

Our Vision:

To make God's love visible in Franklin County by being a positive Christian presence.



MARCH 2024

A FEW THOUGHTS FROM JESSICA

He has made everything beautiful in its time.—Ecclesiastes 3:11

Lately, the weather has been warming up. Flowers and trees are starting to bloom. My yard already needs to be mowed. Spring is setting in. But it's early. I can remember snow in March, and even April. I can remember still having to bundle up because it was cold. I can remember a time when the heat ran regularly due to the temperatures and we were not opening windows or turning fans on. But it's different now. The seasons are changing earlier. The cold weather is not hanging around quite so long. My children have not had the chance to experience snow like I did when I was young. Snows where we were out of school for several days and could build snowmen, have snowball fights, go sledding, and make snow angels. Things have changed. And I don't particularly like it.



Don't get me wrong. I love the warm temperatures and the chance to be outside, especially since I am naturally cold natured. For me, the problem is the pollen. I spend a large part of the year fighting seasonal allergies that seem to change from season to season, rather than go away for a while. It's enough to make me want to stay inside...almost. As much as the pollen aggravates my allergies, I can't force myself permanently indoors. I enjoy being in God's creation too much for that. I can't bring myself to give up the warmth, sunshine, and beauty all around. I could complain about the bad, and I admit that I sometimes do, but the good far outweighs it.



The same is true in our daily lives. God really does make everything beautiful in time. It may not be in our vision of the "right" time, but it is not our time that matters. We have to remember that God has the master plan. He knows when to send the flowers and when to send the snow; when to make it rain and when the sun should shine bright. He knows, even when we don't. I, for one, am glad He takes care of that and I don't have to make those decisions.

I have challenged myself to spend time in God's creation each day to find the beauty that is present. I need to remind myself of the reason we are all here to enjoy this beauty. I challenge you all to find the beauty in each day and remember it is God's time, not ours, that made this beauty.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- 1) Assist with small repairs on campus
- 2) Birthday party goodies each month. Cupcakes/treats for 40 students and staff.
- 3) Lead a special craft or activity with students.
- 4) Host a fundraiser to assist with financial needs or parking lot paving project.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP?

We have felt the pull of the economy on our budget. Times are tough for everyone, but if you are looking for a way to help Henry Fork Center, please consider making us part of your monthly giving donations. If every church/unit helps, we can come closer to meeting our budget for 2024. We appreciate each and every one of you!

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Our Mission is to share God's love with the children, youth and adults in Franklin County by nurturing and transforming the mind, body, and spirit.

Program News

It's hard to believe that we are entering Spring. It seems like we just started the school year and now we are in the home stretch to the end. Where did this year go?

Programming has been busy. We finished 2023 with a close look at the birth of our Savior. Following Christmas break, we began our study of Jesus. Classes have enjoyed learning about the many miracles that Jesus performed and the parables he told. As Easter approaches, the focus has moved to the ultimate sacrifice. Children are spending time learning about how God loves us so much that His Son died for us. They are excited to come in each day to learn and grow in their spiritual knowledge.

We have been blessed by many supporters. It takes all of us to make Henry Fork Center a success. Thank you to everyone who has given time, money, prayers, resources, and encouragement. We appreciate you all and strive to reach as many children as possible. Blessings to all of you!



Items we can use:

Postage stamps
Mailing labels
Envelopes
Copy paper
Paper towels
Birthday gifts for all ages
Trash bags (13, 30, 39 gallon)
Cleaning supplies (all purpose and floor cleaner)
White cardstock or cover stock
Disposable gloves for cleaning



Pictures: 1st page top—Children always enjoy making and sharing food crafts. Bottom—Students use teamwork skills to build a tower. 2nd page above—Students use lots of creativity during craft time. Left—Painting handprints for a story craft is always fun, and cold. Right—Students performed songs for their families during our annual Family Christmas Party.