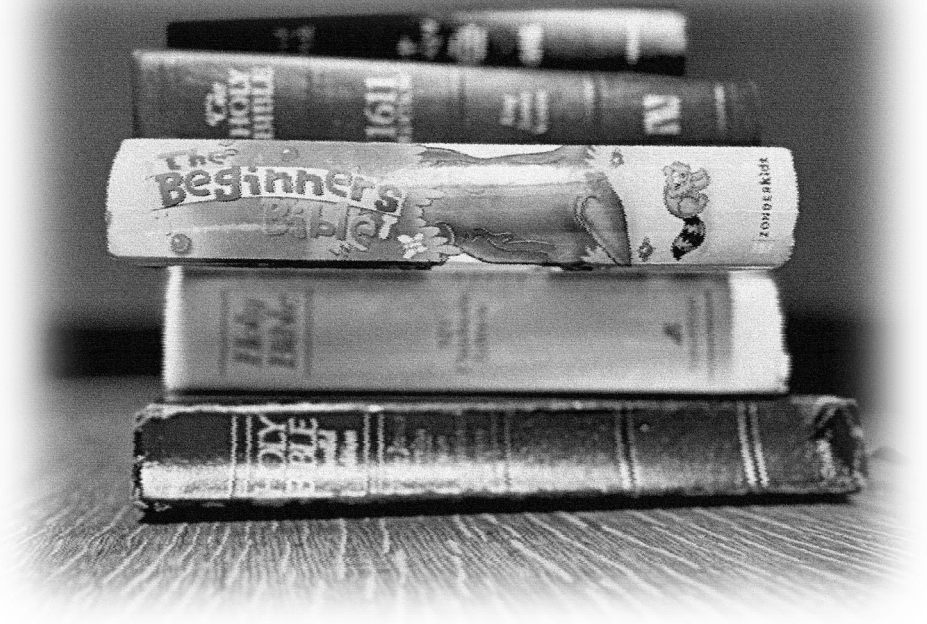


FRANKLIN UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH



Stories of Faith
A Bride for Isaac

Sunday June 9, 2024

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WELCOME TO FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

This service of worship is gathering in-person at the church building, in-person via Google Meet, and streaming on YouTube.

This worship aid, or “bulletin,” will guide you through this service, offering you a brief outline and instructions for the service along with the responses, prayers, and lyrics to the songs we will sing together. Congregational responses are typically **bolded**.

Prayer requests can be made by filling out the offering form enclosed with the print bulletins, or by going to **franklinumc.org/pray**. Confidential requests will be sent to the pastor. Non-confidential requests will be distributed to the Prayer Team.

Financial contributions can be made in the offering plate (cash or check made payable to “Franklin United Methodist Church”) or online by going to **franklinumc.org/give**.

To learn about ways you can volunteer, and sign up, go to **franklinumc.org/volunteer**. You can also sign up to volunteer by filling out the offering form enclosed with the print bulletins. All persons who sign up to volunteer will receive an email confirmation of your volunteer registration.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The church is the place where people gather,
**where all are welcome, no matter the
labels, no matter what we have done, or what we
have failed to do.**

The church is the place where all sit as equals,
**a place where we make longer tables
and pull up chairs so that there is plenty
of room for each of us.**

The church is the place where we are fed,
where we are nourished in mind, body, and soul.

The church is at its best when it gathers at the table
**when all are welcomed, loved, and
nourished by Christ to live their faith
in the world.**

SONG

“AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE”

No. 2268, *FWS* (2001)

As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy

SCRIPTURE READING

A BRIDE FOR ISAAC

The Beginner's Bible (Zondervan, 2005),
based on Genesis 24 through 25

REFLECTION

SONG

“THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS”

No. 138, *UMH* (1989)

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

OUR COMMUNION & PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895, *UMH* (1989)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

BRUNCH & TABLE FELLOWSHIP

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

We hope that you found, in our community, a place to experience meaningful relationship with God, grow in Christ, and reach out in love to others. We hope that this community has been a place where you feel welcome, acceptance, and love. If you have questions about the church, or are interested in becoming a member of the church, please feel free to contact any of the leaders listed below.

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John Milot, Chair of Resource Committee
Inger Anderson, Chair of Committee on Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

PHASE II CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CELEBRATION EVENT // JUNE 29 @5:30P

Join us as we celebrate where we are with the Phase II Capital Campaign and where we are headed as a congregation. We'll gather in the vestry (community hall) at 5:30p, hear a campaign update, recognize campaign leaders and guests, and look at what lies ahead. Dinner and fellowship will begin at 6:00p. We have much to celebrate and look forward to. Everyone is invited. This event is being catered. Please RSVP to Dawn Pokorny (dawnp@jhpokorny.net), online at franklinumc.org/phase-ii by June 16 or today's Offering Form.

JUNE COLLECTION

This month's Food Pantry collection is any baking items such as: flour, sugar, brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda and spices. At the end of the month all items will be brought over to the Franklin Food Pantry.

BOOK CLUB

This month the Book Club will be reading "Hello Beautiful" by Anna Napolitano. The next meeting will be on **June 11 at 7pm**. The group will meet in a hybrid format, 18 Eisenhower Drive, Franklin for those who would like to meet in person, or online (<https://meet.goto.com/richp/churchbookclub>), or by phone (224-501-3412, access code is 789-141-869).

LUNCH BUNCH

The next gathering will be at **Mak's, 451 West Central St, Franklin on June 19 at 12 PM**. All are welcome. Please notify Nancy Boates by phone 508-654-2833 or email NancyBoates49@hotmail.com by 10 am if you plan to attend.

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Franklin Meals on Wheels office is looking for onsite volunteers, weekday mornings at the church. Meals on Wheels provides nutritious meals to in-need, homebound seniors in Franklin, Bellingham, Blackstone, and Medway. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Jeanne (Monday through Friday, 10a-1p) by phone at [508-520-1422](tel:508-520-1422).

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

Prayer requests are distributed by email to the Prayer Team. Members of the Prayer Team pray for the requests of our church family, friends, community, and world as requested. Team members hold each request in prayer for at least three days. See Pastor Jacob if interested.

LOOKING AHEAD...MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FREE Community Cookouts are scheduled for Saturday, July 27, August 24, September 28. They will be held in the grassy area behind the church. Food will be served from 5:30-6:30p. Limited seating will be made available, you are asked to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on if you have one.