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the Teachings of Jesus—
and Live those Teachings.

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WELCOME

Whoever you are,
and wherever you find yourself
on the journey of faith, you are
welcome to this church as you
are to receive the riches of
God's grace...

The Way...

The earliest Christians were called *The People of the Way*.

This weekly publication is provided to show
how our congregations are living *The Way* today.

11th Sunday after Pentecost August 13, 2023

HAPPY retirement



Rev. Kurt Stone

Kurt retired in June after thirty years of professional ministry. He served the Clinton UMC (Clinton, MO) for four years in a student appointment while attending Saint Paul School of Theology (Kansas City, MO). After graduating seminary, he was appointed full-time to Shirley-Wilkinson Community

UMC (Shirley, IN) for six years. Kurt was ordained deacon in 1996 and elder in 2000 in the South Indiana Annual Conference. For nearly twenty years Kurt has been bi-vocational, serving Troy UMC (Troy, IL) part-time on honorable location while working full-time as an engineer at The Boeing Company (St. Louis, MO). While on staff with Troy UMC, Kurt also served Worden UMC (Worden, IL) seventeen years through a district partnership.

Kurt was actively involved in worship, Sunday School, and Youth Group at First UMC during his high school years. He and his younger brother Kyle were the church custodians during high school and college. Kurt is a 1981 graduate of Gibson Southern High School, 1986 graduate of the University of Evansville (BSEE), and 1998 graduate of Saint Paul School of Theology (M.Div). Kurt is the son of Jean Stone and the late Rev. Tom Stone. Kurt married Linda Sokeland, daughter of Bob & Marilyn Sokeland of Fort Branch in 1985.

Kurt and Linda have four children, two sons-in-law, and three grandchildren - plus one on the way! Kurt and Linda recently moved from the St. Louis metropolitan area to Milwaukee to be near Daniel, their young adult son who has special needs.

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." - Psalm 118:24



"Pastor, you've just retired from ministry. What are you going to do now?"

Jesus heals on the Sabbath

G O O D E L P P I R C C P W L M B
W F J N C L G O P H S D C L C S G
B W S D T V B X K T K O I C H D A
P L O T T M Z G A N L K Q C C Z R
W J Q R B M G S K K X I T I X W A
O C F C K U V R O M A E R J H X X
T J Y H Q O V G R P R V D J T Z G
F E J U E J T E H T R H S W A X I
E W K A L Y L A S R N E H A B W E
U S E G W G R C H H G B O W B F P
I W I A W I N N V U A D S P A M U
G F G N S Z Q R F I K N G H S C D
Q Y C E H X R X O N D W D Y C X E
F S E E L M X K B S N A L W C H L
Y S F S N A I D O R E H X I O H A
M T D H O M U Y W O V K S E V C E
B T B Z H T T K B B A P P Q B E H

herodians
healed
good
pharisees

kill
stretch
work
Hand

plot
evil
sabbath
crippled

We're so glad
**YOU'RE
HERE!**



BACK to
SCHOOL

Blessings



Barb Trapp ~ 14th

Gina Cauthen ~ 14th

Mike & Kristi Pflug ~ 14th

Drew Steinmetz ~ 15th

Crystal Smith ~ 15th

Tim & Tona Smith ~ 15th

Warren & Karen Devine ~ 16th

Kelly Foster ~ 18th

GOING TO SCHOOL WITH JESUS

In *Faith Takes a Name*, Dwight E. Stevenson writes that if we consider ourselves to be disciples of Jesus, then we must remain "learners under the instruction of Christ." He notes, "Quite literally, a disciple is a pupil, scholar, student or learner. In [Jesus'] world a teacher with his band of disciples was to that culture what schools and universities are to our society. To be a disciple of Jesus is to go to school with him."



Effie Dilbeck

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when found in the Order of Service
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CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children are welcome in the worship
service! We do offer options. Following the
Children's Sharing, children may attend
Sunday School at Blythe Chapel or Nursery
at Fort Branch First.



