The Bulletin

Franklin United Methodist Church | Week beginning Sunday, October 4, 2026

Lections

Assigned Scripture Readings for This Week

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Romans 12:9-10

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

Reflections

Where have you experienced love like Paul writes about in his letter to the Corinthians (13:4-7)?

Much of the church views faith as a 'sin management,' where we try to avoid sin (in ourselves and others). What might it mean to think of faith more as 'love abounding'?

What is evil? Could evil be, simply, the absence of love? Is love all good; and, if it is not, is it really love?

Based on these verses, what might it mean to reach out in love to others?

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

We come as learners
students of the Way.
We come as followers
toddling after Christ.
We come to this place
to reach out in love to others.

SONG **"Lord, Speak to Me"**
No. 463, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

PRAYER

READ see "Lections"

REFLECT with Pastor Jacob

SONG **"Make Us, O God, a Church That Shares"**
Words: Victor Kane, 1906-1983, alt.
TUNE: FOREST GREEN
(UMH 152, "I Sing the Almighty Power of God")

1.
Make us, O God, a church
that shares your love for humankind;
that lives the truth your word declares,
and heeds the Master's mind.
Help us reach out with loving hands,
in times that try the soul,
with sympathy that understands
and makes the needy whole.

2.
Make us, O God, a church that cares
for every human need;
that suffers when one life despairs,
and moves to intercede.
Give to our voice prophetic pow'r
that stirs each wav'ring heart
to meet the challenge of this hour
and take a noble part.

3.
Make us, O God, a church that dares
courageously to act;
that clothes with flesh its fervent prayers
and makes the gospel fact.
Now thrust us from the cloistered halls
where we may want to hide
and send us forth where duty calls
to serve the Crucified!

COMMUNION

Responses can be found beginning on page 15 of *The United Methodist Hymnal* ("A Service of Word and Table III"). The Lord's Prayer is number 895 in

SONG **"Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands"**
No. 273, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

GO IN PEACE

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Franklin UMC Announcement

BOOK CLUB DATE CHANGE THIS MONTH ONLY

The Book Club is reading *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Michael Backman. The next meeting is **Monday, October 19th**, at 6:30 pm. The group will meet in a hybrid format at Linda Z's home. For the address and link, view the group's page in Realm Connect.

If you want to get a jump start on our November book, we're going to be reading "Mad Mabel" by Sally Hepworth.

SAVE THE DATE

October 18	Church Council Meeting
October 24	Trunk or Treat
November 9	Annual Church/Charge Conference
November 22	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service @Franklin Federated Church

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DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY SERIES

Love, the sort demonstrated for us in Jesus Christ, always moves us beyond ourselves toward neighbors who need care, toward communities longing for compassion, and toward places where Christ's love can be made visible through faithful acts of service. This pathway helps disciples understand how love grows from something they see, to something they can practice, to something that ultimately shapes their whole life.

Each stage invites disciples to take a next step: witnessing Christlike love, responding to opportunities to show love, experimenting with ways of serving others, and finally becoming people who lives reflect God's love for the world in Jesus Christ. What follows is a guide to help disciples reflect, respond, and grow as they learn to reach out in love.

STAGE	*DISCIPLE'S VOICE*	*SCRIPTURE*	*STRATEGY*
IMPRESS	Show me Love.	1 Corinthians 13:4-7	Everyday actions reveal Christlike love—patience, kindness, humility, perseverance. Demonstrate love in practical ways: listening well, being fully present, showing compassion, offering help, and responding gently. Let people see God's love through the way you treat others.
ENGAGE	Invite me show Love.	1 John 3:18	Invite people to express Christlike love through simple, tangible acts of care. Encourage participation in service opportunities, acts of generosity, community support, and acts of compassion that make love active.
EXPERIMENT	Help me reach out in Love.	Galatians 5:13	Practice reaching out in love by serving others joyfully and without compulsion. Try different volunteer roles, service opportunities, ways of giving and being in ministry that leverage your gifts in service to our neighbors.
BECOME	God's love for the world, in Jesus Christ, shapes my life.	Romans 12:9-10	Life is shaped by Christlike love—always honoring others, showing deep affection, and practicing consistent service. Your rhythm of compassion, generosity, and advocacy reflect God's love for the world. You mentor others into a life of outreaching love.

If you'd like to reflect more on this part of our discipleship pathway, go to franklinumc.org/discipleship/.