

**LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009**

Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

October 26, 2009

Dear Friends:

What wonderful times of worship we had on Sunday. My thanks to FirstSong, the Youth Choir, Mary Phillips, Todd Yann, George McLaughlin, the Chancel Choir, John Knorr, Keith Graves, Sarah Evins, Linda Lewis, and Jim Kimmel for your beautiful music. You add so much to our times of worship. Thanks also to Kathy Danner for your powerful witness on faithful stewardship. Your witness presented a clear challenge to us to grow in our commitment in giving to God our first fruits. Thanks to everyone who brought your completed commitment card and dedicated it to God at the close of our services. May our response be pleasing to God and empowering to the ministries of FUMC for 2010. If you did not turn yours in at one of our worship services, please return it to the church office as soon as possible.

All of us want to say a special thanks to Janeil Westbrook and the "Kitchen Crew" for an incredible brunch following our services. I can't imagine preparing for 500+ people to stop by for brunch, but this crew handled it with grace and hospitality. Thanks for a job well done!!

Next Sunday we will celebrate All Saints Sunday and will honor those "saints" who once walked among us, but now walk with God in heaven. The children will lead a procession at each of our four services with singing, carrying special banners which have been made in memory of each of these special persons. Family and friends of those being remembered are especially invited to be with us in worship. This is always a very special day of remembering and celebrating that we are "surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses." We give thanks to God for each of them and what they will always mean to us.

On Sunday, November 8 we will be celebrating Laity Sunday at all four services. God has blessed us with so many dedicated lay persons who provide amazing leadership to the wide variety of ministries at FUMC. We are also blessed to have a number of local church and certified lay speakers in our church family. These persons, along with others, will be leading our times of worship. Plan to be a part of this special day and begin praying for those who will be leading us in worship. I give thanks to God for each of you.

Also on November 8, we will be hosting our annual Alternative Gift Market from 8:30 to 1:00 in Fellowship Hall. Here is a way to buy gifts that truly make a difference in the lives of many. You can also shop online through December 11 at [www.franklinfumc.org](http://www.franklinfumc.org) by selecting the AGM page. I encourage all of us to support this special way of giving.

It is inspiring to watch the changing of the seasons in Middle Tennessee. The leaves are taking on a wide variety of colors that no artist could paint. All around us we can see the handiwork of God. Likewise, at FUMC we are in a season of change. Here, we can also see the handiwork of God.

Assured that God is leading us we know, the best is yet to be!!! Thanks be to God!!!

Grace and Peace,  
A. Lynn Hill

## FIRST KIDS

**Has your 5th or 6th grader registered for the Fall session of *Created by God*?** Created by God is a human sexuality workshop designed for 5th and 6th graders and their parents to open up the communication and dialogue about this important topic. Our Fall session will be offered on November 12, 13, and 14, 2009. Registration deadline is **November 2**. We will need at least 15 students to hold this workshop.

*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

**A "Men's Gathering"** with Grant Norsworthy will be held Saturday, October 31 at 9:00 am at the Walnut Grove UMC, 980 Walnut Grove Road, Belvidere, TN. Contact Rev. Ricky Wade at (931) 967-1920 for more information. Breakfast is included.

### **DON'T FORGET -**

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 1. Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night!!



**The Susanna Circle** will hold its next meeting on Friday, November 6 from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the home of Beth Ward (RSVP to 591-6593 and for directions). Childcare will not be available for this meeting but can be arranged for future meetings. In December, we plan to attend the annual Scarritt Bennett Christmas Luncheon and in January we will begin a book study on "Food and Faith," by Wendy Whiteside. All women of the church are invited to join us! Contact Barb Avellino at 302-0586 or [barbaraavellino@att.net](mailto:barbaraavellino@att.net) for more information.

**The UMW Sisters Circle** meets the first Monday evening of each month, with their next meeting on November 2 in B210 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We are a group of spirit-filled women generally between the ages of 30 through 50, but all women are welcome to attend. We focus on fellowship, Bible study and missions. Our November meeting will focus on preparing the Room in the Inn closets for the upcoming season. Many hands will be needed.

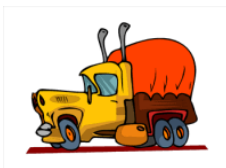
**The Dining Out Group** will meet at Bar-B-Cutie at 5:30 pm on October 27 for their monthly meal. Sign up on the Mission Menu.

**We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book and Directory** for the Church. This book helps us all to know more about the who, what, where, when, why, and how of Franklin FUMC. The book is being provided at no cost to the Church, including the mailing to each family, and again is being subsidized by local businesses who advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and want to find out how to advertise in the book, please call the Church office at 794-2734.



