

Franklin United Methodist Church

Polly's Ponderings



Thriving in Relationships

In a recent podcast by Mark Gregston, he made this statement:

No relationship can thrive without a spirit of grace and forgiveness. As parents, we need to acknowledge the pain that comes when our kids fail to meet our expectations. And we need to realize that withholding forgiveness builds a huge barrier between us ...and those we otherwise love.

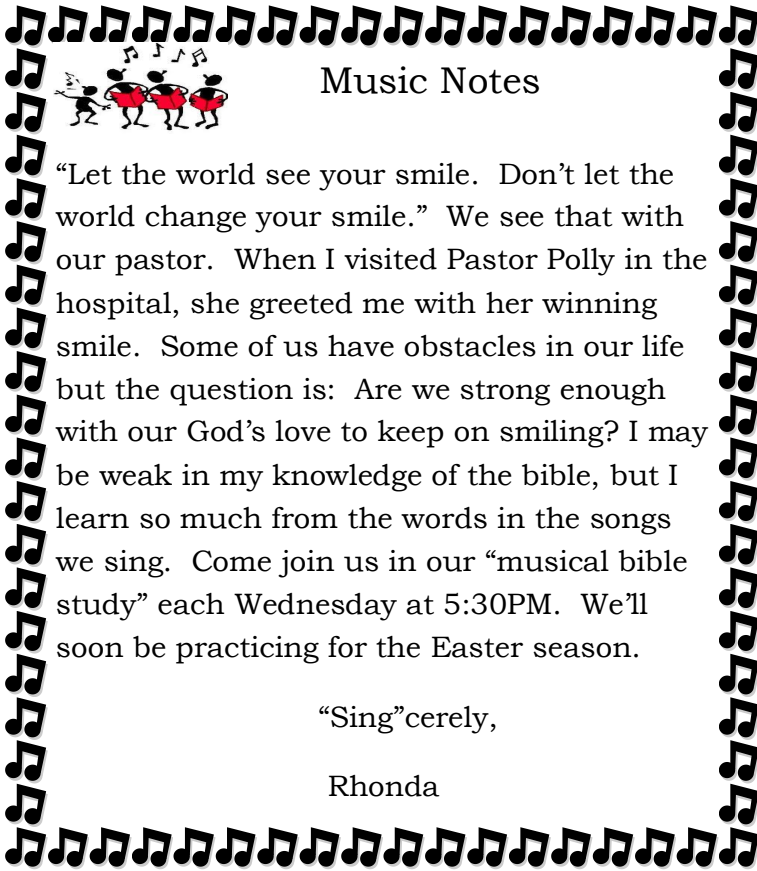
During this month of valentine's and other expressions of love this quote seems to me to be a timely reminder of God's great power over anger, hatred, human failure, and evil. Grace and forgiveness are the powerful apparatus given of God both to restore our own broken relationship with Him and to overcome all the powers of the enemy, who seeks to destroy life affirming and spirit empowering human relationships.

Perhaps the greatest gift of love we can give to each other is the gift of unconditional love. That doesn't mean that we will not experience natural consequences nor does it mean that our actions are to be accepted and tolerated regardless of their potential to buildup or destroy relationships. I believe it speaks more to the desire to work toward building up others, speaking truth in love, and not only believing change can come in individual lives – but making choices that support, encourage, and state expectations of change. It means loving people where they are but helping them to reach for all that God has intended for them.

Let's be honest. This is not easy to do in the real world. We have all felt the pain of other's actions that have been expressions of rejection, judgment, disrespect, and hatred. It would be easy to turn our back on those relationships. Sometimes we even see abandonment as the reasonable course of action. But the truth I have come to see in my own life is that broken relationships, whether initiated by me or by another, always leads to brokenness in both parties.

What we need to restore these broken relationships and the brokenness of body, mind, and spirit that result from them is the ability to forgive and the desire to extend grace. And the only way to learn how to do these is to fully embrace those actions of God in our own lives. In Kelley's sermon last month, he encouraged us to spend more time with God. I am going to spend that time focused on God's expressions of grace and forgiveness toward me in order that I might learn to be more like God in my everyday life. It is my belief that my time spent with God will also reveal to me those relationships in my own life that are in need of my forgiveness and grace.

