

THE BULLETIN

FRANKLIN UMC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026 || SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

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lections

PSALM 63:1-8

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

JEREMIAH 29:7

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Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent [you]...and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-2

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First of all...I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

reflections

What do you pray for? What do those prayers look/sound like?

Prayer should move us beyond ourselves toward the other. Prayer begins with ourself, moves to those we know (our friends, families, coworkers, etc.), then out to our community (those we may not know but live near) and the world. What are your prayers?

For yourself?

For those near to you?

For your community?

For the world?

worship

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

Call To Worship

Come, weary ones and hopeful ones, seekers and saints,
Come with your questions, your gratitude, your longing.
Come into the quiet where God meets us.

We come to rest, to listen, to pray.

In this hour, may the Spirit draw us close—
close to God, close to one another, and close to the
world God loves.

We open our hearts to God.

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

No. 496, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

READ

PRAYING FOR OURSELVES

“It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord”

No. 352, *United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

READ

PRAYING FOR THOSE NEAR TO US

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

No. 560, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

READ

PRAYING FOR THE COMMUNITY

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

No. 433, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

READ

PRAYING FOR THE WORLD

“This Is My Song”

No. 437, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

GIVE

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

CLOSING PRAYER

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

No. 2241, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

GO IN PEACE

NEWS & EVENTS

FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FOOD PANTRY

We will be collecting assorted cookies and crackers, 8-12 oz sizes preferred. 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.

LUNCH BUNCH

We will meet on Wednesday August 19th at Liz's Tavern in Bellingham. All are welcome. Please notify Nancy B by phone or email by 10 am if attending.

AUGUST COMMUNITY COOKOUT

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 29 and come enjoy a fun-filled evening at the **Franklin UMC!** From **5:30–6:30 PM**, we'll be serving up **free burgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks** in the grassy area at the church. Vegetarian options will be available, and all are welcome—bring your friends, family, and a lawn chair!

This is a great chance to connect with neighbors, relax, and celebrate community. In case of rain, the event will be canceled, so keep an eye on the forecast.

REALM CONNECT

The Franklin UMC uses a church management and communication database called Realm. Realm Connect is your personalized portal into the life of the church—a place where you can connect with other people and groups, keep up with what's going on, and manage your personal information so that together we can grow as a more connected community. Realm Connect is accessible by computer and a downloadable app. If you need a login to Realm Connect and/or instructions on how to use it, email the office@franklinumc.org.

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.

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