

featured news



Lunch to Support the Guatemala Mission Trip . January 29

Join us on Sunday, Jan. 29 from 10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. for our Volunteers in Mission Lunch. It's a great way for you to discover how you can participate in the Guatemala Missions without ever leaving Tennessee. Donations are accepted for the meal. A kid friendly menu will also be available. Register on your Communication Card or email cgreenwald@franklinfumc.org.

Sponsor a Child in Guatemala

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Senior Fitness . January 26

Join us on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for senior fitness. Our certified instructor, Sara Ringley, directs us with specialized instructions for individual limitations. Chair support is offered for safety while light weights and tubing are used to improve strength and range of motion. Music and fellowship make it lots of fun! For info. call Emily Piazza 790-0424.

this week

At Franklin First UMC

GriefShare Winter Semester . February 4

You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. There is not a fee to attend. Our next semester of GriefShare will be on Saturday mornings beginning February 4, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in room B101. Contact Dorma Tabisz at 615-947-7282.

Valentines for College Students . February 5

We are collecting small items to mail to our college students for Valentines Day. We need gifts like chap stick, individual hot chocolate packages, valentine candy, Upper Room Devotional, anything that says love and warmth. If you are a Faith Friend of a College student be sure to write them a valentine and drop it in the box. If you can help us, drop the items off in one of the White Boxes around the church or at the church office. For more information contact Janie Luna at jarluna@comcast.net.

Pre-Superbowl-A-Palooza of Awesomeness . February 5

Youth in Grades 7 -12 come and celebrate Superbowl Sunday the right way by joining us February 5, 2012, for our Pre-Superbowl-A-Palooza of Awesomeness! The event will be at the Poplar Grove School gym, 2959 Del Rio Pike, Franklin, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Drop off and pick up will be at the school gym. Make sure to wear non-marking tennis shoes and comfortable clothing, and don't forget your favorite football jersey or shirt. Bring a friend or two and come play the most fun games in the solar system! Questions? Contact Hank or Helen for more info.

Ash Wednesday Services . February 22

Join us on Wednesday, February 22 for any of our Ash Wednesday services. We'll have services at 12:00 p.m. in the Historic Sanctuary and 6:30 p.m. in Sanctuary East.

Today's Lectionary Reading for Meditation: January 29, 2012

Deuteronomy 18:15-20,

Psalm 111

(UMH 832)

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

2012 Chili Cookoff . February 26

Join us for a lively evening of fiery chili, astonishing talent and incredible deals at our silent auction. You guessed it, the Youth Chili Cookoff and Talent Show is coming! Join us on Sunday, February 26 at 5:00 p.m. for one of the hottest events of the year. If you think you've got what it takes to dethrone the reigning chili champs, contact Patti Corl at pcorl@comcast.net to enter the Chili Cook Off! To enter the talent show, fill out the registration form on line at the church website. To enter the bake sale contact Lynn Leonard at lemonpie@bellsouth.net. To donate to the silent auction contact Trudy Rosin at trudyrosin@bellsouth.net. For more info go to www.franklinfumc.org/category/news-events.

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Lenten/Spring Devotional Seeking Your Submissions

We are so excited to begin to pursue the option of writing our own church-wide devotional from the experiences of our own congregation. We are currently requesting submissions for a FFUMC Devotional to have out for our Lenten Season. For this devotional we would like to highlight our core values of Prayer and Presence. As you think about your devotional thought, keep these overall themes in mind. The best devotions are written from our personal experiences. A personal story draws us in, creates space in our hearts to feel what the author is writing and inspires us to become more of who God wants us to be. Don't know where to begin? Go to the website under resources/daily-devotional to get you moving. When you are ready to submit, you can use our simple web form under resources/daily-devotional or drop it by the church office.

Feed Our Youth

Attention Sunday School Classes, UMW Circles, Small Groups and all those who like to cook... we need people to help provide dinner each Sunday evening for our Youth. Your group can cook and serve a meal, donate money and someone will buy the food, or drop off the food and we'll serve it. Teenagers love to eat, so we need a lot of groups that would be willing to help feed the Youth of our church throughout the year. We'll serve about 40-50 youth each Sunday night. Contact Kelley Holden at kellelyandchris@att.net or 693-2625 for more details and available dates, or mark your Communication Card.

New Group for Parents of Young Children Now Forming

Are you searching for a place to connect? Are you searching for a place to meet new people and study God's Word? The Small Group Ministry Team is forming a new Wesley Life Small Group for **parents of young children**. Wesley Life Small Groups are a great place to belong, to build relationships with others and to journey through life together with other Christians. Sign up on the Communication Card or call Mark at 794-2734.

Do You Know these People?

If you have any contact information on these people, please call Debbie Miller at 615-794-2734. Matthew Lee Ammons, John W. Holland III, Cindy Mack Holler, Amy Polk Howell, Beverly S. Jackson, Catherine Anne Jones, Lisa Michelle Jones, Trenton Daniel Malone, Phillip William McMaster, Linda Margaret Milkewicz, Frances Morris, Larry E. Snyder, Linda E. Plumly Snyder.

coming soon

At Franklin First UMC

March 4

Carty Memorial
Scholarship Luncheon

March 25

Easter Egg Hunt for Kids
North Campus 3:00 p.m.

April 5

Maundy Thursday Service
6:30 p.m. in HS.

April 6

Good Friday Service
6:30 p.m. in HS.

April 8

Easter Services: 6:30 a.m.,
8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

ongoing events

At Franklin First UMC

Newcomer's Lunch

If you're new to Franklin First UMC we'd love to meet you and your family. Join us on February 12 from 11:45 to 1:00 pm. This is a lunch especially for you to ask questions and see what makes up Franklin First UMC.

