

The First United
Methodist Church of
Fort Branch



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Methodist Church

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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
and Friday



PACK A
SHOEBOX
National Collection Week

NOV. 17 – 24, 2025



GIVING THANKS FOR ALL THINGS

It's easy to list the blessings in life: good health, family, a satisfying career, a comfortable home. We might even be thankful for things others take for granted such as freedom and clean drinking water, reliable transportation and food enough to eat. Then there are the little things, such as gardens, sunrises, pets and coffee.

But what about life's storms or unanswered prayers? Should we be thankful for these? Loss and hardship remind us of our dependence on God. He uses trials to draw us closer to him, to show us that He is our rock and refuge. In misfortune and grief, we discover God's comfort and strength. Should we not, then, be thankful for the storms, too?



Missions

IN

Motion

109 ROLLS OF TOILET
TISSUE DONATED IN
OCTOBER!!!
THANK YOU!

NOVEMBER:
CEREAL
&
PEANUT BUTTER

Cleaning
Crew
Needed



Seeking volunteers to maintain the church property by sharing tasks. Please utilize the sign up sheet and select a chore commitment from December to May.



Anyone interested in joining to sing an anthem for the Christmas season please get in touch with Carla Conklin or Susan Ahlfeld as soon as possible. We plan to sing in the **December 14th** church service. Practices will likely be directly after church services in the weeks before.

In awe of everyday joys

Maybe you've heard of making micro-resolutions for the new year. Similarly, health experts recommend becoming aware of — and thankful for — micro-joys we experience and encounter.

In *The Power of Awe*, Jake Eagle and Michael Amster describe the benefits of taking several brief A.W.E. breaks throughout the day:

- **A** is for Attention, as you focus on something that amazes you or seems valuable.
- **W** is for Waiting, as you pause to take a deep breath.
- **E** is for Exhaling, as you breathe out and feel joy and gratitude.

This simple practice reveals how profound the "ordinary" can be, thanks to the generosity of our extraordinary God.



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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.

@Church

This Week

This Sunday:

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

Monday: ~ *Office Closed ~*

6:30pm ~ *Simon Peter Bible
Study*

Tuesday:

4:00pm ~ *Yoga*

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ *Office Closed ~*

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

Friday:

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 #694

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*CALL TO WORSHIP & RESPONSE

PSALM 34

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

Happy are those who take refuge in God!

O magnify the Lord with me;

With me exalt God's name!

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #383

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

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:

***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.***

Hymn #70

WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 34:1, NLT

A psalm of David, regarding the time he pretended to be insane in front of Abimelech, who sent him away.

¹ I will praise the LORD at all times.
I will constantly speak his praises.

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

MESSAGE ***"The Transformative Power of a Grateful Heart"***

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

*HYMN #131

We Gather Together

*BLESSING



***Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto
him, and bless his name.***

Psalm 100:4, KJV

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,
Julie Anderson,
Carolyn Jones, Jim
Feutz, Kathy
Trowbridge, Kelsey
Holder, Mona Davis***



***Zach Nurrenbern ~
16th***

Kurt Stone ~ 18th

***Derek & Rexanne
Robicheaux ~ 18th***

Brian Prater ~ 20th

Alec Steinmetz ~ 21st

Elisabeth & Javier





A long tradition for Advent is to purchase individual plants for dedication to loved ones and enjoy them through the month of December during morning worship service. We tried something new last year with great success and enjoyment that we are going to do it again this year!

An array of live Christmas plants will be purchased for our sanctuary. By completing the DEDICATION FORM at the bottom and returning it with a \$10 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.

Thank you for considering your participation in what may become our new tradition during the Advent Season.

The last day to submit dedications with donation will be

Sunday, November 30th

In Memory or In Honor
(please select one)

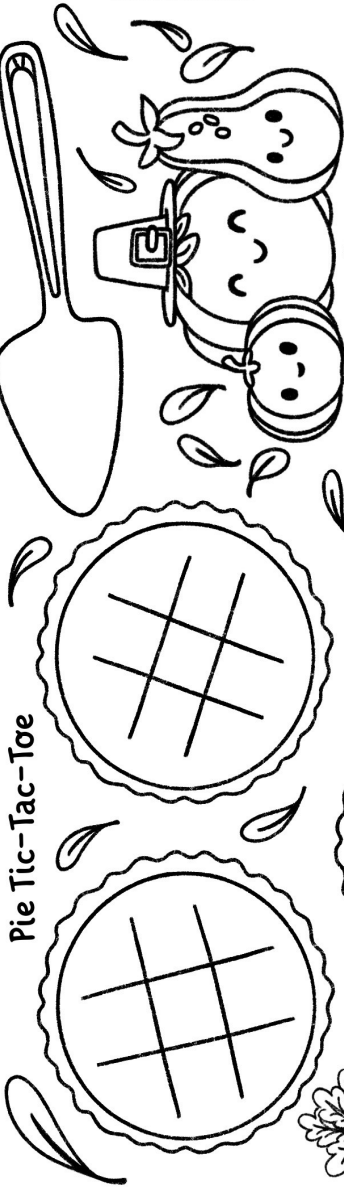
Dedicated to: _____

From: _____

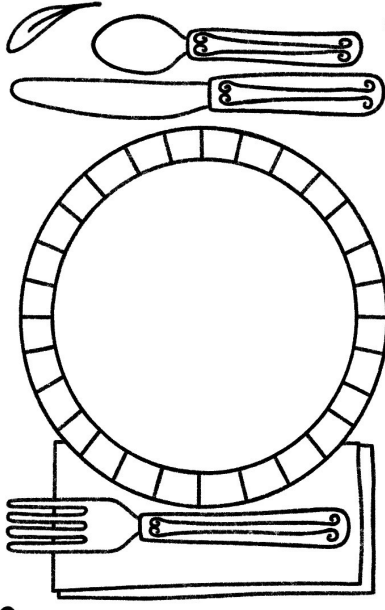
Requested Donation of \$10 each _____

FBFUMC Worship Committee

Pie Tic-Tac-Toe



Draw your favorite Thanksgiving food:



I am thankful for...

GIVE THANKS

Turn the pumpkins
into pie!

