*“Flock Talk”*

***Franklin First Church of God***

***Inspirational Newsletter***

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### HAPPY FATHERS’ DAY!

### My Father Is A Christian

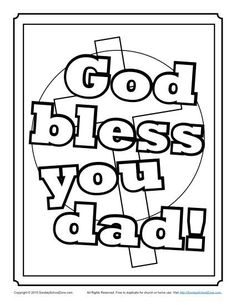
My father is a Christian;   
He leads our household well;   
With instruction from the Bible,   
Right behavior he’ll compel.

Yet he steers us with compassion;  
His gentle love is true;  
He conforms to our Lord Jesus,  
So we know just what to do.

He teaches us with purpose,  
Guides us in all Godly ways,  
So we will take the right path,  
And serve our Lord with praise.

I’m glad you’re a Christian, Dad;  
You help me see things clearly.  
I’ll always look up to you,  
And love you very dearly.

~Joanna Fuchs

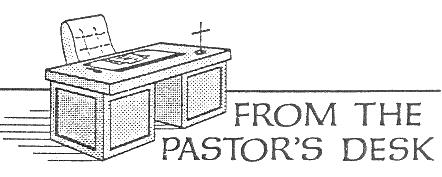


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God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle’s flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,

Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it…  
Dad

~Anonymous



Dear Flock,

May has been of month of conclusions. I attended my last elders meeting, men’s Bible study, Administrative Council, Franklin Christian Ministers Forum, worship cell, Caring Place ministry, Allegheny Region Conference sessions, and Northern District pastors at prayer as the pastor of the First Church of God of Franklin. Although our ministries together conclude, our service to the Lord never ends. We will serve Him in heaven too.

Pamela and I intend to vacation for two weeks after my last time of preaching, May 27th, as the pastor of the church. We will enjoy time with family. We will be at the dinner on June 9th but not be in attendance after that for two years. The Allegheny Region Conference recommends this to aid the transition to the next pastor.  We love the people of this church very much and will experience your absence in our lives. We are praying the wisdom and guidance of God will be evident to you.

The women of the church are invited to Eat ‘n Park at 5:30 PM on Thursday, June 7th to eat out. The men of the church are invited to the home of Tom Shiner, Sr. for a cook out at six o’clock that same night.

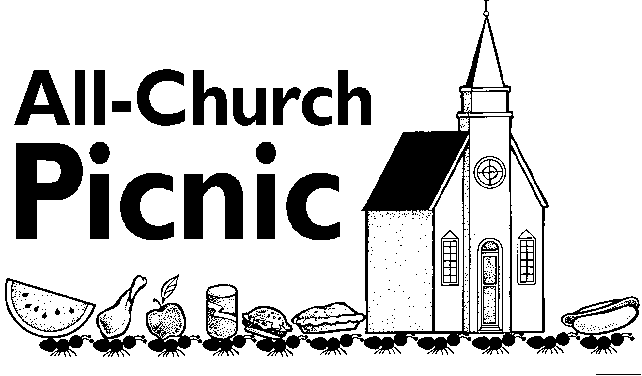
Father’s Day is June 17th. Join dad in the worship of God that day and every Sunday at the First Church of God of Franklin. Dad, invite the family to join you in worship of God. Father’s Day cake will be served during the fellowship time in the social room following worship.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held on Saturday, June 23rd from ten o’clock to four o’clock. Save those jars and invite children to this fun packed day.

Your  Shepherd,

Pastor Jim

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**Sunday, July 8, 2018**

Miller-Sibley Pavilion

10:30 – Outdoor Worship Service

Noon – Picnic

(No services at the Church)

Casual dress

Bring your own chair if you want –

picnic tables are available for seating.

