



We Seek to Better Understand
the Teachings of Jesus—
and Live those Teachings.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WELCOME

Whoever you are,
and wherever you find yourself
on the journey of faith, you are
welcome to this church as you
are to receive the riches of
God's grace...

The Way...

The earliest Christians were called *The People of the Way*.
This weekly publication is provided to show
how our congregations are living *The Way* today.

Trinity Sunday May 30, 2021

*Retirement
Party*

June 6, 2021

Sunday

fellowship hall

11:30 am

You are cordially invited to celebrate their years of
outstanding direction, leadership and service to our
church in Music Ministry and
Early Childhood Learning Ministry
with a Card Shower and Reception.

Margie Beal

Fort Branch First UMC
Preschool Director

40 years of Teaching

Rexanne Robicheaux

Fort Branch First UMC
Musician and Choir Director

15 Years of Service

Tithe & Offerings

Fort Branch First UMC
Attn: Paul
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Thank you

Blythe Chapel UMC
8141 S 450 W
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**Methodist Mountain Mission
Pick Up
Tuesday, June 22nd**

Let's Celebrate

Gracelyn Moskos ~ 31st
George & Crystal Smith ~ 31st
Marla Scott ~ 2nd
Rebecca Smith ~ 2nd
Bill & Susan Ahlfeld ~ 2nd
Gabe Steinmetz ~ 3rd
Easton Hauschild ~ 4th
Kristi Pflug ~ 4th
Bill Conklin IV ~ 5th

Give To
FAITH PROMISE
★ PARTICIPATE IN WHAT GOD IS DOING ★
Live Generously



Thanks to all generous donations marked as FAITH PROMISE in the offering plate! We were able to give each of the above mentioned missions a check for \$300 this week. Your support means so much to so many across the street, down the road, over the ocean and on another continent. God takes the smallest gift and makes it abundant for so many!
Thank You!!

To EVERYONE who supports our Operation Christmas Child—Shoebox ministry...

Thank you!

Our Loaded Potato Bar last Sunday was a wonderful success and we could not have done it without our hardworking volunteers and generous diners! For fear of accidentally omitting any precious volunteers by name, please know you are each individually greatly appreciated.

We are beyond blessed to say we raised \$638.86 towards this year's ministry.

Shoe Box Ministry
Co-Chairs
Linda Springer &
Marilee Rostron

Methodist Women's Group



**Next meeting on
Saturday, June 12th @ 9am**

All women of the church are invited.

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CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children are welcome in the worship service! We do offer options. Following the Children's Sharing, children may attend Sunday School at Blythe Chapel or Nursery at First.

Nursery
Attendant:



5/30: Darla Lewis
6/6: Sherry Michel

† Indicates location is Blythe Chapel
Ω Indicates location is First UMC

This Sunday: Memorial Day Sunday

9:00am † Worship
9:30am Ω Sunday School
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~
Private Rental—Baylor

Saturday:
Private Rental—Baylor

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streaming worship

11:30am Ω Retirement
Celebration Margie & REXANNE

Next Sunday Worship:

*Certified Lay Speaker
Kristi Pflug*



Welcome to worship on Memorial Day weekend. Today we remember those who've given their lives for our earthly freedom — and worship the One who died and rose to ensure our eternal freedom.



PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN # 697 9:00am
733 10:30am

*America
Marching to Zion*

*GREETING AND PRAYER

We offer a cordial greeting to all worshipers who have come to praise the Lord. Your presence helps lift our spirits, and we welcome you in Christ's name.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYER HYMN #696 9:00am *America the Beautiful*
#469 10:30am *Jesus Is All the
World to Me*

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.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*SCRIPTURE LESSON *insert*

MESSAGE

“A Memorial Day Devotion”

*HYMN #717 9:00am *Battle Hymn of the Republic*
#672 10:30am *God Be with You till
We Meet Again*

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn #557 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

*Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.*

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

*THE OFFERING

*Please place your tithes and gifts in the offering plates
located at any of the three main sanctuary exits.*

POSTLUDE



Memorial Day is our opportunity to pause and remember the sacrifices of many of America's best citizens. They made the supreme sacrifice on our behalf. Let us take time to make the pilgrimage to various cemeteries and pause long enough to say, "Thank you, Father, for these special lives, for sacrifices made and for friendships we have shared."



