



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.

3rd Sunday of Easter **April 23, 2023**



Lydia Louise Holder

Daughter of

Grant and Jennifer Holder

Sister to Alston James Holder

Born April 19, 2023

8 pounds

21 inches



Fort Branch First United Methodist Church **DISCUSSION ON** **DISAFFILIATION/AFFILIATION** SUNDAY / 11:30AM / MAY 7TH

Everyone is encouraged to attend, listen and give their opinion.

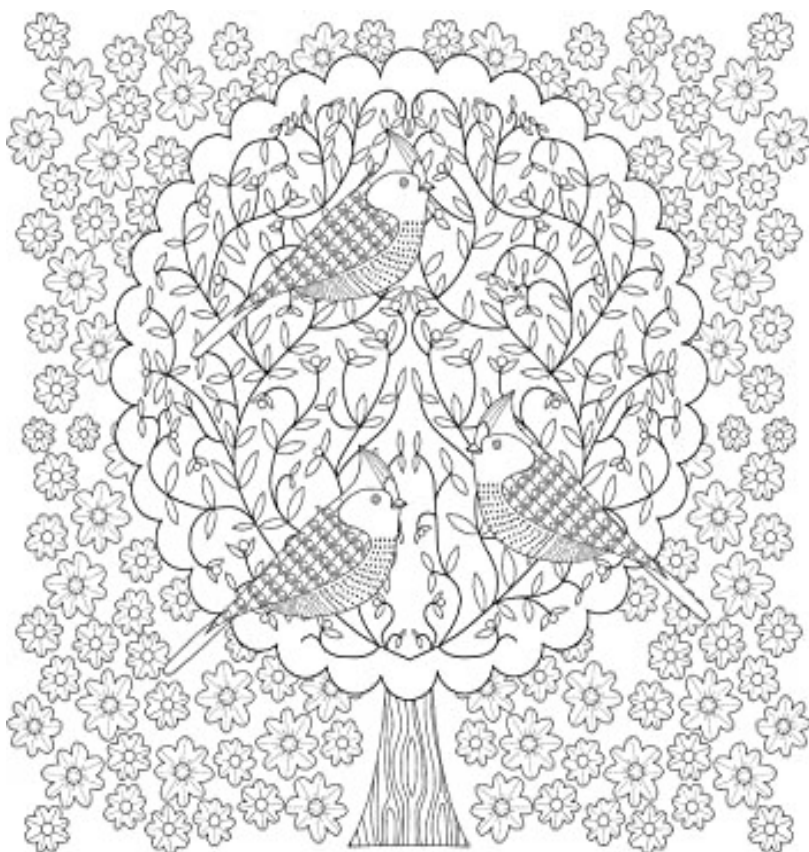
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
Baby Shower

HONORING
Shelby (Baylor) Workman
May | 13 | 2023
10:00am

First Christian Church Indoor Shelter House
2845 Beaumont Drive, Evansville, IN

Registered on Amazon

Please RSVP to: Rachel Smith, 812-457-8289



Cold Sodas in the church kitchen fridge, hot drink station and the snack counter in fellowship hall all benefit the 8th Annual Back to School Bash.

We Love Our VOLunteers



Margie Beal ~ 26th
George Heldt ~ 26th
Roger & Nancy Jones ~ 27th
Beverly Boss ~ 28th
Aubrey McCoy ~ 29th

Taking the Stand

He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. Luke 24:46-48 (NIV)

Based on Luke 24:36-48 (NIV)



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FISH	PEACE	BONES	DOUBTS	GHOST
LAW	PROPHETS	FLESH	MOSES	HANDS
PSALMS	BELIEVE	FEET	JESUS	TOUCH

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Thanks to Dad Hengeveld

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I'VE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT HE'S GOING TO BE WITH ME FOREVER, BUT HE JUST DOESN'T GET IT

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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 Fort Branch First.



