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



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CAPITAL CITY METHODIST

Dear First Friends,

Summer is here, even if the calendar tells us it's still a few weeks away. School is out, graduations are "in," green things are growing everywhere, and warmer weather is back.

At First United Methodist Church, we were happy to **host the Kentucky Dance Academy (KDA)** for several weeks for rehearsals while their facilities next door were flooded. So often, kindness and love mean reaching out to those who are right in front of us (or right beside us, in this case). Part of being the hands and feet of Jesus, in downtown Frankfort, and welcoming everyone means sharing what we have with folks directly within our line of vision. It is here that people begin to see and to experience what kind of church we are at our best, and that we are all a part of (not apart *from*) one another. This is the essence of the gospel: that God loves *everyone* and everything that God created, and we are invited to perceive that love as it has been poured out into us and *everyone*. Look for a precious thank you from the KDA in this newsletter.

On Sunday, June 1, *everyone* is encouraged to attend our **Church Council for Everyone** meeting from 1:00-2:30pm in the Susanna Room (main level of the Wesley Center). We want everyone to be informed and to have input into our conversations about our ministry and where we are being called to go. On that same day, I will be the speaker for the **Frankfort High School Baccalaureate** at 6:00pm in our Sanctuary.

As we move through the summer, a couple of big (and ongoing) events are planned beyond the doors of FUMC. First, we will be meeting up at the **Downtown Frankfort Concerts** on the Old Capitol Lawn beginning with the first concert at 6:30pm on Friday May 30. This will be a time to be together outside of Sundays, meet others in our community, and spread love to *everyone*. Bring a chair, and wear your Be Kind First t-shirt if you have one.

Also, see further information in this edition of *The Capital City Methodist* about our **Love Everyone Tour**, which will take us to various locations throughout the month of July. Meet in the Susanna Room on Tuesday, June 3, from 6:00-7:30pm to learn more, and continue to be on the lookout for more information via FUMC communications. The Love Everyone Tour promises to be exciting and fun, and we will meet new people and take the love of Christ and of FUMC beyond our church doors.

Meanwhile, we are seeing a lot of new people on Sunday mornings, and that is always so encouraging. Please be on the lookout every Sunday for someone you don't know, and welcome them. A brief interaction will make all the difference in the world.

In his book *The Universal Christ* (2021, Convergent Books), Richard Rohr says, "The true and essential work of all religion is to help us recognize and recover the divine image in everything. It is to mirror things correctly, deeply, and fully until all things know who they are." (p. 59)

It is such a joy and an honor to be the pastor of a church that truly wants to be a church for *everyone*.



Faithfully yours,

Tom Corum

High School Graduates

Congrats to our high School graduates! We are so proud of you and wish you the very best as you cross over this important milestone!

Helen Hall Abney	Frankfort High School
Jack Barnes	Frankfort High School
Graham Clements	Franklin County High School
Garrison Graves	Western Hills High School
Molly Hanson	Frankfort High School
Cyrus Jacques	Franklin County High School
Claudia Logan	Franklin County High School
Maggie McDonald	Franklin County High School
Greg Meyer	Frankfort High School
Easton Powell	Franklin County High School
Bayla West	Frankfort High School
Alex Whitt	Western Hills High School



Jim Sublett Scholarship \$1500

Recipient: Sam Gilbert

Ted Crosthwait Scholarship \$1000

Recipient: Jack Gilbert

Pewitt Family Scholarship \$1000

Recipient: Cyrus Jaques

McChesney Scholarship \$1000

Recipient: Molly Hanson

Ruth Spurrier Scholarship \$1000

Recipient: Helen Hall Abney

Thank You!

FUMC,

You gave us a dance home when we needed it most! We are all so grateful for your generosity—we are so lucky to have neighbors like you! Thank you, from the bottoms of our hearts.

Amanda & KDA Family

Leanne Moves In!

We want to thank the trustees and all of you who helped return the Averill House into a parsonage and a beautiful home for our Associate Pastor, Leanne. Final repairs are happening now and she will be moving into the house during the month of June.

As soon as she is settled, she has asked us to gather and bless her home as a congregation. More details will be coming soon.

