



We Seek to Better Understand
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.

6th Sunday after the Epiphany February 13, 2022



Biblical love notes

The following compliments from the Song of Solomon may not go over well on Valentine's Day: "I compare you, my love, to a mare among Pharaoh's chariots" (1:9). "Your hair is like a flock of goats, moving down the slopes of Gilead" (4:1). "Your teeth are like a flock of shorn ewes that have come up from the washing" (4:2).

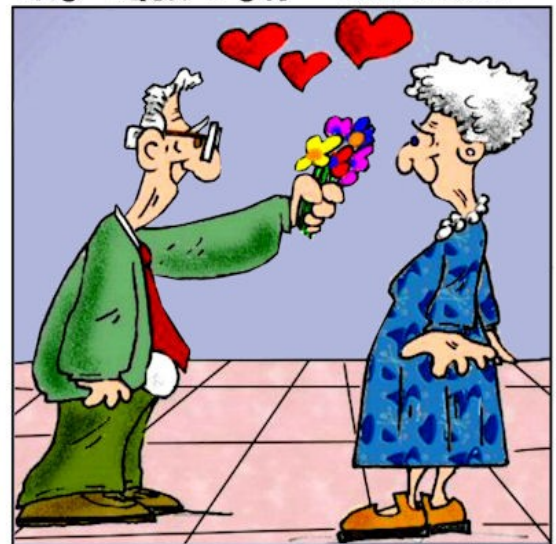
"Your neck is like the tower of David, built in courses" (4:4).

"[Your] eyes are like doves beside springs of water, bathed in milk, fitly set" (5:12).

"Your navel is a rounded bowl that never lacks mixed wine. Your belly is a heap of wheat" (7:2).

On the other hand, how about this one: "You are altogether beautiful, my love; there is no flaw in you" (4:7).

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Your teeth are store bought and as white as the hairs on yer head. Song of Solomon for Seniors

God of love — for, with and in us

An ancient heresy — that the God of the Old Testament was a God of judgment and wrath, while the God of the New Testament is a God of grace and love — still persists a bit. Yet God is the same God, with the same characteristics, throughout time. Way back in Genesis 3, God graciously sewed garments to clothe humans, although they had disobeyed him. And even in the Gospels, God's anger was evident through Jesus' response to temple moneychangers cheating the poor.

God always works for life and goodness in all things. Sometimes people misunderstand God's ways; sometimes God, like a human parent, uses "tough love." Mick Brooks writes: "The Old Testament is God for us, the time of Christ is God with us, and the age of the Holy Spirit is God in us" (*Every Day With Jesus*, Sept/Oct 2020). That may be a bit simplistic, but it's a good reminder that while God's ways of interacting with us vary, he — the God of Love — does not.



Our deepest sympathies...
*Bruce & Marilee
Rostron, passing of his
father Alva
10332 S 150 E
Haubstadt, IN 47369*

With the current tax laws, not everyone will need to itemize their

2021 Federal Income Taxes.

As to save our Financial Secretary (aka volunteer) a lot of extra work, a financial statement of your offerings and tithes will only be prepared for you upon request.

Please contact **Paul Cardinal**
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or via phone (812)677-0274



He's Here!
Forrest Paul Wynn
February 7th

Congrats to
Olive, Shelby & Edward!!



Methodist Mountain Mission



**Pick Up
Tuesday, Feb. 15th**

Please use boxes when collecting your donations and stack neatly as possible in the church garage.



Shannon Dilbeck ~ 13th
Nathan Hargiss ~ 14th
Alexander Hargiss ~ 15th
David Lewis ~ 17th
Steven Schleter ~ 17th
Shelby Workman ~ 19th

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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.

Nursery
Attendant:



2/13: Nancy Jones
2/20: Marilee Rostron

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

This Sunday

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

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:
6:30pm Ω Women's Bible Study

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

9:00am 2022 WOMEN'S CONF.

Next Sunday:

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

Next Sunday Worship:

*"Come Follow Me~
Decision
Matthew 10:26-42*



Jesus calls us to follow him. We start by hearing his teachings and being strengthened through Holy Communion. So we are here. Welcome, one and all.

The Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN # 733 9:00am *Marching to Zion*
530 10:30am *Are Ye Able*

*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 #402 9:00am *Lord, I Want to
Be a Christian*
2158 10:30am *Just a Closer
Walk with Thee*

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 9:23-27; 57-62 NLT

MESSAGE

“Come Follow Me ~ Sacrifice”

*HYMN # 337 9:00am
2149 10:30am

*Only Trust Him
Living for Jesus*

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn # insert *Make Me A Blessing*

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE

Prayer Requests

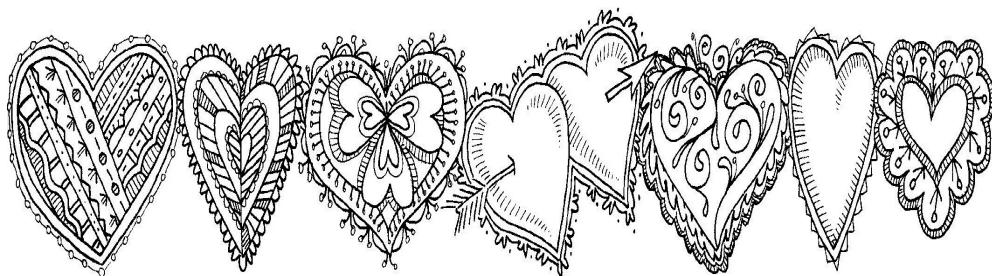
Prayer Requests —last names are printed for individuals requesting prayer for themselves or with explicitly given permission.

*Jane Marginet, Jake Prieshoff,
Lynn Prieshoff, Richard Michel,
Becca Manolov, Carla Jackson,
Kyle Stone, Poppy Petry, Linda
McKimmy, Connie Osborn,
Tommy Osborn, Alec Taylor,
Morgan Whitehead, Lisa & Bill,
Linda Reed, Amy Casavant,
Randy Jones, Derek Barton,
Mark Fear, Steve, Jo Eckert,
Bruce Rostron, Jerry McBee,
Hattie Kroeger, Tom Miller,
AJ Albert, Cathie Minton,
Gary Sokeland, Ova Salyer,
Karen Windell
The family of Al Rostron*

Blessings

COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

Always be KINDER than you feel.



Listening Guide
“Come Follow Me – Sacrifice”
February 13, 2022

Scripture: Luke 9:23-27; 57-62

What sacrifices are involved in following Jesus?

Requires _____ **(vs. 23-27)**

Requires _____ **Status (vs. 57-58)**

Requires _____ **Priorities (vs. 59-62)**

Personal Application: Following Jesus requires sacrifice. It’s not the half-hearted commitment we oftentimes turn it into. When was the last time you truly sacrificed for Christ?



THERE IS AN INVITATION TO
FOLLOW JESUS

Luke 9:23-27; 57-62 NLT

²³ Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. ²⁴ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. ²⁵ And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed? ²⁶ If anyone is ashamed of me and my message, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in his glory and in the glory of the Father and the holy angels. ²⁷ I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Kingdom of God.”

The Cost of Following Jesus

⁵⁷ As they were walking along, someone said to Jesus, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

⁵⁸ But Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay his head.”

⁵⁹ He said to another person, “Come, follow me.”

The man agreed, but he said, “Lord, first let me return home and bury my father.”

⁶⁰ But Jesus told him, “Let the spiritually dead bury their own dead! Your duty is to go and preach about the Kingdom of God.”

⁶¹ Another said, “Yes, Lord, I will follow you, but first let me say good-bye to my family.”

⁶² But Jesus told him, “Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God.”

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

Thanks be to God!

CHORUS

Make me a bless - ing, make me a bless - ing! Out of my life —
 Out, out of my life
 — life may Je - sus shine; — Make me a bless - ing, O Sav - ior, I
 pray —
 pray Thee, my Sav - ior, Make me a bless - ing to some - one to - day. —

Hope-filled hearts

When Bowen Hammitt was born with essentially half a heart, the odds were stacked against him. But after three surgeries and numerous setbacks, Bowen is now an active 11-year-old who raises awareness about congenital heart disease. He's also a budding Christian musician, following in the footsteps of his dad, Matt (formerly with Sanctus Real). The Hammitts use Bowen's story to offer hope amid adversity — "a message the world really needs right now." The documentary *Bowen's Heart* features this tagline: "Is it worth giving your heart to something that can break it?" Absolutely, say his loved ones, who describe Bowen and his life as incredible blessings from God.

For Matt Hammitt, Proverbs 13:12 is now a favorite Bible verse. "Hope deferred makes the heart sick," it reads, "but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life" (NIV).



For God so loved the world, that he gave his
only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth
in him should not perish, but have
everlasting life.

John 3:16