Prayer Times

Join us in Historic Sanctuary Monday - Friday at 6:30 a.m. or Tuesday's at

Franklin First United Methodist Church
143 Fifth Avenue South
Franklin, TN 37064

FIRST FAMILY MATTERS

as of January 23, 2012

Williamson: Cathy Wilkes

Vanderbilt: Betty Nave

St. Thomas: John Moss

Gone Home from the Hospital:
Charlie Dye, Kay Nichols

Condolences to the family of Kathy Goodhart on the death of her sister, Virginia Lauren who passed away on January 10, 2012.

Condolences to the family of Jamie Wewetzer on the death of her mother, Dixie McCollum who passed away on January 16, 2012.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

January 22, 2012

Sunday School Attendance	861
Worship Attendance	1,144
Offering this Week	\$54,610
Offering Needed this Week	\$51,373
Over or (Under) for the Week	\$3,238
Over or (Under) for the Month	(\$5,109)
Offering this Week to the North Campus Building Fund	\$8,597
Foundation:	\$0

Questions? Call LaVerne Sweeney
Business Manager, 794-2734

We will print the monthly Year-to-date updates one time each month.

Contact Us About Your Next Event?

If you have an upcoming event, contact Jody Todd, Communications Director, and fill out an Announcement Form at least 2 weeks prior to your event. We'll do everything we can to place it in all the appropriate communication vehicles. For Room Reservations, contact Laura Lindquist, Office Manager.



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Your Franklin First UMC Staff:

Dr. A. Lynn Hill, Senior Minister

Rev. Vona R. Wilson, Associate Minister

Rev. Mark Coursey, Minister of Evangelism & Discipleship

Rev. John Williams, Minister of Visitation

Sarah Carty, Director of Children's Ministry

Cindy Bellini, Assist. Dir. of Children's Ministry

April Jackson, Assist. Dir. of Children's Ministry

Hank Hilliard, Director of Youth Ministries

Helen Lombardo, Associate Director of Youth Ministries

Mary Phillips, Organist

Jim Kimmel, Music Dir., HS

Sarah Evins, Music Dir., SE

Larry Repasky, A/V Dir.

John Knorr, Music/Media Asst.

Brenda Kessell, Preschool Director

LaVerne Sweeney, Business Manager

Jody Todd, Communications Director

Laura Lindquist, Office Manager

Debbie Miller, Membership Secretary

Jean Elder, Church Secretary

Carmen Greenwald, Recept.

Amber Wakefield, Childcare Coordinator

Juanita Hill, Bert Miller, Sid Bradley, Jr., Arthur Polk, Custodians



Knowing Christ | Sharing Christ | Making Disciples

A United Methodist Congregation

January 23, 2012

Dear Friends,

How good it was to be together in the House of the Lord on Sunday. As usual our worship times were incredible with the presence of the Holy Spirit very much felt by all. Thanks to John Knorr, the Chancel Choir, Jennifer Scoble, Jenny Young, Keith Graves, Sarah Evins, Glenn Atamaniuk, Dave Hoffner, Todd Yann, George McLaughlin, and Keith Elder for your amazing music. Indeed, you bless our lives and we are thankful for you. Also thanks to Chester Zepeda and his witness about our growing ministry in and with the people of Guatemala. We are such a blessed faith community and we give thanks to God for each blessing.



Dr. A. Lynn Hill
Senior Pastor

Perhaps you have noticed several pictures on the Mission's Board in Fellowship Hall of children from Guatemala in need of someone to sponsor them in their education by providing a scholarship. These scholarships will make a tremendous difference in the life of a child who might not otherwise be able to attend school due to extreme poverty. To sponsor a child, simply remove their picture and contact Rev. Vona Wilson to let her know. Scholarships for an entire year begin at \$400 and can be given annually, bi-annually, or quarterly. This is a great opportunity for Sunday School classes, UMW Circles, UMM, or individuals to help a deserving child to a better life. Please give this your prayerful consideration.

Are you new to FFUMC and find getting around our campus something of a challenge? If so, please plan on attending a tour of our facilities led by Rev. Mark Coursey on Sunday, February 5 starting at 11:45. Plan on meeting this tour in the lobby outside of Sanctuary East. The tour will take approximately 20 minutes. I hope to see YOU then.

We are collecting small items (chap stick, hot chocolate packets, valentine candy, etc.) to be sent to our college students as a way of expressing our love for them. All College Faith Friends are encouraged to write a personal note to your particular student. White collection boxes can be found throughout our campus or bring your gifts to the church office. For more information about this ministry contact Janie Luna at jarsluna@comcast.net. Together we can spread some love to these special church family members.

Don't forget the 2012 Edition of the Chili Cook-off/Talent Show on February 26 starting at 5:00 in Fellowship Hall. Here is a great opportunity to show off your best chili and talent. To enter your chili, contact Patti Corl at pcorl@comcast.net. To enter the talent show, complete the registration form at www.franklinfumc.org. To enter the bake sale contact Lynn Leonard at lemonpie@bellsouth.net. To donate items for the silent auction contact Trudy Rosin at trudtrosin@bellsouth.net. This is an amazing night of wonderful chili and awesome talent. Mark your calendars NOW, you don't want to miss this!

These are spirit filled days at FFUMC as God is doing a new thing among us. While we give thanks for what has been and for what is, we look to the future with unswerving confidence for we know the best is yet to be! Thanks be to God!

Grace and Peace,

Lynn