

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. – Matthew 5:16

Franklin First United Methodist Church is proud to be a

LIGHTHOUSE CONGREGATION

Lighthouse Congregations are part of the UM Collective Movement, which seeks to be a connecting space for those who find themselves displaced because of disaffiliation. Its mission is to provide care, a place to belong, and tangible pathways to explore the next steps for those on this challenging journey. We are committed to:

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WORSHIP

- Offer opportunities to worship online or in person.
- Being intentional about welcoming new people into our midst.
- Offer the sacraments of communion and baptism.

DISCIPLESHIP

- Creating space to learn and grow through small group gatherings, Bible studies, and prayer opportunities.

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MISSION

- Inviting fellow United Methodists into opportunities to serve through hands-on ministries. These might include anything that involves making a difference and sharing the love of God with others.

ORGANIZE LOCAL REMAINING UMC GROUPS

- Proactively finding and connecting with individuals and groups displaced by disaffiliating churches.
- Providing a physical space for "Remnant" groups to gather as they consider what it looks like to stay together.

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CONNECTING

- Assisting with finding Conference and District resources to help people discern their next steps as they consider a new church home.

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PASTORAL CARE

- Providing all forms of pastoral and laity-driven care.

For more information, visit
www.wnccumc.org/remaining-umc