

**LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2009**

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127 or Psalm 42; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44.

November 9, 2009

Dear Friends:

As usual it was a time of great celebration at all four worship services. It was especially joyful because the laity of FUMC lead these services. My thanks to Sarah Carty, Louis Barr, Helen Lombardo, and Bob Majors for your powerful sermons. Each was unique, but all pointed us to Jesus and encouraged us in our walk in faith. Thank you for leadership not only this Sunday, but throughout the year in so many ways. We also express thanks to Naomi Drake, Bob Nixon, the Heavenly Sonshine Choir, Bill Moran, Mary Phillips, Jim Kimmel, the Chancel Choir, Jane Breckenridge, FirstSong, Monica Willow, Mary Margaret Collier, Emily Hill, Todd Yann, Glenn Atamaniuk, George McLaughlin, Sarah Evins, John Knorr, Karla Grove, Valiere Gamble, Jeri Bozeman, and Tom Goodhart for making our times of worship so special. There is no congregation more blessed than we with some incredibly gifted and generous people who share so freely with others. Thanks to each of you for all that you do.

Let me remind all men of FUMC of our first annual Men Of Momentum bonfire on the North Campus next Sunday, November 15 starting at 4:30. This gathering is open to all men of FUMC and all other men who will come. There will be great food, fun, and growing together in Christ. I have been told that the bonfire may qualify as one of the "seven wonders of the world." At the very least it will be one of the "seven wonders of Franklin!" I sincerely hope that many men from the FUMC family will be a part of this gathering. You will be glad and so will we. I hope to see you at the FIRE!!!

Remember that on Sunday, November 22 we will be honored to have Cherie White, our missionary to Mexico, as our guest speaker. It is always exciting to hear what the UMC is doing and how our mission funds are changing lives for Jesus. Don't miss this special time of worship. Also on that Sunday, we will receive a special hunger offering. Half of the money received will go to feed the hungry in Africa and the other half will return to feed the hungry in the Columbia District. I encourage all of us to be generous in our hunger offering.

Did you take a Christmas stocking for Operation American Soldier? If not, they are available in the lobby of Sanctuary East, in the Narthex of Historic Sanctuary and also in Fellowship Hall. Monetary gifts are also accepted to help defray the cost of shipping these stockings overseas. Let's show those who give so much for us how much they are loved.

Don't forget the FUMC Health Ministry blood drive on Sunday, November 22 from 8:00 until noon. Please sign up for a donation time in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 8 & 15. You can also sign up to sponsor a Thanksgiving box of food for a local family in need provided by Graceworks Ministries. Let's give from our abundance for those whose need is great.

Everyone is invited to our annual Charge Conference on Monday, November 23 starting at 7:00 pm in Room B101. It will be a great time to meet and talk with our district superintendent. All Church Council members are expected to attend and all others are invited.

These are exciting days for us at FUMC. God continues to surprise us in amazing ways. We look to the future unafraid because 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](mailto:awakefield@franklinfumc.org)).



**Connection 5th and 6th graders!!** Join the fun on November 15 from 11:30

am to 1:30 pm as we have lunch and shop at Wal-Mart for Thanksgiving baskets. Pick up your Event Reservation and Permission/Medical Release forms during Sunday school or contact Sarah Carty at [scarty@franklinfumc.org](mailto:scarty@franklinfumc.org).

**The next Sunshine Kids Club** gathering will be November 15 at 4:00 pm in A210. This event is open to all children grades K-4 and will benefit the 61st Ave. after school program's 'Children's Shopping Days.' Contact Camille O'Donnell at [camilleodonnell@comcast.net](mailto:camilleodonnell@comcast.net) for more info.

For more news about Children's Ministry, check out the children's page of the church's website, [www.franklinfumc.org](http://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 Reminder to Primetimers who have signed up for our trips:** Country Music Hall of Fame, November 12, departs at 10:00 am. Please have \$20 in cash to pay for the trip. Frist Museum of Art, November 16, departs at 10:00 am. Cost is \$12.50 for admission and bus. Contact Virginia Hutcheson at 595-8111 with questions.

**The final 2010 Detention Ministries Certification Meeting** will be held on November 10 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the Juvenile Court Room. If you did not attend the October 27 meeting and want to be involved in ministering at the local jail in 2010 you must attend this meeting.

**Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on November 19**

at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Meat, 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.



**Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White** is a new study beginning November 4 thru December 9 at 6:30 pm in B210. Everyone agrees that America is polarized, with ever-hardening positions held by people less and less willing to listen to one another. No one agrees on what to do about it. One solution that hasn't yet been tried is for thinking persons of faith to model for the rest of the country a richer, more thoughtful conversation on the political, moral, and religious issues that divide us (15 minute video, followed by discussion).

**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.

## 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.

**If you didn't get a chance to visit the Alternative Gift Market yesterday,** you can still shop by going to [www.franklinfumc.org](http://www.franklinfumc.org) and selecting the link to the AGM page. December 11 is the last day to shop, so don't delay!!


**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 on Sunday, November 15 (and November 22 if needed) from 8:00am-11:45am. 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](mailto:allisonksmith1@comcast.net) or 584-7089.

