



February 27, 2025

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



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF FRANKFORT**

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Ash Wednesday Services

12:00 noon and 6:00 pm

Ash Wednesday Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary - a brief service of music, prayer and imposition of ashes

4:00 pm-5:30 pm

Ashes to Go—the blessing of Ashes with be offered **in from of FUMC**. You may stay in your car or walk up to receive ashes.





Youth Art Auction Coming in March

The new year is here and our youth are planning their activities. This year, in keeping with our theme of *Everyone*, our youth will focus their missions on reaching out to those who need the love of God. They are in the process of deciding where God is calling them to be in mission and service this summer!

Because our Youth will be discerning in such an intentional way, we want to make sure that they have the support they need.

We will be raising money to help pay for supplies and gas for the bus with our annual **Silent Art Auction** this March. If you have artwork that you would like to donate, you can bring it to the church office or call Abbie Meyer (502 696-4244 or Meyer.Abbie@outlook.com) to arrange for a pick up. We're excited for the new year and opportunities to share our love with our community.

Let's Go Snow Tubing

You are invited to join the Frankfort First United Methodist Church for a day of tubing at Perfect North on Sunday, March 9, 2025. We will be leaving from Church at 11am, following Sunday School and will be using the FUMC Church Buses. The cost for the event is \$30 per person, due at registration (no day-of registrations permitted), plus meal expenses. You must submit a signed permission slip and pay the \$30 fee no later than Sunday, March 2. Ronnie Nolan will have permission slips available during Sunday School on March 2, and will be accepting payment at that time as well. You may also use PayPal to make payments by searching Ronnie Nolan, 859-358-8434. You can pay by Venmo to Eric Kennedy, last four digits of his phone number are 3157. This event is open to our entire church family, but bus space is limited.



Financial Report

Due to weather, First Church didn't fully meet for two Sundays. Missing church really takes a hit on the church's finances as is evident by the January numbers.

Total Receipts:	\$31,303.00
Total Expenses:	\$70,616.42
Amount Needed to Make Budget:	\$73,970.13
Mortgage Balance:	\$844,459.00

I urge you to catch up on your tithes and offerings during the next couple of months! As always, if you have any questions, please let me know at janadsturm@gmail.com.

Thank You

Thank you to all of you who cooked soups, to those who ladled soups into containers on Saturday, to the church members who ordered soup and to those made a contribution to United Women in Faith. The Frankfort United Women in Faith appreciate all of you! The world-wide agencies associated with UWF, as well as local groups who support women and children, are thankful, too. Blessings to all.



World's Biggest Bargain! World's Best Results

What could be better than a hot pancake breakfast for five bucks (STILL five bucks per person, kids 12 & under eat for \$2.50) with your friends and family in Asbury Hall as you simultaneously raise monies for your favorite missions, services and charities?

United Methodist Men's TRADITIONAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER is back, same place same price, on Saturday, March 15! Come to the twice-yearly event and have food, fun and fellowship in an atmosphere of caring for those in our church, our community and far beyond. EVERYONE!

Net proceeds are donated to charitable causes. Look forward to seeing you there!



UMM: We do OUR thing so you can do YOUR thing!

Homeless Endure Bitter Weather with Help from GAP

What a winter we've had! Typically, Frankfort averages less than five January days that are below freezing. This year, we had 12 days of temperatures below freezing and snow on the ground from January 5 - 26. During this miserably cold weather, our homeless neighbors were blessed beyond measure by the outpouring from our congregation of pocket handwarmers, knit hats, scarves and gloves. Everyone in need who came to the doors of our church was offered warm weather gear to help them survive the brutal cold. Our GAP ministry thanks everyone who helped make our *Warm January* a reality!

We are also grateful to the New Leash on Life store for donating a tote bag full of reusable water bottles to offer in our GAP store. Reusable water bottles are always in high demand for those who live hard. In addition, we want to thank the Food Pantry for their generous gift of bottled water. The Emergency Food Pantry shared many cases of bottled water for us to use in our brown paper bags.