If you have broken relationships in your own life, I challenge you to join me during this month to experience God's grace and forgiveness and to learn how to implement those gifts within earthly relationships, both past and present. Let's thrive this month by restoring broken relationships.



Music Notes

“Let the world see your smile. Don’t let the world change your smile.” We see that with our pastor. When I visited Pastor Polly in the hospital, she greeted me with her winning smile. Some of us have obstacles in our life but the question is: Are we strong enough with our God’s love to keep on smiling? I may be weak in my knowledge of the bible, but I learn so much from the words in the songs we sing. Come join us in our “musical bible study” each Wednesday at 5:30PM. We’ll soon be practicing for the Easter season.

“Sing”cerely,

Rhonda

Visitors for the Month of January

Norman & Elaine Cobb

Ken McCormick

Cory McQuain

Ron & Marie Gray



John and I want to thank you for your loving care and prayers during my recent hospital stay and recovery. Special thanks to Kenner and Elizabeth who drove me to the emergency room in Bryan and stayed with me until my family arrived at the hospital. We also want to thank those who were able to visit us in the hospital and to speak with us by phone. John and I were nourished with delightful meals and carried on the wings of tremendous prayers. We also want to point out that several people stepped up and completed work I was unable to do. What we experienced was God's love in action. We love being a part of this family of faith. John and Polly Standing

Lenten Luncheons and Devotionals

Where: Franklin United Methodist Church Sanctuary and Activity Building

When: Wednesdays during Lent: March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and April 4th

Devotional & music 12:00 Noon in Sanctuary

Luncheon served in Activities Bldg. at 12:25

Once again we will continue the tradition of an ecumenical fellowship and devotional time during the Lenten Season. Minister's from the surrounding community will be invited to come share a devotion with the community. The event will be hosted at Franklin United Methodist Church and participating churches will provide the meal.

Just as Christ greatly desired to share the meal with his disciples before being obedient to the church, so too, we as Christ followers should desire to fellowship with each other with Jesus as our Unseen Guest of Honor.



I spent all of last week visiting four different orphanages with an organization called Crusaders for the Fatherless. Two of those orphanages are institutions that I will be working with long-term. I will be moving out to a boys orphanage, Amparo de Niño's, this week and will begin teaching English there.

Once I'm settled there, I will send out semi-regular email newsletter-like updates through a link to the church website. I am already aware of at least one large need at Amparo de Niño's (the chairs in their dining area are in serious disrepair) and once I do some more investigating and cost estimation I'm hoping to raise the money to replace them.

Thank you for your prayerful support of my mission ministry.
God bless, Matt Kamas

Informational meeting



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CHIP INGRAM
 Pastor, Author and Nationally Syndicated Radio Host, *Living on the Edge*

MARRIAGE BUILT TO LAST
 Living Intentionally & Loving Biblically

FEATURING CANDID INTERVIEWS WITH:

	DAVE & SHARON RAMSEY <i>Financial Expert and Radio/TV Host</i> Dave & Sharon discuss overcoming the financial stress in their marriage.		KURT & BRENDA WARNER <i>Two-time MVP Quarterback</i> Kurt & Brenda share about expectations and adjustments in a blended family.
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TIME: 5:30pm Sunday, January 28th
LOCATION: Franklin United Methodist Church – Activity Building

“Marriage Built to Last”

New bible study preview will be Sunday, January 29th, 2012. Everyone is welcome. Singles, Married singles or Married Couples are welcome. We will announce location of the bible study. Class will go on until about the end of March due to Spring Break.

For information please call Jan Westerman @ 979-828-3582.

Church Family,

Preschool is off to a great new year. We have added a new student to our school and our teachers are working diligently to minister to all our children. The children are learning Bible verses this semester, as well as learning to write their names. We will begin registering for the 2012– 2013 school year soon. We hope to grow our preschool by adding a younger class next year that will allow us to serve Moms looking for time off from their babies and preschoolers. God continues to bless us with a special place here at FUMP where we teach the love of God to all his special children.