Bring your own table service

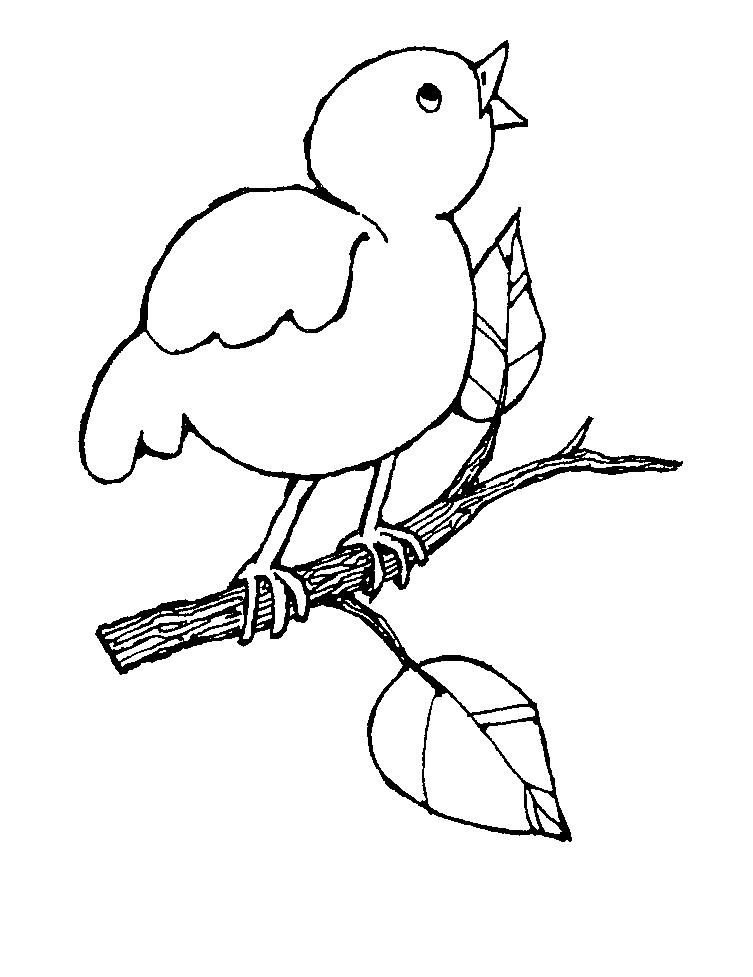
and food to share.

There will be games for all ages.

Don’t miss this opportunity

for fellowship, food, friends, family, &

LOTS OF FUN!!!!

*June Birthdays*

3 Sally Reed 12 Kay Curran

4 Autumn Rodgers 17 Daniel Eckel

5 Heidi McCachren 23 Tyler Twombly

5 Betty Wyant 23 Ricky Warehime

10 Audrey Sherlock 24 Tom Cardy

11 Sherry Licht 28 Pastor Jim

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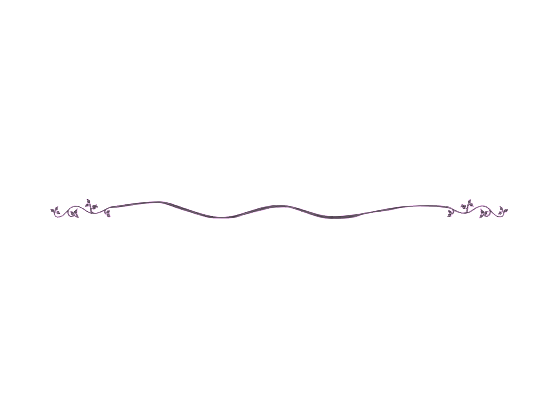
*June Anniversaries*

14 Bob & Nancy Muse

18 Ricky & Amy Warehime

26 Don & Kim Clark

29 Larry & Pat McNutt

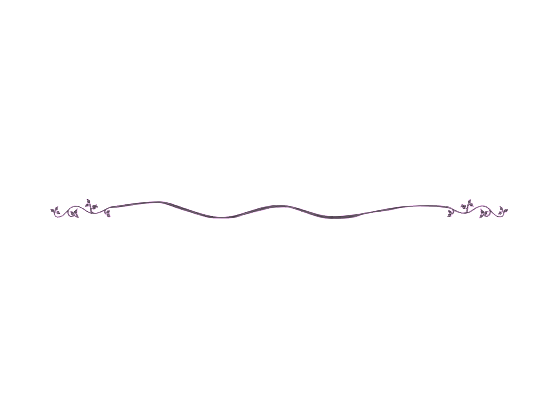


**FOOD PANTRY**

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Our Church’s Food Pantry is used to assist people from our Church and community when they find themselves needing some help providing food for their families. If you are able to keep the food pantry stocked with non-perishable food items (check those expiration dates) or if you are able to make a monetary donation to the food pantry, it would be greatly appreciated.

