

**Lectionary for Sunday, May 23, 2010**

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17

May 24, 2010

Dear Friends,

There are some days in the life of the church that are historical in nature. Sunday, May 23, 2010 will be a day that will live in the hearts and minds of the FUMC congregation for generations to come. Future generations will say that on that day a major spiritual turn was made by this faith community. While we had planned May 2 to be our Red Letter Day, God chose for us to celebrate this day on Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the birthday of the church. For us it was the celebration of the church yet to be born on the North Campus. From the start of this endeavor which started back in 2005, it has never been about any of us. The whole focus of this new campus has been about what God would do in and through it. None of us can fully comprehend what that will ultimately look like. All we know is that it will be incredible. The \$6.5 million already committed has assured us that the North Campus WILL BE developed, not in some distant future, but in the next few years. I look with great excitement as to what the response will be from other members of our faith community to this opportunity to advance the work of the Kingdom of God. We will share that amount at our June 13 worship services. If you were not present in worship to receive your commitment card, one will be mailed to you this week. If you prefer, please come by the church office to pick one up. For this campaign to be successful, it is imperative that every member and friend of the FUMC family make a sacrificial commitment at whatever level they can. Our gifts will not be equal in amounts, but can be equal in level of sacrifice. Using what God has entrusted to each of us, God will create a miracle at FUMC!

The worship services were amazing, to say the least. My thanks to our Chancel Choir, the Chancel Handbell Choir, Mary Phillips, Jim Kimmel, Jennifer Scoble, Dan Armfield, Glenn Atamaniuk, Sarah Evins, Keith Graves, John Knorr, and George McLaughlin for your awesome music. God used your talents in magnificent ways to enhance our times of worship. It never ceases to amaze me at how God takes all of the parts we bring, then puts them together in ways that are inspiring and life changing. To everyone who served in leadership during our times of worship, my thanks to you.

I encourage all of us to continue to pray for our capital campaign, our building committee, and our community of faith that we will be of one mind, led by one Spirit, moving together into God's future. The task before us is great, but our God is greater. The resources we will need are large, but God has already entrusted us with more than we need to accomplish it. We live into God's future unafraid, because God is with us. As we cling to that unshakable truth we know, the best is yet to be!!! Thanks be to God!!!

Grace and Peace,

Lynn

## FIRST KIDS

All Rising 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders have an opportunity to reach out to the community through **Service Squad** during our VBS week. Register in the Fellowship Hall this week.

All Children's Ministry Volunteers, Children's Choir Leaders & Helpers, and Special Friends who have not yet attended a **Safe Sanctuary Training Class** should plan to attend the upcoming class to be held on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm in Room A207. This is the last opportunity to be trained before VBS! Childcare is available by contacting Amber Wakefield at [awakefield@franklinfumc.org](mailto:awakefield@franklinfumc.org). Please contact Sarah Carty [scarty@franklinfumc.org](mailto:scarty@franklinfumc.org) or Becky Peeler [bpeeler@franklinfumc.org](mailto:bpeeler@franklinfumc.org) for additional information.

### Have a ball this summer teaching . . . .

There is a need in a few children's Sunday school classes at both 9:00 am and 10:30 am for people to volunteer for one or two weeks during the summer. If you can help, contact Becky Peeler or Sarah Carty.



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).

## SERVICE & GENEROSITY

**Thank you from WAVES**—Thanks to everyone who participated in the Great Day of Service on May 1st. Waves had four projects scheduled for that day that involved many Franklin FUMC members. Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate, but that didn't dampen the spirits of those involved. The "Parents' Morning Out" event went on as scheduled and the lunch and bingo was a great success with over 30 people from Waves attending. Thanks to all who made and served lunch, brought prizes and organized the bingo. More importantly, thanks for interacting with the individuals from Waves, Inc. They all had a wonderful time. The painting at one of our homes was completed, and although the outdoor projects had to be postponed, work teams are regrouping and hope to complete as much of the work as possible over the next few weeks. Dennie Pickard and Debbie Owens did a great job of coordinating all of the Waves, Inc. projects. Thanks to Sarah McGinley for always keeping our agency in mind for Great Day of Service. Volunteers have become more important than ever as we work through this difficult economic time. To all who participated in any capacity, we thank you!

### North Campus

**Community Garden:** Join us at the North Campus this summer to create a community garden. Most of the produce will be donated to local charities. No gardening experience necessary. Contact Michael Jones at [jones\\_michael54@bellsouth.net](mailto:jones_michael54@bellsouth.net).



## FELLOWSHIP

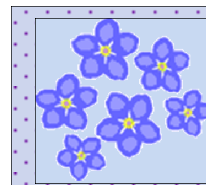
The **May Dining Out** group will dine at Criallo's, 1935 Mallory Lane in Franklin on Tuesday, May 25 at 5:30 pm. Please RSVP by noon on Monday, May 24. Call Kitty Pingston at 791-0898 with questions.

**If you have any contact information** on these members, please call or email Debbie Miller in the church office: Robert Akin, III, Tom and Vickie Bates, Sarah Carland, Jim Carland, Russell Chism, Mrs. William E. Clark, Mark and Keri Davis, Kim Garriss, Natalie Bates, and Dr. Andy Graham, Jr.

**Join us on June 6, 2010, for our 3rd Annual Carty Scholarship Luncheon** immediately following 11:30 worship in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$10 per person and \$5 for children ages 7 and under. For more information, call Whitney Chambers @ 794-4362 or email [randwchambers@comcast.net](mailto:randwchambers@comcast.net).

### FIRST FAMILY MATTERS as of May 24, 2010

**At Vanderbilt**—Jim Beck  
**Just Gone Home from the Hospital**—Jim Kimmel, Madelyn Gregg, Petey Parsons  
**Condolences to Mark Work** on the death of his mother, Ida Fowler Work, on May 16, 2010.



Learn more about Franklin First United Methodist Church. Join us for our next Newcomers Lunch and Orientation on June 27 from 11:45 to 1:45.

### RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS for May 16, 2010

Sunday School Attendance	808
Worship Attendance	949
Offering this Week	\$34,448
Offering this Week—North Campus Building Fund	\$28,325
Flood Relief Offering	\$4,425
YTD Offerings	\$870,754
YTD Operating Budget	\$878,700
YTD Operating Budget Spent	\$743,553
Loan Balance-April 26, 2010-Activity Center	\$1,619,246
Total Principal Paid YTD-Activity Center	\$123,607
Loan Balance-3/26/10 -North Campus	\$3,815,689
Foundation Gifts	\$0

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

### MONDAY, May 24

6:30 pm UMW Sisters Circle, B210

### TUESDAY, May 25

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 Ladies Sewing Circle, Kitchen  
11:30 am Lunch 'n Learn, Fellowship Hall  
3:00 pm Event Communication Make-up Meeting, B101  
6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting, B101  
7:00 pm New Stephen Minister Training, A303  
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry, 3rd floor

### WEDNESDAY, May 26

8:00 am Weekly Prayer Walk, North Campus  
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Group, B214  
6:30 pm FirstSong Choir Rehearsal, Historic Sanctuary  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Historic Sanctuary

### THURSDAY, May 27

9:00 am Older Adult Fitness, Sanctuary East  
10:00 am Bridge Group, B101  
6:30 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting, B101

### SATURDAY, May 29

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

## 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](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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Rev. Vona R. Wilson, *Associate Minister*  
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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*  
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Mary Phillips, *Organist*  
Jim Kimmel, *Music Director—Historic Sanctuary*  
Sarah Evins, *Music Director—Sanctuary East*  
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