

Franklin United Methodist

Polly's Ponderings



*Our happiness is greatest when we contribute
most to the happiness of others.*

Harriet Shepard

It is hard to begin the month of September without remembering that September morning when the paths of hijacked planes forever changed the skyline and the course of the future. When we focus on the suffering and the sorrow that have arise in the chaos of the fallen --- (buildings, trusts, lives, hopes, dreams, innocence, peace...), it can be overwhelming and almost suffocating. I believe that is where the enemy (human and spiritual powers) would like us to focus. So I choose to put my focus elsewhere. I choose to be transformed by the renewing of my mind.

So I focus on the ones who worked to restore *happiness*. I remember the store owner, who opened his door and gave the barefoot terrified runner soles for their feet and in doing so allowed them to take the first steps toward their souls healing. I remember the face of our President, who upon hearing the news, cared for the nation by first caring enough for the children in whose presence he sat to continue on without revealing the panic that must surely be raising within him as it was within the nation. And I hold on to the faces of courageous first responders, who, in spite of personal fear and unspeakable sacrifices, ran toward those in peril and became servants of love embracing the hurt of a nation.

Some ask where God was during those hours of destruction and evil and I say I saw my God in the faces of those who responded to evil with acts of compassion, restoration, and hope-filled tears and embraces. And I am more determined today to join them in the effort of building up others and to seek their wellbeing and happiness in spite of the enemies desire for destruction. As we approach Labor Day and Patriotic Day let this be our work, in the name of the Lord, to care for one another. To seek to bring hopefulness, forgiveness, and restoration into the lives of those falling and torn down by the enemy.

*Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain
mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Hebrew 4:16



"My life goes on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I hear the real though far off hymn that hails a new creation. How Can I Keep From Singing?" I often think about this old song that my grandmother taught me when I have trials in my life. The tune and the words comfort me and I can almost feel my ancestors humming along. Whatever is going wrong, whether it's the drought or ailing parents. I cannot keep from singing. Please come into the "cool" on Wednesday afternoons at 5:30 and join us. We'll soon be working on our cantata and we really need some more men's voices.

"Sing"cerely, Rhonda



- Thank you to the church family for your support of the Scrapbooking Crop Weekend. The youth raised over \$400.
- Youth has begun for the Fall Semester. We kicked off the school year with a Back-To-School Swim Party hosted by the Campbell's.
- Youth will begin @ 6pm each Wednesday.
- If you would like to provide dinner or snacks for youth please give me a call.

The youth are our future. Thank you for supporting them.

Tiffani McKinney

August Visitors

We were blessed to have shared in Worship with:

Wiley & Jamie Whatley
 Louise Johnson
 Jim & Jean Smith
 Norman & Elaine Cobb
 Julio & Blanca Trevino
 Elizabeth McCullen

Steve & Doris Milam
 Chris & Mcihelle, Kinley & Laymie Haver
 Kay Kastner
 Myles & Kory
 Wayne & Tabitha & Baby

CHURCH WORK DAY

Admit One



To a day of fall cleaning our church, education & activity buildings
 September 17th, 2011 from 8:00AM- Done

Telephone: 979-828-3355



United
Methodist
Women

**United Methodist Women
Meeting Wednesday,
September 7th - 10:00 AM**

**Activity building kitchen-Salad Luncheon
All Women Are Welcome**

**DO YOU HAVE A CHILD IN THE 3RD
TO 8TH GRADE WHO HAS NEVER
RECEIVED A BIBLE?**



If the answer is "YES" please call the church office and give Hope their name and birthday. Pastor Polly would like to present these children with a Bible on Bible Sunday, November 20th.



Franklin United Methodist Church,



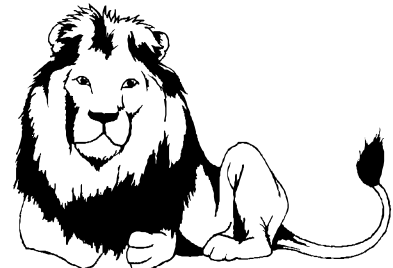
Thank you so much for providing wonderful snacks for our staff on Wednesday of our staff development week. All of our campus enjoyed the various desserts, snacks, and fruit. As you know, we are looking forward to the new school year and all that it will bring! Thanks for all your support to our campus, our district, and this community.



