The Bulletin

Franklin United Methodist Church | Week beginning Sunday, September 6, 2026

Lections

Assigned Scripture Readings for This Week

EXODUS 12:1-14
PSALM 149
ROMANS 13:8-14

MATTHEW 18:15-20

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

15 "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point
out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are
listened to, you have regained that one. 16 But if you are
not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so
that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of
two or three witnesses. 17 If that person refuses to listen
to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses
to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a
gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly I tell you, whatever
you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever
you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 Again,
truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about
anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in
heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my
name, I am there among them."

Reflections

Questions based on the weekly lections for further thinking and reflection.

How do you resolve conflict? If someone wrongs you, "sins against you," what is your natural response? Is your first response to go directly to the person as Jesus instructs?

Have you ever taken someone with you to resolve conflict with another person? How is what Jesus teaches in Matthew 18:16 different from triangulating?
How have you seen the church handle conflict among its members?

What are you binding and loosing on earth?

Sunday Worship

10am

Join in-person in the sanctuary, via Google Meet, livestream or watch archived on YouTube. Joining information and past worship services can be found at franklinumc.org.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Family of God, we live in a world full of conflict and division.

God calls us to be a people of reconciliation.

We live in a world full of misinformation and confusion.

God calls us to be a people of truth and clarity.

We live in a world that wants to settle disputes with harmful words and actions.

God calls us to be a people who make peace through compassion and honesty.

We live in a world that does not understand the ways of Jesus.

Yet Jesus teaches us to be a people of reconciliation and peace for the good of the whole world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

SONG **"I COME WITH JOY TO MEET MY LORD"**
No. 617, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

PRAYER
READ
REFLECT with Pastor Jacob
SONG **"FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE"**
No. 390, *United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Responses can be found beginning on page 15 of The United Methodist Hymnal ("A Service of Word and Table III").

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 3068, *Worship & Song* (2011)

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

SONG **"JESUS, LORD, WE LOOK TO THEE"**
No. 562, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989)

GO IN PEACE

Franklin UMC Announcements

UPDATED WIFI ACCESS

The church has updated its wireless internet connection to better serve the work of the church staff. We are excited that the new setup, allows guest access to the network. Guests to the church are invited to connect to "FranklinUMC Guest." The password is "URwelcome."

FRANKLIN FOOD PANTRY

We will be collecting Personal Care items: Toilet Paper, Soap, shampoo/conditioner, etc. All items will be brought over to the Franklin Food Pantry monthly.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club is reading *Future Boy* by Michael J Fox. The next meeting is Monday September 14th at 6:30 pm. The group will meet in a hybrid format at Dawn P's home. For the address and link, view the group's page in Realm Connect.

LUNCH BUNCH

We will meet on Wednesday September 16th at Mak's, 451 W Central St, Franklin. All are welcome. Please notify Nancy B by phone or email by 10 am if attending.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

September 13	"@ FranklinUMC" Worship series begins
September 26	Community Cookout
October 18	Blessing of renovated education space
October 24	Trunk or Treat

New South-West Cooperative Parish

Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton has placed every local church in the New England Annual Conference into a cooperative parish. "Cooperative parishes create a larger and deeper pool of gifts and resources as well as provide more opportunities for spiritual, communal and mission growth and vitality to all of the church and their members."

The Franklin UMC has been placed in the "South-West Cooperative Parish" with Centenary UMC (Attleboro, MA), Chartley UMC (Norton, MA), Plainville UMC (Plainville, MA), and South Walpole UMC (South Walpole, MA). Rev. Jacob Juncker, pastor of the Franklin UMC, has been named the Parish Coordinator.

Cooperative parishes can take many forms—ranging from simple relationship-building clusters to more structured shared-ministry models. Each parish discerns its own shape over time. The New England Conference emphasizes that cooperative parishes are not mergers; they are partnerships designed to help congregations deepen discipleship, strengthen mission, and respond more effectively to the needs of their wider region. Our parish covers 24 towns and more than half a million people, offering a tremendous opportunity to imagine ministry beyond what any one church could do alone. To learn more about cooperative parishes, go to https://www.neumc.org/parishes.

Over the next several months, each congregation in our parish will have opportunities to learn about cooperative ministry, meet one another, and begin discerning what our shared mission might look like. This may include joint worship, shared studies, collaborative outreach, or exploring new ministries that become possible when our gifts are combined.

If you would like to be part of the conversation and/or serve as a liaison with other churches in our parish, please contact Pastor Jacob. And as always, if you have any questions about what this means, especially for the Franklin UMC, don't hesitate to schedule a phone call, office appointment, coffee or lunch visit with Pastor Jacob.

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