



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.

5th Sunday after Epiphany February 5, 2023

February 12th
After 10:30^{am} worship service
Pizza, Salad, Dessert & BINGO
Prizes will be
Valentine's Goodies
Come relax and have fun!
Everyone invited...Something for all ages!
Free will donation accepted.

The TESTING of your
FAITH
PRODUCES
ENDURANCE.
James 1:3, NRSV

Bible Study
Mondays @ 6:30pm



Happy 60th Wedding
Anniversary
Alan & Elizabeth Creamer

Vow renewal
February 11, 2023



Ceremony @ 1^{pm} Blythe Chapel
Reception following @
Owensville Community Center

Time to Celebrate!

Liz Creamer ~ 5th

Monica Bryant ~ 5th

Jennifer Ahlfeld ~ 6th

Forrest Wynn ~ 7th

Chelbi Englehardt ~ 8th

Cindy Hoffman ~ 9th

Allen & Liz Creamer ~ 10th

FREE 2023

Wall Calendars are available in the narthex,



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Stodghill Funeral Home

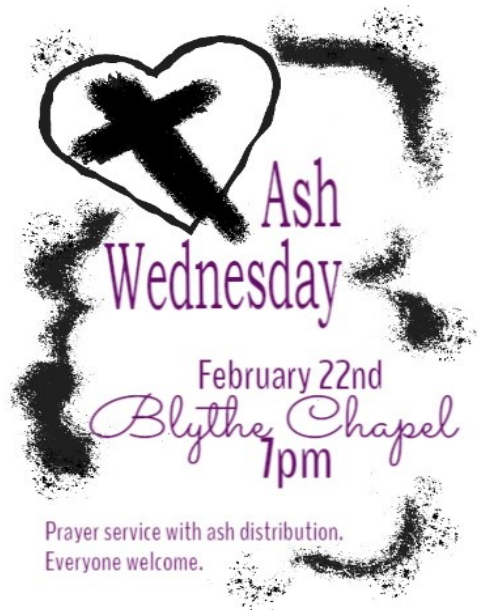
**Methodist Mountain
Mission Pick Up
Tuesday, February 7th**



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

AARP[®]
FOUNDATION
FREE TAX HELP
@ the Library

AARP TaxAide volunteers will be available to prepare in person Federal and Indiana state taxes free for those who are over 55, low to moderate income, beginning Thurs and Fri, Feb 9, 10 and each Thurs and Fri from 9:30 -1:30 by appointment. TP may signup in person at the Princeton Public Library on S Main St. and pickup a required form on Thurs and Fri. No phone calls please. Any amended returns will be done late Mar/early Apr. The program is also available at many Evansville Public Libraries and SWIRCA.



Methodist Women's Group
Next meeting on
Saturday, February 11th @ 9am
All women of the church are invited.

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

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when found in the Order of Service
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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 Fort Branch First.



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

This Sunday

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

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

6:30pm Ω Bible Study

Tuesday: Mt. Mission Truck
Pick Up

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday

9:00am Ω Methodist Women
10:00am Rural UM Grant Zoom
Seminar— BTSB ministry

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship
11:30am Ω Valentine's Dinner &
Bingo

Next Sunday's Message:

"James—
Having an
Undivided Faith...
An Effective Faith"
James 4



Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

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

***HYMN # 163** *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*

***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 #156 *I Love to Tell the Story*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

James 3 NLT

MESSAGE

"James ~ Having an Undivided Faith:
Faith and Teaching"

"THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS
GIVEN FOR YOU."

LUKE 22:19

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

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 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are opened, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE SERVING OF THE BODY AND BLOOD

In this church, all are welcome to the Lord's Table.

*HYMN # 569 *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

*BLESSING Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD
Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: insert *Thank You, Lord*

*PASSING THE PEACE:
Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE

"THIS CUP THAT IS
POURED
OUT
FOR YOU IS THE
NEW
COVENANT
IN MY BLOOD."

LUKE 22:20

PRAYER
list

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, Terri Jarboe,
Derek Barton, Jo Eckert,
Ruby Wilkerson, Scotti Pitts,
Deanna Wilson, Don Colvin,
Gretchen Young, Effie Dilbeck,
Bill Conklin, Frances Burns,
June Regenhold, Sam Smith,
Ruth Ann Sokeland*

With the current tax laws,
not everyone will need to
itemize their
2022 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

Listening Guide
“Faith and Teaching”
February 5, 2023



Scripture: James 3

How does faith relate to teaching?

_____ **Control (vs. 1-5a)**

Knowing the Tongue's _____ (vs. 5b-12)

Living _____ (vs. 13-16)

_____ **Treatment of Others (vs. 17-18)**

Personal Application: We all teach someone in our lives. Who is it that we are teaching? What is it that we are teaching? Are our teachings drawing them closer to the Lord or driving them further away?

Controlling the Tongue

³ Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly. ² Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.

³ We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. ⁴ And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. ⁵ In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches.

But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. ⁶ And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.

⁷ People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, ⁸ but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. ¹⁰ And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! ¹¹ Does a spring of water bubble out with both fresh water and bitter water? ¹² Does a fig tree produce olives, or a grapevine produce figs? No, and you can't draw fresh water from a salty spring.

True Wisdom Comes from God

¹³ If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. ¹⁵ For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. ¹⁶ For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.

¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. ¹⁸ And those who are peace-makers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.

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

Thank You, Lord

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B. S. and S. S.

BESSIE and SETH SYKES

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Thank You, Lord, for sav - ing my soul; Thank You, Lord, for

A7 D7 G G+ C

mak - ing me whole; Thank You, Lord, for giv - ing to

G C $\frac{E}{B}$ Am $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

me Thy great sal - va - tion so rich and free.



TAMING THE TONGUE

L R C C W K D F O L G N L G F B N W F Z R G P J
 Q M V U Q E R I A Z E A B W M O T M J P N N U
 J Y O L Q I E B R P E F U M O B B A K M E E B Z O
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| mercy | compassion | control | curses | defend |
| encourage | evil | family | friends | God |
| good | gossip | guard | help | honor |
| Jesus | learn | listen | Lord | love |
| praises | righteous | tame | teach | teasing |
| tongue | weapon | | | |