



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.

7th Sunday after Pentecost July 11, 2021

6th Annual
Back School
to
BASH

Backpack & School Supply
(while supplies last)

DRIVE-THRU



Saturday, July 31st 2021

9am– NOON

A Community Event @

Fort Branch First United Methodist Church

100 W. Vine Street, Fort Branch, IN

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www.facebook.com/FortBranchFUMC

Pre-register your students using our website

www.fbfirst.org

PRE-REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED
New backpacks filled with customized supplies as
requested per student's grade/teacher.

REGISTRATION OPEN FROM
JULY 12TH-28TH

RSVP to Sue Ann 812-215-0002

Vanessa Magana

AND

Alec Steinmetz

INVITE YOU TO SHARE IN THE JOY
WHEN THEY EXCHANGE MARRIAGE VOWS
AND BEGIN THEIR NEW LIFE TOGETHER
ON SATURDAY, THE TWENTY-FIRST OF AUGUST
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-ONE
AT FOUR-THIRTY IN THE AFTERNOON

Cambridge Golf Club

1034 BEACON HILL
EVANSVILLE, IN 47725

Dinner and Reception

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE CEREMONY

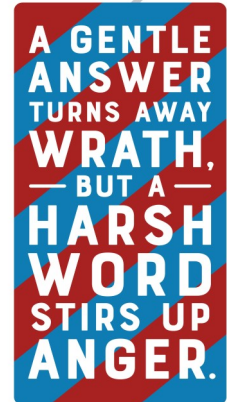
Cambridge Golf Club

A Gentle Answer

As it does this year, July 4 fell on Sunday in 1937. While Pastor Eldred Johnston led worship that morning in Paulding, Ohio, local kids set off firecrackers nearby (restrictions were rare back then). Realizing he needed to act, the pastor slipped outside during a hymn and found the revelers.

But instead of scolding or shouting, Johnston stayed calm. "I used to enjoy shooting fireworks too," he said, adding that he knew it was a fun way to celebrate. "But many in this town are gathered in worship, and the noise is very distracting. All I'm asking is that you wait until church services are over — about noon — and then shoot firecrackers all you want." The pastor smiled at each youth and returned to church.

Recounting that experience in *Liberty* magazine, Johnston said he half-expected to hear defiant explosions. Instead, the kids waited respectfully until worship was over. When conflicts loom, may we heed that example — and this advice from Proverbs: "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" (15:1, NIV).



PROVERBS 15:1, NIV

Let's Celebrate

Ben Scott ~ 11th
Kyle Pflug ~ 13th
Logan Prater ~ 13th
Jeff Lewis ~ 14th
Owen Bryant ~ 16th

FRIENDLY SIGNPOSTS

We need friends. Friends guide us, care for us, confront us in love, console us in times of pain. Although we speak of "making friends," friends cannot be made. Friends are free gifts from God. But God gives us the friends we need when we need them if we fully trust in God's love.

Friends cannot replace God. They have limitations and weaknesses like we have. Their love is never faultless, never complete. But in their limitations they can be signposts on our journey towards the unlimited and unconditional love of God. Let's enjoy the friends whom God has sent on our way.—Henri Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*



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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:



7/11: Margie Beal
7/18: Ruth Ann Salyer

† 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 ~
BtSB Open Registration

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:



Rev. John Baylor, Jr.



PRELUDE

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

***HYMN # 369** 9:00am
174 10:30am

*Blessed Assurance
His Name Is Wonderful*

***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

PRAYERS

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS
PRAYER HYMN #496 9:00am *Sweet Hour of Prayer*
#175 10:30am *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

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.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*SCRIPTURE LESSON *insert* *Philippians 4:10-23*

MESSAGE *“Encourage Each Other, Part 2”*

*HYMN #514 9:00am *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*
#172 10:30am *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

*BLESSING Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD
Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn #557 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

*Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.*

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

*THE OFFERING
*Please place your tithes and gifts in the offering plates
located at any of the three main sanctuary exits.*

POSTLUDE

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Working as the regular plate umpire for the Mt. Cattarack School for the legally blind left Roger Wrenfeld in a spirit of prayer.

Prayer REQUESTS

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

*Jane Marginet, Marty Marginet, Mark Dillion, Jake Prieshoff, Lynn Prieshoff, Richard & Betty Michel, Becca Manolov, Carla Jackson, Kyle Stone, Mark Fear, Joyce Kruse, Lucile Johnson, Poppy Petry, Judy Basham, Connie Collins, Linda McKimmy, Kim, Connie Osborn & Tommy Osborn, Alec Taylor, Connie Dunn, Ray Kifer, Brenda Kreig, Aimee Emmons, Morgan, Lisa & Bill, Linda Reed
Cori Pflug ~ Guatemala Mission Trip*

prayer

LOVE *in Action*

Cards of encouragement while Linda recovers cancer treatment :
Linda & Pastor Jeff Reed
36N Co Rd 450 East
Avon, IN 46123

HAPPY 84TH BIRTHDAY
PAUL CARDINAL
516 S Ninth Ave
Haubstadt, IN 47639

Listening Guide
"Encourage Each Other Part 2"
July 11, 2021

Scripture: Philippians 4:10-23

How does Paul encourage the Philippians?

Commends Them (vs. 1)

Settle Disagreements (vs. 2-3)

Live Faithfully (vs. 4-7)

Focus on Good (vs. 8-11)

_____ (vs. 10-14)

_____ (vs. 15-17)

Supplied _____ (vs. 18-20)

Final _____ (vs. 21-23)

Personal Application: How does Paul encourage the Philippians? Which of the four ways above will you commit to putting into practice in your life beginning this week?

Philippians 4:10-23 NLT

Paul's Thanks for Their Gifts

¹⁰ How I praise the Lord that you are concerned about me again. I know you have always been concerned for me, but you didn't have the chance to help me. ¹¹ Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. ¹² I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. ¹³ For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. ¹⁴ Even so, you have done well to share with me in my present difficulty.

¹⁵ As you know, you Philippians were the only ones who gave me financial help when I first brought you the Good News and then traveled on from Macedonia. No other church did this. ¹⁶ Even when I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once. ¹⁷ I don't say this because I want a gift from you. Rather, I want you to receive a reward for your kindness.

¹⁸ At the moment I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

²⁰ Now all glory to God our Father forever and ever! Amen.

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

