



We Seek to Better Understand  
the Teachings of Jesus—  
and Live those Teachings.

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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.  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** **July 2, 2023**



**A PRAYER**

*for*

**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

The following lines are from a long prayer, "That America Fulfil the Promise of Its Founding," by Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan. Though written in 1945, it rings true yet today. (Full text at <https://tinyurl.com/nhc8747x>.)

*O God, who is Liberator and Redeemer, Lawgiver and Judge, ...*

*May America remain loyal*

*to the principles of the Declaration of Independence,*

*and extend their application*

*to ever-widening areas of life.*

*Keep out of our life all manner of oppression,*

*persecution,*

*and unjust discrimination;*

*save us from religious,*

*racial and class conflicts;*

*may our country be a haven of refuge*

*to the victims of injustice and misrule.*

*Instruct us in the art of living together,*

*of reconciling differences of opinion*

*and averting clashes of interest,*

*of helping one another*

*to achieve a harmonious and abundant life ...*

*That the Star-Spangled Banner,*

*the symbol of our American democracy,*

*may ever wave o'er the land of the free*

*and the home of the brave. Amen.*





*Kayla Hall ~ 2nd*

*Paul Cardinal ~ 3rd*

*Todd Teel ~ 3rd*

*Emery Robicheaux ~ 4th*

*Karen Devine ~ 6th*

*Christian Robicheaux ~ 7th*

*Linda Springer ~ 7th*

*Sophie Gerts ~ 7th*

*Bailey Wilson ~ 8th*

*Jean Fitch ~ 8th*



**July 29, 2023**



**Methodist Women's Group**  
**Next meeting on**  
**Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9am**  
*All women of the church are invited.*

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 Fort Branch First.



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

#### This Sunday:

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live  
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday: **July 4<sup>th</sup>**

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ Office Closed ~

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

9:00 am Ω Methodist Women

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live  
streaming worship

Complete Schedule @

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As our nation  
prepares to  
celebrate its  
independence, we  
praise God for the  
freedom to gather  
for worship.

*Rev. John Baylor, Jr.*

#### PRELUDE

Derek Robicheaux ~ *The Star-Spangled Banner*

\*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

\*HYMN #698 *God of the Ages*

#### \*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 #700

*Abide with Me*

#### 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.**

#### CHILDRENS MOMENT

#### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Diana Marenholz ~ *America the Beautiful*

Jenna Schleter ~ *Here I am Lord*



*Next Sunday's Message:*

*Faith at the Pool*

*John 5:1-14*



**\*SCRIPTURE LESSON** *insert*

*Matthew 14:22-33 NLT*

**MESSAGE**

*“Focus on Faith”*

# Come to the Table

**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 #697**

*America*

**\*BLESSING**

*Pastor*

**\*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD**

*Acolytes*

**\*DEPARTING SONG:**

Hymn # 717 The Battle Hymn of the Republic, chorus

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Glory, glory hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

His truth is marching on.

**\*PASSING THE PEACE:**

*Let us greet one another with the peace of God.*

**POSTLUDE**



**Friends  
needing  
prayers**

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

*Jane Marginet, Richard Michel,  
Becca Manolov, Carla Jackson,  
Connie Osborn, Tommy Osborn,  
Morgan Whitehead, Terri Jarboe,  
Derek Barton, Jo Eckert, Ruby  
Wilkinson, Scotti Pitts, Deanna  
Wilson, Don Colvin, Gretchen  
Young, Effie Dilbeck, June  
Regenhold, Margie Beal, Lesa  
Prater, Brian Price, Roger &  
Nancy Jones, Kathy Trowbridge,  
Triston, Tegan, Chad Windell,  
Pastor John, Kristi Pflug,  
Thelma & Len Robicheaux,  
Steve*



## Jesus Walks on Water

<sup>22</sup> Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. <sup>23</sup> After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone.

<sup>24</sup> Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. <sup>25</sup> About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!"

<sup>27</sup> But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!"

<sup>28</sup> Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water."

<sup>29</sup> "Yes, come," Jesus said.

So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted.

<sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?"

<sup>32</sup> When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. <sup>33</sup> Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.

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



### It's a miracle!

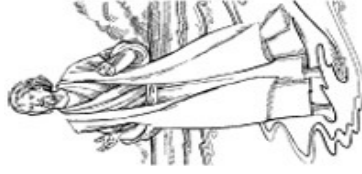
I believe in miracles. While I believe in the possibility, under God, of any kind of miracle, I am committed especially to the miracle of the changed life. When a human being goes from despair to hope, when a lost soul comes home, or when a mean and destructive person becomes kind and fruitful, the greatest of all miracles has occurred. —J. Ellsworth Kalas



# Jesus Walks on the Water

During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. Matthew 14:25 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)



## July 2023 Fundraiser

G E V E N I N G R P B C Y P O  
S S C P Q N T S D U R O O A W  
C I V D O U B T K O X A A M C  
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O N E K G A X B Y A U Y S U O  
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D L V H O Q L B O G A M Y P H  
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Cheese..... \$10

Sausage..... \$13

Pepperoni..... \$13

Beef..... \$13

Veggie..... \$12

Includes cheese, onion, green peppers, pepperoncinis, mushrooms & black olives

House..... \$15

Includes cheese, sausage, pepperoni, onion, green peppers, pepperoncinis, mushrooms & black olives

Orders need to be placed by July 14.

Contact Alyssa at 812-664-0259 or

Lil Titans Dayce Facebook page to order.

Make all checks payable to Lil Titans Daycare.

EVENING	HAND	DOUBT	WAVES
COURAGE	AFRAID	SAVE	SINK
LAKE	WALKING	BOAT	WIND
PRAY	COME	WATER	ALONE