

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2009

I Samuel 1:4-20; I Samuel 2:1-10 or Psalm 113; Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

November 16, 2009

Dear Friends:

I never tire of saying it, but what incredible times of worship we had on Sunday. God never ceases to take our human efforts and magnify them far beyond anything that we could ever do on our own. So for all the good that happens at FUMC, all the glory goes to God. Thanks to Claim His Name Music Ensemble, Roy Fox, The Grateful Bluegrass Band, Nancy Garrison, Mary Phillips, and the Chancel Choir for your beautiful music. We are so greatly blessed with some amazing musicians and singers. Thanks to each of you for sharing your gifts with us.

The Men of Momentum bonfire was a **BLAZING** success! Some 100 men met on the North Campus for some incredible chlidogs, great fellowship and the biggest bonfire Franklin has ever seen. The light from the fire could be seen from a long way away causing people traveling down Mack Hatcher Parkway to wonder what the Methodists were up to now. My thanks to every man who worked so hard to make this an event we will never forget. Plans are already underway to make the second annual MOM bonfire even bigger. Great job men!!!

We are very excited to have Cherie White, our missionary to Mexico, as our guest speaker next Sunday at all four services. I invite everyone to be present to hear about the exciting work of the United Methodist Church in Mexico. Because you give, you help to make this mission work possible. Also, we will receive a special hunger offering on that day. Half of the money given will be used to feed the hungry in Africa and half will remain in the Columbia District to help feed the hungry among us here. Let's be generous in our giving.

I hope that you have made plans to attend our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on November 19 starting at 6:00 in Fellowship Hall. Meat (provided by the Men's Bible class), dressing, rolls, and drinks will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert to share. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Proceeds will be used in missions.

There are names of families in the Franklin area, provided to us by Graceworks Ministries, who are in need of a Thanksgiving food box. Names and information about these families are available in Fellowship Hall. As we celebrate this day, let us not neglect to care for those less fortunate than we. Let us share from our abundance with others, then Thanksgiving Day will truly be happy.

Did you take a Christmas stocking for Operation American Soldier? If so, please return it filled as soon as possible so that it can be shipped to be received prior to Christmas by a service person overseas. These stockings can be left in the lobby of Sanctuary East, the Narthex of the Historic Sanctuary, and in Fellowship Hall. Thanks for what you will do to make Christmas a little merrier for one who gives so much for us.

The Health Ministries of FUMC will be sponsoring a blood drive on Sunday, November 22 starting at 8:00. If possible, we are invited to share the gift of life with another. A time must be reserved prior to this drive. Sign-up will be in Fellowship Hall.

Have you returned your 2010 Stewardship Commitment card? If not, please do so as soon as possible. God is calling us to faithfulness with all that God has entrusted to us. Let us give to God the first fruits of our life.

All of us have been deeply saddened by the senseless act of violence at Ft. Hood. That anyone would commit such an act of total disregard for the sanctity of human life in the name of any religion is beyond our comprehension. Let us pray for the families of those killed and injured. Let us also pray that justice will be served.

Fall is quickly giving way to winter. What a wonderful place in which we live that we can see the beauty of each season. What a beautiful world God has made. While the seasons change, God remains the same. With that assurance we know, the best is yet to be!!! Thanks be to God!!!

Grace and Peace,

A. Lynn Hill

FIRST KIDS

Are you serving in Children's Ministry without a **green** lanyard on your nametag? If so, you need to attend the next Safe Sanctuary training on November 18 at 6:30 pm in A207. Our Safe Sanctuary policy shows that we value and respect children by providing a safe place to develop as disciples of Jesus.

Get Ready to Welcome Jesus — All teachers (2-yr olds thru Kindergarten age) are urged to attend teacher training to help them prepare for the Winter quarter curriculum. Please set aside 45 minutes on November 22 from 11:45 am to 12:30 pm for this time together. Childcare is available by reservation - contact Amber Wakefield (awakefield@franklinfumc.org).

For more news about Children's Ministry, check out the children's page of the church's website, www.franklinfumc.org.



FELLOWSHIP

FUMC Health Ministry is sponsoring a blood drive with the American Red Cross on Sunday, November 22 from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon. Please sign up for a donation time in the Fellowship Hall November 8 and 15.

A Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on November 19 at

6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Meat (provided by the Men's Bible Class), dressing and rolls will be provided. Please bring your favorite salad, vegetable, or dessert and enjoy the entertainment by the Cherub Disciple Choir and the Grateful Bluegrass Band. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. All proceeds will go to Missions. Sign up on the Mission Menu.



Tired of the consumerism that has come to define Christmas?

Advent Conspiracy invites you to join other followers of Christ who choose to make Christmas what it

should be - a joyous celebration of Jesus' birth that enriches your heart! Through this engaging four-week study, **Advent Conspiracy** shows how you can substitute compassion for consumption by practicing four simple but powerful, countercultural concepts: worship fully, spend less, give more, and love all. Small groups will be offered Sunday morning and Sunday and Monday evening. Sign up on the Mission Menu or contact Mark Coursey for additional information.

