



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.

Epiphany Sunday

January 2, 2022



Dear Churches,

*As always you outdid yourselves
in showing your gratitude to my
family and I over this Christmas
season. Thank you for the cards
and the monetary gifts that you
have given to us. It is always
wonderful to know how much
you love us. Please know that it is
truly a joy and our honor to
continue serving as your pastoral
family and look forward to what
God has in store for us in the days
and years to come.*

*Blessings
The Baylor Family*

Dear Church Family,
My sincere gratitude to each
of you for showing and living
your faith. I cherish every
moment we worship together
and lift His name in song,
prayer and praise. Thank you
for letting me serve to bring
music to the worship services.
It is my joy. Wishing you all
well this holy Advent holiday
and into the New Year '22. I
appreciate your touching
Christmas card and love gift.

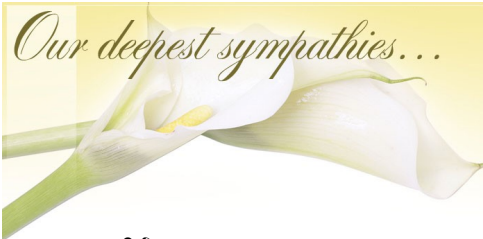
You are very dear and
special to me.
God's blessings always.
Sherry Michel



Friends,
Thank you for
remembering me this
Christmas with your
generous gift. Having
so many friends is very
humbling and
I cannot
thank you enough.
Derek

My friends at
Blythe Chapel & Fort
Branch First UMC's~

Thank You for your
generous gifts of
appreciation as well as
friendships and prayers
throughout the year.
I am truly blessed
beyond measure!
In Christ's Love, Melissa



*Roger & Nance Jones,
passing of her sister Sue
699 W 350 S
Princeton, IN 47670*

*Steve & Sherry Michel,
passing of his sister-in-law,
Betty
7886 S 38 E
Fort Branch, IN 47648*



Thank You to everyone who donated cash so that gift cards could be purchased for the 17 young people living at the United Methodist Youth Home in Evansville. Together we collected \$510 which gave each one a \$30 shopping spree. You all are awesome and I feel certain the blessing was well received!



PERHAPS YOU WERE
Created
— ESTHER 4:14 —
FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

Women's Conference 2022
Saturday, February 19th
Keynote Speaker ~Kirsten Hart

**Hot Chocolate Sunday
January 9th**

**Hot Chocolate &
Coffee will be served.**

JANUARY
BIRTHDAYS

*Sam Steinmetz ~ 4th
Melissa Almon ~ 6th
Kay Weber ~ 8th*

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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:



1/2: Carla Conklin
1/9: Monica Bryant

† 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:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed~

Saturday:

9:00am Ω Methodist Women

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship
9:30am Ω Sunday School
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship
12:00pm Ω Private Use—
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Next Sunday Worship:

*"Chosen by God:
Belonging"
John 15:7-17*



The Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

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

*HYMN #254 9:00am
#580 10:30am

*We Three Kings
Lead On, O King Eternal*

*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 #217 9:00am
#314 10:30am

*Away in a Manger
In the Garden*

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 *John 8:31-32, James 1:19-27 NLT*

MESSAGE

"Our Mission"

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.

*HYMN #249 9:00am
 #600 10:30am

*There's a Song in the Air
 Wonderful Words of Life*

*BLESSING Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD
 Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn # 251 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

*Go, tell it on the mountain,
 over the hills and everywhere;
 go, tell it on the mountain,
 that Jesus Christ is born.*

*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, Al Rostron,
 Amy Casavant, Randy Jones,
 Derek Barton, Dennis
 Woolston, Jo Eckert,
 Jerry McBee, Hattie Kroeger,
 The family of Betty Michel
 The family of Sue Mounts*

Blessings

COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE



Listening Guide
"Our Mission"
January 2, 2022

Scripture: John 8:31-32; James 1:19-27

How do we live according to our mission?

Remain _____

Accept God's _____

Do God's _____

Personal Application: "We seek to better understand the teachings of Jesus-and live those teachings." In this Mission Statement an honest description of who we are as Fort Branch First and Blythe Chapel?

Our
MISSION

John 8:31-32 NLT

Jesus and Abraham

³¹ Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. ³² And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

James 1:129-27 NLT

Listening and Doing

¹⁹ Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. ²⁰ Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. ²¹ So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.

²² But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. ²³ For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. ²⁴ You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. ²⁵ But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

²⁶ If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless. ²⁷ Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.

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

Thanks be to God!

What's in a name?

As the U.S. evacuated thousands from Afghanistan in August 2021, an Afghan woman gave birth on a plane. She named her daughter Reach — the name of the aircraft that brought her family to safety.

Many people name their children after loved ones or special events; a child born on Christmas might be called Noel or Holly. In Bible times, too, names often had meanings: Eve likely means “mother of all living”; Abraham, “father of many”; Isaac, “laughter.” Moses is a play on words with the Hebrew for “draw out” because Pharaoh's daughter drew him from the Nile.

Of course, the most important biblical name is Jesus, which means “The Lord saves.” As the angel told Joseph, “[Mary] will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21, ESV). The Christian church traditionally celebrates Name of Jesus on January 1. But every day, as we pray in Jesus' name, we remember that what's in *this* name is the salvation God offers to all.