



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

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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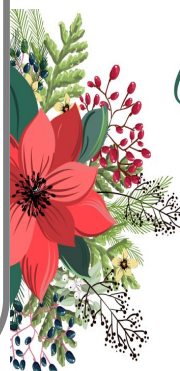
Rexanne Robicheaux
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Custodian @ First

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Custodian @ Blythe

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...



Christmas
Poinsettias
Place your order
TODAY!!



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.



CHRISTMAS CANDY, COOKIES & GOODIES TRAYS



**Pre-order or
day of sales.**

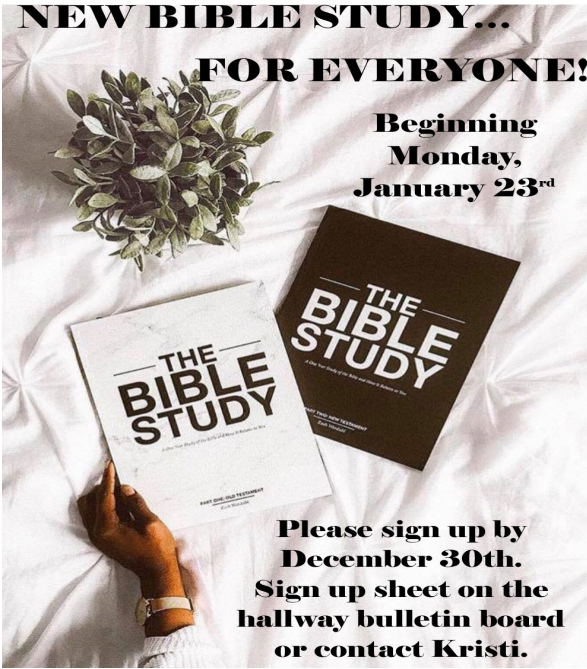
Small \$15 Large \$30

*We will have some items for sale
individually also.*



**NEW BIBLE STUDY...
FOR EVERYONE!**

**Beginning
Monday,
January 23rd**



**Please sign up by
December 30th.
Sign up sheet on the
hallway bulletin board
or contact Kristi.**

JOYFUL
Merry
AND
Blessed

Time to Celebrate!

Ellie Beckett ~ 4th

Bill Frey ~ 7th

Phil Cauthen ~ 7th

Rick Wilson ~ 8th

Susan Ahlfeld ~ 9th

John & Karen Windell ~ 9th



Methodist Women's Group

*Next meeting on
Saturday, December 10th @ 9am*

All women of the church are invited.

Fort Branch First UMC
P. O. Box 116
Fort Branch, IN 47648

Deliver to:

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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 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 2nd Advent Sunday

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

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:
6:00pm Ω Psi Iota Zi meeting

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:
9:00am Ω Methodist Women

Next Sunday: 3rd Advent Sunday

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

Next Sunday:



Rev. John F. Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

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

***HYMN # 249**

There's A Song in the Air

*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 ~ PEACE

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 #211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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

Matthew 1:18-25, NLT

MESSAGE

"Peace! First Sunday of Advent"

***HYMN #196** **Come, Thou Long –Expected Jesus**

***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,
Jeff Gentry, Patti Knowles,
Don Colvin, Gretchen,
Effie Dilbeck, Ida Miller,
Debra Stephenson, Riley Bryant,
Marcy Marvel, Frances Burns
The Baylor Family*

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

Matthew 1:18-25, NLT

The Birth of Jesus the Messiah

¹⁸ This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.

²⁰ As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

²² All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet:

²³ "Look! The virgin will conceive a child!

She will give birth to a son,
and they will call him Immanuel,
which means 'God is with us.'"

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.

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

Thanks be to God!

Christmas Poinsettia Orders

If you would like to help decorate and grace the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas with a poinsettia *In Honor of* or *In Memory* of someone, please fill out the order blank and place (with money) in the offering plate or mail it to the church at: PO Box 116, Fort Branch, IN 47648

We request you leave the plants until the Christmas Eve/Morning Service, and then take them home with you. We are offering red poinsettias in a 6" pot, approximately 12-18 inches tall with 4-5 blooms per plant for **\$22.00**.

Sunday, December 4th is the last day to order.

In Memory of / In Honor of (please circle one):

From: _____

Total Number of Poinsettias _____

Listening Guide
“Peace”
December 4, 2022



Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

How did Joseph find peace?

