



# Our Good News

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Bi-monthly newsletter of the  
Frankton First United Methodist Church

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 18 — Tenderloin Dinner
- Oct 23 — FHS Show Choir Fall concert at The Factory
- Oct 31 — Trunk "n" Treat
- Nov 2 — All Saints Day
- Nov 15 — Annual Bazaar , 9 am—12, at The Factory
- Nov 21 & 22 — Dinner Theatre at The Factory
- Nov 23— Combined worship service with Rev David Schramm



## Our Mission

We, the First United Methodist Church of Frankton, commit ourselves to sharing the message of Jesus Christ with every generation in the Frankton community by every means possible.

## Pastors Corner

I just recently attended the National Leadership Institute held at the UM Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas (a suburb of Kansas City). The Church of the Resurrection is a 20,000 member UM church and it is pastored by Rev. Adam Hamilton, whose material we have used here at First UMC on numerous occasions. I attended eight different seminars and was exposed to a variety of ideas. I'll be sharing a lot of those ideas with different teams throughout our church organization so we can all benefit from my experience.

The most interesting seminar I attended was titled: Creating a Culture of Hospitality. There were several great "take-aways" from that seminar, but I just want to lift up two in this space. The first idea is "every attendee, every Sunday." What the presenter meant was that showing hospitality is the responsibility of every person attending each Sunday. We shouldn't leave hospitality up to the ushers and greeters or to the Hospitality Team (yes, we have a hospitality Team).

It is each person's responsibility to be hospitable to our guests, and to each other. Do you make it a point to introduce yourself to someone you are unfamiliar with? Or do you sit back and wait for them to make the first move? Let's face it, most people attending church for the first or second time aren't comfortable enough to reach out. Let's take the responsibility to reach out to them. Every attendee every Sunday should take it upon themselves to reach out to those they don't know — even if we've seen them in church before but aren't very familiar with them.

The second idea is that there is a difference between being friendly and being hospitable. Friendly is good, however, it has a down side. When we are a friendly church we can also become the church that is very friendly to itself, but not so friendly to outsiders. We can be



great at talking with our friends, but fail to talk to the person we don't know. Hospitality is much more outward focused. Hospitality occurs when we turn our conversations and connections to our unconnected guests. Who do you talk to before church starts — your friends or someone who is new to you? Who do you talk to after service?

This is just the tip of the iceberg or hospitality. You'll be hearing a lot more about hospitality in the near future and also some other subjects that I was exposed to at the conference. We'll probably start some ideas I brought back, others we'll discard. But one thing is certain: the moment a church becomes stagnant, failing to look at new ideas, it begins the long slow road of decline. That's not what Christ wants for his church, and that's not what we want for us.

*God Bless*

*Pastor Gary*

## A Volunteer is “Priceless”

by DeeDee Sigler

*“Sing to him; yes, sing his praises. Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds. Exult in his holy name; rejoice, you who worship the Lord. 1 Chronicles 16.9-10*

The Life Application Study Bible says there are four key elements in this and other songs in 1 Chronicles verses 7-36. “1) Remembering what God has done, 2) telling others about it, 3) showing God’s glory to others, and 4) offering gifts of self, time and resources.”

*Building God’s Community* doesn’t happen magically. It takes the time, energy and commitment from each one who comprise our Frankton First United Methodist

Church family. From attending a service, teaching Sunday School, mopping floors at The Factory, etc., we are fortunate! What motivates people to volunteer? How do we encourage more to become active participants in our quest to *Build God’s Community*?

In the last year, since I’ve served as the church secretary, I have been able to witness more behind the scenes work that goes on at our church. So, in the next newsletter, we will start a series of articles on people who offer their gifts of “self, time and resources” for our church, and most importantly, why they volunteer, and what they receive in return.

## Missions

by Dave Shetterly

**W**hat is a mission?

The Webster dictionary has many definitions to the word mission. (1) a sending out or being sent out with authority to perform a special duty: specif., a) the sending out of persons by a religious organization to preach, teach and proselytize.

.....There is more to the first definition dealing with sending out a person or persons for various reasons and this is what many people think of when the word “mission” comes up, the sending of a person or persons to a place, usually to another country, that has a need.

It has been said that a church without a viable mission program will soon become a church without a future.

We here at Frankton First UMC have a strong mission program. Our mission statement is in the upper right corner on the cover of every newsletter. *“We, the First United Methodist Church of Frankton, commit ourselves to sharing the message of Jesus Christ with every generation in the Frankton community by every means possible.”*

We strive to accomplish our “mission” statement in many ways and we do not necessarily have to send people to a foreign land to do it.

Along with our mission statement, we have adopted the slogan *“Building God’s Community”*.

Let’s take a look at the many mission programs that FFUMC does to help *“Build God’s Community”*.

Locally, our mission program is very strong. Did you know that 30% of the proceeds from every tenderloin dinner goes to help a local organization? Here is a list of many of the local organizations that have been supported in the past;

- The Frankton Library
- The Frankton Volunteer Fire Department
- The Frankton Schools discretionary fund
- The Frankton Food Pantry
- The Frankton “Self Help” program

So you see, when you volunteer your time to help at the tenderloin dinner, you are helping our church’s mission program.

Other local programs that are supported by FFUMC include “Dollars for Scholars”, “Beauty for Ashes”, “Man for Man” ministries, and the local scouts.

Although not in the local community, we also lend support to the Indiana United Methodist Children’s Home located in Lebanon, Indiana. The annual drive to collect items for the Children’s home is just beginning and you will receive information thru announcements and the weekly bulletin.

In addition to local community support, we also send out mission teams at least twice a year. These trips are normally scheduled months in advance, giving those interested in going time to plan their schedule.

