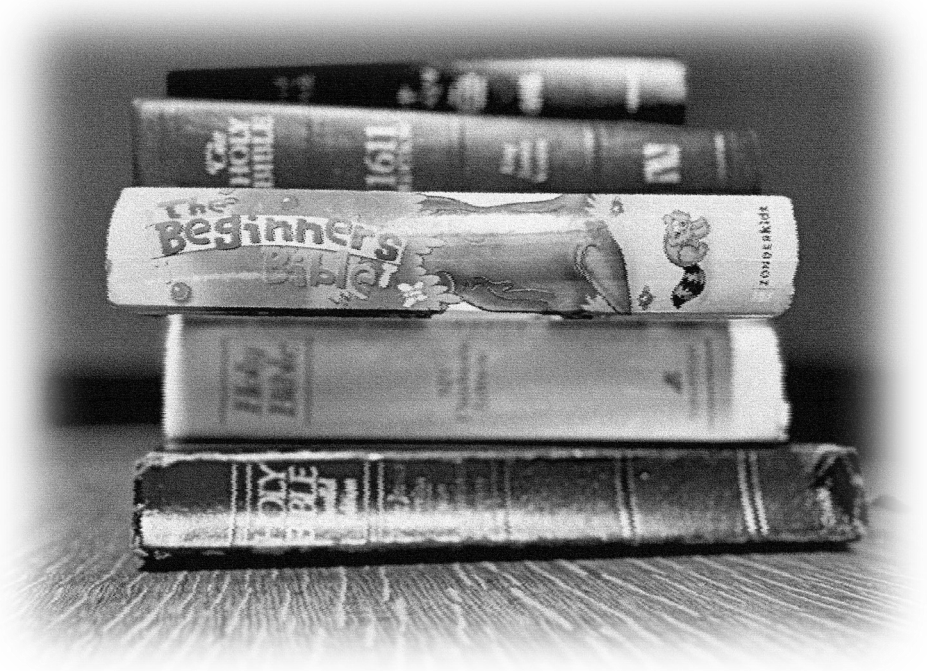


FRANKLIN UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH



Stories of Faith
Two Miracles

Sunday August 18, 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

With friends and strangers, with family and neighbors, we gather:

Come among us, Healing God, with that love which never ends.

With faith reaching out to touch, with hearts straining to trust, we hope:

Come among us, Friend of the broken, with your compassion which makes us whole.

With word and wonder, with silence and song, we wait:

Come among us, Dryer of our tears, to lift us to our feet to follow you.

SONG “HEAL US, EMMANUEL, HEAR OUR PRAYER”

No. 266, *UMH* (1989)

Heal us, Emmanuel, hear our prayer;
we wait to feel thy touch;
deep-wounded souls to thee repair,
and Savior, we are such.

Our faith is feeble, we confess
we faintly trust thy word;
but wilt thou pity us the less?
Be that far from thee, Lord!

Remember him who once applied
with trembling for relief;
"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried;
"O help my unbelief!"

She, too, who touched thee in the press
and healing virtue stole,
was answered, "Daughter, go in peace:
thy faith hath made thee whole."

Like her, with hopes and fears we come
to touch thee if we may;
O send us not despairing home;
send none unhealed away.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

From fears that paralyze us;
Heal us, O Lord.
From illness that strangles us;
Heal us, O Lord.
From sorrows that weigh us down;
Heal us, O Lord.
From aimlessness that plagues our visions;
Heal us, O Lord.

SUNG PRAYER

“HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL”

No. 2213, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

*Refrain: Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.*

You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness:
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain*

Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*

You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

SILENT PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

“TWO MIRACLES”

The Beginner's Bible (Zondervan, 2005)

REFLECTION

SONG

“HEAL ME, HANDS OF JESUS”

No. 262, *UMH* (1989)

Heal me, hands of Jesus,
and search out all my pain;
restore my hope, remove my fear,
and bring me peace again.

Cleanse me, blood of Jesus,
take bitterness away;
let me forgive as one forgiven
and bring me peace today.

Know me, mind of Jesus,
and show me all my sin;
dispel the memories of guilt
and bring me peace within.

Fill me, joy of Jesus;
anxiety shall cease,
and heaven's serenity be mine,
for Jesus brings me peace!

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER

SONG

“JESUS’ HANDS WERE KIND HANDS”

No. 273, *UMH* (1989)

Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you;
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do.
Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

SENDING

THE PEACE

The peace of the Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

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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UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

AUGUST COLLECTION

This month's Food Pantry collection is salad dressing. At the end of the month all items will be brought over to the Franklin Food Pantry.

NEW STUDY/SMALL GROUP SERIES || UPWARD!

We will be starting a new study and small group discussion series on Sunday, September 8 at 8:45 am entitled *Upward!* based on the book by Steve Harper and Paul Chilcote. [*Upward! : Wesleyan Formation in Three Movements*](#) is an accessible primer on the Wesleyan way. It covers the theology, practices, habits, and attitudes that characterize the Methodist people. This study and small group discussion/gathering is an invitation to a life of wisdom and wonder in our world. It is appropriate for persons exploring their faith. It is also suitable for those interested in deepening their understanding of Methodism. We will meet in person in the chapel space off the sanctuary and via Google Meet. This group will be led by Pastor Jacob and will meet for 12 weeks. The exact schedule of Sundays will be determined by the group. Participants are encouraged to purchase their own book. You can buy the book through Cokesbury or your favorite book distributor. If you have questions please contact Pastor Jacob.

COMMUNITY CLOSET 1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS

Volunteering is a great way to meet others (both those who are volunteering and those who are shopping). *Please note: volunteers must be able to navigate stairs as the Community Closet is in the old balcony of the church.* You can signup to volunteer at franklinumc.org/volunteer. **The second and fourth Tuesday is a day to SORT ONLY.** *The Community Closet will not be open for shopping on these days.* If you would like to sign up a group to volunteer, outside the listed times, please contact Pastor Jacob at jacob@franklinumc.org.

BOOK CLUB

This month we will be reading "Go As a River" by Shelley Read . The next meeting will be on **September 17 at 7pm**. The group will meet in a hybrid format, at Linda's home 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 **The 99 in Franklin on August 21 at 12 PM**. All are welcome. Please notify Nancy Boates at 508-654-2833 or NancyBoates49@hotmail.com by 10 am if you plan to attend.

COMMUNITY COOK OUT SAT AUG 24

Cookouts 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, please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Plan ahead for cookouts on **Saturday August 24 & September 28**.