

United Methodist Church

*Blythe Chapel & Fort Branch First
Congregations*

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Office Hours

Monday ~ Wednesday,

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Closed Thursday and Friday

Blythe Chapel

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Owensville, IN 47665

Fort Branch First

P. O. Box 116

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Fort Branch, IN 47648



All are always welcome!

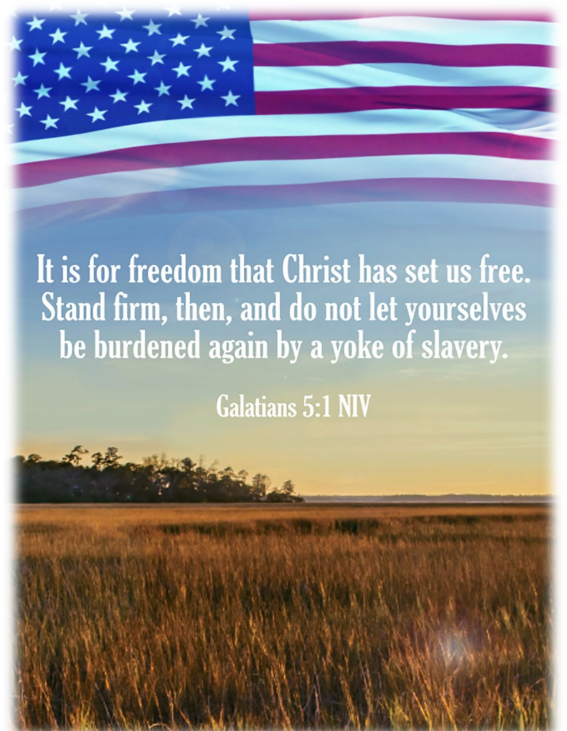
Freedom Worth Guarding

Because many Americans have never known life without freedom, it can be easy to take our liberties for granted. The Israelites, however, knew the harsh reality of slavery. Yet even after God led them out of Egypt, they struggled to embrace their newfound freedom. Faced with uncertainty, they grew fearful and complained against Moses and Aaron, longing for the familiarity of their former bondage rather than trusting God's provision.

Their story feels surprisingly familiar. As Christians, we have been set free through a far greater deliverance. Our freedom was secured at a great cost through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And yet, we sometimes drift back toward old habits, attitudes and patterns that once held us captive.

Scripture reminds us to stand firm in the freedom we have been given. As Paul writes in Galatians 5:1 (NKJV), "Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage."

True freedom is not simply the absence of restraint. It is the opportunity to live fully in God's grace, walking in obedience, joy and purpose. This kind of freedom is worth celebrating, protecting and living out every day.





Missions in Motion: **JULY**
Cereal
Toilet Paper



August 1st

Participating in the annual Fort Branch Town-Wide Yard Sales

CHURCH

YARD
SALE

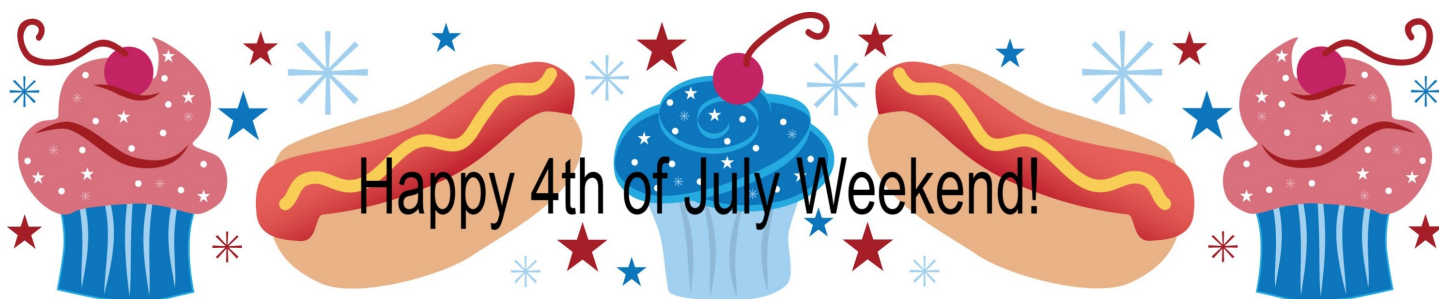
*Start collecting
your items to
donate.
Do NOT bring to
the fellowship
until
Sunday, July 26th*

*Contact is Kristi
812/664-1108*

*All proceeds for
the Feb. 20, 2027
Women's
Conference.*

Sunday, July 26th
11:30am

Simplified
BOARD



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

Deliver to:

* -This symbol,
when found in the Order of Service
invites you to stand - if able.