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*(NOTE: If you have never been on one of these “mission trips”, I urge you to try to work it into your schedule. These trips are very rewarding both emotionally and spiritually and you will be glad you went).*

The Spring trip is normally to Epworth Forest, the location of the Senior High camp grounds for our area. The trip is to help clean and prepare the facilities for the upcoming season. This is a vital mission as it helps insure that the youth attending summer camp have a rich and rewarding experience.

In the past, our Fall trip has been to the United Methodist mission camp at Redbird Kentucky. This camp is located in the Appalachia area of Eastern Kentucky, an economically depressed area of the United States and there is always many varied task to be accomplished. Along with helping others, the opportunity to meet and talk with these fellow human be-

ings is very rich and rewarding.

Then, of course, there are the “unplanned” trips that come up due to natural disasters or sudden needs of an area. In the past we have sent mission teams to Mississippi (on two occasions) for hurricane Katrina relief, and have worked in the state on storm related damage on many occasions.

The Church also helps to monetarily support Lillie Knotts as she performs mission work in The Dominican Republic, and prayer support for Lisa Ellison as she continues her work in Japan.

As you can see, our church is very active in our mission program and we have many other programs that could be listed here. All to help “Build God’s Community”, and bring others to Jesus Christ.

If you would like to know more about the many mission programs available, or sign up for an upcoming mission trip, contact Janine Compton.

## Crossroads Youth Update

Crossroads Youth wants to thank everyone for their strong support, it has been an eventful and meaningful year! We are seeing a growth in numbers, especially among those who have been previously uncomfortable with churches in the past: this is exactly what we hope will continue, reaching

by Steven Powless

those who need our love the most.

We are currently planning a trip to Gatlinburg over New Years to attend the Winter XTreme conference, spending the New Years weekend with the Newsboys and Switchfoot. Another great opportunity to reach even more students.

## Dinner Theatre returns to “The Factory”

by Bobbie Welker

If you are looking for an excellent way to get into the holiday spirit, you need to mark Friday, November 21 or Saturday, November 22 on your calendar because those are the dates for this year's dinner theater productions.

CRICKET COUNTY CHRISTMAS CAROLE by Eddie McPherson will be performed both evenings after a holiday type dinner which will be served at 6:30 at The Factory.

Jeannie Mills will direct this comedy with a cast of 8 adults and 5 children. It is a country take on the familiar story of Scrooge with plenty of laughs. The tentative menu includes pork roast and dressing, roasted potatoes and carrots, cranberry sauce, salad, rolls, and pumpkin cake with cinnamon cream topping. After seeing previous successful plays performed by our own “stars,” anyone who has enjoyed one of the drama events before will urge you to plan to be in the audience for this years entertaining evening.

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## Women's Fellowship's Fall Bazaar

By Bobbie Welker

For the Women's Fellowship's Fall Bazaar on Saturday November 15 to be successful, they need a few things to happen. First they need people to make craft projects to donate for sale. Second they need people to dust off their baking and candy making skills to prepare goodies to be sold that Saturday. Third they need some people to donate ingredients for the ever popular scalloped chicken that will be sold along with chicken and noodles that morning. MOST IMPORTANT they need a big crowd of you folks and your friends to come to the bazaar from 9 and 12 noon.

This year there will be a new area featuring gently used Christmas items from members of our congregation. As always the scalloped chicken and chicken and noodles sold by the pint and quart sell out

early; so if you want to buy some, plan to come to the Factory early.

The proceeds from the bazaar fund the projects and donations of the organization during the year. Since the last bazaar there were contributions made to Lillie Knotts so she can work with Kids Alive, Frankton Self-Help, Beauty for Ashes, Frankton Ambulance Service, the Anderson Christian Center, Dollars for Scholars, and the Frankton Food Pantry. The women also prepare snack boxes for our college students before their spring final exams, send cards to shut-ins at holiday times, and organize funeral dinners.

Whether this will be your first bazaar or your fifty-first, we look forward to your participation and presence in November, so we can enjoy the day together and continue to Serve God's Community.

## TENDERLOIN DINNER—October 18

### Trunk "N" Treat

The time of year is upon us again. We will be visited by Specters, Fairies, Superheroes, Princesses, and Monsters of every description. They will come from all corners of the town and descend on us with their adult minions in tow. We must prepare! On Halloween night join us in the parking lot where we will decorate our vehicles to suit the season and do our best to appease these marauders with offerings of sweet treats.

It is time for our annual Trunk



By Bill Evans

N Treat event. Our last one brought us over five hundred little visitors. This is our way of providing a safe haven for trick-or-treaters to come and enjoy the evening. We even have a refreshment station in the back porch of the Corner Connection for the accompanying adults to enjoy a warm beverage and a snack, so if you wish to provide cookies, brownies, or anything else from your oven it will be warmly appreciated.

Make your preparations, and we'll see you there. For more information, contact Susan Shuter.

### Day of Caring

By Bill Evans

On Sunday August 31 under the leadership of our Youth Leader Steven Powless, we gathered in the sanctuary for prayer and a few songs of inspiration before heading out to perform acts of service in our community. Some of us went to the park to clean up litter, some of us went to the Heritage building to sweep, mop, and set up tables and chairs in preparation for Frankton Heritage Days, another group went to the Heritage Field to clean the restrooms there.

Others went to the Factory and filled bags for teachers to use in emergencies at the schools. Afterward we shared fellowship with a pitch-in meal.

This is the second time this year we have had this "Day of Caring" to reach out and serve our community. We received high praise from the Heritage Committee which was very nice, but our goal is not to receive praise, but to serve our neighbors. It is all a part of "Building God's community".