Aaron Goins, son of David and Meredith

Graham MacDonald, son of Patricia MacDonad and Jonathan MacDonald

Logan McDonald, son of Taylor and Morgan

Henry Thomas, son of Matt and Kathrine

Mallory Toppass, son of Josh and Melissa

Blakely West, daughter of Thad and Stephanie

Brooklyn West, daughter of Thad and Stephanie



## Baptisms

On May 19 confirmands Graham McDonald and Mallory Toppass were baptized and confirmand Aaron Goins was baptized on June 9.

On June 16 the children of Eric and Rebecca Lowe were baptized. They are Evelyn Rey (Evie), Finn Jameson and Isla Jane.

Samuel Henry Stafford was baptized on June 23. He is the son of Brian and Stephanie.

## Lost and Found

A recent visitor at FUMC, Grace Richards, who is mobile only with a powered wheel chair) lost her favorite Bible. The RSV study Bible has a brown cover. Her name is not in it. If you find it, please let the church office know so we can get it back to her. Thanks.

## Artist's Reception, Sunday, July 21

Nine artists have added their works to the gallery and will be here for a reception on Sunday, July 21. Each brings her own special twist to creating art. Come join us and meet these talented women.

**Pam Beck's** lifetime teaching career continues as she devotes weekly time to painting images inspired by old photographs.

**Jan Hunt** returned to painting and drawing after a teaching career at UK. Printmaking forces her to think and create in ways that reflect the permanence of carving.

**Chris Kellogg** ventured into art with a goal of trying as many disciplines as possible and has accomplished half a dozen.

**Christine Kuhn** is a professional muralist and sculptor and founder of Sprout Studios.

**Jane Purcell** considers herself lucky to be in a that allows her to experiment, socialize, and create.

**Margaret Sexton** spent 30 years as a graphic designer, but painting paper, tearing it up, and creating beautiful shapes is what makes her happy.

**Michell Sublett** has been exploring the vibrant realm of color and creative expression as a reprieve from corporate commitments and mom duties, embracing art as a supportive outlet.

**Su Troske.** With each brushstroke, Su explores and evolves as an artist, eager to share her unique perspective with others

**Megan Baumgartner**—While living in Spain, she discovered painting a hobby she has enjoyed for nearly a decade.



## King's Center Block Party

June 29

5:00—7:00 p.m.

Enjoy free Staxx BBQ  
with all the fixin's & sides

The event is sponsored by Rock Solid Roofing, multiple churches and The City of Angels.

*Dear Members of FUMC, Frankfort,*

*I am so excited that I have been appointed as your Associate Pastor and I cannot wait to spend time getting to know you and discovering ways we can be in ministry together!*

*I thought I'd tell you a bit about myself in case you are curious.*

*I grew up in KY, where my father served as a minister in the KY Annual Conference. My family moved to the West Ohio Conference when I was in first grade. I graduated DeVilbiss High School in Toledo, Ohio and attended Miami University, Oxford where I majored in Communications and Theater with a specialization in Creative Dramatics with Children. I spent my summers during college working with a Migrant Ministry Program providing childcare for the children of migrant farmers while they worked in the fields and teaching the adults English in the evenings.*

*After college, I attended United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, where I specialized in the spiritual lives of children and served as a youth minister and Children's hospital chaplain. After leaving seminary, I served as a pastor in the West OH Conference and then moved to FUMC, Colorado Springs where I raised my two young boys, climbed mountains, served as Associate pastor FUMC, Colorado Springs, and founded First Steps Spirituality Center. I also began writing and consulting while there.*

*First Steps was a not-for-profit, ecumenical ministry, that provided spiritual care for hurting children and teens at no cost. We ministered to children of all ages who had experienced loss, death, the suicide of a parent or sibling, divorcing parents and anxiety, depression and really, anything that caused them stress or hurt.*

*After my boys grew up, I moved back to Kentucky where my niece, Janell, (who I had raised) and her family live. I have spent the past 8 years serving Christ Church UMC, Louisville, KY. I began there as a part time consultant for their Children's Ministry and then stayed! I most recently served as the Executive Pastor where I coordinated the staff and volunteers to discover where God was calling us and to implement existing and new ministries for all ages.*

*I just said good-bye to CCUM, and am now looking forward to serving you! I have been living in Frankfort for the past seven years. I moved to Frankfort to remain close to my family who live in Lexington yet be closer to Louisville. Frankfort was in the middle of the two places I needed to be and when I visited Frankfort, I fell in love with the downtown, the river and the historic places.*

*And now, I am able to live and work here, in your community ... in our community! I officially begin work with you on July 1, will be going with our Youth Ministry to Lake Junaluska the weekend of the July 6 and will be formally introduced and will be preaching at worship Sunday, July 14.*

*That is my story ... I cannot wait to hear yours! I look forward to meeting you!*

