

The First United  
Methodist Church of  
Fort Branch



Blythe Chapel United  
Methodist Church

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Our Mission....  
*To make disciples of  
Jesus Christ for the  
transformation of the  
world.*

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and Friday



**Wonder of wonders**

The world is filled with wonders, writes Nathaniel Olson. Consider chemistry: Salt is formed by two poisonous substances (sodium and chlorine). The alnico magnet, the world's strongest, contains three nonmagnetic substances (aluminum, nickel and cobalt). And water consists of oxygen (which is flammable) and hydrogen (which burns easily); yet water puts out fires!

That pales in comparison to the wonder of salvation through Jesus. Every day, Olson writes, Jesus transforms filthy, hopeless sinners into new, forgiven creations. "On the skid rows of our cities, in wealthy and poor homes, in jungles ... whenever any soul wants Christ, the wonder of the new birth is taking place."

Our God is the true Wonder of wonders. "None can compare" (Psalm 40:5).



*God proves his  
love for us in  
that while we  
still were sinners  
Christ died for us.*

ROMANS 5:8, NRSV



**Of rocks and repentance**

Before recently closing to tourists, Australia's majestic Uluru (formerly called Ayers Rock) was popular with climbers. Many took home illegal souvenirs, sometimes later mailing them back to park rangers after experiencing what they considered bad luck.

So many pilfered mementos were returned, often with notes of apology, that rangers called them "sorry rocks." The returns merely created more work for park staff, who urged visitors not to take specimens in the first place.

"Sorry rocks" is a fitting image for our sins, which the Bible describes as weights and entanglements (see Hebrews 12:1). As sinners, we can't remove those heavy burdens on our own. But through Christ's redeeming work on our behalf, we can "return" the rocks of wrongdoing. When we repent and seek forgiveness, God promises to "remember [our] sins no more" (Hebrews 8:12).

# Rev. Brian White **RETIREMENT**

Fort Branch First UMC,

A former pastor of your church, Brian White, is retiring from the full-time ministry this year. His last Sunday is June 22nd and due to Brian's lifelong love of music we are planning a Retirement Celebration Concert to be held at St Mark's United Methodist Church in Carmel, IN at 2pm, June 22nd with a reception immediately following in honor of Brian's loyal and fruitful service. It would be wonderful if you could attend!!

We are also asking for letters or cards from church members with words of encouragement and stories from your time in ministry together. Please mail cards and letters to: St Marks United Methodist Church 4780 E 126th St. Carmel, IN 46033  
Thank you so much for your support in making this a time of celebration for Pastor Brian. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the church office or me at 317-496-2658 or [holly.e.moore693@gmail.com](mailto:holly.e.moore693@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Holly Moore Leadership Board Chair  
St Marks United Methodist Church



## **Methodist Mountain Mission Pick Up**



**Tuesday,  
June 10<sup>th</sup>**



## **Constant and unchanging**

Summer's arrival feels positive to many people but may not be smooth for all. Families who rely on regular school meals for their children must stretch grocery dollars further. Heat poses risks for elderly people who lack air conditioning. Work can be difficult to find in the summer months, and uncertainty looms for recent graduates. Meanwhile, concerns such as wars, natural disasters and health problems don't take a summer break.

St. Teresa of Avila (1515–1582) prayed, "May you be blessed forever, Lord, for being constant and unchanging, amidst all the changes of the world." Her prayer is as appropriate today as nearly 500 years ago. When all around us is unstable and unreliable, God's love and faithfulness are constant and trustworthy.



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\* -This symbol,  
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 provide a nursery, located in  
the education wing near the restrooms.



This Sunday: *Pentecost Sunday*  
10:30am ~ *Worship & Live  
streaming worship*

Monday: ~ *Office Closed ~*  
Tuesday: ~ *Methodist Mt.  
Mission Truck P/U*  
5:30pm ~ *Yoga*

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ *Office Closed ~*  
8:30-3:00 ~ *F.I.T.*

Friday: ~ *Office Closed ~*

Saturday:

Next Sunday: *Father's Day*  
10:30am ~ *Worship & Live  
streaming worship*

*Full calendar of events:*  
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# Welcome

## Guest Speaker, Kristi Pflug

#### PRELUDE

#### 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 #314

*In The Garden*

\*AFFIRMATION FROM ROMANS

HYMN #887

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or  
famine, Or nakedness or peril or sword?

**No!**

***In all things we are more than conquerors  
through the One who loved us.***

***We are sure that neither  
death nor life,  
nor angels, nor principalities  
nor things present, nor thing to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.***

#### WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #2086

*Open Our Eyes*

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***

## 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

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### SCRIPTURE

**John 3:16-18, NIV**

*<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.*

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

## MESSAGE

***"Good News for Hopeless Sinners"***

## WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

\*HYMN # 310

**He Lives**

\*BLESSING



When on vacation,  
be with us in spirit.  
The rest of the summer,  
be with us in person.

## Prayer Requests

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

**Jane Marginet, June Regenhold, Mark Fear, Deanna Wilson, Terri & Steve Jarboe, Norman Bullock, Liz & Alan Creamer, Frances Burns, Paul & Jeanie Cardinal, John & Beverly Boss, Zach Anderson, Morgan Whitehead, Roger Jones, Pastor Randy & Julie, Carolyn Jones, Jim Feutz**  
**The family of Brian Steinmetz**



**Todd & Sonya Teel ~ 8th**

**June Regenhold ~ 10th**

**Heath Hoffman ~ 11th**

**Kyra Odom ~ 11th**  
**Addison Englehardt ~ 14th**