



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.

4th Sunday after the Epiphany January 30, 2022

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

@ Fort Branch First United Methodist Church

*"Perhaps this is the moment for
which you have been created."*

Esther 4:14

Saturday, February 19th, 2022

9am ~ 2pm CST

featuring **Kirsten Hart**

Author // Speaker // Singer

Cost is \$25

includes the daylong event w/speaker, t-shirt and luncheon!

RSVP no later than **February 7th**
with t-shirt size and payment

Contact Kristi Pflug at 812/664-1108
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Being neighborly

The last time you moved into a new community, did your neighbors welcome you? From previous moves, I fondly recall receiving smiles, handshakes, baked goods and houseplants. Because one new neighborhood included two parsonages, I wasn't surprised to receive invitations to worship. After that, I began anticipating similar invitations, even though we had a church home. We don't always take our new neighbors up on the offers, but knowing that churchgoers live nearby is comforting.

When a new family moves into your neighborhood, how do you respond? Does it cross your mind to invite them to worship? Maybe they're waiting for — even needing — that invitation. To ask, you don't need to be a pastor or a member of the evangelism committee ... just a friendly neighbor. —Julie Lee



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** email: redbird937@hotmail.com or via phone (812)677-0274



Farcus by David Waisglass and Gordon Coulthart for March 24, 2019



**Methodist Mountain Mission
Pick Up
Tuesday, February 15th**

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



- Thomas Beckett ~ 1st
- Rob Beckett ~ 3rd
- Ruth Ann Salyer ~ 3rd
- Rexanne Robicheaux ~ 4th
- Liz Creamer ~ 5th
- Monica Bryant ~ 5th



Methodist Women's Group
Next meeting on
Saturday, February 12th @ 9am
All women of the church are invited.

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

Deliver to:

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when found in the Order of Service
invites you to stand - if able.

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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:



1/30: Jenni Schleter
2/6: Ali Beal-Edwards

† 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 ~
6:30pm Ω Women's Bible Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

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

Next Sunday Worship:

*"Come Follow Me~
You are Called"*
John 1:35-51

Welcome to Worship

..., each and every one of you, a chosen and beloved
child of God. May we follow Jesus
into the work of ministry.

The Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN # 110 9:00am *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
374 10:30am *Standing on the Promises*

*GREETING AND PRAYER

*We offer a cordial greeting to all worshippers 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 #399 9:00am *Take My Life, and Let it Be*
367 10:30am *He Touched Me*

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

1 Peter 2:4-12 NLT

MESSAGE

“Chosen by God~ Identity”

*HYMN # 593 9:00am
368 10:30am

*Here I Am, Lord
My Hope Is Built*

*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



*May the week ahead
be filled with the blessing of
Kindness, Peace and Joy!*

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, Mark Fear,
Steve, Jo Eckert,
Bruce Rostron, Jerry McBee,
Hattie Kroeger, Tom Miller,
AJ Albert*

Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

Blank lines for writing blessings.



Listening Guide
Chosen by God – Identity
January 30, 2022

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:4-12

What does it mean to identify with Jesus?

You Identify with the _____ (vs. 4-6)

Identify with Those Who _____ Him (vs. 7-8)

Identify with Being _____ (vs. 9-10)

Identify as _____ Residents (vs. 11-12)

Personal Application: Where's your identity? Do you find your identity in Jesus?
What does that look like for you?



1 Peter 2: 4-12 NLT

Living Stones for God's House

⁴You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor.

⁵And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple.

What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. ⁶As the Scriptures say,

"I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem,
chosen for great honor,
and anyone who trusts in him
will never be disgraced."

⁷Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. But for those who reject him,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has now become the cornerstone."

And,

"He is the stone that makes people stumble,
the rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they do not obey God's word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them.

⁹But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

¹⁰"Once you had no identity as a people;
now you are God's people.

Once you received no mercy;
now you have received God's mercy."

¹¹Dear friends, I warn you as "temporary residents and foreigners" to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. ¹²Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.

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

Thanks be to God!