

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2010

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; I Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

February 1, 2010

Dear Friends:

In the words of a familiar Christmas carol, "the weather outside is frightful," but the warmth of the FUMC community of faith is always inviting to all who come. My thanks to each of you who braved icy streets to gather for worship. Since we were one of only a very few churches offering worship on Sunday, we had a number of visitors with us. Thanks for making them feel a part of our church family. Thanks to the dedicated members of our Sanctuary East Praise Band and Valerie Yancey. You were incredible!! When was the last time we saw a group of United Methodists standing and clapping while singing at a snowy Sunday morning worship service? We did here. We would have made John Wesley proud!

Next Sunday it will be our honor to have Emily Hoffner as our guest speaker. Emily is a faithful member of our youth ministry who has a powerful witness to share with her church family. Members of the FUMC Church Council heard part of this witness at a recent Council meeting and were spiritually moved by what was shared. We all agreed that the entire church needed to hear this witness. She will be speaking in the Historic Sanctuary with simulcast to Sanctuary East. I encourage all of us to be here to support Emily with our prayers and our presence. You will be glad that you did.

We are only a few weeks away from the beginning of the holy season of Lent which prepares us for the joy of Easter. To help us in our spiritual journey we will have two Ash Wednesday Services on February 17. One will be at noon in the Historic Sanctuary and the second will be at 6:00 in Sanctuary East. This service will replace the usual Wednesday Night Live programs. Everyone is invited to attend.

There will also be a new small group, seven-week study for Lent entitled "24 Hours That Changed The World." Please check our website for the start date and to register. This is a study no one wants to miss.

Everyone is invited to come to the North Campus on Saturdays for the "Shadow Walk." Come and enjoy the beauty of the North Campus, enjoy a cup of coffee or juice, and spend time with some amazing FUMC friends. The shadow walks will be held on Saturday February 6, March 6, and April 3 from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. I hope to see YOU there.

Be watching for the "official" launch of our new capital campaign, IMAGINE - GOD'S VISION OUR FUTURE. What an appropriate title for this campaign. From the beginning we have sought to be led by God's vision as we live into our future at FUMC. The journey has been filled with challenges. Often the hills to be climbed have been tall. I recently received this saying which inspired me as I looked at the road before us. It said "the task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us." To that I say, AMEN and AMEN!! That is the reason we know without a doubt, the best is yet to be!!! Thanks be to God!!!

Grace and Peace,

Lynn

FIRST KIDS

Next opportunity to “Go Green” will be at Safe Sanctuary training, February 7 at 8:00 am in Room A212.



Voyage into Outer Space praising God at VBS 2010!! Join us for Galactic Blast!

Spaces are still available for the Winter Session of Created by God, a human sexuality workshop for 5th & 6th graders! We need some more girls to register! The workshop dates are February 18, 19, & 20, 2010. The workshop is limited to 30 students on a first come, first served basis.

Will you help with our success? 2 more male adults are needed to offer leadership for the Created by God weekend. If you are interested in helping or need more information, please contact Becky Peeler (794-2734) or sign up on the Mission Menu.

DISCUSSION STARTERS for Parents with children are available at the 2nd floor Welcome Center for February! Plan to pick up yours today!

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



FELLOWSHIP

A Youth Parents Update will be held on February 7 from 11:45 am to 1:30 pm in A305-Youth Worship Area. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to jacob@415.com.

Church Women - Join us for the Women Encouraging Women Valentine Breakfast on February 11 from 9:45 to 12:00 noon. To reserve your spot, send a check (cost is \$20) to Martha Elkin, 1338 Eliot Road, Franklin, TN 37064, postmarked by February 5. Listen to speaker Darlene Clark of Albany, NY speak on the topic of “Promises, Promises - Understanding God's Promises and Love.”

Fathers/Daughters —Friday, March 19 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

is our 1st Annual Father/Daughter Spring Fling Dance. Cost is \$10 per couple or \$15 maximum per family. Join us for dancing, light refreshments, fun and fellowship. Volunteers are needed to plan, decorate and make this a spectacular event for our church families.



Contact Teri Driver if you are interested in helping at teripdriver@bellsouth.net or 595-8861. **Save the date and dress to impress!!**



Attention FUMC Senior Adults!

