



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.
6th Sunday after Pentecost July 17, 2022

Back to School BASH

Backpack & School Supply

DRIVE-THRU



Saturday
July 30th
9am ~ 12pm

****REQUIRED Pre-registration**
of your students on our website:

www.fbfirst.org

*Backpacks custom filled for each
student and their teacher supply
list (when available).*

A Community Event
@ Fort Branch First United Methodist Church
100 W. Vine Street, Fort Branch, IN
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Anyone so inclined to help with supplies for the bash can contribute by placing a monetary donation in the offering plate with the notation "BTSB". Another way is to purchase any of the following items and leave in the collection box outside the BTSB storage closet.

- baby wipes**
- tissues**
- paper towels**
- paper plates**
- Clorox wipes**
- 2 pocket plastic folders**
- (with or without prongs)**

let's Celebrate!

Steve & Sherry Michel ~ 19th
Nathaniel Schleiter ~ 20th
Clay Pflug ~ 23rd



Need a cold beverage or a little snack when visiting the church??

Cold Sodas in the church kitchen fridge and the basket full of snacks in fellowship hall all benefit the Back to School Bash.



FRESH VEGGIES

are picked every Sunday morning and are available to everyone at the produce stand in fellowship hall.

U-Pick veggies available anytime!

Yard Sale

Saturday, Aug. 6th
8am ~ 12pm
FUNDRAISER

Anyone that wishes to donate... we will start collecting items Sunday, July 31...no sooner. Please place them in the corner of the fellowship hall. Anyone who wishes to help organize, price tag and so forth on Friday...please see Kristi Pilug.

The proceeds will go towards the **Hearts for Haiti Mission**

Fort Branch First UMC
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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:



7/17: Pam Mabrey
7/24: Debra Stephenson

† 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:

Next Sunday:

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Next Sunday:

*"Loving Your Actual Neighbor:
Giving Freely"*
Luke 7:36-50 NLT



Welcome!



Rev. John F. Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN # 514 9:00am *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*
469 10:30am *Jesus Is All the World to Me*

*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 #418 9:00am *We Are Climbing
Jacob's Ladder*
#507 10:30am x2 *Through it All*

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.



Listening Guide
“Lightening Up”
July 17, 2022

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

How does the father demonstrate lightening up?

Responded _____ **(vs. 11-12)**

Responded with _____ **(vs. 13-21)**

Responded with a _____ **(vs. 22-24)**

Responded with a _____ **(vs. 25-32)**

Personal Application: Sometimes we just need to lighten up, live and celebrate life. How easy is it for you to just lighten up when you face challenges?

Luke 15:11-32 NLT

Parable of the Lost Son

¹¹To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: “A man had two sons. ¹²The 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. ¹⁴About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. ¹⁵He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶The 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! ¹⁸I will go home to my father and say, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, ¹⁹and 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. ²¹His 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. ²³And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.’ So the party began.

²⁵“Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, ²⁶and he asked one of the servants what was going on. ²⁷‘Your brother is back,’ he was told, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.’

²⁸“The older brother was angry and wouldn’t go in. His father came out and begged him, ²⁹but he replied, ‘All these years I’ve slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. ³⁰Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!’

³¹“His father said to him, ‘Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. ³²We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!’”

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

Thanks be to God!