



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.
1st Sunday of Advent **November 27, 2022**

Pastor John & Staff Christmas Gifts

will be given the week of Christmas. Anyone wishing to participate should mail their contribution either to the church office or Don Steinmetz 253 E 750 S, Fort Branch, IN 47648. You may also give them to Don in person or place in the offering plate by December 18th.



CHRISTMAS CANDY, COOKIES &
GOODIES TRAYS



DECEMBER 11TH

**Pre-order or
day of sales.**

Small \$15 Large \$30

*We will have some items for sale
individually also.*



**Blythe Chapel
Today, 10am**



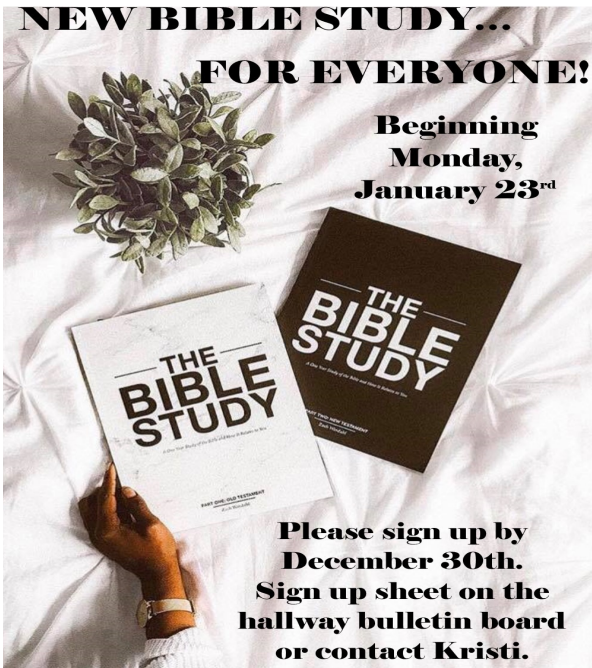
*Christmas
Poinsettias*

*Last day to place your
order will be
Sunday, December 4th*

NEW BIBLE STUDY...

FOR EVERYONE!

**Beginning
Monday,
January 23rd**



**Please sign up by
December 30th.
Sign up sheet on the
hallway bulletin board
or contact Kristi.**



Time to Celebrate!

Bill & Janet McBee ~ 28th

Elisabeth Canizo ~ 29th

John & Bev Boss ~ 29th

Luke McBee ~ 2nd

Ryan McBee ~ 2nd

Zella Frey ~ 2nd

A new church year, a new season, a new focus. Thank you, Creator God, for the coming weeks to prepare our hearts anew for the arrival of your Son.

An Advent Word Search



P R O P H E T S W Z B H P E S O J
 E A F S W D G M H T I A F D U H Q
 L P N C U R A I A J C A N D L E S
 I X O G V S E R N R J W M I C A H
 G U K H E I N A K U Y Y P D L W H
 H X P V S L Z E T N R C Y B M J J
 T Z Q Z N K A T C H E T G E C G O
 E T H Y M S D X P F W S L T O N Y
 T C H I N U V Q P J O I S H U I K
 S X A X T C E V E W N R Q L N T F
 G Y I E S U N F E L D H M E S I K
 G A L M P J T B G A E C D H E A F
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| ADVENT | ANGEL | BETHLEHEM | CANDLES |
| CENSUS | CHRIST | COMING | COUNSELLOR |
| DARKNESS | FAITH | GABRIEL | HOPE |
| ISAIAH | JESUS | JOSEPH | JOY |
| LIGHT | MARY | MICAH | PEACE |
| PROPHETS | WAITING | WONDERFUL | WREATH |

**Fort Branch First UMC
P. O. Box 116
Fort Branch, IN 47648**

Deliver to:

* -This symbol,
when found in the Order of Service
invites you to stand - if able.

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Streaming License # 20701562

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.



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

This Sunday † *1st Advent Sunday*

9:00am † *Worship*
9:30am Ω *Sunday School*
10:00am † *Hanging of the Greens*
10:30am Ω *Worship & Live streaming worship*

Monday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday: † *2nd Advent Sunday*

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

Next Sunday:



Rev. John F. Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

***THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US**

***HYMN # 368**

My Hope Is Built

***GREETING AND PRAYER**

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

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING ~ HOPE

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.

PRAYERS

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYER HYMN #378

Amazing Grace

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.**

THE OFFERING:

The Gathering of the Gifts

*Presentation of Gifts with **DOXOLOGY:**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:1-12, NLT

MESSAGE

“Hope! First Sunday of Advent”

*HYMN #140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: *Hymn #186 *Alleluia*

Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

THIS
WEEK'S
PRAYER
REQUESTS

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

*Jane Marginet, Jake Prieshoff,
Richard Michel, Becca Manolov,
Carla Jackson, Connie Osborn,
Tommy Osborn, Alec Taylor,
Morgan Whitehead,
Derek Barton, Jo Eckert,
Ruby Wilkerson, Terri Jarboe,
Scotti Pitts, Deanna Wilson,
Jeff Gentry, Patti Knowles,
Austin, Don Colvin, Gretchen,
Effie Dilbeck, Ida Miller,
Debra Stephenson, Lizzy,
Riley Bryant, Marcy Marvel*

Fort Branch United Methodist
Church Family
Traditional
Caroling

Come celebrate the birth of Jesus with us by singing traditional carols and Christmas songs.

Carry-in dinner to follow.

Sign-up to sing or hear all of your favorites and to tell us what food you would like to bring.