On Saturday, February 6, 2010, the Voyager SS Class will be hosting the 6th Annual Valentine Party for Senior Adults. All members of the Horace Edgmon Class, the Daly Thompson Class, and the W.C. Yates Bible Class along with all of the church family who are 75+ years of age are invited. You should have received a personal invitation, but in case we missed someone, please contact Kathy Vaughn at 778-0360 for directions and to make your reservation. The party will be held at the Carronbridge Clubhouse, 230 Waterbury Circle, Franklin, TN from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. We hope to see you there! Sign up on the Mission Menu.



Happy Groundhog Day!

Confused about how to make WNL reservations? Here's how to do it:

- Fill in the Mission Menu on Sunday mornings & put it in the basket the acolyte brings around during the offertory, or
 - E-mail Debbie Miller at dmiller@franklinfumc.org before 12:00 noon, Monday, or
 - Go online to the FUMC web-site, www.franklinfumc.org and either:
 - Click on the Ministries tab, click on Adults, click on WNL on the lower left column, register and pay,
- or**
- Click on Adult Ministries on the Home page and then click on WNL on the lower left column, register and pay.

Online registration requires payment via credit card. (Note that a fee is charged to cover our web costs of taking payment online.) All online reservations must be made by 12:00 noon, Monday. If you try to make reservations and pay after the cut-off you will get an error or "event full" message.

Come to the North Campus and walk with your "Shadow." Where will it lead you? What will you hear? What will you learn? Enjoy a walk around the North Campus with a cup of coffee, juice, refreshments and friends on Saturdays, February 6, March 6, and April 3 from 8:00 to 9:00 am, weather permitting. Sponsored by Ty and Paula Denslow.



The Genesis to Revelation class invites anyone interested in a small group bible study to come visit our class. We meet in the basement of the education building every Sunday from 8:30 to 10:00 am. Come join us as we grow in our relationship with Christ through prayer, fellowship, service and the study of his word. Call Mark Wanee at (615) 430-9062 with questions.

24 Hours That Changed the World - No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. In this heartbreaking and inspiring small group Lenten study, author and pastor Adam Hamilton guides us step by step through the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. Register online or sign up on the Mission Menu.

Class start dates, times and locations are as follows:

- ♦ Sunday mornings, 9:00 and 10:30 in B103, starts February 14
- ♦ In your Sunday School class, starts February 14
- ♦ Sunday evening at 6:00 in B214, starts February 21
- ♦ Monday evening at 6:30 in B214, starts February 15
- ♦ Wednesday evening at 6:30 in B204, starts February 24
- ♦ Thursday evening at 6:30 in B214, starts February 18



In House Registration for First United Methodist preschool/parent's day out for those already enrolled in the program are due no later than February 4, 2010.

CHURCH MEMBER REGISTRATION will begin at 9:00 am on the morning of Monday, February 8 with the Director in Fellowship Hall and will end at 11:00 am. Non-Church member **Open Enrollment** applications will be accepted and numbered by an administrative assistant beginning at 9:00 a.m. on February 8, 2010, but will not be processed for enrollment until the **close** of Church Member enrollment at 11:00 a.m. on the same date. This will also take place in Fellowship Hall. At the conclusion of Church Enrollment, the director and administrative staff will determine how many openings are still available and contact those with open enrollment applications, beginning with the lowest number and continuing until all spaces are filled.

All persons submitting an application to the Preschool/Parents Day Out on the date of February 8, 2010, will know by the close of the day whether or not their child has been enrolled.

Beginning Tuesday, February 9th, enrollment will be open to all, including those calling in long distance or contacting the director via the internet.

The Susanna Circle will meet on Friday, February 12 from 9:30 to 11:30 am at Utopia Coffee House in Spring Hill. We will begin our book study of "Food and Faith." book orders will be placed at the meeting. We invite any women to join us for a winter warmup for the soul! Call or email Barb Avellino with questions at 302-0586 or barbaraavellino@att.net.

The Primetimers will meet on Tuesday, February 9 at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$6.00 for a lasagna dinner with salad, bread and a Valentine's dessert. Make your reservations by Friday at noon, February 5, by calling the church office.

SERVICE & GENEROSITY

Dear Church Members—It is once again time for one of the most anticipated events of the year, the **Annual Youth Chili Cook Off, Silent Auction, and Talent Show!** The youth will be hosting this event on February 28, 2010. This event helps fund our summer mission trips. This year we will be returning to Mississippi to help with the ongoing Hurricane Katrina clean up— once in June with our high school students and once in July with our middle school students.

