The Bulletin

Franklin United Methodist Church | Week beginning Sunday, November 1, 2026

Lections

Assigned Scripture Readings for This Week

Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

9 You remember our labor and toil, brothers and
sisters; we worked night and day so that we might
not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you
the gospel of God. 10 You are witnesses, and God
also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct
was toward you believers. 11 As you know, we dealt
with each one of you like a father with his children,
12 urging and encouraging you and pleading that
you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into
his own kingdom and glory.
13 We also constantly give thanks to God for
this, that when you received the word of God that
you heard from us you accepted it not as a human
word but as what it really is, God's word, which is
also at work in you believers.

Matthew 23:1-12

Reflections

How will people remember your "labor and toil"?

In addition to God, who bears witness to your life? Can you, like Paul, claim to be "pure, upright, and blameless"?

Remembering the Saints

All Saints Sunday is a day of both remembrance and celebration, honoring the 'multitude of saints'—those who have gone before us in faith, those we know personally, and those whose lives have inspired us through the ages. It is a time to gather as the family of Christ to give thanks for the lives of our departed, to acknowledge the 'great cloud of witnesses' who have walked with God, and to affirm our shared mission in the communion of saints.

On this All Saints Sunday the Franklin UMC remembers those members who have died since last All Saints Sunday. Today we remember:

SUSAN READ

Who do you remember on this day?

Sunday Worship

10am

Join in-person in the sanctuary, via Google Meet, livestream or watch archived on YouTube.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

As we gather to remember the saints who formed us in the faith, we give thanks for their living witnesses to God's love, showing us that:

We belong to God, and through God, we live as family in Christ, bound together by Love.

We give thanks for the influence of the saints in our lives who demonstrated God's love and saving grace, so that we could know in our bones that:

We belong to God, and through God, we are saved to love one another.

Come, let us worship God who blesses us with witnesses to divine love that we may be witnesses of Love with everyone we meet.

We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as witnesses of Love in communion with the saints of every age. Amen.

SONG **"We Are God's People"**
No. 2220, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

PRAYER

READ see "Lections"

REFLECT with Pastor Jacob

SONG **"Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love"**
No. 566, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

INVITATION & REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

SONG **"For All the Saints"**
No. 2283, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
Responses: No. 2257-b thru -d, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

SONG **"For All the Saints"**
No. 711, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

GO IN PEACE

Franklin UMC Announcement

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The annual Franklin Interfaith Council Thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday November 22nd at 7p. This years' service is being held at the Franklin Federated Church (171 Main St., Franklin)

PASTOR'S STUDY

Pastor Jacob is discerning how to move forward with this small group. It is indefinitely cancelled at this point. Plans are being considered to move the study to a weekday morning and start a once-per-month weekday evening vesper/prayer service. Pastor Jacob would love your input and ideas, if you have questions or want to chat about this change, email jacob@franklinumc.org

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

This month's collection will be breakfast: Cereal and/or Pancake mix and/or syrup or honey. All donations will be brought over to the Pantry at the end of the month. Thank you!

CHARGE CONFERENCE

The Church/Charge Conference will be held on Monday, November 9 at 7p. The Franklin UMC is hosting. All are invited to attend this annual business meeting of the church. We are hosting our cooperative parish. Volunteers are needed to help with hospitality and refreshments. If you are interested and available to help, please contact Pastor Jacob, jacob@franklinumc.org.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club is reading *Mad Mabel* by Sally Hepworth. The next meeting is Monday, November 16th, 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.

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Donate gently used or new coats to help your Franklin-area neighbors! OCT 30 THROUGH DEC 7 DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THESE LOCATIONS: Franklin Fire Department, United Methodist Church , Police Department, New England Chapel, or the Hockomock YMCA. Questions? Contact Kim Mu-Chow at NECCARES@NECHAPEL.ORG.

FREE COAT GIVEAWAY

The Community Closet @FranklinUMC will be offering a FREE COAT GIVEAWAY on December 11 & 12 to distribute coats donated through this drive. To learn more go to franklinumc.org.

INTERFAITH BOOKCLUB

Are you interested in a book group that reads and discusses through the lens of faith with people of different faiths? The Interfaith Council is looking to put one together. The minimum number of participants is four, from at least three different houses of worship. The specifics of time (not more than once a month), location and book(s) will be finalized through participant agreement, but the options are: Sunday afternoon or evening; or Wednesday evenings; on Zoom, or in person at Rev Doreen's home (183 Main St., Franklin). Please Rev Doreen Oughton of Franklin Federated– at ffcrev@gmail.com or 978-846-6498 by November 20 if interested.

SAVE THE DATE

November 9	Annual Church/Charge Conference (7p)
November 22	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service @Franklin Federated Church (7p)
November 26	Food Pantry Turkey Trot (8a)
December 11	Coat Giveaway (Veterans & Seniors ONLY, 1-3p)
December 12	Coat Giveaway (9a-12p)