Friendship Sunday School Class News

Food Pantry - 2nd Sunday of each month

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

On Sunday, March 11 the Friendship Sunday School Class will begin a study of the first four hundred years of Christianity. Subjects will include the lives of the martyrs, the struggle against honesty and Roman persecution, the development of Christian life, the organization of the church, the apostolic secession, the gospel of John, and the doctrines of the Trinity and the Incarnation.

Quilters News:

We will have quilting on the 13th and 27th of February. Some of us are working on Delectable Mountain quilts - Donna Otto is teaching that and some are starting their wounded warrior quilts to be given this spring. Please consider joining us. We meet at 9:30 AM in the Activity Kitchen.

Peggy Cooper

Lay Reader for February :

February 5	Elizabeth Reinhardt
February 12	Sebie Harris
February 19	Chip Zahn
February 26	Eric Law

Head Ushers for February :

Frank Perry
Kenner Reinhardt



February Mission is UM ARMY and JUMMP

U.M. ARMY:

U.M. Army is a mission we do each Summer. U.M. ARMY is an acronym which stands for United Methodist Action Reach - Out Mission by Youth. U.M. ARMY's mission is: "To provide Christ-centered quality youth work camps that serve people in need and promote spiritual growth

JUMMP:

JUMMP is basically the Junior High version of U.M. Army but just for Junior High. FUM Youth have been doing JUMMP for years now and it has been a great experience for all of our Junior High Youth. This is a great way for Junior High Youth to experience Jesus with other peers their age.



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January 24, 2012

To the congregation of the Franklin United Methodist Church:

Please allow me to express my deep gratitude to your church for attaining the goal of paying your 2011 Conference and District apportionment items in full. In these times reaching this milestone is not a small thing. For most of our district congregations, meeting their apportionments requires a great deal of sacrifice. Therefore, I do not take what you have done lightly.

Your faithful support will enable the Kingdom work of our district, Annual Conference, and the United Methodist Church to go on even in the far corners of the earth. I appreciate very much what you have done and my prayers will be with you throughout the months ahead. God's blessings ...

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Joe Fort
West District Superintendent

Youth News



Midwinter Conference at Lakeview
February 24-26

Trustee's Meeting

Sunday, February 12, 2012
after the worship service
in the Parlor.

Franklin United Methodist Church - Officers for 2012

Administrative Council Chair	Andy Herring
Administrative Council Co-Chair	John Carty Hicks
Alternate Delegate to Annual Conference	Shirley Creel
Children's Coordinator	To Be Filled
Church & Financial Secretary	Hope Calderon
Delegate to Annual Conference	Marjorie Shenkir
Evangelism Committee Chair	Bob Otto
Family Life Coordinators	Todd and Julie Neyland
Finance Committee	Chip Zahn
Historian	Edwin Cooper
Lay Leader	Marjorie Shenkir
Outreach Mission Committee Chair	Elizabeth Reinhardt
Preschool Board Chair	Bea Bridwell
Staff-Parish Relation Committee Chair	Shirley Creel
Sunday School Superintendents	Kim Herring & Kristi Kissinger
Treasurer	Tiffani McKinney
United Methodist Women President	Shirley Creel
United Methodist Youth Representative	To Be Filled
Worship Committee Chairs	Dorothea Allen & Deborah Hicks
Youth Coordinator	To Be Filled

Trustees Committee - Chair - Kenner Reinhardt

<u>Class of 2012</u>	<u>Class of 2013</u>	<u>Class of 2014</u>
Kenner Reinhardt	Louise Cates	Bettie Jordan
Olivia Campbell	Ray Akins	To Be Filled
Charlie Whatley	To Be Filled	Todd Neyland

Staff - Parish Relations Committee - Chair - Shirley Creel

<u>Class of 2012</u>	<u>Class of 2013</u>	<u>Class of 2014</u>
Tammy Sexton	Paul Schultz	Harris
Shirley Creel	Sandra Hoegemeyer	Kip Kissinger
Kenner Reinhardt	Lay Leader	Pastor Standing

Laity Leadership Nomination Committee - Chair - Pastor Polly D. Standing

<u>Class of 2012</u>	<u>Class of 2013</u>	<u>Class of 2014</u>
Sara Davis	Cathy Reed	Monica Stem
Kip Kissinger	Julie Neyland	Mary Jane McGill
To Be Filled	Kelley Sexton	Lay Leader