Saturday, December 17th | 3:00pm
Fort Branch United Methodist Church

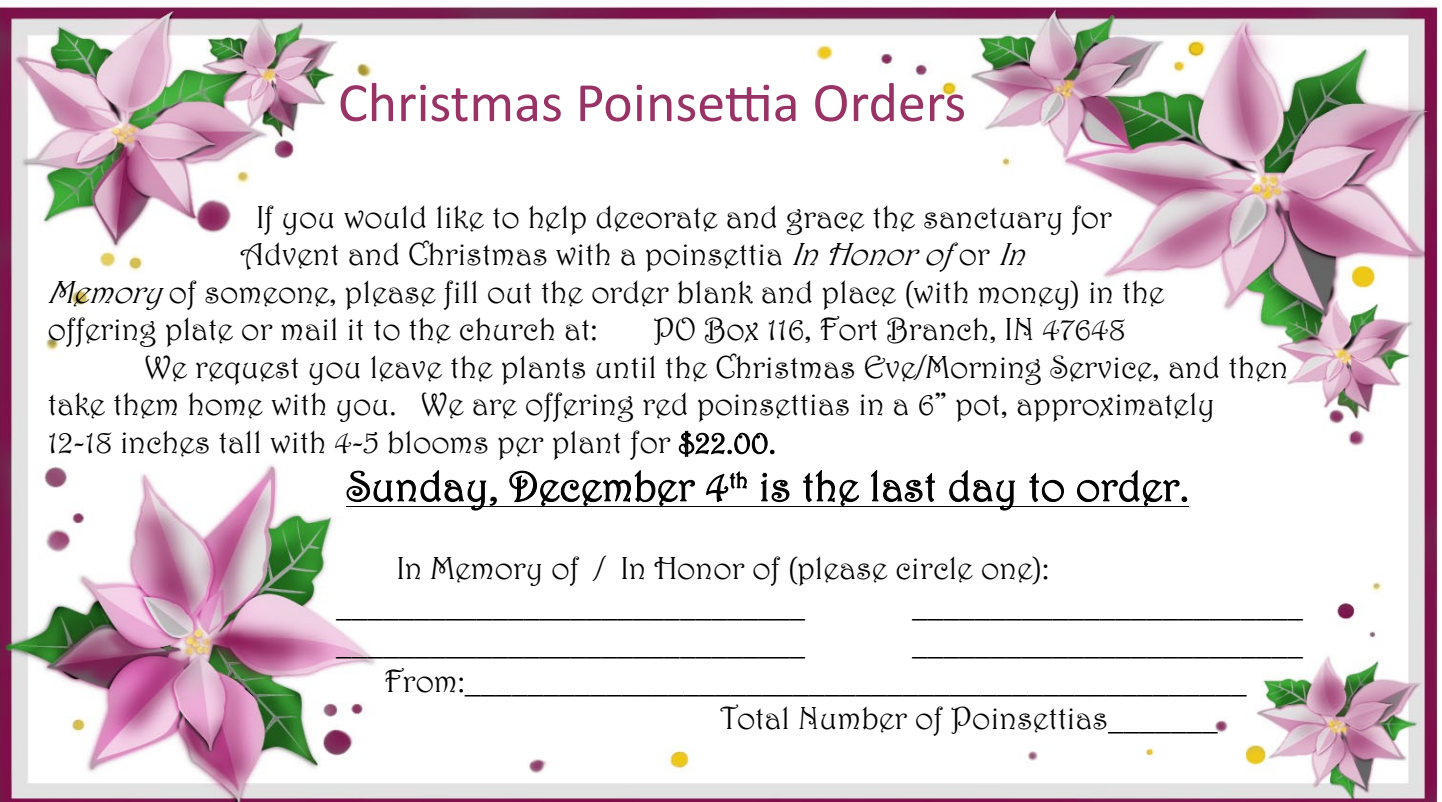
Listening Guide
“Hope!”

November 27, 2022

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12

What was John’s message?

Personal Application: Let’s think about John’s three-fold message this morning. As you consider his message, where do you stand this morning? As we move through these Sundays of Advent, I challenge you to place your focus on Jesus. Today I challenge you to find your hope in Him!



Christmas Poinsettia Orders

If you would like to help decorate and grace the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas with a poinsettia *In Honor of* or *In Memory* of someone, please fill out the order blank and place (with money) in the offering plate or mail it to the church at: PO Box 116, Fort Branch, IN 47648

We request you leave the plants until the Christmas Eve/Morning Service, and then take them home with you. We are offering red poinsettias in a 6” pot, approximately 12-18 inches tall with 4-5 blooms per plant for **\$22.00**.

Sunday, December 4th is the last day to order.

In Memory of / In Honor of (please circle one):

From: _____

Total Number of Poinsettias _____

Matthew 3:7-12, NLT

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

³ In those days John the Baptist came to the Judean wilderness and began preaching. His message was, ² “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.” ³ The prophet Isaiah was speaking about John when he said,

“He is a voice shouting in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the LORD’s coming!
Clear the road for him!’”

⁴ John’s clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁵ People from Jerusalem and from all of Judea and all over the Jordan Valley went out to see and hear John. ⁶ And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River.

⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming to watch him baptize, he denounced them. “You brood of snakes!” he exclaimed. “Who warned you to flee the coming wrath? ⁸ Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God. ⁹ Don’t just say to each other, ‘We’re safe, for we are descendants of Abraham.’ That means nothing, for I tell you, God can create children of Abraham from these very stones. ¹⁰ Even now the ax of God’s judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ “I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹² He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire.”

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!