CCLI #2446518
Streaming License # 20701562

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children are welcome in the worship service! We do provide a nursery, located in the education wing near the restrooms.

Church
THIS WEEK

This Sunday:

9:30am ~ Coffee & Fellowship
10:30am ~ Worship & Live Streaming Worship

Monday:

Tuesday:

4:00pm ~ Yoga, for everyone

Wednesday:

9:30am ~ Companions in Christ Devotions

Thursday :

8:30-3pm ~ Office Closed ~
~ Finish It Thursday

Friday:

4:30-7pm ~ Office Closed ~
~ Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

9:30am ~ Coffee & Fellowship
10:30am ~ Worship & Live Streaming Worship

Summer
Office Hours

Pastor Randy
Monday & Wednesday
Melissa
Tuesday & Wednesday



On this Sunday following our nation's celebration of independence, we are grateful you have come to worship Almighty God, who continues to bless our land in countless ways. Welcome!

MUSICAL ACCOMPANIST

Ben Scott

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.

WORSHIP THROUGH GATHERING

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #157

Jesus Shall Reign

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy One, As we gather this morning to worship you,
May we speak truth,

So that our words may give grace to those who hear.

May we pray in faith,

So that our words may give grace to those who hear.

May we sing with joy,

So that our words may give grace to those who hear.

May we listen with open minds and receptive hearts,

So that Your words may give grace to us who hear.

Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #301

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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***

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

THE OFFERING: The Gathering of the Gifts

*Presentation of Gifts with Offertory Response: **Hymn #95**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 91:14-16, NLT

¹⁴ The LORD says, "I will rescue those who love me.

I will protect those who trust in my name.

¹⁵ When they call on me, I will answer;

I will be with them in trouble.

I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶ I will reward them with a long life
and give them my salvation."

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

MESSAGE

"How to Hear from God"

..... Come to the Table 

HOLY COMMUNION

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

*HYMN # 369

Blessed Assurance

*BLESSING

Companions In Lead by
Pastor Randy
Wednesdays @ 9:30am **Christ**

Church **FAMILY** —PRAYER LIST—

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

**Jane Marginet, Terri
Jarboe, Liz & Alan
Creamer, Paul & Jeanie
Cardinal, Zach Anderson,
Morgan Whitehead, Jim
Feutz, Roger & Nancy
Jones, Kathy Trowbridge,
Kelsey Holder, Sherry
Holder, Linda & Shane
Springer, Darla Lewis,
Sherry Michel, Wayne
Anderson, Larry Hunter,
Alec Taylor, Gary
Sokeland, Clay Pflug,
Crystal Smith**

250th
Anniversary
1776-2026
USA

July
BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES

Karen Devine ~ 6th
Linda Springer ~
7th
Bailey Wilson ~ 8th
Kelly & Melissa
Foster ~ 9th
Ben Scott ~ 11th

Spaghetti Dinner **FUNDRAISER**

**BLYTHE CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TORNADO RELIEF AND REBUILDING**



**SPAGHETTI W/ MEAT SAUCE
CAESAR'S SALAD, BREADSTICK, DESSERT AND DRINK**

FREE Will Donations

July 10, 2026, 4:30 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.

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Crowd Pleasing Gift Baskets
PRIZE DRAW TICKETS AVAILABLE WITH DONATION

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are 2 sign up sheets posted on the hallway Bulletin Board. We need help with this event and we need desserts to offer. Desserts will be served on a plate or bowl, so no need to bring in individual portion sizes.

Back School to IBASH

Backpack & School Supply



REGISTRATION OPENS

JULY 6th

*Saturday
July 25th
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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