The Susanna Circle will be attending the Scarritt Bennett annual Christmas luncheon and concert on Tuesday, December 1 from 11:30 to 1:30. Cost is \$20. Contact Amy Martin for reservations by November 16 at masimartin@bellsouth.net. Or 790-9514.



The Mary and Martha UMW Circle will meet Sunday, November 22 at 2:00 in B101. We are excited to have Cherie White, our missionary to Mexico, as our guest speaker. All visitors are welcome.

A Reminder to Primetimers who have signed up for our trip to the Frist Museum of Art on November 16 - the bus departs at 10:00 am and the cost is \$12.50 for admission and bus. Contact Virginia Hutcheson at 595-8111 with questions.

SERVICE & GENEROSITY



Operation American Soldier — Share some hope and love by providing a stocking for a soldier at war. Stockings and the list of contents to fill them with can be found in the Fellowship Hall, at the welcome center outside

Sanctuary East or in the Narthex of the Historic Sanctuary. If you are not able to fill a stocking but want to make a donation for this mission, just mark your check for Operation Soldier. Call Frances Bozeman with questions, 599-3490.

Room in the Inn needs donations of washcloths, hand towels, L & XL women's pants and sweats, XL long sleeve women's shirts, sweatshirts and sweaters, L & XL men's pants, and gloves, mittens, stocking caps, and backpacks. Bring donations to the Church office.

Common Ground Sunday School class will sponsor the 11th annual 61st Ave Cherub Tree for this Christmas Season. Each child from 61st Ave UMC and their aftercare program will have an ornament with their clothing needs and an ornament with their wish list for toys. We will be in Fellowship Hall today, November 15 (and November 22 if needed) from 8:00 am to 11:45 am. Please consider participating by choosing an ornament to provide for these children in need. Sunday School classes may also consider sponsoring a family of siblings. If there are any questions regarding this mission or to request a child in advance, please contact Allison Smith at allisonksmith1@comcast.net or 584-7089.



The Mary & Martha UMW Circle is selling pecans again in between services in the Fellowship Hall for your Christmas cooking and gifts. The halves are \$9.00 and the pieces are \$8.00 for a 16 oz. Bag. All profits go to missions.



It's not too late to sign up to take a Thanksgiving box of food

to a needy family. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall

November 18. Names and addresses of persons/families have been supplied by Graceworks, with a list of food items to purchase.



If you own or manage a business and want to advertise in our annual Guidebook and Directory, please call the Church office at 794-2734.

Christmas Volunteer and Donation Opportunities available at Graceworks.

Email www.graceworksministries.net to sign up for any of these volunteer opportunities.

Be a Santa To A Senior Program:

Graceworks is partnering with Home Instead Senior Care and its 'Be a Santa to a Senior' program to provide gifts for some of the seniors in our community who are not able to participate in The Manger.

Contact assurance@homeinstead.com for more information.

Thanksgiving and Christmas

Food Boxes: Each qualified family will receive a food box the week before Christmas from a volunteer sponsor. We provide a suggested grocery list to our volunteer sponsors (so each family receives the same amount of food from each sponsor) and ask that you purchase the food and make arrangements to deliver the food box to your assigned family.

Manger Gift Donations:

More than 10,000 new gifts for all ages are needed for The Manger this year. You can donate new, unwrapped gifts under \$20 for any age. Donations can be brought to Graceworks (marked MANGER) at 104 Southeast Parkway, Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. Drop boxes will be located at Community First Bank and Trust n Cool Springs, at all First Tennessee Bank branches starting mid-November.

The Christmas Manger: Located at 109 Rand Place, needs help on the following days:

- Manger Setup: December 5, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm
- December 7, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- December 6, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- The Manger Store: December 10, 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm
- December 11, 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm
- December 12, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- December 14, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- December 15, 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm
- December 16, 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm
- December 17, 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Save box tops and labels for Red Bird Mission.

With the holidays approaching, please remember to shop and save for Red Bird Mission of Beverly, Kentucky, a witness for Christ in the heart of Appalachia. The Mission is supported by all of Franklin FUMC, and sponsored by the UMW of Franklin First UMC. The Mission is in a region plagued by decades of persistent poverty. We are collecting Campbell's Soup Labels, Box tops, Tyson Products (Project A + Redemption Panel), and General Mills Box Tops. For further information, visit Red Bird's website, www.rbmission.org, or call Barbara McLellan at 599-2546.



FIRST FAMILY MATTERS

as of November 16, 2009

At Williamson Medical Center: Charlie Smithson
(Lesa Piper's dad)
At NHC: Evelyn Miller
At Vanderbilt: Madelyn Gregg, Don Wingfield
Just Gone Home from the Hospital: Evelyn
Hollowell, Rose Bartlett

Volunteers are needed to spend the night at the church with our Room in the Inn guests on Thursday night, December 10 and Thursday night, December 24. Contact Frances Bozeman at francesbozeman@yahoo.com or 599-3490 if available.