Glory to God
in the highest,
and on earth peace,
good will toward men.

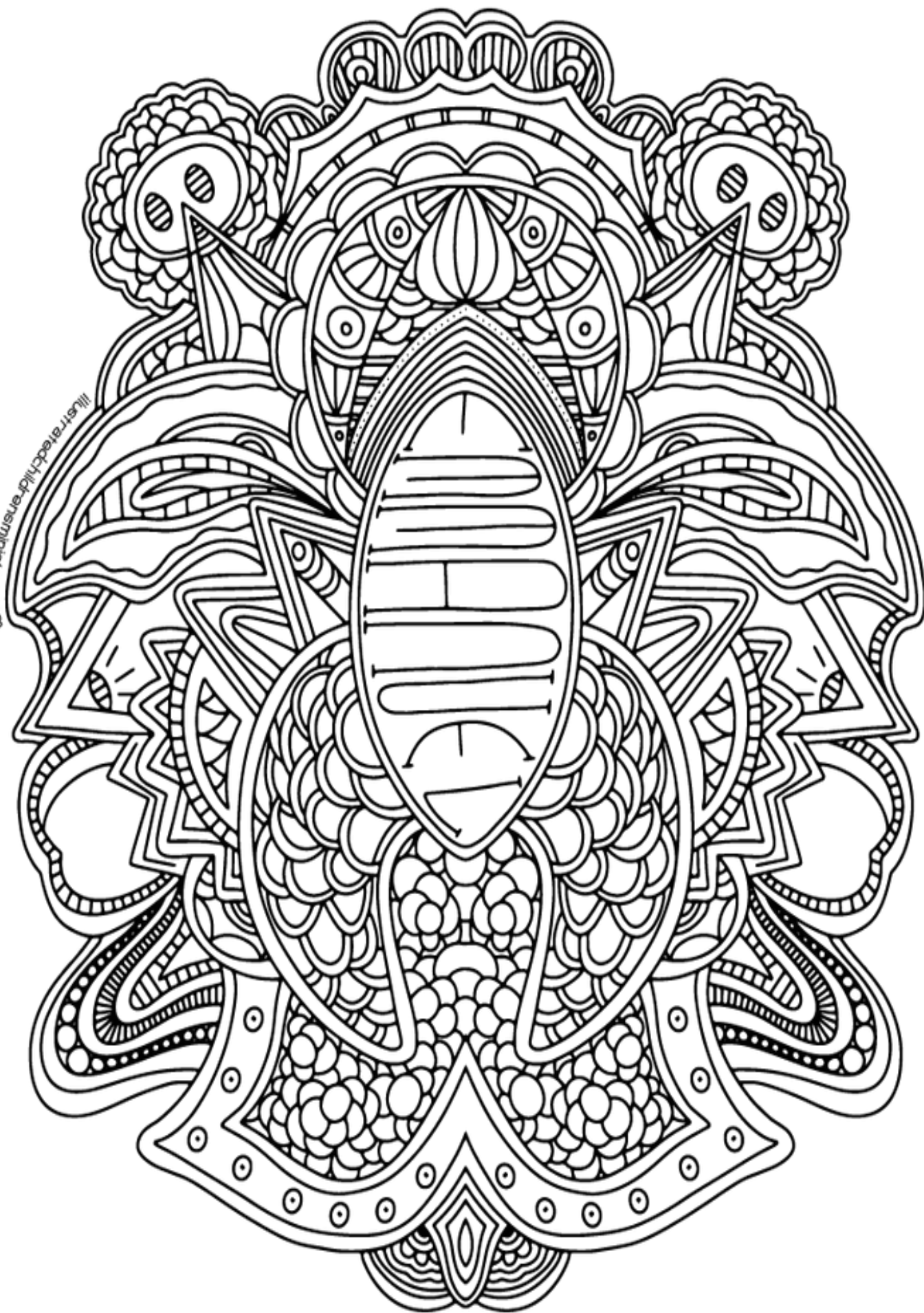
Luke 2:14, KJV

He _____ His Predicament

He _____ Asleep

He _____

Personal Application: Do what Joseph did. Ponder your predicament. Figure out what would make your situation better. Fall asleep. Rest in the Lord and trust Him with your life. Obey. Do whatever it is the Lord wants you to do. When your relationship with the Lord is right you will find peace. How will you attempt to find peace?





Worship with us
THIS CHRISTMAS

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)