[Mary Pat Dobbins has served as the coordinator for this project](#) and we cannot thank her and everyone who has worked so hard enough for the time, donations, energy and love they have poured into this. Special thanks to:

- Mary Pat Dobbins has served as the coordinator for this project
- The Steering Committee: Abbie Meyer, Jana Sturm, Shelley and Paul Mauer.
- Rosie Doerting, Diane Nelson and Ronnie Nolan (chandelier cleaner extraordinaire).

We also want to thank all who donated furniture, bought appliances and waited for the things to be delivered and the many volunteers (youth and adults) who have been there lifting, carrying, and scrubbing floors every time we asked!

This has been an outpouring of love!

Thanks to all of you, as of July 1, Leanne's new address will be: 207 Washington Street!



We Need You!

Do you strive for spiritual growth in a supportive community? Then we invite you to join our team! We are recruiting teaching team leaders for preschool through 12th grade. Our curriculum offers a sacred space for learning with young people in our congregation. Please reach out to Steph Sorrell or Leanne Hadley if you are interested in learning more about these opportunities!



Youth Ministry

We will be meeting all summer long. Watch your emails and the Youth “Group Me” app for more details: drumming, swimming, playing, writing the Advent Curriculum and praying together!

June 1

5:00 pm

Youth are invited to have dinner and then attend the Frankfort High Baccalaureate Ceremony in sanctuary. Gather in the Wesley Center Kitchen.

June 8

5-7 pm

Dinner, finish labyrinths and celebrate Pentecost! Gather in Wesley Center.

June 15

No Youth, enjoy time with your dad or the men in your life.

Special Worship Services in June! Mark your calendar!

Pentecost Sunday, June 8

Pentecost Sunday marks the end of the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Christian church when the Holy Spirit descended and empowered the apostles to share the good news of Christ.

We will be celebrating with:

- Beautiful worship (Please wear red, the color of Pentecost)
- A Butterfly Release by our children and youth during the 10:00 am hour.

Fifth Sunday: Celebrating the 3rd Anniversary of GAP—Sunday, June 29, 10:00 am

Come and celebrate this life-changing ministry. Richard Smith will be preaching that morning and it will be an inspiring time for us all! More info will be coming. In the meantime, please pray for all those who work with GAP and for our GAP friends who bless our lives in so many ways!

The Love Everyone Tour!



Drumming Tour Dates

First Stop: Tuesday July 1, then every Friday until August 1!

Interested in learning more? Helping? Join us for a meeting,

Tuesday, June 3, 6-7:30 pm, Susanna Room

Our Christian Education Team has dreamed up a new way to reach out to the community and to share the love of God with our neighbors! During the month of July, a group from First UMC will be going to parks, daycares, concerts and more, gathering people of all ages to make drums and then drum together.

Why?

Because drumming is the earliest form of communication (began 5500–2350 BCE) in the world. It has no language barriers, no age barriers and it is a fun and effective way to build new friendships and community.

Drumming in a group:

- Provides many physical and psychological benefits, such as increased confidence, empathy, and focus.
- Provides physical health benefits like improved heart rate, increased endurance, and lowered levels of stress hormones.
- Fosters a sense of connection and community which can bring closeness to the group while giving individuals time to express themselves in a new way.
- Improves coordination, rhythmic skills, and focus.
- Can enhance socialization skills and social interaction.

Interested? Intrigued? Want to learn/hear more? We'd love to have your help! Please join us. And by the way, you don't need to know how to drum to be part of this team! See you on Tuesday, June 3.

Coming This Summer - A Summer of Building Community through Music

Creating our Community EVERYONE Banner:

Jodi Jaques is working hard to help us create an EVERYONE banner using the sketches drawn at Easter Worship and Breakfast by our congregation and members of our community. The banner will be painted by our congregation and members of the community and will be displayed in the church building and can be taken out into the community! Watch the bulletin for more info on painting times! Join us!

For EVERYONE: Enjoy the Summer Concerts Together! You are Invited!

Look for the FUMC Flag at each of the 2025 Downtown Summer Concert Series. We'll sit together and enjoy friendship, laughter and good music!

Sunday School for Children and Youth: The Spiritual Power of Music

We will be creating music together each week and exploring the scriptures about music in the Bible. It will be engaging, fun and bonding! (More info coming soon!)

