



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.

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost July 18, 2021

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Back School**  
**to**  
**BASH**

*Backpack & School Supply*  
(while supplies last)

**DRIVE-THRU**



**Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> 2021**

**9am– NOON**

A Community Event @

**Fort Branch First United Methodist Church**

100 W. Vine Street, Fort Branch, IN

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Pre-register your students using our website

[www.fbfirst.org](http://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 12<sup>TH</sup>-28<sup>TH</sup>**

## Giving our best

Have you noticed that family tension tends to ratchet up as summer progresses? As you may have found during quarantine, bickering often escalates as siblings and parents spend more unstructured time together.

To be honest, I add to the problem sometimes. After I expend energy at work, navigate all our schedules and try to serve my friends and community, little of my "best" is left by day's end. My family often gets the leftovers — literally and figuratively.

In "Be King," Christian musician Brian Morykon sings about the struggles of expressing love, even to relatives: "Be gentle to your brother/ Jesus will show you how./ Choose to bless your enemies/ even those that live in your house."

Our Savior sets an example by always loving me and always giving his best. That knowledge can help me flip things around and find ways to give my best, not my leftovers, to the people in my house.

—Janna Firestone

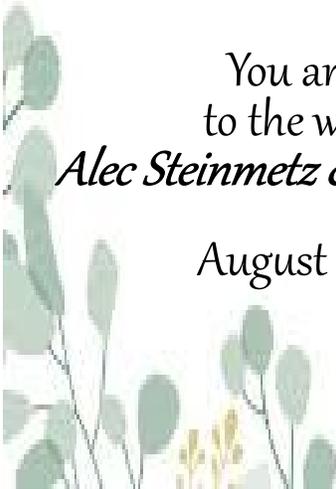


*Let's Celebrate*

*Elizabeth Rostron ~ 18th*  
*Steve & Sherry Michel ~ 19th*  
*Nathaniel Schleiter ~ 20th*  
*Clay Pflug ~ 23rd*  
*Alva & Elizabeth Rostron ~ 23rd*



Thank you for attending  
our shower and the  
wonderful gifts.  
Special thanks to those that  
helped host it.  
Alec & Vanessa  
Don & Sue Ann Steinmetz



You are invited  
to the wedding of  
*Alec Steinmetz & Vanessa Magana*

August 21, 2021 @ 4:30pm  
Cambridge Golf Club  
Please RSVP by  
August 1<sup>st</sup>  
to Don & Sue Ann

## The flavor of the gospel

"You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor?" (Matthew 5:13, NLT). These words from Jesus might seem strange to us — *can* salt lose its flavor? But in New Testament times, most of the salt used as seasoning, preservative, medicinal aid and more came from the Dead Sea, where impurities often compromised its usefulness, especially its flavor.

Jesus urges his disciples — including us — to not let the flavor of the gospel be suppressed in our lives. What might do this? Teachings that treat patriotism, prosperity or any other value as equal to Jesus; the tendency to elevate one nation, church denomination, theological understanding or religious tradition above all others; such intense focus on the laws of ancient Israel that we neglect the superseding grace of God. But neither should we force the gospel on people, like overpowering their food by dumping in too much salt at once.

As followers of Jesus, we're the salt of the earth. Let us use his good news to *gently* season others' lives with service and love.

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when found in the Order of Service  
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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:



7/18: Ruth Ann Salyer

7/25: Pam Mabrey

† 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

1:00pm Ω Lucile Johnson  
memorial service

~ Office Closed ~

Monday:

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:

*"Six Habits of Holiness,  
Part 2"*  
*Galatians 5: 13-6:10*

WELCOME  
to Worship!

*Rev. John Baylor, Jr.*

### PRELUDE

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

**\*HYMN**

# 171 10:30am *There's Something About That Name*

**\*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

#### PRAYERS

**SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**PRAYER HYMN**

#496 10:30am *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

#### 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 Galatians 5:13-6:10*

**MESSAGE** *“Six Habits of Holiness, Part 1”*

**\*HYMN** #170 10:30am *O How I Love Jesus*

**\*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**

...BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT...  
SINGING & MAKING MELODY  
TO THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART.



Ephesians 5:18-19, ESV

*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, Poppy Petry, Judy Basham, Connie Collins, Ray Kifer*
- Linda McKimmy, Kim, Connie Osborn & Tommy Osborn, Alec Taylor, Connie Dunn, Aimee Emmons, Morgan, Lisa & Bill, Linda Reed, Karen Windell*
- Cori Pflug ~ Guatemala Mission Trip*
- The family of Brenda Krieg*
- The family of Lucile Johnson*



*Larry & Carolyn Johnson,  
loss of his mother Lucile  
239 E 750 S  
Fort Branch, IN 47648*

*George Krieg,  
loss of his wife Brenda  
1699 E 600 S  
Fort Branch, IN 47648*

**Listening Guide**  
**“The Six Habits of Holiness – Part 1”**  
**July 18, 2021**

**Scripture:** Galatians 5:13-6:10

**What are the six habits of holiness?**

**Clear** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Declared** \_\_\_\_\_

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**We will look at the other three habits next week.**

**Personal Application:** Take a close look at your life this week and how you live it. Look for these habits of holiness as you live day to day. Rejoice when you find them, repent when you don't. Are these habits alive in you?

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## *Galatians 5:13-6:10 NLT*

<sup>13</sup> For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup> But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another.

### **Living by the Spirit's Power**

<sup>16</sup> So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. <sup>17</sup> The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. <sup>18</sup> But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses.

<sup>19</sup> When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

<sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. <sup>25</sup> Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.

### **We Harvest What We Plant**

**6** Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. <sup>2</sup> Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.

<sup>4</sup> Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else. <sup>5</sup> For we are each responsible for our own conduct.

<sup>6</sup> Those who are taught the word of God should provide for their teachers, sharing all good things with them.

<sup>7</sup> Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. <sup>8</sup> Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.

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