Sincerely,



Courtney Mason



**Franklin ISD
Thank You Note**



September Mission

Our local Food Pantry under Robertson County Care Incorp. It was founded in 1996 to feed homeless and needy families in the Franklin ISD. At the time several church volunteered with help and finances. School, businesses and individual help through food drives. The Food Pantry serves 184 active clients with an average of 2 people per family. Of the clients 30% black, 10% other and 50% with females as head of the family. Food is purchased from the Brazos County Food Bank and from food drives held during the year. From January 1, 2010 to December 30, 2010 the Food Pantry spent \$12,000 on commodities with fresh vegetables, fruit water free when available. In the first 6 months of 2011 \$12,000 has already been used with an increase in clients. Our church is on a rotation to volunteer to serve at the pantry. The schedule is posted on the bulletin across from the secretary's office. As of August 25th, 2011 we have raised \$361.00 for Franklin Green Out T-Shirts.

TWO SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday September 4 Labor Sunday

Labor Day is celebrated on the first Monday in September. It became a federal holiday in 1894. Was a day set aside to pay tribute to working men and women. Labor Day was to be a time of parades, picnics and festivals.

In 1909 the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects.

On Labor Sunday, September 4, 2011 Franklin UMC wants to pay tribute to all American workers. Our altar will be filled with hats of different kinds representing the different vocations represented within our church family.

We ask that members wear or carry something that would represent the kind of work they are and have been involved in.

Labor Sunday Honors all people and their different kinds of work that make our country so great.

Sunday September 11 Patriot Day

Patriot Day in United States is an annual observance on September 11 to remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001. Many Americans refer to Patriot Day as 9/11. It is not a federal holiday.

However on the direction of President George W. Bush, the flag of the United States should be displayed on homes and all government buildings.

On September 11, 2001, four planes were hijacked. Three planes were deliberately flown into the Pentagon in Washington DC and Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York. The fourth plane crashed into a field near Shanksville, PA. Nearly 3000 people died in the attacks.

Some communities hold special church services to remember this time in history.

Franklin UMC will hold such a service on Sunday September 11 at 10:15a.m..

Quilters News:

We will meet on the 12th & the 26th of September and we will be deciding what is our next project. Some will continue wounded warrior quilts already started and some of us are starting new projects. Always in need are the small Care Quilts. The sleeping bag made this summer should have a home by now. Come join us at 9am in the Activity Center.

Peggy Cooper



Food Pantry

2nd Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday. They are in need of canned meats, sugar, coffee and coffee creamer, shampoo, deodorant, cooking oil, mouth wash, dish soap, aluminum foil, tooth paste, soups, powered laundry detergent.

Trustee's Meeting

Wednesday, September 7th, 2011
6:30PM in the Church Parlor



Thanks to all the Acolytes you are all doing a wonderful job! I thank God for each of you; you all are a light unto our Church!!

To all of the students going back to school on August 22nd: Remember to let others see Jesus in you!!

Thanks again,
Marie Kellum

Acolytes for August

September 4th
September 11th
September 18th
September 25th

Lay Reader

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| September 4th | David Blajeski |
| September 11th | Chip Zahn |
| September 18th | Kip Kissinger |
| September 25th | John Standing |

Ushers:

Barry Cate & Paul Schultz

Couple to help with Communion:

David & Odalys Blajeski



It's almost that time again! Preschool Open House will be September 5th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. Preschool will begin on Tuesday, September 6th. Teachers will begin their in-service training from 9am-3pm on August 30-September 1st. We look forward to a fun filled year with lots of new faces and a few returning students as well. Please check the preschool bulletin board to find ways you can volunteer or help the preschool.

