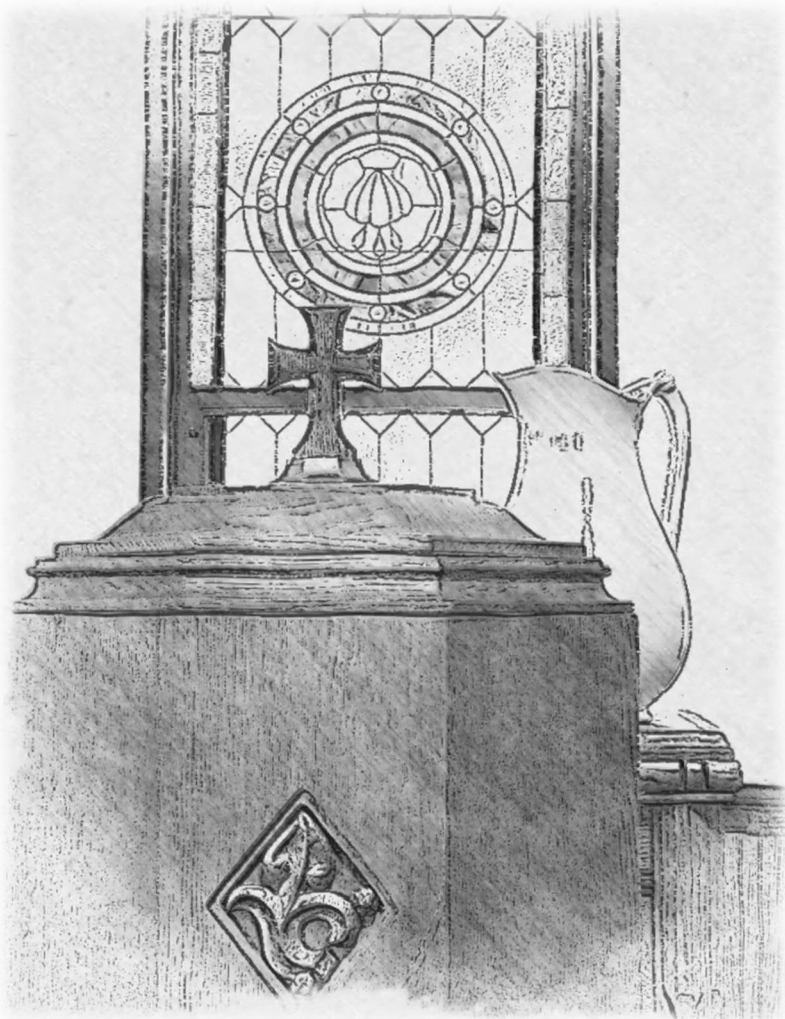


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



A Call to Faithfulness in the Economic Community

Sunday January 26, 2025

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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

Money talks and power makes the world go around, or so they would have us believe. And we, forgetting that other Way, join the march in hopes that we may find a place among the rich and strong.

**But God feels no shame,
fears no harm, and
walks among the
poorest and weakest. It is
among the weak and
poor that God can be
found.**

God's love calls us to another Way.
**Thank you, God, for the
voice of your love that
keeps singing of the power
in weakness, the wealth in
simplicity, and the freedom
and safety that is found in
walking in loving, humble
service to others.**

SONG

**“SIMPLE GIFTS
(’TIS A GIFT TO BE SIMPLE)”**

Words by Joseph Brackett, 2nd verse author unknown

1.

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free
'Tis a gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

2.

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be fair
'Tis a gift to wake and breathe the morning air,
And each day we walk on the path that we choose
'Tis a gift we pray we never shall lose

When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

COLLECT

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.**

SCRIPTURE READING

AMOS 5: 6A, 7-13

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 6:24

REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

SONG

“SEEK YE FIRST”

No. 405, *UMH* (1989)

1.

Seek ye first
the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things
shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia

2.

Ask, and it shall be
given unto you;
Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door
shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia

PRAYER

BRUNCH & FELLOWSHIP

All are invited into a time of fellowship and sharing around the table. Food has been provided by volunteers. Please stay and enjoy the good food and good company.

“ENGAGING CHURCH”

This discussion is an opportunity for us to look at where we've been in the last year and what we hope to accomplish this year as a community of faith. We will discuss church administration, ministry, and how we can encourage engagement from church members, family, friends, and the community.

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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Allen Smith, Chair of Personnel Committee
John Milot, Chair of Resource Committee
Inger Anderson, Chair of Committee on Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

FOOD PANTRY MONTHLY COLLECTION

This month we are collecting toothpaste and/or any other personal hygiene items.

FRANKLIN SENIOR RIDE ASSISTANCE

Attention Franklin Seniors: Need a Ride?

- Medical Appointments
- Available to Franklin Residents
- Local Errands (Walmart, Market Basket, etc.)
- Must be scheduled 48 hours in advance
- Events at The Senior Center & More

For more information, call Emily at 508-520-4945

COMMUNITY CONCERT

feat. The Padula Trio || Saturday, February 8

Join us for a FREE Community Concert @FranklinUMC featuring The Padula Trio on Saturday, February 8, at 7pm.

BOOK CLUB

February we'll read *The Bird Hotel* by Joyce Maynard. The next meeting will be on **February 11 at 7pm**. The group will meet in a hybrid format at Linda's house or online (<https://meet.goto.com/richp/churchbookclub>), or phone (224-501-3412, access code 789-141-869).

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch is a monthly gathering where people talk and enjoy fellowship over a meal at area restaurants. The next gathering will be at **The Chateau, Franklin, on February 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.

COMMUNITY CLOSET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please note: volunteers must be able to navigate stairs as the Community Closet is in the old balcony of the church. You can sign up to volunteer at franklinumc.org/volunteer or your Offering sheet.

The first and third Tuesdays are OPEN SHOPPING DAYS.

The second and fourth Tuesday is a day to SORT ONLY.

If you would like to sign up a group to volunteer, outside the listed times, please contact Pastor Jacob at jacob@franklinumc.org.