

THE BULLETIN

FRANKLIN UMC

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lections

GENESIS 28:10-19a
PSALM 139:1-12, 23-24
ROMANS 8:12-25

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

reflections

What is our obligation? What are we obliged to? See Romans 8:12.

What does it mean, for you, to be a child of God? In what ways do you think of God as a parent? A father? A mother? See Romans 8:14-16.

In what ways does the creation groan for the rising up of God’s children? In what ways are you groaning for humanity’s adoption as God’s children to be complete? See Romans 8:22-24.

worship

Sunday at 10am in-person in-the-sanctuary and via Google Meet, also livestreaming/archived on YouTube

CALL TO WORSHIP

We look at this world, focusing on the pain and confusion, the fears and hatred which seem to abound.

For what can we hope?

We wait breathlessly for the goodness of creation to be made manifest in all the world, for this is the promise of God.

God is always with us, guiding, rescuing, healing, restoring us.

Get ready, dear friends, the promises of God are true.

Lord, quiet our spirits and open our hearts. Bring us hope and peace. Amen.

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”

No. 2128, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

PRAYERS

The Lord’s Prayer

No. 895, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (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.

READ

REFLECT

“We Are God’s People”

No. 2220, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

GIVE

No. 95, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

Blessing for the Journey

Lucas Trindade

“Christ Beside Me”

No. 2166, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

GO IN PEACE

NEWS & EVENTS

FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

COMMUNITY COOKOUT

July 25, 2026- Served from 5:30-6:30pm

Free burgers, hotdogs, chips, and drink!

Vegetarian options available.

The entire community is welcome!

Feel free to bring your own lawn chair or blanket. Limited seating will be made available.

In case of rain, these events will be cancelled.

If you would like to help with or donate to this event, please contact the office.

FOOD PANTRY

For July we will be collecting personal care products - soap, shampoo & conditioner and toilet paper. All items will be brought over to the Franklin Food Pantry at the end of the month. Thank you!

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club is reading *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. The next meeting is Monday August 10th at 6:30 pm. The group will meet in a hybrid format. For the address and link, view the group's page in Realm Connect.

PASTOR'S STUDY

The Pastor's Bible Study meets Wednesday evenings via Google Meet to discuss the scripture readings and themes coming up in worship. All are welcome and invited to attend. The Google Meet link can be found on the Church Calendar, in Realm Connect, or by emailing the office@franklinumc.org.

PHASE III VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Phase III is almost complete, and we're inviting volunteers to help us finish strong! To keep costs down and maintain momentum, we're looking for helpers with skills—or simply a willingness to learn—in several final projects.

We need volunteers to help paint walls and ceilings, clean and apply epoxy flooring, install hardwood and tile/stone, add new lights in main-level classrooms, and trim/remove bushes and refresh landscaping around the church grounds.

Every hour offered brings us closer to welcoming the community into refreshed, safe, and beautiful spaces.

If you can help—or know someone who can—please contact the Church Office. Thank you for your generosity and for helping carry Phase III across the finish line!

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