Last year, we challenged all the members of our congregation to share a talent with us during the silent auction, chili cook off, and talent show, and you all rose to the occasion. This year, we challenge you to once again share those wonderful talents or a new one. By benefitting the mission work of our youth, you multiply that talent as Jesus asks us to do. Please prayerfully consider what you have to offer: tutoring, a product of your business, a painting, a music lesson, photography... there is no limit to the depths of the talent in our congregation! The talent you share on this evening goes on to become life changing mission experiences for our youth where they are able to see and share the love of Christ.

Let's once again come together, share the joy of Christ in community, and experience all over again why we love this church as our home. Donor forms can be found on the youth website: www.415youth.com; the church website: www.franklinfumc.org; Completed forms can be returned to the church office or to the third floor.

For general questions, please contact: Helen Lombardo at helen@415youth.com or Jacob Fasig at jacob@415youth.com. To donate chili or enter the Chili Cook off please contact: Patti Corl at pcorl@comcast.net. To enter the Talent Show, contact: Sarah Evins at sevins@franklinfumc.org. Please note that the deadline to enter is February 24th.

FIRST FAMILY MATTERS

as of February 1, 2010

At Centennial: Alex Bond

At Stallworth Rehabilitation: Bill Crabtree

At Williamson Medical: Don Brown

Just Gone Home from the Hospital: Mary Bush, Debbie Macauley



Attention Military Veterans!! A new vets group is forming to perform community service to help the less fortunate and to raise awareness of issues facing veterans such as homelessness, unemployment, PTSD, and depression. Contact Chris Atkins at atkins_christopher@yahoo.com for more information. The first meeting is February 1 at Spring Hill Methodist Church at 6:30 pm.

| RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS for January 24, 2010 | |
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| Sunday School Attendance | 854 |
| Worship Attendance (4 services) | 1,018 |
| Offering this week | \$33,321 |
| YTD Offerings | \$182,216 |
| YTD Operating Budget | \$175,740 |
| YTD Operating Budget Spent | \$116,272 |
| Loan Balance-January 20, 2010-Activity Center | \$1,684,692 |
| Total Principal Paid YTD-Activity Center | \$58,163 |
| Loan Balance-2/15/09 -North Campus | \$3,815,689 |
| North Campus Building Fund | \$12,755 |
| Foundation gifts | \$275 |
| Questions? Call LaVerne Sweeney, Business Manager, 794-2734 | |

WEEK AT A GLANCE

2010 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, February 1

6:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting, B101
6:30 pm Missions and Outreach Committee Meeting, A303
6:30 pm UMW Sisters Circle, B210

TUESDAY, February 2

6:00 am Men of Momentum, Cafe
7:00 am Tuesday am Bible Study, B101
9:00 am Older Adult Fitness, Sanctuary East
10:00 am Women's Bible Study, B101
10:00 am Ladies Sewing Circle, Kitchen
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry, 3rd floor
7:00 pm New Stephen Minister Training, A303

WEDNESDAY, February 3

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 WNL Meal
5:30 pm Chancel Handbells, Historic Sanctuary
6:15 pm Cherub Disciples Choir, B208
6:15 pm Claim His Name Singers, B101
6:15 pm Heavenly Sunshine Choir, A208
6:30 pm Disciple V - Jesus in the Gospels, B205
6:30 pm Disciple I, B201, B203
6:30 pm Disciple IV, B214
6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study, A210
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study, B211, B212
6:30 pm FirstSong Rehearsal, Historic Sanctuary
6:30 pm Enjoy Freedom from Financial Stress, B202
6:30 pm KABAM, A205 and A206
6:30 pm You Can Get Bitter or Better, B204
7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Historic Sanctuary

THURSDAY, February 4

9:00 am Older Adult Fitness, Sanctuary East
6:00 pm Building Committee Meeting, B101
6:30 pm Communications Committee Meeting, A210
6:30 pm Evangelism Ministry Team Meeting, Mark's Office

SATURDAY, February 6

8:00 am Rehearsal Worship Team for 9:00 Service, Sanctuary East
8:00 am Prayer Walk, North Campus
1:00 pm Voyagers SS Class Trip

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

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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.*

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*
Mary Phillips, *Organist*
Jim Kimmel, *Music Director—Historic Sanctuary*
Sarah Evins, *Music Director—Sanctuary East*
John Knorr, *Music/Media Asst.*
Brenda Kessell, *Preschool Director*

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