Finance Committee - Chair - Chip Zahn

<u>Class of 2012</u>	<u>Class of 2013</u>	<u>Class of 2014</u>
Greg Stem	Rex Vickers	Kathy Hayes
To Be Filled	Debbie Black	Chip Zahn
		Howard Hoegemeyer

Yearly

Ad Chair	Ad Co Chair	Annual Conf Delegate
Treasurer	Finance Secretary	Trustee Rep
SPR Rep.	Society of St. Stephen Rep.	Pastor

Worship Committee - Chair - Dorothea Allen & Deborah Hicks

Class of 2012

Lou Whatley
Barbara Eller

Class of 2013

Peggy Cooper
Deborah Hicks
Flo Decker

Class of 2014

Maggie Easterly
Thad Allen

Yearly

Acolyte Coordinator - TBA
Audio Visual Chair - John Standing
Communion Stewards - Thad & Dorothea Allen
Head Usher - Bob Otto
Lay Reader Coordinator - Virginia Akins
Lay Leader & Delegate - Marjorie Shenkir
Pastor - Rev. Polly D. Standing
Pianist - Terrie Foltermann
Song Leader - Rhonda Miller

Preschool Board - Chair - Bea Bridwell

Class of 2012

Monica Stem
Bea Bridwell
Parent Liaison - Chip Zahn & Another one to be filled

Class of 2013

Pam Cloat
Julie Neyland

Class of 2014

Mary Kay Smith
Ed Cooper
Pastor Polly Standing

Evangelism Committee - Chair - Bob Otto

Class of 2012

Odalys Blajeski
David Blajeski

Class of 2013

Bob Otto
Carty Hicks

Class of 2014

Sara Huggins
Kelley Sexton

Outreach - Missions Committee - Chair Elizabeth Rehinhardt

Class of 2012

Cathy Reed
Jo Calloway

Class of 2013

Marjorie Shenkir
Jenny Cate
Barry Cate

Class of 2014

Elizabeth Reinhardt
Keith Zamzow
Janet Zamzow

Yearly

Pastor
Society of St. Stephen's Clothes Closet Representative
Food Pantry Representative

Family Life Committee - Chairs - Todd & Julie Neyland

Members: Wayne & Sara Huggins Chair: John Standing, Members

Grief Meals Committee - Coordinators - Pat Cate & Elizabeth Rehinhardt

Members: Peggy Cooper, Rhonda Miller & Marjorie Shenkir

The Kitchen Committee - Members: Kenner & Elizabeth Reinhardt, Charlie & Lou Whatley

Thad & Dorothea Allen, Polly & John Standing & To Be Filled

The Audio Visual Committee - Chair - John R. Standing

Members: Andy Reed, Cathy Reed, Peyton Drake, Drew Neyland & Beth Vickers

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

February 5th - Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39
 February 12th - 2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Mark 1:40-45
 February 19th - 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9
 February 26th - Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15

February Birthdays

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| 2nd | Kristi Kissinger | 19th | Harvey Ed Castro |
| 5th | Anne Vickers
Ronald Gresham | 20th | Nan Kellum |
| 6th | Ruth Schultz | 22nd | Odis Wasson
Anisa Zahn |
| 7th | Sarah Keesler | 23rd | George Permann |
| 12th | Wayne Huggins | 24th | Jake Smitherman
Isabel Arreola |
| 14th | Ervin Homann | 25th | Lou Whatley |
| 15th | Haley Conrad
Lori Baker | 26th | Christopher Zahn |
| 16th | Neva Squires
John Callaway | 27th | Clarissa Rodriguez |

Pray for those in the Military

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



Anniversaries

22nd Ken & Elizabeth Reinhardt

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OH WOULDN'T YOU JUST KNOW IT ... AS SOON AS WE START OUR FAST THEY THROW US THIS TASTY LOOKING GUY



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.

- Tom Fuller– Cancer (Beth Vicker’s Brother)
 Billy J. Wallace– Health, Courtney Carver, Ted Mikeska, Joetta, and Misterek– Cancer

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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.