



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 Pentecost **July 3, 2022**



Dual citizenship

For Christianity and democracy to work, both need responsible citizens. Consider what happens to a republic when its citizens won't run for public office, won't vote, won't work for the common good, duck paying taxes and mistreat others. Now consider what happens when Christians won't volunteer at the church, won't give, won't practice their faith, won't love their neighbors. Both our country and our faith need sincere practitioners. Nationally, we need a citizenry committed to making the ideals of liberty the practices of life in America. Christianity needs followers of Jesus committed to making the ideals of God's kingdom the practices of daily life.

This is not an either-or situation. Christians everywhere are citizens of two countries, one on earth and one in eternity. The kingdom of God is not yet fully come, but it's already in effect. Our two citizenships can neither be fully united nor fully separated. We cannot withdraw from the world and pretend we are somehow dwelling only in the kingdom of God now; nor can we simply embrace the world and assume earthly governments fulfill God's will. Those are extremes, and they are unbiblical.



Psalm 33:12

—from a sermon by Stan Purdum

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



Saturday, July 30th
9am ~ 12pm

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)



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!

Freedom

Each one of us is born most free
 And we alone can choose
 To do what God would have us
 do,
 To use what God would use.

Or we are also free to seek
 The proud and selfish way —
 A life where other gods come
 first
 To reign and hold full sway.

But when we follow where
 Christ leads,
 We find that freedom's place
 Is really in God's will for us,
 And we have chosen GRACE!

—Peggy Ferrell, *Prayers and Poems*



let's Celebrate!

Todd Teel ~ 3rd
Karen Devine ~ 6th
Christian Robicheaux ~ 7th
Linda Springer ~ 7th
Sophie Gerts ~ 7th
Bailey Wilson ~ 8th
Jean Fitch ~ 8th
Kelly & Melissa Foster ~ 9th

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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:



7/3: Margie Beal
7/10: Ruth Ann Salyer

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

This Sunday 4th of July weekend
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 Women's Group

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

Next Sunday:

*"Loving Your Actual Neighbor:
Accepting What Is"*
Luke 5:17-26

God Bless



...land that I love.

*Welcome to worship in Jesus' name.
As we pray today that God bless America, may the whole world
know God's goodness and live in peace and love.*

Rev. John F. Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN # 697 9:00am *America*
696 10:30am *America the Beautiful*

*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 #696 9:00am *America the Beautiful*
#378 10:30am *Amazing Grace*

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

Listening Guide
“Standing in the Awkward”
July 3, 2022

Scripture: John 4:1-24

How did Jesus handle standing in the awkward?

_____ **Himself in These (vs. 1-8)**

Set Up an _____ **(vs. 9-15)**

He _____ **Steps In (vs. 16-18)**

He _____ **(vs. 19-24)**

Personal Application: Standing in the awkward is not fun for anyone. How often do you do it? How often do you choose to do it in order to love your “actual” neighbor?

John 4:1-24 NLT

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

⁴ Jesus knew the Pharisees had heard that he was baptizing and making more disciples than John ² (though Jesus himself didn't baptize them—his disciples did). ³ So he left Judea and returned to Galilee.

⁴ He had to go through Samaria on the way. ⁵ Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. ⁷ Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." ⁸ He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.

⁹ The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"

¹⁰ Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water."

¹¹ "But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket," she said, "and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water?" ¹² And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?"

¹³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. ¹⁴ But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

¹⁵ "Please, sir," the woman said, "give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water."

¹⁶ "Go and get your husband," Jesus told her.

¹⁷ "I don't have a husband," the woman replied.

Jesus said, "You're right! You don't have a husband— ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!"

¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "you must be a prophet. ²⁰ So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?"

²¹ Jesus replied, "Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews. ²³ But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. ²⁴ For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

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

Thanks be to God!



Independence Day

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AMERICA

BACKYARD

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CELEBRATE

DECLARATION

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HONOR

HOT DOG

JULY

PARADE

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RELAX

REVOLUTION

SOUSA

SPEECH

SUMMER

SUNNY

VACATION

VETERANS



Back School to 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

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