Current needs:


- \$20 Kroger gift cards (can be dropped in the collection plate or delivered to church office)
- Personal items: toilet paper, dog food, hand lotion, toothpaste
- Brown paper bags: single serving pouches/pop top cans of chicken, SPAM, beanie weenies, ham, potted meat (we currently have plenty of tuna and peanut butter); pudding and fruit cups
- Amazon items: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3A9JG9XYMR3YQ?ref=wl_share

Extraordinary GAP Need

In February, the God Answers Prayer (GAP) Through Compassionate People ministry received multiple requests from our partners at Simon House, Frankfort Police Department social workers and Franklin County School counselors. Several families with children needed overnight accommodations. Our GAP ministry doesn't provide money for rent or utilities, and we don't typically put individuals up in hotel rooms. There have been exceptions over our three years of our operation, but we have always been able to rely on our church's Least of the Brethren ministry to provide the funds needed in these unusual emergencies.

GAP currently serves 21 families with children. The Franklin County School System is aware of at least 150 school age children who are currently homeless. Our experience this month reflects the growing need for help for unhoused families. Housing costs are rising, the economy has stalled for low-income workers, and the bitter winter temperatures forced families that might have sheltered in their cars to need lifesaving hotel rooms.

We have a bargain basement deal with Days Inn when we need to pay for lodging - \$75/night. This month, we provided several *weeks* of lodging for multiple families in desperate circumstances. First, we want to thank the Least of the Brethren for their generous and swift assistance. Second, we want to alert our congregation to this growing need. If you would like to help the Least of the Brethren with housing funds, contact John Heltzel at jwsh57@gmail.com or drop a donation in the collection plate marked "Least of the Brethren." Please pray for those who find themselves in desperate circumstances during extreme weather.



Focus on Race Relations Meeting
"Let's Talk about It" Series
Tuesday, February 18
Paul Sawyer Public Library
5:30 in the Community Room.
Topic: "Zero Sum Thinking—for Some
to Gain, Do Others Have to Lose?"
Questions: Call Nancy Watkins
502-330-9330

March Birthdays

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



Our condolences to the Scott Hankla in the death of this brother, Ren, on February 10.

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 (www.fumcfrankfort.org) or by calling the church office. The application deadline for all scholarships is March 15.



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Chris Powell

- *Director of Contemporary Worship*

Roy Nance

- *Organist*

Diana Gregory

- *Interim Administrative Assistant*

What is Happening in the Averill House??

Much work is underway as we look forward to welcoming Leanne to the Averill House Parsonage in mid June. The Trustees have named a Transition Team-Abbie Meyer, Jana Sturm, Shelley Mauer and Mary Pat Dobbins. Mary Pat is the Trustees' representative.

Volunteers have removed all the carpet from the 3 floors and temporarily relocated over 1,000 adult curricula to the Class Acts Sunday School room in the Wesley Center. A new refrigerator and dishwasher have been installed. All closets and attic areas have been cleaned out.

Upcoming projects include repairing plaster damage and repainting the Master bedroom, and 3rd floor area, carpeting the 3rd floor rooms, installing new flooring in the 2 full bathrooms and refinishing the worn hardwood floors. We also need to replace the kitchen stove and oven, but current available funds for the renovation do not allow us to do that.

There will be several opportunities to volunteer once we begin to clean and organize. If you would like to help in other ways, Lowes gift cards will be helpful as we refresh and replace where needed. Please feel free to contact anyone on the Transition Team or the church office if you have questions.



Mountain Mission Truck Is Coming

The Kentucky United Mountain Mission Truck is coming on March 10. The most needed donations at this time are: children's clothing, men's clothing and shoes, what nots, linens, comforters, pots and pans. And of course, all other wonderfully good and usable items you donate.