**The Alternative Gift Market is November 8, 2009, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at Franklin FUMC Fellowship Hall. Come to the market, visit the 28 booths, purchase your gifts, and know that you are making a meaningful and substantial impact during the very special Christmas season. Have other plans for November 8? **Our virtual market is now open.** Go to [www.franklinfumc.org](http://www.franklinfumc.org), select the link to the AGM page, and shop online through December 11.

**The church is in need of a farm utility/all-terrain vehicle** such as a John Deere Gator, Kawasaki Mule, etc. If anyone has such a vehicle he/she would like to donate or sell to the church for use on the North Campus, please contact Bob Martin at 310-1096.



**Have you moved recently?** A lot of mail sent out to congregation

members is being returned because our records are not up to date. If you have moved within the last six months, please let the office know so that we can update our database.

## **SERVICE & GENEROSITY**


**Volunteers are needed to help** put plastic over the windows for elderly persons living in the Nations Neighborhood in west Nashville. Meet at the 61st Ave. Church at 9:00 am on November 7. Hammers, pliers, staplers, and ladders are appreciated but not necessary. This task requires no particular building skills, just willing hands.

**A Great Service Opportunity** is available for individuals to serve as a Special Friend for a highly functioning autistic 14-year old male student. The Special Friend would serve a minimum of once per month at the 9:00 am youth Sunday school hour. For more information or to volunteer, contact Becky Peeler ([bpeeler@franklinfumc.org](mailto:bpeeler@franklinfumc.org)), Nancy Garrison (794-3412), Jill Johnson (791-9669), or sign up on the Mission Menu.

**Books are still needed for the Last Minute Toy Store**

The Last Minute Toy Store is short on books for middle school and high school students, as well as books in Spanish. If you have any new or gently used books to contribute, please place them in the boxes provided in the church office, the 1st and 2nd floor lobby, or call Nancy Armfield at 790-2905 to have the books picked up.



 **A volunteer is needed to oversee** the purchasing of supplies for Room In The Inn when our supplies run low. Time commitment is minimal. If interested, contact Frances Bozeman at 599-3490 or [FrancesBozeman@yahoo.com](mailto:FrancesBozeman@yahoo.com).



**Volunteer opportunity in Murfreesboro**

Volunteers are needed to help finish rebuilding a home destroyed by the April tornadoes. Fellowship UMC is hoping to have the work finished by Thanksgiving. Help needed is as follows: 11/7—Hang doors, trim; 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).

**Our Fall session of Created by God needs adults in order to be successful!**

Nine more adults are needed to assist with the workshop on November 12, 13, and 14. Adults help lead small groups of 5 or 6 children. Training is included for all who serve as leaders. For more information contact Becky Peeler ([bpeeler@franklinfumc.org](mailto:bpeeler@franklinfumc.org)), Sarah Carty ([scarty@franklinfumc.org](mailto:scarty@franklinfumc.org)), or sign up on the Mission Menu.



## FIRST FAMILY MATTERS

as of October 26, 2009

**Congratulations to** Drew and Natalie Bingham on the birth of their son, Luke Andrew Bingham, born October 20, 2009.

**Condolences to** Bob Patterson and family on the death of his father, James Patterson, who died on October 20, 2009.

**Congratulations to** Christine and Mike Gill on the birth of their daughter, Sadie Rose Gill, born October 22, 2009.

**At Williamson Medical Center:** Tom Goodhart



**All youth parents are invited to join us on November 1, 2009 from 6:00-8:00 pm** in room A301 for our Youth Parent's Update. You will receive information on all the current happenings in our ministry. At the end of the meeting, we will have a round table discussion for middle school parents about middle school ministry. This portion of the meeting will run from approximately 7:00 to 8:00 pm. We'll see you there!

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE MENU

10/28/2009

Beef Tacos with Toppings

Salad Bar

Tres Leches Cake

Reservations can be made on the FUMC website

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

### RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS for OCTOBER 18, 2009

Sunday School Attendance	582
Worship Attendance (4 services)	740
Offering this week	\$38,388
YTD Offerings	\$1,758,047
YTD Operating Budget	\$2,018,016
YTD Operating Budget Spent	\$1,756,175
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	\$10,031
Foundation gifts	\$0

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, October 26

4:00 pm Building Committee Work Sessions, B101  
6:30 pm Worship Outcome Team meeting, B101

### TUESDAY, October 27

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  
6:30 pm Intentional Faith Development Outcome Team Meeting, A303  
6:30 pm Preschool Board Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, October 28

8:00 am Weekly Prayer Walk, North Campus  
9:15 am Disciple II Bible Study, A21 I  
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, October 29

9:00 am Older Adult Fitness, Sanctuary East  
6:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting, B101

### SATURDAY, October 31

8:00 am Rehearsal Worship Team for 9:00 Service, Sanctuary East  
8:00 am Prayer Walk, North Campus  
9:00 am Senior Adult Ministry Team Meeting, B101

## 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.*

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