

Franklin United Methodist Church

Pastors Corner



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the new Pastor.

Peace,

Lindsey

A Narrative Biography
Rev. Polly D. Standing

In August of 1980, I entered into the sacred covenant of marriage with John Robert Standing. We have since been blessed with three girls, Christina Ann, Jennifer Kay, and Kimberly Marie, whose inner beauty radiate their love of God and are perfectly complimented with their outer beauty. Christina has two energetic and adorable little girls, who love to play games with Grandpa John and have sleep overs with Grandma Polly. Jennifer and Scott Garrett are proud parents to our newest granddaughter, Natalie Kay. She is beginning to talk and loves to be the center of her grandparents' world. Kimberly has given us grandchildren of sorts, three rambunctious and adorable dogs.

The call to follow Jesus Christ came to me during my sixth grade year of school. I cannot recall that amazing event without giving thanks to a fellow classmate, Barbara Bailey, who introduced me to church and its Cornerstone, Jesus Christ, or saying a prayer for her as she is no longer acting upon her faith. It was shortly thereafter that I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior and was baptized into the ministry of believers in a small Northern American Baptist Church in Liberty, Missouri. In the years that have followed, I have come to love and desire God more and more, and I continue to discover what it means to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

My work experience is varied, but I believe every aspect has prepared me for my current role as pastor. My work as an Accredited Nurse's Aide taught me that compassion and love are God's vehicles for administering healing. My work as a transcriptionist improved my listening skills and my typing skills. My work as a receptionist taught me that a kind word softens an angry disposition and warms receptive hearts. My work as an insurance adjuster helped me to understand that the effects of great loss cannot be undone, but with the right mindset and resources they can be minimized and can assist in our growth. My work as a pre-school teacher taught me that faith is not something learned but embraced, and ministry is not dependent on education but known and expressed in acts of love. My work as a church janitor revealed to me that ministry in God's church is done in all works that are given in a spirit of a living sacrifice of time and talent and that stewardship is more than a gift of dollars and cents. My work as Sunday school teacher showed me that I have much to learn about God, God's people, and my part in the ongoing story of faith. My work with the youth has opened my heart, pushed me to seek a deeper faith, to claim what I believe, and to live a life that reflects my worth solely determined by the One to whom I belong. Now I must admit, I haven't really figured out what my work at Dairy Queen taught me, but I can still put the curl on the top of a cone.

I have an undergraduate degree in Pre-professional English from U of H, where I also completed a minor in Philosophy with an emphasis in Ancient Greek. I received my Masters of Divinity Degree from Perkins School of Theology at SMU in Dallas in 2004. In addition, I have continued my education through online courses in order to obtain my Child Care Director License, which allowed me to assist the local congregation to reach their goal to minister to infants and toddlers. This month I completed my advanced training in the Victim Relief Ministry Chaplaincy program. Participation in this program allows me to ministry alongside the local First Responder organizations and provides pastoral care within the local community.

In my spare time, I love to express my creative side. I love to sew, especially for my grandchildren. I paint, sing contemporary Christian music, play **at** the guitar, write poetry, and sleep – my favorite form of renewal.

One thing I have learned while serving as pastor, is that everywhere I go, God is already there, and the people God loves are already there as well. I am looking forward to serving the God of resurrection to and through the people of Franklin, Texas. And I can't wait to get to know more about your hopes and dreams for God's ministry in your family of faith. During this next month I will be praying for God to prepare all our hearts for the transition of leadership that will occur during the first few weeks of June. Until that time in which we are able to gather in worship and fellowship, may God bless us and keep us forever in Christ's light.

Polly, your incoming pastor and partner in ministry



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An Open Letter to Your Congregation of
The Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Book of Proverbs admonishes us, "Mark a life of discipline and live wisely; don't squander your precious life." Proverbs 8:33 (The Message.)

These words seem a fitting description of you – pastors and congregations who paid your apportionments in full in an extremely challenging economic year. Many of you made great sacrifices to fulfill your responsibility to the Annual Conference and the General Church. You helped keep the connection strong. I deeply appreciate what you have done.

