



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...



Charge Conference

Sunday, November 6th
@ Aldersgate UMC
4pm

SEND
GOOD NEWS
AND
GREAT JOY

PACK A SHOEBOX!



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.

19th Sunday after Pentecost October 16, 2022

SOUP'S
ON!

**Chicken Noodle,
Chili & Potato**

Gallon ~ \$25

Half Gallon ~ \$15

Quart ~ \$10

Place Order by Wednesday, November 2nd

Pick Up order Sunday, November 6th

Text order 812/632-1115

Benefits the 2023 Back to School Bash

WOMEN'S
Bible Study
Mondays @ 6:30pm

**Methodist Mountain
Mission
Pick Up
Tuesday, October 25th**



**Please use boxes when
collecting your donations and
stack neatly as possible in the
church garage.**



**Cold Sodas in the church
kitchen fridge and the basket
full of snacks in fellowship
hall all benefit the Back to
School Bash.**

Time to Celebrate!

Dakota & Addi Englehardt ~ 17th

Kaitlin Nurrenbern ~ 18th

Jenni Schleter ~ 19th

Carla Conklin ~ 19th

Alizebeth Woehler ~ 21st

Rachel & Robbie Hollis ~ 22nd



**FORT BRANCH COMMUNITY PRIDE'S
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**October 28th & 29th ~ The Sinister Cellar
(the haunt) @ Park**

**October 29th ~ Zombie Run @ 9:05 am @ Park
Little Zombie Run (under 12 yrs) 8:30am**

**December 24th ~ Christmas Eve with Santa
@ 12pm ~ 2pm, Fire House**

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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.



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

This Sunday

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

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~
6:30 pm Ω Women's Bible study

Tuesday: ~ Office Closed ~

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

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

Next Sunday:

*"How Do I Determine My
Values and Beliefs?:*

Reason
Luke 14:25-33

Welcome!



Rev. John F. Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

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

***HYMN #400** 9:00am *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
#445 10:30am *Happy the Home When God Is There*

*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

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 #367 9:00am *He Touched Me*
#451 10:30am *Be Thou My Vision*

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.

Listening Guide
“Tradition”
October 16, 2022



Scripture: Mark 7:1-23

How do we know if tradition is valid?

_____ with God’s Law (vs. 6-8)

Doesn’t _____ God’s Law (vs. 9-13)

Doesn’t _____ (vs. 14-23)

Personal Application: Tradition always has its place but that doesn’t mean that it is always current and correct. Just because something has always been the way that it has been, that doesn’t mean it can’t or shouldn’t be questioned or challenged. Slavery was ok in the church in the 1800’s but was later challenged and changed. How does tradition help you to determine your beliefs and values? _____



Mark 7:1-23 NLT

Jesus Teaches about Inner Purity

⁷ One day some Pharisees and teachers of religious law arrived from Jerusalem to see Jesus. ² They noticed that some of his disciples failed to follow the Jewish ritual of hand washing before eating. ³ (The Jews, especially the Pharisees, do not eat until they have poured water over their cupped hands, as required by their ancient traditions. ⁴ Similarly, they don't eat anything from the market until they immerse their hands in water. This is but one of many traditions they have clung to—such as their ceremonial washing of cups, pitchers, and kettles.)

⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of religious law asked him, “Why don't your disciples follow our age-old tradition? They eat without first performing the hand-washing ceremony.”

⁶ Jesus replied, “You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote,
“These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.

⁷ Their worship is a farce,

for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God.’

⁸ For you ignore God's law and substitute your own tradition.”

⁹ Then he said, “You skillfully sidestep God's law in order to hold on to your own tradition. ¹⁰ For instance, Moses gave you this law from God: ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and ‘Anyone who speaks disrespectfully of father or mother must be put to death.’ ¹¹ But you say it is all right for people to say to their parents, ‘Sorry, I can't help you. For I have vowed to give to God what I would have given to you.’ ¹² In this way, you let them disregard their needy parents. ¹³ And so you cancel the word of God in order to hand down your own tradition. And this is only one example among many others.”

¹⁴ Then Jesus called to the crowd to come and hear. “All of you listen,” he said, “and try to understand. ¹⁵ It's not what goes into your body that defiles you; you are defiled by what comes from your heart.”

¹⁷ Then Jesus went into a house to get away from the crowd, and his disciples asked him what he meant by the parable he had just used. ¹⁸ “Don't you understand either?” he asked. “Can't you see that the food you put into your body cannot defile you? ¹⁹ Food doesn't go into your heart, but only passes through the stomach and then goes into the sewer.” (By saying this, he declared that every kind of food is acceptable in God's eyes.)

²⁰ And then he added, “It is what comes from inside that defiles you. ²¹ For from within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. ²³ All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you.”

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

Thanks be to God!