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Fort Branch



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

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Closed Monday, Thursday
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SEE LIGHT, BE LIGHT

In January 2021, National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman presented her poem "The Hill We Climb" at the presidential inauguration. The final lines read: "For there is always light, / if only we're brave enough to see it. / If only we're brave enough to be it."

How often we long for light! In recent years we've agonized amid pandemic, angry politics and new awareness of racism. Some have suffered deep sorrow. But Jesus says, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12) and invites us to turn to him. God is always bringing light into darkness, through helpers, healers, peacemakers, friends. Sometimes bravery is required to turn our focus from the negative to the positive — to see the light of God.

Jesus also says, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14, emphasis added) and calls us to brighten the gloom. That requires bravery, as Gorman notes, but as Christians we're urged to look for light not just to make our own lives better but to shine into others' lives too. The Holy Spirit gives us the needed courage — to both see and be light.



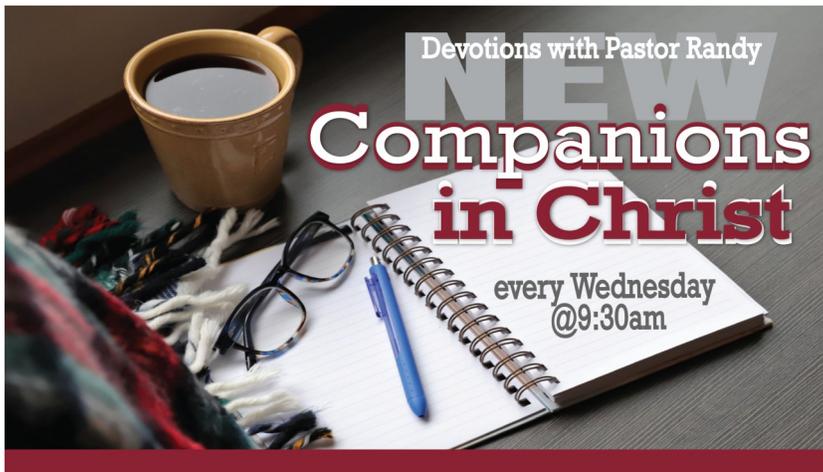
Third Sunday IN LENT

The cost of hiding our light

A Los Angeles restaurant owner recently discovered that a neon light had been covered — without being disconnected first — during a construction project 77 years prior. The calculated electricity cost to run the hidden light all that time was \$17,000!

People don't intentionally hide light; that would be counterproductive, not to mention wasteful. Yet when we shrink back from sharing Jesus' good news, we do indeed hide "the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14) that is in us. When we're too modest to use God-given talents such as singing, playing piano or reading to bring others joy, we hide our light. When we put our own wants ahead of meeting someone else's needs through giving and serving, we hide the light of God's love. And at what cost?

"Let your light shine before others," Jesus says, "that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (verse 16).



Missions in Motion: March
**Small jars
 Mayonnaise or
 Miracle Whip**

FAITH THAT BLOOMS ANEW

Why are you anxious?" asked our Lord. Then He said, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." (Matthew 6:28–29, NIV)

Jesus' words remind us that just as God clothes the lilies of the field in beauty and splendor, he also provides faithfully for his people. The same Creator who tends to the flowers of spring cares for every detail of our lives.

People of faith come to see that truth unfold year after year — in the budding trees, the soft blossoms, and the steady return of color after winter's gray. God's reliability is woven into creation itself.

As poet Adeline Whitney once wrote:

*God does not send strange
 flowers every year,
 When the Spring wind blows o'er
 the pleasant places,
 The same dear things lift up the
 same fair faces,
 The violet is here.*

Each spring, those familiar blooms whisper the same promise: God is faithful still.



LOVE in Action

Alan & Liz Creamer
 207 E Clark ST
 Owensville, IN 47665

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 Surgical recovery & treatment
 699 W 350 S
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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: 3rd Sunday
10:30am ~ Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~
6:30pm ~ Bible Study

Tuesday:
4:00 pm ~ Yoga, for everyone

Wednesday:
9:30am ~ Companions in
Christ

Thursday: ~ Office Closed ~
8:30am-3pm ~ Finish It
Thursday

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday
10:30am ~ Worship & Live
streaming worship

...LET
YOUR
LIGHT shine
MATTHEW 5:16

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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 #395

Take Time to Be Holy

* CALL TO WORSHIP

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit.

Amen.

Open my lips, Lord,

and my mouth will declare your praise. Psalm 51:15

O Lord, you are my God;

I will exalt you;

I will praise Your name,

for you have done wonderful things,

Plans formed of old,

faithful and sure. Isaiah 25:1

Hasten, O God, to save me;

come quickly, Lord, to help me. Psalm 70:1

may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

may those who long for your saving help always say,

"The Lord is great!"

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #393

Spirit of the Living God

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

Matthew 5:14-16, NLT

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

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

MESSAGE

"You Are the Light of the World"

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

*HYMN #374

Standing on the Promises

*BLESSING



As we spring forward into a new season, may we also step into the fresh grace God provides each day. Though we may have lost an hour of sleep, we gain time together in His presence—a reminder that His mercies are new every morning.

Prayer Requests

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

Jane Marginet, Mark Fear, Terri & Steve Jarboe, Liz & Alan Creamer, Paul & Jeanie Cardinal, Zach Anderson, Morgan Whitehead, Roger & Nancy Jones, Jim Feutz, Kathy Trowbridge, Kelsey Holder, Sherry Holder, Mona Davis, Alec Taylor



*Steve Jarboe ~ 9th
Christian Cowling ~ 10th
Stacey Michel ~ 11th
Morgyn Hollis ~ 11th
Steve Michel ~ 13th
Jesse Lewis ~ 14th
Trianna Teel ~ 14th*



Holy Week

Palm Sunday ~ March 29th

9:00_{am} ~ Blythe Chapel
10:30_{am} ~ Fort Branch First & Live Streaming

Holy Thursday ~ April 2nd

6:30_{pm} ~ Communion & Drama
"Living the Last Supper"
@ Fort Branch First UMC

Good Friday ~ April 3rd

6_{am}-6_{pm} ~ 12 Hour Prayer Vigil
www.fbfirst.org to reserve your preferred prayer time

Easter Sunday ~ April 5th

7:00_{am} ~ Sunrise Service w/Communion
@ Blythe Chapel UMC
w/ Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast following

9:00_{am} ~ Easter Worship Service w/Communion
Live Stream

@ Fort Branch First UMC

8:00_{am} ~ Easter Morning Breakfast

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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EASTER

dedications

A long tradition for Easter is to purchase individual lily plants for dedication to loved ones and enjoy them during Easter morning worship service. This year a display of live spring plants will be purchased for our sanctuary. By completing the DEDICATION FORM at the bottom and

returning it with a **\$20 donation**,

you will have the opportunity to honor loved ones.

You can place your dedication in the offering plate, leave in Melissa's mailbox in the hallway or drop off during office

hours **by March 22nd**.



In Memory or In Honor

(please select one)

Dedicated to: _____

From: _____

Requested Donation of \$20 each _____

FBFUMC Worship Committee