Prayer REQUESTS

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

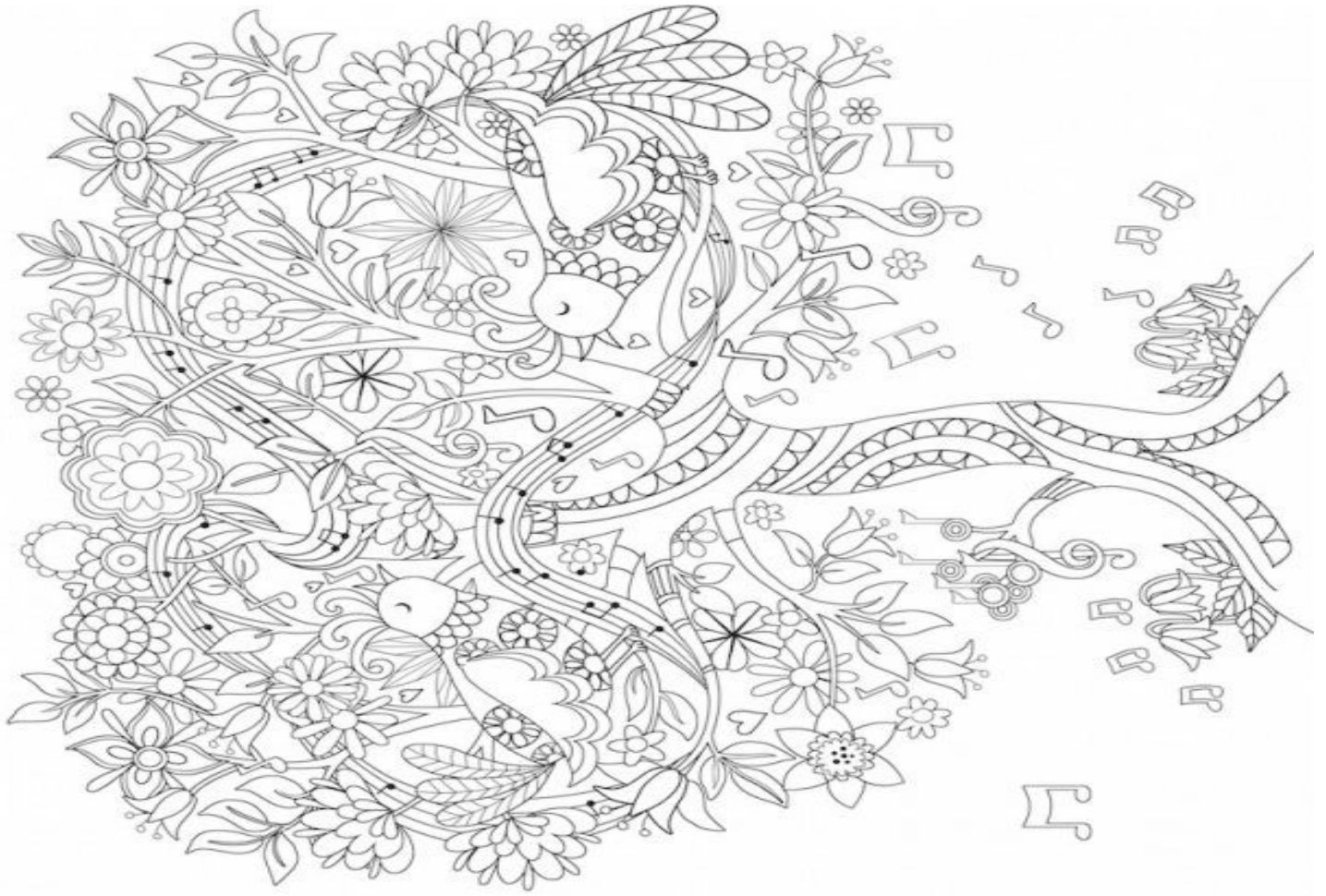
*Jane Marginet, Marty
Marginet, Joann Davis Fitch,
Mark Dillion, Jake Prieshoff,
Lynn Prieshoff, Richard & Betty
Michel, Becca Manolov, Carla
Jackson, Kyle Stone, Mark Fear,
Joyce Kruse, Lucile Johnson,
Poppy Petry, Judy Basham,
Connie Collins, Linda
McKimmy, Kim, Connie Osborn
& Tommy Osborn, Alec Taylor,
Curt Cain, Connie Dunn,
Ray Kifer, Brenda Kreig,
Aimee Emmons,
Cori Pflug ~ Guatemala
Mission Trip*

Back to School BASH

July 31, 2021

**Donations can be made through
your offering by designating
"BTSB" on the envelope.**

**BTSB Planning Committee
welcomes anyone wanting to be
more involved!!**



Memorial Day emerged from the grim shadows of the American Civil War. Before the close of the war, women began decorating the graves of soldiers who had died in that war. The practice quickly spread, and a few years later May 30, 1868, was designated as Decoration Day — a day for placing flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers throughout the United States.

In 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were also honored. Over the years, it has become a day when all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise — are remembered. In 1971, the United States Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed annually on the last Monday in May.

On this Memorial Day, remember those who gave their lives for our country. But also pray for those who continue serving to keep America free, especially those who are in harm's way.



Creation-wide praise chorus

"All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing!" These words — just one paraphrase of a text by St. Francis of Assisi — seem a fitting description of springtime, when leaves and flowers pop out afresh, birdsong is heard again and hibernating animals emerge from dens and burrows, many with new babies in tow.

Psalm 148 may have served as inspiration for Francis, calling not only "young men and women alike, old and young together" (v. 12, NRSV), but also animals and birds, wind and water, mountains and trees, to praise the Lord. James L. Mays writes: "We human beings ... should recognize that we are in the list with all the creation and creatures as creature and creation ourselves. We are in our obligation to praise no different from and no more than all the rest."

When you head outside on a bright spring day, notice what praise looks like in nonhuman form and how it sounds from nonhuman voices. How can we best join "all creatures of our God and King" in worship?

—Heidi Hyland Mann

Yard Sale

Saturday, June 26th

8am ~ 12pm

FUNDRAISER

Anyone that wishes to donate...we will start collecting items Sunday, June 20th....no sooner.

Please place them in the corner of the fellowship hall. Anyone who wishes to help organize, price tag and so forth...please see Kristi Pflug.

The proceeds will go towards the

2022 Women's Conference



please join us for

Vanessa's

BRIDAL SHOWER

JUN 19 2021

2 o'clock Saturday afternoon
Fort Branch First UMC
100 W Vine Street
Fort Branch, IN

Vanessa Magana & Alec Steinmetz Bridal Registries:
Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond



THE CLASS OF
2021

Graduation Party

FOR OWEN BRYANT

Sunday, May 30th
12 to 3 pm
Our Home, 801 E John St, Fort Branch