Playing Music with Greg Hardison at 10:00 am Sunday Mornings

Greg is inviting our college and grad-school aged young adults and incoming college freshmen to gather on Sunday mornings at 10:00am for a low-key time of making music together, talking with young people their own age, sharing stories and advice, praying and a little Bible study. You don't need to be a musician to hang out with Greg and your peers.



INTERFAITH FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, June 8

12:30-2pm

- In 2024 you helped us provide approximately 135,237 meals to families in Franklin County, about one-third of those meals were for children. In addition to regular services, we make immediate response food bags available at the Franklin County Health Department, Mission Clinic, Simon House, schools and other organizations.
- We distribute food every weekday, except holidays, to hungry individuals and families in Franklin County.
- We are run entirely by volunteers thanks to administrative assistance from ROSM. Donated funds help buy food and keep freezers running.
- We rely on local faith communities, businesses, and community organizations to provide the food, funds and volunteers needed to help our community.

Every can, every box, and every dollar makes a difference!

June

1	Kari Williams	14	Laura Turner	24	Elly Gilbert
2	Jennifer Goins Graves		Jimmy Bailey	25	Julia Hughes
	Raye Hurley		Bob Capito		Christy Sherin
			Casey Lewis		
3	Kennedy McCrystal	15	Emmett Thomas	26	Bill Ayer
	Harper Wiard		Rick Moreno		Eric Lowe
	Kim Wilkerson		Jonell Soporowski		
4	Thomas Baker	16	Jim Vittetow	27	Beth McDonald
	Joe Burgess		Steven Criswell		Lara Barbour
	Donna Jackson		Elaine Lewis		Ron Hazelett
5	Tom Knight	17	Brenda Baldwin	28	Vicki Easterly
			Sarah Rhodes		Mike Whitaker
6	Helen Chadwick	18		29	Carolyn Fugate
	Scott Meyer		Lisa Friedly		Jodi Jaques
	Alison Simpson		Kenny Graham		Ella Kays
7	Katherine Thomas	19		30	Lisa Keeter
			Sally Smothermon		Ron Alvis
	Fran Crumbaugh				Max Kurtz
8		20	Daneen Green	21	
	Meredith Goins		Aaliyah Simpson		
	Melissa Toppas				
10	Ella Hurley	21	Paula Alexander Sucher	22	
	Joyce Wilcher		Rhonda Deaton		
			Patti MacDonald		
13	Barbara Teague	23		24	
	Logan Thomas		Campbell Goins		
	Bianca Young		Noah Preston Reed		
13		25		26	
	Tori Brown				
	Bill Scott				



New Baby

Congratulations to Michael Lewis and Tedra Hunt on the birth of their daughter, Jovee Anne Lewis on May 15, 2025. Junior Lewis is the proud grandpa!



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- Interim Administrative Assistant

Join Your FUMC Family at the Downtown Concert—Friday, May 30!



Let's meet at the first Downtown Frankfort Concert of the season on Friday, May 30, at 6:30 pm on the Old Capitol Lawn! It's the perfect chance to enjoy great music, food trucks, kids' activities, and time with your church family outside of Sunday. Bring a chair, wear your Be Kind First shirt, and come hang out with us!

Church Council for Everyone: You're Invited!

Mark your calendar—our next Church Council meeting is Sunday, June 1, at 1:00 pm in the Susanna Room, and you are invited!

Church Council looks a little different this year, and that's by design. We've reimaged our time together to be more welcoming, more focused, and more Spirit-led. Each meeting begins with a time of devotion and prayer, followed by brief reports and committee updates. Then we roll up our sleeves for a work session—where the real dreaming, planning, and problem-solving happen.

So far this year, we've spent time casting vision for the future of our church. Now, we're ready to move from ideas to action. At our June meeting, we'll focus on *stewardship*—how we care for our resources, support our ministries, and live generously as a church community.

Whether you serve on a committee or are simply curious about how things work behind the scenes, we hope you'll join us. Everyone has a voice, and everyone is welcome.

Want to catch up on what we've been working on? All Church Council minutes, reports, and activities are available online at bit.ly/FUMC2025.