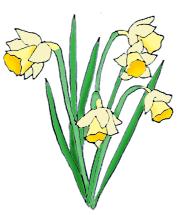
If you are in need of items from the food pantry, or if you know of someone who is in need, please let Pastor Jim know.

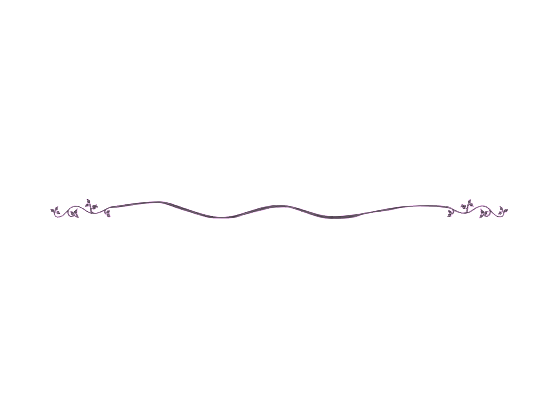


GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

Donations are accepted at any time for our Church’s Good Samaritan Fund. The monies in this Fund are used to help people from our Church family who are in need.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

 Anyone wishing to place an order for altar flowers, please contact Joanne Cardy. Flowers can be placed in memory or in honor of someone, on a special occasion, or “just because”. Two altar vases only cost $16.00. Once you order them, they are yours to take home after the morning worship service.

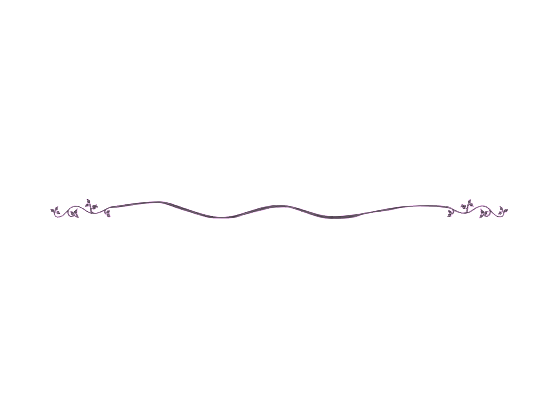


ABC Pregnancy Center

Fundraiser

The ABC Pregnancy Center is holding its annual Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser. It started on Mother’s Day and runs through Father’s Day. This is their biggest fund raiser every year. If you have not done so already, pick up a baby bottle, place your donation – cash or check made out to ABC Life Center – in the bottle and return it on Father’s Day.

If you have any questions, please contact Becky Kearney who is the organizer of this event at our Church. All donations will be greatly appreciated.





**First Day of Summer –**

**June 21, 2018**

One Day Vacation Bible School

The Franklin First Church of God will be hosting a One-Day Vacation Bible School on Saturday, June 23, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Children of all ages are welcome. Children under 5 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. The theme for the VBS will be Chillin’ with Friends and Warming up to Jesus.

Tell all the kids you know – family, friends, neighbors, etc., - about Bible School. There will be music, games, lessons, crafts, food, and lots of fun!!!!

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***Men’s Picnic***

The men of the Church will meet on Thursday, June 7, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at Tom and Judy Shiner’s house – 348 Pinoak Drive in Franklin for their annual picnic.

Everyone is asked to bring food to share. Table service, meat and beverages are provided. Come join in this time of good food and good fellowship!!

If you have any questions, talk to Tom Shiner, Jr.

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***Women’s Bible Study Dinner***

 All women of the Church are invited to join together for dinner on June 7, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at Eat ‘n Park in Franklin. This is a “dutch treat” dinner.

Please let Sonya Mullen know by June 3, 2018, if you plan to attend. Any questions, talk to Sonya.

Looking forward to seeing all the women of the Church there!!!

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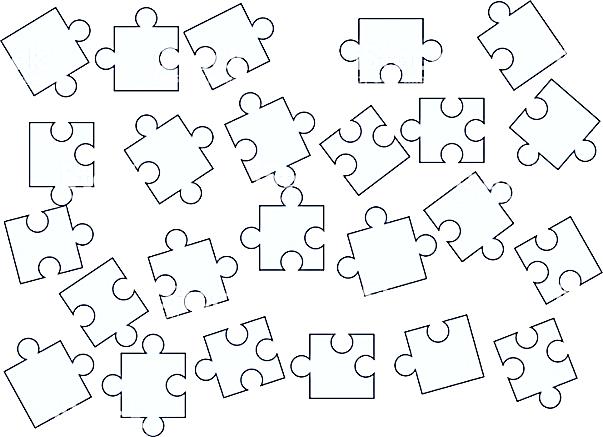
“If you can trust a puzzle company to make sure every piece

is in the box to complete the puzzle,

then why can’t you trust God

that every piece of your life

is there for a reason?”



