



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.
17th Sunday after Pentecost October 2, 2022



Charge Conference

Sunday, November 6th
@ Aldersgate UMC
4pm

Submission deadline
Thursday,
October 20th

Taking awe breaks

Many of us are juggling so many things that we are run by our lives rather than living them as gifts from God. What if we could learn to stop for a moment many times a day? What if in those moments we could decide to notice the sheer miracle of being alive? We would then be taking awe breaks instead of coffee b — Gunilla Norris, Weavings, July/August 2008



Fort Branch First UMC
Annual Inc. Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 13th @ 6:30pm
All are welcome and
encouraged to attend!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PULLED PORK BBQ

FUNDRAISER

Sat., October 8th **Pulled Pork Dinner**
4-7pm *with all the trimmings*

First UM Church 100 W. Vine Street, Fort Branch

\$9/ Adults
\$5/ ages 8 and under

Proceeds to benefit: *the next Women's Conference

There are still some food items and several volunteers still needed to make this fundraiser a success. Sign-up on the bulletin board if you can assist.

Puzzle!

Solve this cryptogram to complete Isaiah 40:8, a Bible verse that speaks to the autumn season.

22	13	16	24	18			
26	1	20	18				
2	5	1	26	7	20		
13	12	7					
6	20	16	22	22			
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13	12	7					
13	12	7					
26	11	5	5				

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ISAIAH 40:8

Answer: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Isaiah 40:8, ESV



Fort Branch First is collecting gallon size empty ice cream buckets with lids for an upcoming soup fundraiser.

Time to Celebrate!

Bill Ahlfeld ~ 3rd
Effie Dilbeck ~ 6th

Methodist Women's Group

Next meeting on Saturday, October 8th @ 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.



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

This Sunday *World Communion*

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: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Friday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Saturday:

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Next Sunday:

*"How Do I Determine My
Values and Beliefs?:
Scripture is Number One
2 Timothy 3:10-17"*

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*
***#64** 10:30am *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

*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*
#75 10:30am *All People That on
Earth Do Dwell*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Mark 7:6-13;
Romans 2:17-20; 28-29; 1 Peter 1:13-16 NLT

MESSAGE **How Do I Determine My Values and Beliefs?** "The Wesleyan Quadrilateral"

World Communion Sunday
Let's gather at the table

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
THE INVITATION
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 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
THE COLLECT

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are opened, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS
THE SERVING OF THE BODY AND BLOOD

In this church, all are welcome to the Lord's Table.

*HYMN #374 9:00am *Standing on the Promises*
#398 10:30am *Jesus Calls Us*

*BLESSING Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn #2151
I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

*I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
Singing glory, hallelujah,
Jesus lifted me.*

*PASSING THE PEACE:
Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



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,
Lynn Prieshoff, Richard Michel,
Becca Manolov, Carla Jackson,
Poppy Petry, 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,
Diana Knapp, Effie Dilbeck,
Ida Miller*

Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

Blank lines for writing prayer requests.

Listening Guide
“The Wesleyan Quadrilateral”
October 2, 2022



Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Mark 7:6-13; Romans 2:17-20, 28-29;
1 Peter 1:13-16

What is the Wesleyan Quadrilateral?

_____ **(2 Timothy 3:14-17)**

_____ **(Mark 7:6-13)**

_____ **(Romans 2:17-20; 28-29)**

_____ **(1 Peter 1:13-16)**

Personal Application: We have applied the Wesleyan Quadrilateral correctly when we have peace with God in our hearts about our decision. How often is this true for you?



Give all glory to God

By taking either compliments or criticism personally, we rob God of glory. Words go deep, either puffing up our pride or threatening our identity. But God intended better. Isaiah 60:21 (NLT) says, “All your people will be righteous. They will possess their land forever, for I will plant them there with my own hands in order to bring myself glory.”

Our identity is in God, as his beloved children. Any comments (good or bad) must go through God first, and we can ask him to filter each word and speak his truth to our souls. We can pray: What do you want me to hear, God? Are you inviting me to do something different? How can I point others to you? Do I need to make something right?

This change in mindset provides peace. When we receive people’s applause, we want to glorify God, who orchestrates all things. Likewise, constructive criticism can reflect God’s work in us, making us teachable. Instead of being tossed to and fro by affirmations and critiques, let’s rest secure and shift our focus to bring God glory! —Janna Firestone

2 Timothy 3:14-17 NLT

¹⁴ But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. ¹⁵ You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

Mark 7:6-13 NLT

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."

Romans 2:17-20, 28-29 NLT The Jews and the Law

¹⁷ You who call yourselves Jews are relying on God's law, and you boast about your special relationship with him. ¹⁸ You know what he wants; you know what is right because you have been taught his law. ¹⁹ You are convinced that you are a guide for the blind and a light for people who are lost in darkness. ²⁰ You think you can instruct the ignorant and teach children the ways of God. For you are certain that God's law gives you complete knowledge and truth.

²⁸ For you are not a true Jew just because you were born of Jewish parents or because you have gone through the ceremony of circumcision. ²⁹ No, a true Jew is one whose heart is right with God. And true circumcision is not merely obeying the letter of the law; rather, it is a change of heart produced by the Spirit. And a person with a changed heart seeks praise from God, not from people.

1 Peter 1:13-16 NLT

A Call to Holy Living

¹³ So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. ¹⁴ So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. ¹⁵ But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. ¹⁶ For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

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

Thanks be to God!