Volunteer opportunity in Murfreesboro — Volunteers are needed to help finish rebuilding a home destroyed by the April tornadoes. Help needed is as follows: 1/21—Sand/finish hardwood floors, carpet, decks. Contact Rick Sears (615) 542-8025) or truelife2711@hotmail.com if you can help.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE MENU

11/18/2009

Baked Pasta with Grilled Chicken
Assorted Vegetables
Garlic Bread
Salad Bar
Fudge Brownies
Kid's Menu: Individual Pizza

Reservations can be made on the FUMC website
www.franklinfumc.org/AVNL_meal

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS for NOVEMBER 8, 2009

Sunday School Attendance	685
Worship Attendance (4 services)	884
Offering this week	\$29,651
YTD Offerings	\$1,876,623
YTD Operating Budget	\$2,162,160
YTD Operating Budget Spent	\$1,879,412
Loan Balance-October 2, 2009-Activity Center	\$1,766,355
Total Principal Paid YTD-Activity Center	\$215,137
Loan Balance-2/15/09 -North Campus	\$3,815,689
Legacy of Faith Gifts this week	\$5,095
Foundation gifts	\$170

Questions? Call LaVerne Sweeney,
Business Manager, 794-2734

WEEK AT A GLANCE

2009 CALENDAR FOR FRANKLIN FIRST UMC:

Please complete an Event Form
(available at the office or online) 2 to
4 weeks in advance to reserve
dates for all meetings and
activities. Also, if you should
change a date, day, or time
after completing the initial Event
Form you must contact Pam
with the update as all of our
publications rely on the accurate
information supplied to the office
staff and recorded on the
church calendar. Contact Pam
at the church office (794-2734)
if you have any questions.
pgarland@franklinfumc.org
www.franklinfumc.org/pdf/EOF.pdf

MONDAY, November 16

10:00 am Primetimer's to Frist Museum of Art
6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting, B101
6:30 pm Lay Leadership Outcome Team Meeting, B104

TUESDAY, November 17

6:00 am Men of Momentum, Café
7:00 am Women's Bible Study, B101
9:00 am Older Adult Fitness, Sanctuary East
10:00 am Ladies Sewing Circle, Kitchen
10:00 am Women's Bible Study, B101
6:00 pm Campaign Leadership Training Session, B101
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry, 3rd floor

WEDNESDAY, November 18

8:00 am Weekly Prayer Walk, North Campus
9:15 am Disciple II Bible Study, A211
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Group, B214
10:00 am Assoc. Pastor's Bible Study, B101
5:15 pm Wednesday Night Live Meal, Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm Chancel Handbells, Historic Sanctuary
6:15 pm Ka-Bam, A206
6:15 pm Cherub Disciples Choir, B208, B209
6:15 pm Heavenly Sonshine Choir, A208
6:15 pm Claim His Name Music Ensemble, B101
6:15 pm Disciple V—Jesus in the Gospels, B205
6:30 pm Safe Sanctuary Training, A207
6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study, A210
6:30 pm Disciple I, B201, B203
6:30 pm Disciple IV, B214
6:30 pm FirstSong Rehearsal, Historic Sanctuary
7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Historic Sanctuary

THURSDAY, November 19

9:00 am Older Adult Fitness, Sanctuary East
5:30 pm Thanksgiving Dinner, Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Church Council and Mission/Vision Meeting, Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, November 21

8:00 am Rehearsal Worship Team for 9:00 Service, Sanctuary East
8:00 am Prayer Walk, North Campus

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9:00 and 10:30 Worship Services (Blended Worship & Traditional Worship) • 9:00 and 10:30 Sunday School

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MEMBERSHIP CHANGES: It's **IMPORTANT** to keep your family and contact information up to date with the church office. Please contact Debbie Miller, your Membership Secretary, at the church office (dmiller@franklinfumc.org or 794-2734) with any changes or additions (i.e. name, address, e-mail, phone, births.) Thank you!

VIDEO SCREEN ANNOUNCEMENTS: New PowerPoint presentations are loaded each Sunday morning. If you have information for the week ahead, please let John Knorr know by the Friday before. *John Knorr*, jknorr@franklinfumc.org

NEWSLETTER AND/OR BULLETIN PUBLICATION REQUESTS: The deadline for submitting information for the Mission Menu, Franklin First UMC bulletin insert, and First Things First Newsletter is **Tuesday at noon**. Please submit to: secretary@franklinfumc.org. Thank you! *Due to limited space on printed publications, an article may not be able to run more than twice—consecutively. We will do our best to accommodate each request.*

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Dr. A. Lynn Hill, *Senior Minister*
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Rev. John Williams, *Minister of Visitation*
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