The First United Methodist Church of Fort Branch



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Our Mission....
To *make disciples* of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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Tuesday & Wednesday, 9:00 am—2:00 pm Closed Monday, Thursday and Friday





## **COMMON GROUND**

"Christianity was never intended to be a solo walk with God," says pastor Jeremy Basset. "A conversion to Christianity is also incorporation in the body of Christ, the church."

That's a fitting reminder as we observe World Communion Sunday in October. Christians don't take Holy Communion alone; the very name of this sacrament refers to unity with God and others. We don't baptize ourselves. We don't learn Scripture or Christian theology and history alone. We can't have Christian fellowship by ourselves.

The New Testament is clear that one cannot be a solitary Christian. We are members of Christ's body (Ephesians 5:30) and "belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10, NIV). As you gather for worship and receive Holy Communion, thank God for "our common salvation" (Jude 3, ESV) granted to all followers of Jesus.







Annual
Incorporation
Meeting
Sunday, Oct. 5
@11:30am
TODAY!!





Get your Shoebox today and start the fun of filling up!

# **Equals at communion**

After saving England from Napoleon's threats in 1815, the Duke of Wellington achieved hero status. One Sunday as the duke approached the altar for communion, a poor man from London's streets, wearing rags, knelt beside him. The indignant minister whispered for the vagrant to move away. "Don't you realize this is the great Duke of Wellington?" he asked.

When the duke overhead, he responded, "Leave him alone. We're all the same here. The ground is level at the cross."

That's the spirit in which we celebrate World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday of October. Paul says believers share the Lord's Supper by partaking of the "one bread" (1 Corinthians 10:17). Everyone at the communion table is equal in God's sight, needing his forgiveness and grace.



**Celebrate World Communion Sunday** 

Nearly 90 years ago, on November 1, 1936, World-Wide Communion Day was born. In the winter of 1935, a group of ministers met to study the spiritual needs and possibilities of the church during the dark days of the Great Depression. In the Lord's Supper they saw a great opportunity to unite Christians in dedication to Christ. In 1937, the date of World-Wide Communion Sunday was changed to the first Sunday in October, where it has remained. The word "wide" has since been dropped from the name, giving us the present observance of World Communion Sunday.

The day remains as it began: "A great opportunity to unite the membership in dedication to the Lord Jesus Christ." People from the four corners of the world gather together to answer Christ's invitation, "This do in remembrance of me."

-Bethel Presbyterian Church, Peoria, Illinois



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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.



# <u>This Sunday:</u>

10:30am ~ Worship & Live

streaming worship

11:30am ~Inc. Meeting

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

<u>Tuesday:</u>

5:30pm ~Yoga

<u>Wednesday:</u>

T<u>hursday:</u> ~ Office Closed ~

8:30am-3pm ~ Finish It Thursday

F<u>riday:</u>

<u>Saturday:</u>

<u>Next Sunday:</u>

10:30am ~ Worship & Live

streaming worship

Extended calendar of events www.fbfirst.org



Tona Smith ~ 8th Crue Moskos ~ 10th



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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 #**413** 

A Charge to Keep I Have

### \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried,

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father

Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING**

PRAYER HYMN #420

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELERATIONS 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: Hymn #95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE Luke22:15-20, NLT

<sup>15</sup> Jesus said, "I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. <sup>16</sup> For I tell you now that I won't eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God."

<sup>17</sup> Then he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. Then he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. <sup>18</sup> For I will not drink wine again until the Kingdom of God has come."

<sup>19</sup> He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

<sup>20</sup> After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you.

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE "2 Cups"

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING**

\*HYMN # 445 Happy the Home When God Is There

\*BLESSING



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,
Ron Dunning, Kathy
Trowbridge, Kelsey
Holder, Sherry Holder,
Bill & Zella Frey

# NOVEMBER MISSIONS IN MOTION Toilet Paper The Lord's Pantry

