

The First United
Methodist Church of
Fort Branch



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

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One Church
Two Locations

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An Unusual Answer to a Mother's Prayer

Linda Jo Peters of Terre Haute, Indiana, felt her "worry button" get pushed when her daughter, Esther, called from college with an unexpected plan. Esther explained she wanted to go camping alone in a park in southern Illinois. She needed quiet time to think and asked her mother for Bible verses to read as she prayed about her future.

Linda knew Esther felt strongly about going, even if it made her uneasy. After the call ended, Linda dropped to her knees and began what she later called "a dialogue with God." She closed her prayer with a simple surrender: "I guess you want me on my knees that weekend."

And that is exactly where she stayed.

The morning after Esther's first night at camp, she called home. She was safe, she said, and no one had come near her tent. All night long, however, a skunk had wandered nearby, circling the campsite.

Later, Linda reflected on the moment with quiet confidence. "There was no way anyone with evil intent would have approached Esther's tent," she wrote, "while the power of prayer, in the form of a black-and-white critter, was circling it."



Missions in Motion: May
Pancake Mix
Syrup
Vegetable Oil



Fresh harvest for
 everyone...

Fellowship Hall, Sunday
 mornings!



A LEGACY OF FAITH

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy learned about faith from his mother and grandmother.

Complete the verse below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowels.

VOWELS: 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u

" 3 1 m r 2 m 3 nd 2 d 4 f
 y 4 5 r s 3 nc 2 r 2 f 1 3 th, wh 3 ch
 f 3 rst l 3 v 2 d 3 n y 4 5 r gr 1 ndm 4 th 2 r
 L 4 3 s 1 nd 3 n y 4 5 r m 4 th 2 r
2 5 n 3 c 2 1 nd, 3 1 m p 2 rs 5 1 d 2 d,
 n 4 w l 3 v 2 s 3 n y 4 5 1 ls 4 ."

2 Timothy 1:5, NIV

Answer: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."



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when found in the Order of Service
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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:

10:30am ~Worship & Live
Streaming Worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:
4:00pm ~ Yoga, for everyone

Wednesday:
9:30am ~Companions in
Christ Devotions

Thursday :
8:30-3pm ~ Finish It
Thursday

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

10:30am ~Worship & Live
Streaming Worship



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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 #2071

Jesus, Name above All Names

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

On this day of celebrating mothers,
We remember and lift up our mothers to the Lord.
Mothers of young children, first-time mothers,
Working mothers, and single mothers

We see you and honor you today.

Grieving mothers who have lost a child too soon,
And those who desire to be mothers

We see you and honor you today.

All those who are missing their mothers,
And mothers who are missing their children

We see you and honor you today.

Mothers who did not give birth to us biologically,
But have raised us and brought life to us in countless other
ways

We see you and honor you today.

In times of full joy and abundance,
In times of empty nests and empty cradles,
In all these God tends his flock like a shepherd
And carries the lambs close to his heart.

As a mother comforts her child, so will God comfort us

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN # 462

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

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

Galatians 3:9-11, NLT

⁹ So all who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith.

¹⁰ But those who depend on the law to make them right with God are under his curse, for the Scriptures say, "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the commands that are written in God's Book of the Law." ¹¹ So it is clear that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law. For the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life"

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

MESSAGE

"How to Live by Faith"

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

*HYMN # 452

*BLESSING

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



Prayer Requests

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

**Jane Marginet, Terri
Jarboe, Liz & Alan
Creamer, Paul & Jeanie
Cardinal, Zach Anderson,
Morgan Whitehead, Jim
Feutz, Roger & Nancy
Jones, Julie Anderson,
Kathy Trowbridge, Kelsey
Holder, Sherry Holder,
Linda & Shane Springer,
Darla Lewis, Sherry
Michel, Wayne Anderson,
Thane Teel**



***Sonya Teel ~ 10th
Jean Stone ~ 15th***