



We Seek to Better Understand
the Teachings of Jesus—
and Live those Teachings.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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.

2nd Sunday of Advent **December 4, 2022**

Pastor John & Staff Christmas Gifts

will be given the week of Christmas. Anyone
wishing to participate should mail their
contribution either to the church office or Don
Steinmetz 253 E 750 S , Fort Branch, IN 47648.



You may also give them to Don in person or place in the
offering plate by December 18th.

Church Families-

Thank you for all of the
expressions of love you have
shared in the loss of Anita's
mom. We have sensed your
love, concern, and prayers as
we grieve.

Blessings,
The Baylor's

Time to Celebrate!

Fred & Debra Stephenson ~ 12th
Garry Russell ~ 16th
TJ Lewis ~ 17th

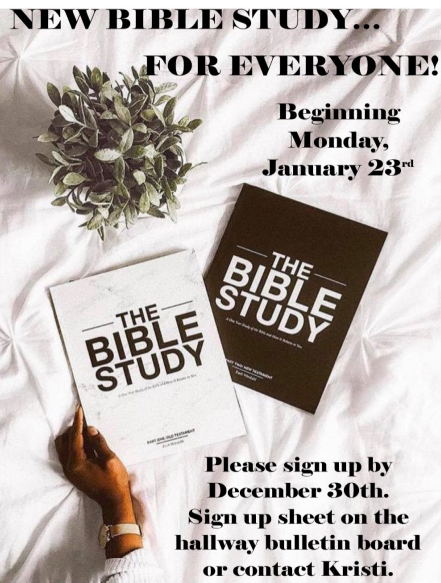
Fort Branch United Methodist

**Church Family Traditional
Caroling**

Come celebrate the birth of Jesus with us by singing traditional
carols and Christmas songs. Carry-in dinner to follow.
Sign-up to sing or hear all of your favorites and to tell us what food
you would like to bring.



Saturday, December 17th | 3:00pm
Fort Branch United Methodist Church



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- STAR
- SHEPHERDS
- ANGELS
- PEACE
- GOLD
- BETHLEHEM
- JESUS
- FRANKINCENSE
- JOY
- CANDLE
- NATIVITY
- CHRISTMAS
- WREATH
- LOVE
- WISEMEN
- MESSIAH
- MYRRH
- ADVENT
- HOPE

A Christmas harvest

Christmas is the harvest time of love. Souls are drawn to other souls. All that we have read and thought and hoped comes to fruition at this happy time. Our spirits are astir. We feel within us a strong desire to serve. A strange, subtle force, a new kindness, animates man and child. A new spirit is growing in us. No longer are we content to relieve pain, to sweeten sorrow, to give the crust of charity. We dare to give friendship, service, the equal loaf of bread and love.

—Helen Keller



Fort Branch First UMC
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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 First.



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

This Sunday 3rd Advent Sunday

9:00am † Worship
9:30am Ω Sunday School
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

3:00pm Ω Christmas Caroling
& carry-in dinner

Next Sunday: 4th Advent Sunday

9:00am † Worship
9:30am Ω Sunday School
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship
4-8pm Ω Private Rental

Next Sunday:



Rev. John F. Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN # 230

O Little Town of Bethlehem

*GREETING AND PRAYER

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

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING ~ JOY

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 #254

We Three Kings

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.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:46-56, NLT

MESSAGE

“Joy! Second Sunday of Advent”

*HYMN #251

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: *Hymn #234 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord*

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Jane Marginet, Jake Prieshoff,
Richard Michel, Becca Manolov,
Carla Jackson, Connie Osborn,
Tommy Osborn, Alec Taylor,
Morgan Whitehead,
Derek Barton, Jo Eckert,
Ruby Wilkerson, Terri Jarboe,
Scotti Pitts, Deanna Wilson,
Patti Knowles,
Don Colvin, Gretchen,
Effie Dilbeck, Ida Miller,
Marcy Marvel, Frances Burns,
June Regenholt*



Saturday, December 24th
6^{pm} @ Fort Branch First UMC
Bell Tower Steps
(abbreviated outside service only)

Sunday, December 25th
9^{am} @ Fort Branch First UMC
Morning worship with
Communion
(no service @ Blythe Chapel building)

Luke 1:46-56, NLT

The Magnificat: Mary's Song of Praise

⁴⁶ Mary responded,

“Oh, how my soul praises the Lord.

⁴⁷ How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

⁴⁸ For he took notice of his lowly servant girl,
and from now on all generations will call me blessed.

⁴⁹ For the Mighty One is holy,
and he has done great things for me.

⁵⁰ He shows mercy from generation to generation
to all who fear him.

⁵¹ His mighty arm has done tremendous things!
He has scattered the proud and haughty ones.

⁵² He has brought down princes from their thrones
and exalted the humble.

⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away with empty hands.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel
and remembered to be merciful.

⁵⁵ For he made this promise to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children forever.”

⁵⁶ Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back to her own home.

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!



TO FULFILL WHAT THE LORD HAD SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET.

Matthew 1:22, ESV

Listening Guide
"Joy!"
December 11, 2022



Scripture: Luke 1:46-56

What are the reasons for Mary's joy?

_____ (vs. 46-49)

_____ (vs. 50-54)

_____ (55-56)

Personal Application: Are you joyful this Advent season? If not, why not? What is stealing your joy for the season? If you are joyful, what are the reasons for your joy? We have seen Mary's reasons. What are your reasons for joy and do you share those with the people around you?
