



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.

2nd Sunday after Pentecost June 11, 2023

Our Church sanctuary has an AC unit that is nearly 24 years old and had decided it no longer wants to provide cool air on hot summer Sunday mornings. If you would like to help with the replacement cost, please indicated "New A/C" on an envelope provided in the pews and place in the offering plate.



FLAG DAY



June 14th

Did you know you could drop off your torn and tattered US flags at the Fort Branch VFW, for proper ceremonial flag burning? Fort Branch First has a basket in the mail station for collection or you can drop it off in the flag drop box near the VFW building on US Hwy 41.



Cold Sodas in the church kitchen fridge, hot drink station and the snack counter in fellowship hall all benefit the 8th Annual Back to School Bash. Check out the new selection of snacks just added this week.



July 29, 2023



Please join us to celebrate
Nathan Schleiter
on Sunday, June 25th from 2
-4pm @ First UMC 100 W.
Vine Street Please call or
text RSVP to Jenni 812-499-



celebrate!

Heath Hoffman ~ 11th
Kyra Smith ~ 11th
Valerie Cox ~ 13th
Addison Englehardt ~ 14th
Charity Baylor ~ 17th
Paul & Jeanie Cardinal ~ 17th



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Alizebeth Woehler
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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:

Wednesday: Flag Day

3:30pm Ω Port Gibson 4-H

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday

Next Sunday: Father's Day

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

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Guest Speaker Rev. John Windell

PRELUDE

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

***HYMN #139** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*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 #328

*Surely the Presence
of the Lord*

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.

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.



Next Sunday's Message:



CHILDRENS MOMENT

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*SCRIPTURE LESSON *insert*

Matthew 9:9-13 NRSVA
Romans 4:13-25 NRSVA

MESSAGE

“Dining with Jesus”

*HYMN #160

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn # 177

He Is Lord

He is Lord, He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead
And he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE

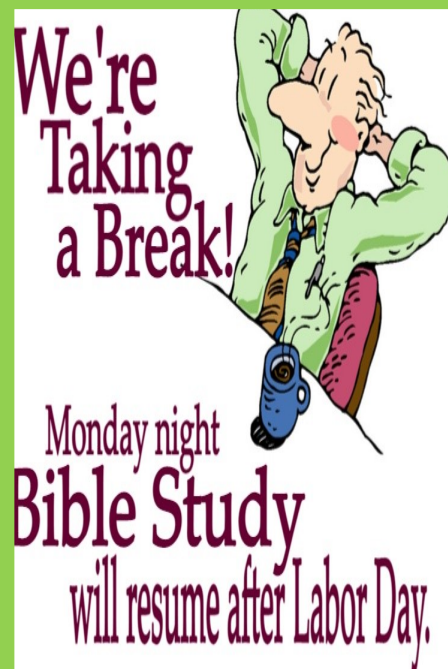


The church office is having consistent technical issues with Google not delivering mass/group emails to our recipients. Please note the newsletter is sent every Thursday (with few exceptions) and prayer chain notifications are sent as often as requested. Many committee emails are also not getting through to everyone. Please note, Melissa is working with our service provider, but this is a new “roadblock” from Google to start managing excessive spam emails being sent hourly, world-wide, so I am told. Let me know if you are not getting emails and I will try to manage a new route for you. Also, please update your contact information by using the pew attendance sheets. Those are collected and processed weekly.

PRAYER list

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, Alec Taylor, Morgan Whitehead, Terri Jarboe, Derek Barton, Jo Eckert, Ruby Wilkerson, 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



Matthew 9:9-13 NRSVA

The Calling of Matthew

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' ¹² But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

Romans 4:13-25 NRSVA

God's Promise Realized through Faith

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ²³ Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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



The Calling of Matthew

"For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."
 Matthew 9:13 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 9:9-13 (NIV)

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MERCY	SITTING	BOOTH	SINNERS
RIGHTEOUS	FOLLOW	HOUSE	SICK