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

This Sunday

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

6:30pm Ω Bible Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Complete Schedule @
www.fbfirst.org

Next Sunday's Message:

Doubting Thomas



Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

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

***HYMN #98**

To God Be the Glory

***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 #175 *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

SCRIPTURE LESSON

MESSAGE

*HYMN #571

*BLESSING

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

*DEPARTING SONG:

*PASSING THE PEACE:

POSTLUDE

Jenna Schleter

Luke 24:35-49 NLT

"Belief Requires Faith"

Go, Make of All Disciples

Pastor

Acolytes

At Calvary

*Mercy there was great,
and grace was free;
Pardon there was multiplied to me;
There my burdened soul
found liberty, At Calvary.*

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.



The God who hides

Isaiah declares, "Truly, you are a God who hides himself, O God of Israel, the Savior" (45:15, ESV). But why would God hide? Isn't our knowing God the point? Martin Luther explained that God hides in unexpected places so as not to be found where the world assumes a god would be — in power, status, fame, wealth — but to be found in weakness, humility and places of suffering.

"Those who have found God in the cross of Jesus Christ," said 20th-century theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "know how wonderfully God hides himself in this world and how he is closest precisely when we believe him to be most distant." So God assures us of his presence in the humble manger, among the poor and outcast during his ministry, in the excruciating suffering of the cross, and with us in every struggle.

God hides not to avoid us but so we will discover him precisely where we need him most, and where others need us most.

Prayer Requests

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

*Jane Marginet, Richard Michel,
Becca Manolov, Carla Jackson,
Connie Osborn, Tommy Osborn,
Alec Taylor, Morgan Whitehead,
Terri Jarboe, Derek Barton,
Jo Eckert, Ruby Wilkerson,
Scotti Pitts, Deanna Wilson, Don
Colvin, Gretchen Young,
Effie Dilbeck, Frances Burns,
June Regenholtz, Margie Beal,
Lesia Prater, Brian Price,
Roger & Nancy Jones, Kathy
Trowbridge, Triston, Tegan*

Vibrant belief

The disciples did not bother to try to understand the resurrection body. They doubted, and then they believed. They believed something so wonderful that it changed this broken, fragmented, beaten-down little group of men and women in a moment from depression to enthusiasm, from despair to new life, vibrant and unafraid.

—Madeleine L'Engle, The Rock That Is Higher

Luke 24:35-49 NLT

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

³⁵ Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread. ³⁶ And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. ³⁷ But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost!

³⁸ “Why are you frightened?” he asked. “Why are your hearts filled with doubt? ³⁹ Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it’s really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don’t have bodies, as you see that I do.” ⁴⁰ As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet.

⁴¹ Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder. Then he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he ate it as they watched.

⁴⁴ Then he said, “When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ And he said, “Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. ⁴⁷ It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.’ ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of all these things.

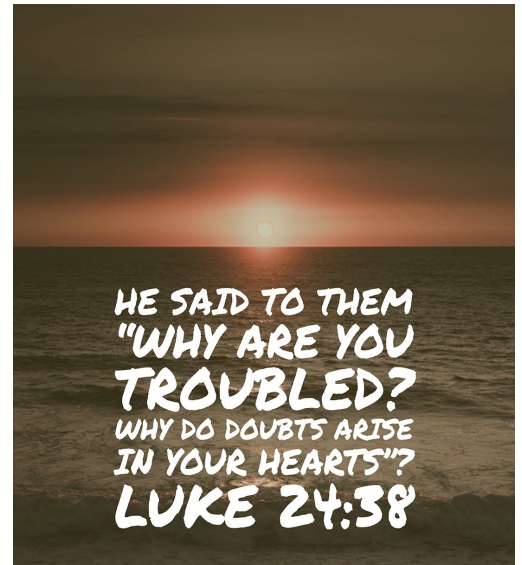
⁴⁹ “And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”

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

Thanks be to God!

Listening Guide
“Faith Requires Belief”
April 23, 2023

Scripture: Luke 24:35-49



In what ways do we see faith exercised in Jesus’ appearance?

The _____ is Shared (vs. 35-40)

_____ and Wonder (vs. 41-43)

They Received _____ (vs. 44-49)

Personal Application: Jesus moves the disciples from fear to belief. It happened through faith. What does our faith cause us to believe?