† Indicates location is Blythe Chapel
Ω Indicates location is First UMC

This Sunday:

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

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Welcome

*A joyous and blessed Sabbath to you,
brothers and sisters in Christ!*

Rev. John Baylor, Jr.



PRELUDE

***THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US**

***HYMN # 369**

Blessed Assurance

***GREETING AND PRAYER**

*We offer a cordial greeting to all worshipers who have come to praise the Lord.
Your presence helps lift our spirits, and we welcome you in Christ's name.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please add your name to the attendance register located in your pew and pass to
the next person until reaches everyone in your row.*

PRAYERS

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYER HYMN #467

Trust and Obey

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

THE OFFERING:

The Gathering of the Gifts

*Presentation of Gifts with **DOXOLOGY:**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise Him all creatures here below!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

CHILDRENS MOMENT

Next Sunday's Message:

*"Faith of the Blind
Man, Part 1"
John 9:1-9*



MINISTRY OF MUSIC Derek Robicheaux ~ *Daystar*
Jenna Schleter ~ *Thank You Jesus*

*SCRIPTURE LESSON *insert* *Matthew 12:9-14 NLT*

MESSAGE *"Faith, Healing and the Sabbath"*

*HYMN #398 *Jesus Calls Us*

*BLESSING Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD
Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG:

Hymn # 63 Blessed Be the Name
Blessed be the name!
Blessed be the name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord!
Blessed be the name!
Blessed be the name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



*"Knowledge is knowing a
tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not
putting it in a fruit salad."
— Miles Kington*



Friends
needing
prayers

*Prayer Requests —last names are
printed for individuals requesting
prayer for themselves or with
explicitly given permission.*

*Jane Marginet, Richard Michel,
Becca Manolov, Carla Jackson,
Connie Osborn, Tommy Osborn,
Morgan Whitehead, Terri Jarboe,
Derek Barton, Jo Eckert, Ruby
Wilkinson, Scotti Pitts, Don
Colvin, Gretchen Young, June
Regenhold, Brian Price, Triston,
Tegan, Chad Windell, Pastor
John, Thelma & Len Robicheaux,
The family of Effie Dilbeck*

God is watching

In the cafeteria line one day, a seminary dean noticed a bowl of big, juicy oranges. A sign by it read, "Take only one. God is watching you!" At the other end of the lunch line sat a large plate of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies. Beside it was a hastily scrawled note, likely from a hungry student: "Take as many cookies as you want. God is back there watching the oranges."

The message behind that good-natured irreverence? If you believe that God's sight is limited to one place, then your idea of God is too small!

— adapted from *The Wired Word*

Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

⁹ Then Jesus went over to their synagogue, ¹⁰ where he noticed a man with a deformed hand. The Pharisees asked Jesus, “Does the law permit a person to work by healing on the Sabbath?” (They were hoping he would say yes, so they could bring charges against him.)

¹¹ And he answered, “If you had a sheep that fell into a well on the Sabbath, wouldn’t you work to pull it out? Of course you would.” ¹² And how much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Yes, the law permits a person to do good on the Sabbath.”

¹³ Then he said to the man, “Hold out your hand.” So the man held out his hand, and it was restored, just like the other one! ¹⁴ Then the Pharisees called a meeting to plot how to kill Jesus.

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.
 Thanks be to God!



Listening Guide
Faith, Healing, and the Sabbath
August 13, 2023

Scripture: Matthew 12:9-14

What does this account teach us about the role faith plays in spiritual healing?

Jesus _____ Brokenness (vs. 9-10)

Jesus _____ about Brokenness (vs. 11-12)

Jesus _____ (vs. 13-14)

Personal Application: Sometimes our faith teaches others. Sometimes our healing teaches others. Is our faith deep enough for these things to happen in our midst?