With joy and appreciation I am enclosing this Bishop's Certificate of Appreciation to your church for your readiness to open your hearts to the needs of others and to share what you have with them. Because of your church and others, the Texas Annual Conference is able to share abundantly with others. Thank you.

Your 2010 giving enabled the Texas Annual Conference to pay 100% of our connectional support for World Service, a commitment our conference has kept for more than 25 years. Through World Service The United Methodist Church supports mission locally, nationally and globally. In addition, we support higher education and theological education in the United States and around the world. We underwrite ministries of discipleship and service. Your sacrifice also undergirds the ministries of the Texas Annual Conference. Without your discipline and intentionality, clergy pensions and health benefits, new church starts, Partners in Mission, youth ministries and much more would not be possible. You are, indeed, Christ's servants in the world.

On behalf of the Texas Annual Conference, I celebrate your outstanding accomplishment and encourage you to continue your benevolent support for 2011.

Grace and Peace,

Janice Riggle Huie

Enclosure

Big Thank You To The Hall Brothers

What a fabulous treat we had on Sunday, April 3rd! The Hall Brothers came to sing for us and filled our hearts with their inspirational music. The four brothers were in town for the New Baden Jamboree the night before and Pastor Lindsey asked them if they'd sing for our Sunday service. They sang many songs, some contemporary with a CD accompaniment and some acappella with beautiful harmony and solo parts. My particular favorite was their rendition of Amazing Grace. We also enjoyed visiting with their proud parents who joined our congregation that morning. We want to thank The Hall Brothers for the entertainment and hope they will grace us with their presence again soon.

Worship Committee

The activities of the Worship Committee
have been as follows:

The Lenten Devotionals/Luncheons have been held each Wednesday since March 6, with 40-50 people in attendance each week. We believe this has really been good for our small area during a work - day. The Love Offerings taken at lunch have totaled \$ 392.00. This money is given to the Ministerial Alliance for local use by the ministers for people in need.

Evangelism Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 18th

6:30 PM

Church Parlor

If you have further questions please
contact Bob Otto.



Youth News



Please check your bulletin for
u p c o m i n g e v e n t s .

Tiffani has been really busy.

Thanks to the parents of this
a m a z i n g g r o u p o f y o u t h .

Choir News

“His blood was shed for us. There is no greater love.” I’m proud of our little choir and the amount of work they put into the difficult Easter songs. Now for the month of May, we are going to take it easy. Our specials will be solos or small groups. If anyone wants to sing a solo, just see me. I’m available for p r a c t i c e a t y o u r convenience. Also get ready guys, because I’m putting a song together for men only. Come on...it will be fun!

“Sing”cerely, Rhonda

Wounded Warrior Banquet in San Antonio

Nine of us went to the Wounded Warrior Banquet in San Antonio on the 15th of April. Our photos aren’t good but some will be posted on the bulletin board in the hall. We all agreed this was the most moving experience we have witnessed; Thad & Dorothea Allen, Donna & Bob Otto, Linda Bridges, Cathy Hayes, Peggy Cooper, Cornelia Starkey & Kimberley Coomer. We will be making quilts again during the year to donate to our men & women fighting for our freedom. Others who made and sent quilts were Katherine & LeeAnn Scasta, Barbara Eller, Terrie Foltermann, Linda Steele & Pat Cate.



**Mission for May
Methodist Retirement Homes**

Acolytes


Thanks to all of the children that volunteer, you are all doing a fantastic job. Parents we need more Acolytes. May has some spaces that need to be filled up. Please sign up at the back of the church. Thanks again children for a job well done. Marie Kellum

May Mission goes to United Methodist Retirement Communities MSSF supports services, programs, care and facilities for MRC and its affiliates. Recognizing the growing population of older adults within our conference, UMSSF is passionately committed to raising awareness and capital to support MRC's mission. The cost of providing quality care to our residents often exceeds the resources available to many who reside in the skilled nursing sections of our communities; so contributions from your congregation are absolutely critical in allowing a great many older adults to continue a meaningful dignified life.