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*Be an organ donor - -*

*Give your heart to God!!*

*Submitted by Deb Staab*

Pastor Jim’s

Retirement Dinner

There will be a Retirement Dinner for Pastor Jim and Pamela on Saturday, June 9, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Church’s Social Room. The dinner will be catered, and there is no cost to attend. A basket will be available for cards.

Following the dinner, there will be a program in the Sanctuary.

If you plan to attend, sign up by May 27th.

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***To Our Pastor***

*You have served the Lord and our Church with gladness*

*– tirelessly, faithfully,*

*and with great compassion*

*for your flock.*

*You have planted seeds*

*of hope & love in our lives*

*and truly made a difference.  
You have shown hospitality*

*to all and given*

*encouragement to many.*

*Now, as the story which is your life  
opens to its next chapter,*

*May the God of Grace*

*richly bless and watch over you,  
May the God of Peace*

*grant you peace always  
and May the God of Abundant Joy*

*shower you daily.*

*“‘I know what I am planning for you,’ says the Lord. ‘I have plans to  
give you hope and a good future.’”   
~ Jeremiah 29:11*

*(taken from the Internet)*

Thanks, Dad

(Our Daily Bread, June 2010)

*We exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children. —*[*1 Thess. 2:11*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Thess.+2%3A11)

In the US, more long distance calls are made on Mother’s Day than any other day. But on Father’s Day, the most collect calls are made. It seems that children still depend on their fathers to provide, even when they are far away from home. Fathers are needed and wanted for much more than financial help.

While 1 Thessalonians 2:10-12 is primarily directed toward church leaders, Paul talks about how their role is similar to a father’s. He states: “You know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children.”

Exhorted is “to call near.” It is easy for fathers to think that all that’s required of them is to bring home a paycheck. But children need their close encouragement.

The word comforted is “to console.” Nothing is more valuable to a child than the time given by a father to listen and talk. Without constant relating, relationships turn cold.

Charged is “to affirm.” Fathers challenge their children by affirming the truth of God’s Word as they live it out in front of them. And even in failings, they affirm what is right through the asking of forgiveness.

How thankful we can be for fathers who help their children “walk worthy of God” (v.12).

*We’re thankful for our fathers, Lord,   
They’re special gifts from You;   
Help us to show we honor them   
By what we say and do. —Sper*

**Good fathers reflect the heavenly Father.**

*Prayer Concerns*

Pastor Jim and Pamela

Our Church

Administrative Council

The Elders

Cranberry School District

Valley Grove School District

Christen Aylesworth

Peg Benson

Bonnie Boyd

Phillip Steigerwald

Cathy Bell

Tucker Buzard

Julie – heart transplant

Pat McNutt

Pat Master

Lisa Hancox-Cerro family

Matthew Leichliter

Travis Semrau

Nancy Barger

Renee Cranmer

Sal Hoover

Vacation Bible School

Dick Swavey

Diane Montgomery

Ed Shiner

ARC

Dorothy White

Gladys Finefrock

Sondra Sensenbach

Virginia Beatty

Ed and Judy Eckel

Frank Gillan

Char Metzgar

High School and College Graduates

Unspoken requests

Sunday School

Jr. Church

Those fighting addictions

The unemployed

ABC Life Center

*Praises*

Christian fathers

Christian friends and family

Answered prayers

Dan’s brother is doing really well now

Power of prayer

Safety in our travels

Bonnie Boyd is doing better

Jennifer does not have cancer

God gives us hope when we are feeling

hopeless

God’s guidance in our lives

*God is saying to you today,*

*“I know that you are physically*

*and emotionally drained,*

*but you have to keep going –*

*I will see you through.”*

*Submitted by Deb Staab*

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[Romans 15:5-6](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?version=NIV&search=Romans%2015:5-6) [NIV](https://www.biblegateway.com/versions/index.php?action=getVersionInfo&vid=31)