

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 in memory of Connie Turvy. 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 by calling the church office at 794-2734 or email cgreenwald@franklinfumc.org.

Sponsor a Child in Guatemala

Join us in helping our Volunteers in Mission (VIM) office in Guatemala by helping provide education scholarships to children in their neighborhoods. Each year the VIM office receives request to help with the financial burden that disadvantaged families face each year. With your help we can make a difference. Stop by the Fellowship Hall at FFUMC this weekend to view the board with the pictures of children we'd like to help with the cost of school. Simply remove the picture of the child you would like to sponsor and contact Vona to let her know. Scholarships begin at \$400 for an entire year and can be given annually, bi-annually or quarterly. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Adam Hamilton Bible Study . January 11 and 15

Join us for a new Adam Hamilton study coming January 11, 2012. In the book "Why? Making Sense of God's Will" best selling author Adam Hamilton brings fresh insight to the age-old question of how to understand the will of God. Class begins Sundays beginning January 15 at 10:30 a.m. led by Mark Coursey or Wednesday's beginning on January 11 at 6:30 p.m. led by Vona Wilson. Contact Mark by calling the church office at 794-2734.

GroupLink . January 15

The Small Group Ministry Team is sponsoring our next GroupLink event after church on Sunday, January 15 from 11:45 - 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. GroupLink is an opportunity to receive information and join a Wesley Life Group. The small group of 8 to 12 people provide opportunities to build relationships, study God's word and journey through life together. Groups are formed by age, stage of life or common interests. Please register by calling Mark at 794-2734.

UMW Susanna Circle . January 19

Susanna Circle will celebrate the New Year with a "cross-swap" at 6:30 p.m. on 1/19/2012 at the home of Beth Ward. Please bring an item to swap; the cross can be on a picture frame, wall hanging, ceramic dish, etc. Please limit your cross to a \$15.00 value. The Susanna Sisters are working on growing their group. All ladies looking for a circle to join are encouraged to attend. Contact Beth Ward (491-2167) to RSVP.

New Equine Assisted Ministry for Kids . January 21

On Saturday, January 21 FFUMC will offer a first glimpse at a new ministry for kids called "Take the Reins." This ministry will offer therapeutic riding and emotional healing for children to grow in their self-esteem. They will have a sense of accomplishment and have fun by being around and caring for horses. If you would like to know more about this 8 week program simply attend the Open House on Saturday, January 21 at 1:00 p.m. at the Bending Tree Farm, the home of Jerry and Sharon Clement at 3636 Bear Creek Road. For more information contact Sarah Carty at 794-2734 or pick up a card at any of the information areas around the church.

Today's Lectionary Reading for Meditation: January 15, 2012

*1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20),
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
(UMH 854)
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51*

District Training Event . January 22

Plan to go to the Columbia District Training Event on Sunday, January 22 from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. There will be workshops for Small Groups, Lay Leaders, Children's Ministries, Youth Ministries, Worship, Nurture and SPRC. Contact Mark or Vona if you can go at 794-2734.

Cell Phones for Soldiers . through January 22

Franklin FUMC is collecting retired cell phones for recycling. Each phone will buy one hour of prepaid call time for a deployed uniform service member to connect with family. Bring your old cell phones (and chargers if you have them) to the collection box in the lobby of SE through Jan. 22.

UMW Sisters Circle . January 23

Plan to come to our next Sisters Circle on January 23 at 6:30 p.m. in room B210. We always have a brief program and we encourage ladies who do not have a circle to join us.

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 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 jarsluna@comcast.net.

Lenten/Spring Devotional

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. We would like to highlight our core values of Prayer and Presence. As you think about your devotional thought, keep these themes in mind and write from personal experiences. For more information go to the website under resources/daily-devotional or call Jody at 615-794-2734.

Saving Box Tops and Labels for Red Bird Mission

Red Bird Mission has been providing help to the people in the Beverly, Kentucky region that are plagued by poverty. By donating your labels and box tops you are supporting kids in that area by helping their local schools. Drop your labels in the envelopes in the Fellowship Hall or Kitchen.