May Acolytes	
May 1	Evelyn Huggins
May 8	
May 15	
May 22	
May 29	Karlie & Zachary Kissinger

Lay Reader:	
May 1	Elizabeth Reinhardt
May 8	Chip Zahn
May 15	Wayne Huggins
May 22	Margie Shenkir
May 29	Jenny or Barry Cate
Head Ushers:	
	Greg Stem - Ray Akins


Trustee's Meeting
Wednesday, May 4
6:30PM in the Church Parlor

Food Pantry 

Remember that 2nd Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday. They are in need of canned meats, sugar, coffee and powdered laundry.

QUILTERS NEWS:

THE PRAYING PIECERS WILL MEET ON THE 9TH AND 23RD OF MAY AND WORK ON SLEEPING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS. WE HAVE CUT SQUARES THAT WERE DONATED AND MUCH MORE FABRIC TO USE. PLEASE HELP WITH THIS WORTHWHILE PROJECT. YOU MAY WORK ON YOUR OWN PROJECT ALSO. LETS BEGIN OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE IN MAY - MEETING AT 9AM - BEFORE THE HEAT SETS IN.





May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Acts 2: 17, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20: 19-3</p>	2	3	<p>4</p> <p>Trustees 6:30</p>	5	6	7
<p>8 Mother's Day</p> <p>Acts 2:17, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35</p>	9 Quilting	10	11	12	13	14
<p>15</p> <p>Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10</p>	16	17	18	19	20	21
<p>22</p> <p>Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14</p>	23 Quilting	24	25	26	27	28
<p>29</p> <p>Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21</p>	30	31				

May Birthdays



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| 1st Stephanie Bailey | 13th Ray Akins |
| 3rd Allen Homann | Barry Cate |
| 4th James Kellum | 15th Odalys Blajeski |
| Katherine Scasta | 16th Virginia Akins |
| Louis Campsey | Bea Bridwell |
| 8th Cayden Bailey | Laura Cate |
| 9th Mary Kamas | 19th Marie Kellum  |
| 10th Tracy Stem | 20th Anne Perry |
| 11th Dortehea Allen | 22nd Shelby Arron |
| | 25th Tammy Sexton |



Anniversaries

- 4th Harvey & Marth Castro
- 9th Andy & Cathy Reed
- 22nd Kelly & Tammy Sexton
- 27th Glenn & Mertie Morgan
- 30th Greg & Monica Stem
- 30th Cole & Tiffani McKinney

Remember Those In The Military

- Jason Hawk Matt Horn Chris Pennington
 Eric Michael (Air Force)
 Bradley Huggins (Army)
 Arron Huggins (Army) Timothy Smith (IRAQ)



Did we miss your special day?
 If we did, we are sorry and would like to make sure we have it on our calendar. Please call the church office at (979) 828-3355.



Prayer Concerns

To keep the prayer list as up-to-date as possible, please contact the church office with any changes to the specific situations. If possible, we would like to briefly list the specific need for each one on the list.

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| Tom Fuller– Cancer (Beth Vicker’s Brother) | Billy J. Wallace– Health | Ted Mikeska |
| Leslie Davis– Cancer (Friend of Kay Ison) | Courtney Carver | Darrell Knabe– Lymphoma |
| Joetta Misterek– Cancer | Edie Arnold– Cancer (Cathy Reed’s Sister-in-law) | |
| The Iraqi People – The Iranian People – The Afghan People - The People of Egypt | | |
| Jason Beyer (Cancer) | Flo Decker’s sister Phyllis | Julie (Terrie Foltermann) daughter has thyroid cancer |

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Happy Mother's Day



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Purpose Statement



Franklin United Methodist Church is a fellowship of believers who respond in faith to God's Love as revealed in Jesus Christ, seeking to glorify Christ in all that we say and do.

Our responsibility is to provide an environment for our congregation to grow in Christ through worship, Bible study, prayer, fellowship, witness and service. Our Mission is to declare in word and demonstrate in unselfish, loving action the character of Jesus Christ in the world to the end that others may be drawn to Christ and His Church.