



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 **September 19, 2021**

Worth celebrating

While going through the so-called “daily grind,” it’s fun to anticipate special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries and holiday meals — especially when other people cook and clean up! Although *every day* is full of countless reasons to rejoice, we may not always feel like celebrating. Life’s concerns pile high, distracting us from gratitude, joy and intentional acknowledgment of our blessings.

When you need a reason to smile and celebrate, head to www.NationalDayCalendar.com. Almost every food item and hobby now has its own day, and you’ll even find gems such as National Be Late for Something Day (September 5, if you want to plan ahead!).

These fun “occasions” can help you embrace small joys and may even inspire you to celebrate them with family or friends. As you do, consider what it is about today and each gift from God that makes this day special.

ADULT
Sunday School

9:30am

CHILDREN'S
Sunday School

Fort Branch First
Annual
Incorporation
Meeting

Sunday, Oct 3rd
11:30am

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 31st 2021 @ 11:45am
FB First

Submission deadline Thursday, October 14th



Duncan & Roberta Maikranz
Passing of his father Robert
1002 S Center Street
Fort Branch, IN 47648

prayer



Alec Taylor, encouragement
through treatment
2708 E 10th St, Apt 8
Bloomington, IN 47408

Brent & Pam Mabrey,
encouragement
106 E Ulen Street
Fort Branch, IN 47648



Gratitude and Joy

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| faith | trust | sufficiency | love |
| scarcity | wholeheartedness | grace | happiness |
| gratitude | joy | | |



Fort Branch First UMC
P. O. Box 116
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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 offer options. Following the Children's Sharing, children may attend Sunday School at Blythe Chapel or Nursery at First.

Nursery
Attendant:



9/19: Crystal Smith
9/26: Darla Lewis

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

This Sunday: "Smoothie Sunday"

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

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

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship
9:30am Ω Sunday School
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship
1:00pm Ω Private Rental ~
Mabrey Baby Shower

Pastor John vacation 23-28th

Next Sunday Worship:

Certified Lay Speaker
Kristi Pflug



Rev. John Baylor, Jr.



PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #369 9:00am *Blessed Assurance*
#715 10:30am *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

*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

PRAYERS

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYER HYMN # 530 9:00am *Are Ye Able*
#301 10:30am *Jesus, Keep Me
Near the Cross*

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.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*SCRIPTURE LESSON *insert*

Colossians 3:12-17

MESSAGE

“Grateful Living”

*HYMN #354 9:00am
#732 10:30am

*I Surrender All
Come, We That Love the Lord*

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn ##557 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

*Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.*

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

*THE OFFERING

*Please place your tithes and gifts in the offering plates
located at any of the three main sanctuary exits.*

POSTLUDE

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 & Betty
Michel, Becca Manolov,
Carla Jackson, Kyle Stone,
Joyce Kruse, Poppy Petry,
Judy Basham, Connie Collins,
Linda McKimmy, Kim, Connie
Osborn, Tommy Osborn,
Alec Taylor, Connie Dunn,
Aimee Emmons, Morgan
Whitehead, Lisa & Bill,
Linda Reed, Ryan Steele,
Al & Elizabeth Rostron,
John Boss, Marry Wallace,
The Family of Robert Maikranz*



When I am troubled, I rest in the words of Holy Scripture: “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. ... He will come and save you” (Isaiah 35:4, NRSV).



*Prayers of
GRATITUDE*

*Hand of God
IN MY LIFE*

Requests

Listening Guide
“Grateful Living”
September 19, 2021

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17

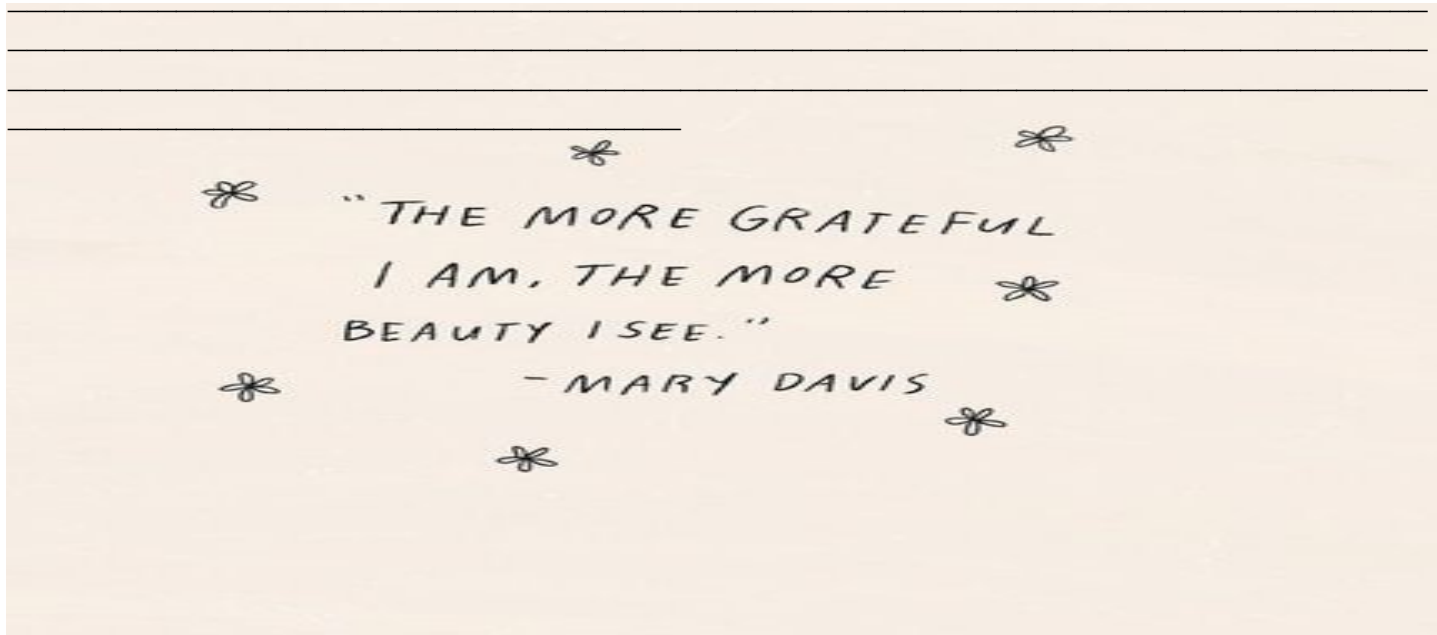
What are the fruits of gratitude?

_____ of Gratitude

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_____ Expressions of Gratitude

Personal Application: When was the last time you said those two little words, “thank you?” Tell someone, at least one person per day “thank you” for something they have done for you, or for just being who they are. And, thank God each day for His love for you.



Colossians 3:12-17 NLT

¹² Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ¹³ Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

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