Olan Mills Directory Is Here

If you have had your picture made for the directory, come to the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, January 11 at 5:15 p.m. or Sunday, January 15 at 10:00 a.m. We will keep your copy reserved until January 31. If you did not have your picture taken this time around fear not, we have additional copies. These will be available in the Fellowship Hall in February.

Do You Know these People?

If you have any contact information on these people, please call Debbie Miller at 615-794-2734. Robert Vance Akin III, Matthew Lee Ammons, Andy Graham Jr., Harry Lee Grigsby Jr., 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, Doris Elaine Lindsey Shackelford, Larry E. Snyder, Linda E. Plumly Snyder.

coming soon

At Franklin First UMC

February 26

The Chili Cook-off and Talent Show sponsored by the FFUMC Youth.

March 4

Carty Memorial Scholarship Luncheon

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 noon in A306 for a time of prayer.

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FIRST FAMILY MATTERS

as of January 9, 2012

Williamson: LaVerne Graham, Lisa Carson

Baptist: Charlie Dye

Vanderbilt: Kay Nichols

Stalworth: Jeffrey Freyer

VA Hospital: Gary Allen

Condolences to the family of Wayne Merrill on the death of his mother, Emily Merrill who passed away on January 6, 2012.

Micah 6:8

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

January 8, 2012

Sunday School Attendance	960
Worship Attendance	1,267
Offering this Week	\$54,194
Offering Needed this Week	\$51,373
Over or (Under) for the Week	\$2,821
Over or (Under) for the Month	(\$8,347)
Offering this Week to the North Campus Building Fund	\$7,344
Foundation:	\$0

Questions? Call LaVerne Sweeney
Business Manager, 794-2734

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

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 9, 2012

Dear Friends,

How good it was for us to be together for worship on Sunday. As usual our times of worship were incredible. Thanks to Zell Browne & Holli Dawson, the Chancel Choir, Matthew West, Glenn Atamaniuk, Keith Elder, Sarah Evins, Keith Graves, John Knorr, George McLaughlin, and Todd Yann for your beautiful music. Each of you is a blessing to us and we are thankful for YOU!



Dr. A. Lynn Hill
Senior Pastor

Don't forget our next GroupLink is January 15 starting at 11:45 in Fellowship Hall. The larger our church grows, the more important it is to be a part of a small group. GroupLink is an opportunity to receive information about and join a small group which will be newly formed around common interests. You can make your reservations by calling Mark at 794-2734. I hope you will be involved in this exciting ministry. It won't be the same without YOU!

Please remember that our Columbia District Training Event will be on Sunday, January 22 starting at 2:00 p.m. at Columbia First UMC. This will be a wonderful time to meet with others from our district and participate in some amazing learning times. There will be workshops on small groups, strengthening laity, children ministry, youth ministry, worship, and staff/parish relations committee. I encourage everyone at FFUMC to give attendance at this gathering a high priority. If you would like to ride the bus from FFUMC to this training event, please call the church and let us know. You will be glad you went and so will we.

Our cell phones for soldiers continue through January 22. We are collecting retired cell phones for recycling. Each phone collected will buy one hour of prepaid call time for a deployed service member to connect with family. Please bring your old cell phone and charger if you have it and put it in the collection box in the lobby of Sanctuary East. What an easy and yet meaningful way to say to a service person how much they are appreciated by us. Let's fill up this collection box with our old cell phones.

The Volunteer In Mission lunch will be held on January 29 starting at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Here is a great way that all of us can participate in this mission ministry. All donations for the lunch will be used in this mission effort. Make your reservations by email to cgreenwald@franklinfumc.org or call Carmen at 615-794-2734. I hope to see YOU at this lunch.

God is doing a new thing among us at FFUMC and we are excited about all that is happening here. Even as we celebrate the goodness of God in our present we claim it even more for our future because we know, the best is yet to be! Thanks be to God!

Grace and Peace,

Lynn