Thanks,
Ms. Terri

September 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Ushers <i>Barry Cate</i> <i>Paul Schultz</i> | | | | <i>1</i> <i>Preschool</i> <i>In-service</i> | <i>2</i> | <i>3</i> |
| <i>4</i> <u>Lay Reader</u> <i>David Blajeski</i> <u>Communion</u> <u>Helpers</u> <i>David & Odalys</i> <i>Blajeski</i> | <i>5</i> <i>Labor Day</i> <u>Office Closed</u> <i>Men's bible study</i> <i>12noon</i> <i>Preschool Open</i> <i>House 6-7pm</i> | <i>6</i> <i>Preschool Opens</i> <i>9am-3pm</i> <i>Due Date for</i> <i>Committee</i> <i>Budgets</i> | <i>7</i> <u>UMW 10AM</u> <i>Activity Kitchen</i> <i>All women welcome</i> <u>Choir 5:30 PM</u> <u>Youth 6PM</u> <u>Trustees 6:30PM</u> | <i>8</i> | <i>9</i> | <i>10</i> <i>Emmaus Gathering</i> <i>Activity Building</i> |
| <i>11</i> <u>Lay Reader</u> <i>Chip Zahn</i> | <i>12</i> <u>Quilting 9am</u> <i>Men's bible study</i> <i>12 noon</i> <i>Finance Meeting</i> <i>5:30pm</i> | <i>13</i> | <i>14</i> <u>Choir 5:30</u> <u>Youth 6PM</u> <u>Admin Board 6:30</u> | <i>15</i> | <i>16</i> | <i>17</i> <i>Church Work Day</i> <i>8am - Done</i> |
| <i>18</i> <u>Lay Reader</u> <i>Kip Kissinger</i> <i>Complete Documents</i> | <i>19</i> <i>Men's bible study</i> <i>12noon</i> | <i>20</i> | <i>21</i> <u>Choir 5:30 PM</u> <u>Youth 6PM</u> | <i>22</i> <i>BOM @Camp</i> <u>Creek Café</u> <i>Conference</i> <i>paper work due</i> | <i>23</i> | <i>24</i> |
| <i>25</i> <u>Lay Reader</u> <i>John Standing</i> | <i>26</i> <u>Quilting 9am</u> <i>Men's bible study</i> <i>12noon</i> | <i>27</i> | <i>28</i> <u>Choir 5:30 PM</u> <u>Youth 6PM</u> | <i>29</i> | <i>30</i> | |

September 4th - Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 or Psalm 148 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20

September 11th - Exodus 14:19-31 Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35

September 18th - Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 or Psalm 78 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16

September 25th - Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32

September Birthdays

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| 1st Peyton Drake | 19th Kay Ison Tiffani McKinney |
| 3rd Ed Cooper 81st birthday | 23rd Barry Black Janet Zamzow |
| 5th Mogens Jepsen Bryce McKinney | 24th Nicole Misterek |
| 9th Steven Kutiper | 26th Jeren Hanks Travis Aaron Jenny Cate |
| 14th Terri Foltermann Cathy Hayes April Arreola Camp Fuller | 27th Kelley Sexton |
| 15th Mary Lou Miller | 28th Chris Huggins Sofia Zahn Chip Zahn Will Neyland |
| 16th Zachary Kissinger | 29th Jennifer Yocham Emily Cloat |
| 17th Robert Hailey Deborah Hicks Matthew Kamas | 30th Mark Hailey Richie Black |



Anniversaries

- 1st **Edwin & Peggy Cooper**
60th Anniversary
- 8th **Theodore & Tamara Burnett**
- 19th **Than & Dorothea Allen**
- 22nd **Barry & Debbie Black**
- 28th **Ken & Bettie Jordan**
- 30th **Douglas & Olivia Campbell**



Remember Those In The Military

Jason Hawk - Matt Horn - Chris Pennington
Demetrius Perry (In Iraq) - Eric Michael (Air Force)
Bradley Huggins (Army)



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.



that was easy.

Tom Fuller - Cancer (Beth Vicker's Brother), Billy J. Wallace- Health,
Courtney Carver, Ted Mikeska Darrell Knabe- Lymphoma,
Joetta Misterek- Cancer, Edie Arnold- Cancer (Cathy Reed's Sister-in-law)

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Labor 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.