**Please sign up to take a Thanksgiving box of food** to a needy family. Sign up today or on November 15 in the Fellowship Hall in between services, or in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday nights, November 11 and 18. Names and addresses of persons/families have been supplied by Graceworks, with a list of food items to purchase.

**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.

**Christmas Volunteer and Donation Opportunities available at Graceworks.**  
Email [www.graceworksministries.net](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.rbmission.org), or call Barbara McLellan at 599-2546.

## FIRST FAMILY MATTERS

as of November 9, 2009

**At Williamson Medical Center:** Charlie Smithson (Lesa Piper's Dad)

**At Baptist:** Stephanie Warner

**At Skyline:** Evelyn Miller

**At Vanderbilt:** Madelyn Gregg

**Just Gone Home from the Hospital:** Tom Goodhart

**Condolences to** Diana Leinart and family on the death of her husband, Tom Leinart, on October 29, 2009.

**Condolences to** Jane Hassell and family on the death of her mother, Loretta Chadwell, on October 29, 2009.

**Condolences to** Tom Jones and family on the death of his sister, Annie Ruth Jones, who died November 8, 2009.

**Congratulations to** Ryan and Allison Cregger on the birth of their daughter, Abigail Wallace Cregger, born November 5, 2009.

**Congratulations to** Charles and Stephanie Warner on the birth of their son, Madden Charles Warner, born November 6, 2009.

### Volunteer opportunity in

**Murfreesboro** — Volunteers are needed to help finish rebuilding a home destroyed by the April tornadoes. Help needed is as follows: 11/14—Paint, trim out electric, cabinets; 11/21—Sand/finish hardwood floors, carpet, decks. If you can help, contact Rick Sears (615-542-8025) or [truelife2711@hotmail.com](mailto:truelife2711@hotmail.com).



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.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE MENU

11/11/2009

Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Honey Carrots, Biscuits, Apple Crisp, Salad Bar

Kid's Choice: Corn Dogs

Reservations can be made on the FUMC website

[www.franklinfumc.org/WNLmeal](http://www.franklinfumc.org/WNLmeal)



### RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS for NOVEMBER 1, 2009

Sunday School Attendance	784
Worship Attendance (4 services)	1,001
Offering this week	\$54,897
YTD Offerings	\$1,850,113
YTD Operating Budget	\$2,114,112
YTD Operating Budget Spent	\$1,831,020
Loan Balance-October 2, 2009-Activity Center	\$1,789,620
Total Principal Paid YTD-Activity Center	\$191,872
Loan Balance-2/15/09 -North Campus	\$3,815,689
Legacy of Faith Gifts this week	\$17,540
Foundation gifts	\$25

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](mailto:pgarland@franklinfumc.org)

[www.franklinfumc.org/pdf/EOF.pdf](http://www.franklinfumc.org/pdf/EOF.pdf)

### MONDAY, November 9

6:00 pm Building Committee, A210  
6:30 pm Small Group Ministry Team, A302  
6:30 pm Honor Flight Meeting, B104  
6:30 pm Lay Leadership Outcome Team Meeting, B101

### TUESDAY, November 10

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  
5:30 pm Primetimer's Dinner and Program, Fellowship Hall  
6:30 pm Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting, B101

### WEDNESDAY, November 11

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 Pastor's Bible Study, A210  
6:30 pm Disciple I, B201, B203  
6:30 pm Disciple IV, B214  
6:30 pm Running the Rapids, B204  
6:30 pm FirstSong Rehearsal, Historic Sanctuary  
6:30 pm Have a New Kid by Friday, Sanctuary East  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Historic Sanctuary

### THURSDAY, November 12

9:00 am Older Adult Fitness, Sanctuary East  
10:00 am Primetimer's Trip to Country Music Hall of Fame  
5:00 pm Created By God Leader Training, B104  
7:00 pm Foundation Meeting, Graham Room  
7:00 pm Created By God Parent Meeting, B101

### FRIDAY, November 13

7:00 pm Created By God, Fellowship Hall

### SATURDAY, November 14

8:00 am Rehearsal Worship Team for 9:00 Service, Sanctuary east  
8:00 am Prayer Walk, North Campus  
9:00 am Created By God, Fellowship Hall

## Franklin First United Methodist Church

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

**Knowing Christ | Sharing Christ | Making Disciples**



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.*

**Church Staff:**

Dr. A. Lynn Hill, *Senior Minister*  
Rev. Vona R. Wilson, *Associate Minister*  
Rev. Mark Coursey, *Minister of Evangelism & Program*  
Rev. John Williams, *Minister of Visitation*  
Rev. Becky Peeler, *Minister to Children*  
Sarah Carty, *Asst. Director of Children's Ministry*  
Jacob Fasig, *Director of Youth Ministry*  
Helen Lombardo, *Associate Youth Director*  
Lindsey Wells, *Youth Music Intern*  
Mary Phillips, *Organist*  
Jim Kimmel, *Music Director—Historic Sanctuary*  
Sarah Evins, *Music Director—Sanctuary East*  
John Knorr, *Music/Media Asst.*  
Brenda Kessell, *Preschool Director*

**Office Staff:**

LaVerne Sweeney, *Business Manager*  
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Debbie Miller, *Membership Secretary*  
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Amber Wakefield, *Childcare Coordinator*  
Roy Reed, *Facilities Supervisor*  
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