

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



## Sharing our Easter inheritance

After David Clarke's mother died in a cycling accident, she left him \$125,000. Inspired by how his mom had lived, he decided to share that inheritance with his community. Clarke chose four organizations that assist people in poverty, those with special needs and others. Liverpool (U.K.) Kids Plant to Plate received one-fourth of the money to teach urban kids about food growth and preparation. Team Oasis, which provides free meals and positive opportunities to disadvantaged families, also received 25% of the funds, as did two other nonprofits.

Through Jesus' death and resurrection, we too have an inheritance (see Colossians 1:12). Because we did nothing to earn this abundant love and life — and because God teaches us to serve and care for others — we look for ways to share it.

Unlike Clarke's monetary windfall, however, our gifts of salvation, grace, joy, love and blessing never run out. In fact, the more we share Jesus' love through word and deed, the more we experience it ourselves. As Clarke keeps his mom's spirit alive by following her example, so we, as Easter people, make the Spirit of God known far and wide.





Deaconess Gibson Hospital Auxiliary will have their annual fundraiser/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.

# Baptisms

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.



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.

## Two-way benefits

"When you do nothing, you feel overwhelmed and powerless," observed Connecticut politician Pauline Keezer. "But when you get involved, you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better." Indeed, it's impossible to shine light in someone else's life without lighting up your own.

We might think being generous toward another with our time or possessions leaves us with less. But as Jesus said, "Whoever loses their life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 10:39, NIV). How common it is that when we minister to others in Christ's name, we find we have also — or perhaps even more so — received ministry. This is the miracle of God's love at work.

**When the Holy Ghost has you delete your social media zinger & just hit reply "OK"**  
2 Tim 2:23, Ps 19:14, Pr 17:28



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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.

## Lenten SCHEDULE

This Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
10:30am ~ *Worship & Live  
streaming worship*

Monday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Friday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
10:30am ~ *Worship & Live  
streaming worship*



## Special Guest Speaker, Rev. Claudel Zephyr

### 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 #172

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

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

### WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #171 *There's Something About That Name*

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 #70**

*Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

### WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

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

MESSAGE

**Rev. Claudel Zephyr**

### WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

\*HYMN #130

*God will Take Care of You*

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE #2129

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*



THIRD 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,  
Pastor Randy & Julie  
The family of Cathleen  
Minton**



**Jeff & Laura Nurrenbern,  
Loss of her mother  
12936 S Sunset DR  
Haubstadt, IN 47639**



**Kelton Edwards ~ 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Chase Foster ~ 25<sup>th</sup>  
Hannah Bryant ~ 27<sup>th</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 \_\_\_\_\_*