



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 7, 2021

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*Tithes
&
Offerings*

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Thank you



Log in with your family and friends
from the comfort of your home,
with your **bread** and **wine**.
Sunday @ 9am



Angel Wolf ~ 7th
Chelbi Englehardt ~ 8th
Cindy Hoffman ~ 9th
Allen & Liz Creamer ~ 10th
Linda Steiner ~ 11th
Shannon Dilbeck ~ 13th

A DAILY PRAYER

Whatever happens today, dear Lord, help us remember that you are present. If we find ourselves in the shadows of disappointment or rejection or pain, let us see your comforting light. If we're in the radiant light of success or acceptance or wholeness, may we acknowledge your providence and grace. Wherever we are, grant us the assurance of your nearness. Amen.



Methodist Mountain Mission Truck

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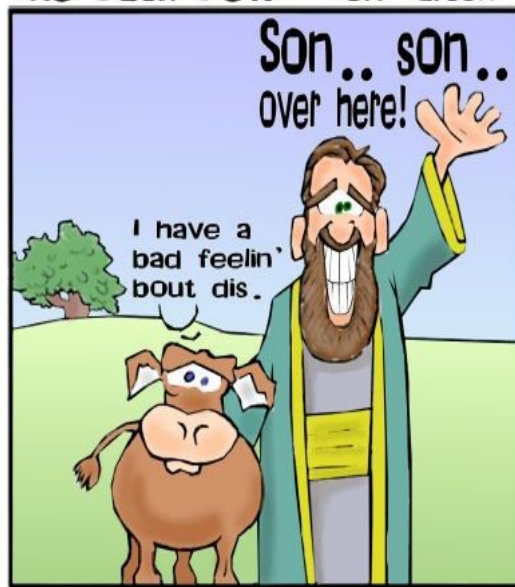
**Tuesday,
February 23rd**

The Gift of Desperation

In a 2012 interview with NPR, author Anne Lamott shared: "I've heard people say that God is the gift of desperation, and there's a lot to be said for having really reached a bottom where you've run out of anymore good ideas, or plans for everybody else's behavior; or how to save and fix and rescue; or just get out of a huge mess, possibly of your own creation. And when you're done, you may take a long, quavering breath and say, 'Help.'"

Amid the pandemic and life's other, more typical trials of life, have you found a silver lining — a gift that has arisen out of your desperation? Sometimes we're more open to God during times of struggle than when all flows smoothly. As long as we think our ideas and plans for ourselves and our loved ones are pretty good, we don't feel we need a Savior. But when life is so challenging that we call to God for help, "the gift of [that] desperation" is finding that God's loving arms have embraced and strengthened us all along.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



The 'Prodigal Son' returns and suddenly the life of the fatted family calf flashes before his teary eyes. **Luke 15:11-32**

LOVE BITES!

Retailers eager to capture some of the \$20 billion that Americans spend every year for Valentine's Day gifts are moving beyond candy and flowers. For an outside-the-box edible present for that special someone, now you can purchase a bouquet of bacon roses, pickles or even Olive Garden breadsticks. If money is tight, you can visit Waffle House on February 14, the one night it takes reservations.

Last year, a most unusual Valentine's Day promotion had no takers. A reptile park in Mosca, Colorado, offered a two-for-one deal on gator-wrestling classes, but no one "snapped" up the opportunity. Maybe another heart-shaped box of chocolates isn't such a bad idea after all!

Pull the plug on classrooms, social media, web meetings and isolation this summer, and **plug into** faith, friends, and fun!

We are **amped** to share that church camp is back for 2021! COVID is obviously still a thing, so we're going to make some necessary adjustments.

Grab a friend and make plans now to join us this summer for an **electrifying** camp experience!

Camp prices have been subsidized this year, making it that much more affordable, and [scholarships](#) are available.

For schedules and pricing, visit impact2818.org/camps. Registration opens February 5!

Camp and That Thing Registration 2021

Registration opens February 5. That Thing Groups may register at 9am Eastern on February 19. Please check back January 29, 2021 for more details. Many churches are still navigating their own operational policies and financial concerns and we want to help everyone have an equal opportunity to plan for the summer.

Scholarship Processing Opens Monday, February 1, 2021

Many families and churches have been hit hard by the economic impact of COVID-19. Please, [apply for scholarships](#) early to ensure that camp is accessible for your family.

PLUGIN 
AT CAMP THIS SUMMER!



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THIS WEEK

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

This Sunday:

9:00am *Worship online*

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

6:30pm Ω Joint SPRC
meeting

Wednesday:

9:00am The Lord's Pantry
is open to all
Haubstadt & Fort
Branch Residents

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

9:00am *Worship online*



Next Sunday Worship:

The Heart of the Older



Luke 15:25-32



Rev. John F. Baylor, Jr.

MESSAGE

"The Heart of the Younger"

Luke 15:11-24

HOLY  COMMUNION
ALL ARE WELCOME

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.



Missed the LIVE message?

Don't have a Facebook account?

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/
FortBranchFUMC/posts/](https://www.facebook.com/pg/FortBranchFUMC/posts/)



Luke 15:11-24

Parable of the Lost Son

¹¹ To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: “A man had two sons. ¹² The younger son told his father, ‘I want my share of your estate now before you die.’ So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.

¹³ “A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. ¹⁴ About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. ¹⁵ He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ “When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will go home to my father and say, “Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you,” ¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.’”

²⁰ “So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. ²¹ His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.’

²² “But his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. ²³ And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.’ So the party began.

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



Quiet the hearts of all who worship here, that we may
focus on you, O Sacred One, and bask in your love.

Prayer REQUESTS

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

*Jane Marginet, Marty Marginet,
Joann Davis Fitch, Mark Dillion,
Jake Prieshoff, Lynn Prieshoff,
Richard & Betty Michel, Becca
Manolov, Carla Jackson, Kyle Stone,
Deven Pohl, Julia Gentry, Joyce
Kruse, Lucile Johnson, Poppy Petry,
Judy Basham, Thomas Brown,
Wayne Anderson, Connie Collins,
Linda McKimmy, Bruce Rostron,
Brooks Boger,*



*We want to give God the Glory
for the many blessings in our lives.
Let's share these moments with
praise!*

*The Robicheaux family is
thankful Derek's father, Len is
now recovering after his 2-month
long battle with Covid-19.*

*A special birthday blessing to the
youngest Robicheaux grandchild,
Eli who celebrated turning one
this week.*



Listening Guide
“The Heart of the Younger”
February 7, 2021

Scripture: Luke 15:11-24

What was the younger son’s heart like?

_____ (vs. 11-16)

_____ (vs. 17-21)

_____ (vs. 22-24)

Personal Application: God loves us in this way. When we change He receives us and gives us our place in His family...period. What do our hearts look like today?

The Prodigal Son

The Parable of the Lost Son

Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. Luke 15:23-24 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 15:11-32 (NIV).



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Q O H B E O T E G E E B Q D H
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WEALTH	ESTATE	COUNTRY	PIGS	FOOD
COMPASSION	HIRED	FOUND	FEED	RING
CELEBRATE	STARVING	PROPERTY	FEAST	SONS
KISSED	FATHER	STOMACH	SPENT	LOST