*Leanne*





## July Birthdays

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|---|--|---|
| 2. John Browning<br>Kaylee Burgess<br>Christa Hall<br>Leon Townsend<br>Jan Wright | 12. Henry Fuller<br>Michael Nunley   | 23. Connie Jones<br>Paul Mauer<br>Alan Meeks  |
| 3. Melissa Hall<br>Shelley Mauer  | 13. Debra Chadwick<br>Maggie McDonald<br>Shelia White                                  | 24. Tyler Baker<br>Corinne Brewer<br>Henry Lawson<br>Matt Smothermon                |
| 4. Judie Blake<br>Pam Jackson<br>Betty McNeas<br>Russell Wells                    | 14. Luke Scott   | 25. John Gilbert  |
| 7. Jim Neal   | 15. Beau Barnes  | 26. Caroline Barnes<br>Heather Risk   |
| 8. Gayle Alvis<br>J. D. Harville<br>Evan Hutchison<br>Bruce Smith                 | 16. Erika Hancock  | 27. Lindsay Briggs<br>Allen Jackson<br>Ryan Sturm                                   |
| 9. Laveta Browning<br>Sabrina James   | 18. Patsy Blevins<br>Kay Scott   | 28. Sara Bell<br>Elaine Brawner<br>Greg Burton<br>Michael Gaddis<br>Barbara Lambdin |
| 10. Gayle Deaton<br>Ben Gillig<br>Hannah Strunk<br>Carter Watts                   | 19. Logan Hurley<br>Ginny Smith<br>Randy Thomas  | 30. Gretchen Gillig<br>Phil Lawson<br>Kathy Moreland<br>Luke Tolson<br>Andrew Wink  |
| 11. Jane Bush<br>Brendan Smith<br>Suzanne Spencer                                 | 20. Sheilah Kurtz<br>Hannah Neal<br>Henry Thomas<br>Jacob Tracy<br>Ethan Williams-Hale | 31. Adam Scott  |
|   | 21. Alexis Wilson  |   |
|   | 22. Rusty Wilhoite<br>Jett Wasson  |   |

## Your Church Reaching Out

The Outreach Committee *reached out* on June 20, when members of our church set up a booth at the Longest Day of Play. Sponsored by the Franklin County Public Health Department, the Longest Day of Play is designed to get kids out of the house, off their electronics, and active on the year's longest day.

Many thanks to Pastor Tom, John and Donna Heltzel, Abbie and Joe Meyer, Corky Herbert, Jim Jackson, Byron Brewer, Ron Alvis, Mary Pat Dobbins, Fred Spencer, John Covington, John Gilbert, Kalin Farr, and Amy Snow, who provided great ideas and additional resources.

Outreach is a team, and we have more exciting adventures coming up. If you want to join us, send John a note at [jwsh57@gmail.com](mailto:jwsh57@gmail.com). There's plenty of fun to go around.





## Gap Has Growing Pains

June is the perfect time to report to the congregation on the status of the God Answers Prayers (GAP) Through Compassionate People ministry! With nearly half the year behind us, GAP is pleased to announce that our homeless mission grows stronger every day.

Each month we pray with nearly 60 homeless individuals and offer assistance from our congregation in the form of Kroger cards, essential supplies and a simple brown paper bag filled with a day's worth of food. Our success can be seen in the faces of the struggling individuals who come recommended to our church for assistance. Their stories are diverse, but their circumstances are all similar.

Newly housed GAP friend, "PD," finished her first round of chemo treatment with her 16-year-old son at her side. Her prognosis is quite serious with chemo scheduled every two weeks for a year. A First UMC friend put together a chemo kit and she cried for joy at receiving the many useful items and the care she felt. They are quite proud of their apartment. Pray for her health during this serious and unpredictable cancer journey.

Newly housed GAP friend, "D," gave birth to her second child last week. There were several complications and the baby was moved to UK hospital with mom joining her the next day. With great improvement, both were dismissed from the hospital. She is glad to get back to her three-year-old and start this new chapter. With the help of First UMC, she furnished their apartment and received help with some other needs. After some maternity leave, she plans to get a job and finish her bachelor's degree as the children will be able to get into daycare. Pray for this single mom as she continues to work hard.

The needs are growing. In 2023, we began the year (January-April) averaging \$231 a month in Kroger card assistance and ended the year (November to December) giving an average of \$468. By January 2024, our Kroger card assistance averaged to \$436 a month. Since mid-April, our Kroger card assistance has increased to almost \$600 a month.

Our congregation has faithfully responded to the needs of this mission, and the GAP team continues to trust in God's plan. The needs are great and we are grateful for the strength of our church family's commitment. You can help by purchasing \$20 Kroger cards and dropping them in the collection plate along with your tithe.



Sunday, June 30, 2024

Offering of Hope

For Fifth Sunday

Give online at [kyumh.org/donate](https://kyumh.org/donate)

Or mail to P.O. Box 930

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- Youth Director

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- Administrative Assistant

### Diana Gregory

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## Mountain Mission Truck

The Mountain Mission Truck will be here on July 2. You may bring items to Light House porch on Sunday, June 30, and Monday, July 1. Due to low donations, which has caused their inventory to dwindle, they are desperately low on the following items:

- Bed Sheets
- Comforters
- Blankets
- Pillows
- Towels
- Wash Cloths
- Bed Spreads
- Quilts
- Whatnots (bric-a-brac, knickknack, collectibles, things that make a home a 'home')
- Socks and Underwear (Children's, Men's and Women's)
- Purses
- Swimwear
- Crafting Supplies (Yarn, material, etc.)
- Pots and pans



Frankfort First United Methodist Church

Invites you to

*Reverend Tonya Jennings Kenner's*

Retirement Celebration

Sunday, June 30, 2024

Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Asbury Hall

*Followed by Potluck Lunch Immediately after service.*

*Congratulation letters and cards for Tonya may be mailed to Jana Sturm or brought to the service.*