

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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**Office Hours**  
Tuesday & Wednesday,  
9:00 am– 2:00 pm  
Closed Monday, Thursday  
and Friday



**Tell your story**

In his *Confessio*, St. Patrick shares his fascinating biography, placing Jesus at the center. Believers should follow suit, especially in a culture that is "ignoring and forgetting the Christian story," states Father Billy Swan. At WordOnFire.org, the Irish Catholic priest writes:

"Our calling is to retell the greatest story ever told and to help people find their place within the drama in which God has created them to participate. Like St. Patrick, we retell that story not as detached bystanders but as witnesses whose lives have been changed by being drawn deeper into the dynamics of the great love story of God and his people."

Patty Breen, a lay minister in Michigan, also finds inspiration from the fifth-century saint. "The journey and life story of St. Patrick invite us to wrestle with and consider these questions," she writes. "Who is God for me? How do I contribute to the coming of the kingdom of God? What is God's plan for my life? Where am I invited to serve?"

Writing down our own *Confessio*, or faith story, is "a way to remember and see God's presence with you at each step of your life," adds Breen, "even at times when you weren't necessarily following God."

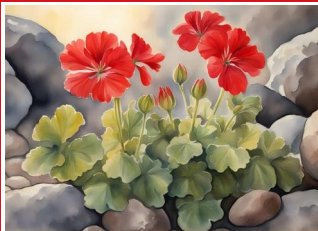


**Good Friday**

12 Hour Prayer Vigil  
6am ~ 6pm

You're invited to be an  
integral link in this  
unceasing prayer chain  
for our church,  
community and world.

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Deaconess Gibson  
Hospital Auxiliary  
will have their  
annual fund-  
raiser/geranium  
sale on

**April 14th and 15th  
from 9AM-4PM**

@ Princeton Public Library.

Proceeds are used to fund a \$1000  
scholarship to a senior student at  
each of the 3 county schools who  
plan to enter the healthcare field.

Colors of choice this year are: **red,  
orange, pink, hot pink and white**  
and they are \$6.50 each.

Preordered geraniums can be picked up  
and paid for (CASH OR CHECK  
ONLY) as follows: A thru M on Mon the  
14th and N thru Z Tues the 15th. I will  
take any orders until Apr. 1st.

**Advanced preorders are accepted**  
by calling

**Darla Lewis at 812-457-4683.**

The auxiliary thanks you for your  
support.



The Lord's Pantry has a current need for

## Cake Icing

They currently have between 75-150 boxes  
of dry cake mixes, but only 10 cans of icing.



## Solo Christianity? No way!

"Christianity was never intended to be a solo  
walk with God," says pastor Jeremy Basset. "A  
conversion to Christianity is also incorporation in the  
body of Christ, the church."

Christians don't take Holy Communion alone;  
the very name of this sacrament refers to unity with  
God and others. We don't baptize ourselves. We don't  
learn Scripture or Christian theology and history  
alone. We can't have Christian fellowship by ourselves.

The New Testament is clear that one cannot be  
a solitary Christian. We are members of Christ's body  
(Ephesians 5:30) and "belong to the family of  
believers" (Galatians 6:10, NIV).

Palm Sunday is the perfect day to receive new  
members into our congregation, baptize individuals  
that wish to experience this sacrament and celebrate  
anyone wishing to remember their own baptism. If  
you are one of these people, please contact the  
church office or speak with Pastor Randy soon.

## Puzzle!



Fill in the blanks with the tiny creatures  
mentioned in each verse (all NIV). Then search  
for those words in the puzzle below.

Proverbs 6:6

Psalm 78:45

Matthew 23:24

Judges 14:8b

Acts 12:23

Leviticus 11:22

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Deuteronomy 7:20

Exodus 16:20

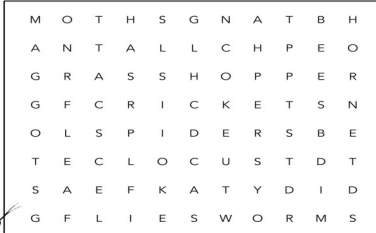
1 Samuel 24:14

Isaiah 50:9

Isaiah 59:5

Leviticus 11:22

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Answers: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots,  
flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket



**Fort Branch First UMC**  
**P. O. Box 116**  
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**Deliver to:**



\* -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.

## Lenten SCHEDULE

This Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

10:30am ~ *Worship & Live  
streaming worship*

Monday: ~ *Office Closed ~*

6:30pm ~ *Bible Study*

Tuesday:

5:30pm ~ *Yoga*

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ *Office Closed ~*

8:30-3:00 ~ *Finish It Thursday*

Friday: ~ *Office Closed ~*

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

10:30am ~ *Worship & Live  
streaming worship*



## Rev. Randy Anderson

### 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 #277

*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

**RESPONSIVE READING HYMN #466** *An Invitation to Christ*

*Come, my Light, and illumine my darkness.*

*Come, my Life, and revive me from death.*

*Come, my Physician, and heal my wounds.*

*Come, Flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns  
of my sins, kindling my heart with the flame of  
thy love.*

*Come, my King, sit upon the throne of my heart and  
reign there.*

*Four thou alone art my King and my Lord. Amen.*

### WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #2158

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

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 DOXOLOGY:

**Hymn #99**

*To God be the glory, to God be the glory,  
to God be the glory for the things he has done.  
With his blood he has saved me;  
with his power he has raised me;  
to God be the glory for things he has done.*

### WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

**John 10:9-10, NLT**

*<sup>9</sup> Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be  
saved. They will come and go freely and will find good  
pastures. <sup>10</sup> The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My  
purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.*

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

MESSAGE

**"Steps of the Christian L-I-F-E"**

### WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

\*HYMN #601

**Thy Word Is a Lamp**

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE #2129

**I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**



SECOND SUNDAY  
*in*  
LENT

## Lenten Prayer Needs

*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,  
Karen Devine, Fred &  
Debra Stephenson*



*McKinlee Marginet  
~ 17<sup>th</sup>*

*Mason Marginet ~  
17<sup>th</sup>*

*Bill & Carla  
Conklin ~ 18<sup>th</sup>*

*Laura Nurrenbern  
~ 22<sup>nd</sup>*



# Holy Week

## Palm Sunday ~ April 13<sup>th</sup>

9:00<sub>am</sub> ~ Blythe Chapel  
10:30<sub>am</sub> ~ Fort Branch First  
& Live Streaming

## Holy Thursday ~ April 17<sup>th</sup>

6:00<sub>pm</sub> ~ Communion  
@ Fort Branch First UMC

## Good Friday ~ April 18<sup>th</sup>

6<sub>am</sub>-6<sub>pm</sub> ~ 12 Hour Prayer Vigil

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## Easter Sunday ~ April 20<sup>th</sup>

7:00<sub>am</sub> ~ Sunrise Service w/Communion  
@ Blythe Chapel UMC  
w/ Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast  
following

9:00<sub>am</sub> ~ Easter Worship Service  
w/Communion & Live Stream  
@ Fort Branch First UMC

8:00<sub>am</sub> ~ Easter Morning Breakfast

The Methodist



*Your Easter Lily dedications will help to decorate and grace the sanctuary on  
Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025*

*You may dedicate your flower to Honor or Remember someone.  
Please fill out the order form and place with payment: in the offering plate, give to  
Zella Frey or Melissa Foster or mail to  
First United Methodist Church PO Box 116, Fort Branch, IN 47648  
The last day to order is **Sunday, March 30, 2025**  
Please indicate In Memory of ~ In Honor of*

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*From: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Number of Lilies \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 each    Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_*