The Bulletin

Franklin United Methodist Church | Week beginning Sunday, November 8, 2026

Lections

Assigned Scripture Readings for This Week

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young
women took their lamps and went to meet the
bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were
wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no
oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their
lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them
became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a
shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet
him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed
their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some
of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise
replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us;
you had better go to the dealers and buy some for
yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the
bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with
him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut.
[11] Later the other young women came also, saying,
'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell
you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for
you know neither the day nor the hour.

Reflections

What makes the foolish bridesmaids foolish?

The bridesmaids are for certain meant to represent everyday people/disciples. The bridegroom is meant to represent the Messiah. What does the oil in this passage represent?

Much of the scriptures advocate for generosity. Are the wise bridesmaids greedy for not sharing with the foolish?

In not sharing their oil, what are the wise bridesmaids safeguarding?

Sunday Worship

10am

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Family of God, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!

We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.

Sometimes we grow weary in the waiting, and we wonder if we are watching and working for nothing.

We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.

Sometimes God surprises, and we are overwhelmed by joy and wonder at all God is doing among us.

We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.

Family of God, whether you are weary or energized, worried, or wonder-filled, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!

We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand, the day of God draws nigh! Thanks be to God! Amen.

SONG **"O Day of God, Draw Nigh"**
No. 730, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

PRAYERS
Including the Lord's Prayer which can be found in the United Methodist Hymnal, no. 895.

READ see "Lections"
REFLECT with Pastor Jacob
SONG **"Give Me Oil in My Lamp"**
Words and Music: traditional; arr. by Eileen Hickman, 1995

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

SONG **"Let There Be Light"**
No. 440, *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)

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Donate gently used or new coats to help your Franklin-area neighbors! NOW 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.

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!

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.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet Wednesday Nov 18 at Restaurant 45, 45 Milford Street, Medway. Contact Nancy Boates for reservations.

Give Me Oil in My Lamp

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SAVE THE DATE

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)
December 21	Longest Night Service (7p)

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