

United Methodist Church

*Blythe Chapel & Fort Branch First
Congregations*

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All are always welcome!

God's provision while we wait

A November 2023 landslide trapped 41 construction workers in a tunnel they'd been excavating for a Himalayan highway project. For 17 days, they were stranded nearly 3 miles from freedom. When rescuers' drilling equipment broke, miners drilled through the last 2 meters of rock and gravel by hand. Finally, all the workers were pulled to safety through a 3-foot-wide steel pipe. Because they had received food, water, medicines, oxygen and even light through a narrow pipe while underground, all were in good health.

We are trapped in sin and brokenness: our sin and that of others, fragmented relationships and systems, nearby and across the globe. Christianity teaches that God's way of goodness will win in the end. But before full rescue comes, what keeps us alive and hopeful — even healthy?

As water was faithfully provided to the laborers through that narrow pipe, God quenches our thirst through baptism. Scripture and the sacrament of communion are the food and medicine that nourish and strengthen us. Prayer — our own and others' prayers for us — along with the Holy Spirit's gifts such as comfort and joy flow into our lives like the light of hope and the oxygen of life. Though complete rescue seems slow to come, God provides for us while we wait. —Heidi Hyland Mann



Our Awesome God

When our lives are focused on God, awe and wonder lead us to worship, filling our inner being with a fullness we may never have thought possible. Awe prepares the way for God's transforming power within us. This transformation of our inner attitudes takes place as awe leads us into wonder, admiration, reverence, surrender and obedience before God.

—James Houston, *The Transforming Power of Prayer*



Fresh harvest for everyone...
Fellowship Hall, Sunday mornings!

Missions in Motion:
August
Peanut Butter
small jars



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Deliver to:

Puzzle!



Use the Scripture verses below to locate the places in the puzzle. (If a verse mentions more than one place, only one appears in the puzzle, so choose carefully.) Circle each place as you find it.

Answers go: → ↓ ↘

Genesis 2:15	Isaiah 23:1	Luke 24:13
Genesis 11:9	Isaiah 23:2	John 2:1
Genesis 35:1	Isaiah 23:3	Acts 8:5
Exodus 13:18	Jonah 1:2	Acts 11:22
Ruth 1:1	Matthew 3:6	Acts 17:16
1 Kings 18:19	Matthew 4:18	Romans 1:15
1 Chronicles 11:4	Matthew 26:36	

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

Answers: Garden of Eden, Tower of Babel, Bethel, Red Sea, Bethlehem, Mount Carmel, Jerusalem, Tyre, Sidon, Nile, Nineveh, Jordan River, Sea of Galilee, Gethsemane, Emmaus, Cana, Samaria, Antioch, Athens, Rome

* -This symbol,
when found in the Order of Service
invites you to stand - if able.

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CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children are welcome in the worship
service! We do provide a nursery, located in
the education wing near the restrooms.

Church THIS WEEK

This Sunday:

9:30am ~ Coffee &
Fellowship
10:300am ~Worship & Live
Streaming Worship

Monday:

Tuesday:

4:00pm ~ Yoga, for everyone

Wednesday:

9:30am ~Companions in
Christ Devotions

Thursday :

8:30-3pm ~ Office Closed ~
~ Finish It
Thursday

Friday:

~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

9:30am ~ Coffee &
Fellowship
10:300am ~Worship & Live
Streaming Worship

Summer Office Hours

Pastor Randy
Monday & Wednesday
Melissa
Tuesday & Wednesday

Welcome to Worship!

*Help us, O Lord, to be still and patient
before you as we wait for the touch of
your hand upon our hearts.*



MUSICAL ACCOMPANIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Autumn Scott

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GATHERING

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #369

Blessed Assurance

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord

In the land of the living!

Wait for the Lord;

*Be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for
the Lord.*

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #593

Here I Am, Lord

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

THE OFFERING: The Gathering of the Gifts

*Presentation of Gifts with Offertory Response: **Hymn #95**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING

SCRIPTURE

Habakkuk 2:1-4, NLT

2 I will climb up to my watchtower
and stand at my guardpost.

There I will wait to see what the LORD says
and how he will answer my complaint.

The LORD's Second Reply

2 Then the LORD said to me,

"Write my answer plainly on tablets,
so that a runner can carry the correct message to others.

3 This vision is for a future time.

It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled.

If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently,
for it will surely take place.

It will not be delayed.

4 "Look at the proud!

They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked.

But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God.

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

MESSAGE

"When Trials Linger, But Answers Are Slow"

..... Come to the Table 

Holy Communion

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

*HYMN # 354

I Surrender All

*BLESSING



Church **FAMILY** —PRAYER LIST—

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

**Jane Marginet, Terri
Jarboe, Liz & Alan
Creamer, Paul & Jeanie
Cardinal, Zach Anderson,
Morgan Whitehead, Jim
Feutz, Roger & Nancy
Jones, Kathy
Trowbridge, Kelsey
Holder, Sherry Holder,
Linda & Shane Springer,
Darla Lewis, Sherry
Michel, Larry Hunter,
Gary Sokeland, Clay
Pflug, Crystal Smith,
Julia Gentry, Sophia
Anderson, Tim Vieke**



*Beau Dilbeck ~ 3rd
Brandon Foster ~ 3rd
Lesa Prater ~ 5th
Darla Lewis ~ 6th
Beau Englehardt ~
7th
Andy Rostron ~ 8th*