

The First United  
Methodist Church of  
Fort Branch



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Our Mission....  
To *make disciples* of  
Jesus Christ for the  
transformation of the  
world .

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**Office Hours**  
Tuesday & Wednesday,  
9:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Closed Monday, Thursday  
and Friday

*One Church*  
Two Locations

February 2, 2025

# Women's Conference 2025

**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Shellie Rushing Tomlinson**

**"act justly, love mercy,  
walk humbly"**

Micah 6:8

**Saturday, February 22**

**9am ~ 2pm CST**

**Cost is \$25**

**includes: shirt,**

**conference & lunch**

**Rsvp by February 2nd**

**w/shirt size & payment to**

**Kristi Pflug (812)664-1108**

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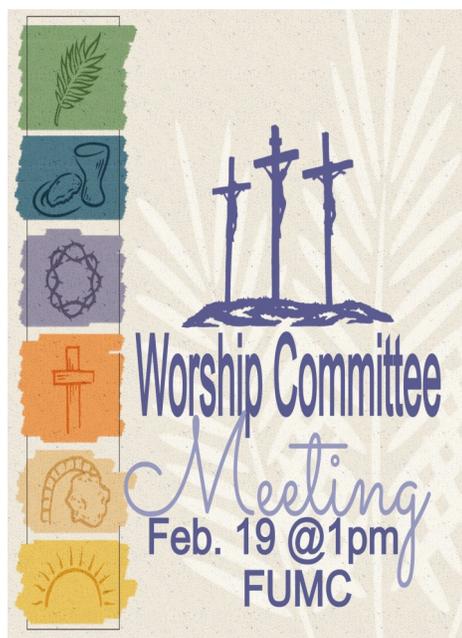
There is a detailed list of items needing to be donated for this year's conference. If you can help, please reserve the item(s) with your name...the list is posted on the hallway bulletin board at Fort Branch First UMC. Don't forget to RSVP for the conference.

## Valentines for kids

Valentine's Day isn't just for schoolchildren and sweethearts. Loving parents should strive to give their children these life-changing gifts during February and beyond.

- **Acceptance:** Say and show that you love children for who they are. Give this gift with a kiss.
- **Self-confidence:** Help boost kids' trust in themselves. Give this gift with a hug.
- **Peace:** Model how to give your worries to God. Offer this present with laughter.
- **Gratitude:** Help children be genuinely thankful for each new day and for all of life. Give this gift as they go out the door.
- **Faith:** Introduce children to Jesus, the best friend they'll ever have. Do this by taking them to church and Sunday school regularly.

God is  
**LOVE.**  
1 JOHN 4:16



*Methodist Women's Group*  
Next meeting on  
**Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9am**  
*All women of the church are invited.*

### All the ways God helps us

When young adults land in difficult situations and desperately call home, parents respond in various ways. They might remind their son or daughter of guidelines learned years back — behavior and problem-solving skills to get back on track. Or maybe parents direct their kids to a mentor, expert or resource for assistance. But if the crisis is severe, no doubt these loving parents hop in the car, or even on a plane, and go to their child. They embrace and support them, perhaps even taking initial steps to bring them through the chaos to a new beginning.

When the people of Israel were in the wilderness, exile and countless difficulties in between, God lovingly used each of these strategies. God reminded Israel of the Ten Commandments and other laws he gave to guide their life together. Sometimes he sent prophets and other leaders to direct the people into better ways and times. God does the same today, reminding us of Scripture's guidance and sending us prophetic voices and wise leaders.

Above all, when nothing less would save people, ancient and modern, from the dangers of sin and death, God came to us as Jesus. God's only Son walked with us, lived through our troubles alongside us, taught us new ways directly and brought us out of the problematic place where we were trapped and into a new beginning.

—Heidi Hyland Mann,  
based on a sermon by Pastor Dave Sonnenberg



Submission by Feb. 12th



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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.



### This Sunday

10:30am ~ *Worship & Live  
streaming worship*

Monday: ~ *Office Closed ~  
6:30pm ~ Bible Study*

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ *Office Closed ~*

Friday: ~ *Office Closed ~*

Saturday:

9:30am ~ *Methodist Women*

Next Sunday:

10:30am ~ *Worship & Live  
streaming worship*



# Welcome to worship



**Rev. Randy Anderson**

PRELUDE

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.*

### **WORSHIP THROUGH GATHERING**

\*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

\*HYMN #618

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

### **WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING**

PRAYER HYMN #357

*Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

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*



**WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

THE OFFERING: The Gathering of the Gifts

\*The Response

**Hymn #139** verse 4

*Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee;*

*fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.*

*Then to they need, God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.*

**WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 7:7, NLT**

**Effective Prayer**

7 "Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.

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

MESSAGE

*"How to ASK in prayer"*

HOLY COMMUNION

**WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING**

\*HYMN # 545

**The Church's One Foundation**

\*BLESSING

**God  
demonstrates  
his own  
love for us...**

ROMANS 5:8



**PRAYER**  
*list...*

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

*Jane Marginet, June Regenhold, Mark Fear, Deanna Wilson, Terri & Steve Jarboe, Norman Bullock, Liz & Alan Creamer, Vivory Brewer, Frances Burns, Paul & Jeanie Cardinal, John & Beverly Boss, Zach Anderson, Morgan Whitehead, Karen Devine, Fred & Debra Stephenson*



*Rob Beckett ~ 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Rexanne Robicheaux ~ 4<sup>th</sup>  
Liz Creamer ~ 5<sup>th</sup>  
Monica Bryant ~ 5<sup>th</sup>  
Jennifer Ahlfeld ~ 6<sup>th</sup>  
Forrest Wynn ~ 7<sup>th</sup>  
Chelbi Englehardt ~ 8<sup>th</sup>*