



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.

4th Sunday of Easter **April 25, 2021**

Operation Christmas Child will be hosting a

Loaded Potato Bar

Coordinated by Linda Springer or Marilee Rostron.



May 16th | 12pm | \$8 donation
Carry-Outs Available

100% Proceeds to help with expenses for
Filling and Shipping shoeboxes.



Be a caremonger

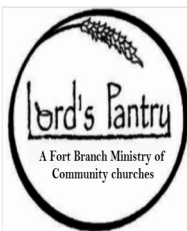
At the start of the coronavirus pandemic, a mutual-aid movement dubbed as "caremongering" quickly spread throughout Canada. Within 72 hours, 35 Facebook groups were launched so people could request and offer assistance.

This altruistic effort is essentially the opposite of fearmongering. "We wanted to switch that around and get people to connect on a positive level," says Mita Hans, who helped set up the first group. The movement, she adds, "spread the opposite of panic in people, brought out community and camaraderie, and allowed us to tackle the needs of those who are at-risk all the time — now more than ever."

One disabled man in Halifax who received aid through a caremongering group said it felt "like a hug." That's intentional, says participant Valentina Harper. "I think it is really showing people there is still hope for humanity." When the pandemic is history, may we all continue to be caremongers in our communities.

We carry worries even to worship. But our Good Shepherd says, "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32, ESV).

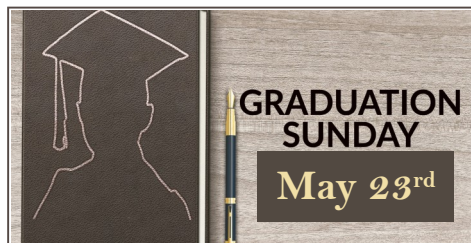
Give To
FAITH PROMISE
 ★ PARTICIPATE IN WHAT GOD IS DOING ★
 Live Generously



2021 class of

Grad Party

Let's celebrate
JT BAYLOR
 2-4 pm on Saturday, May 29th
 Fort Branch First UMC
 100 W Vine St.
 Fort Branch, IN 47648



We will be acknowledging the achievements of all the graduates in our congregations with a cake & punch reception following worship service. We don't want to leave anyone out! If you have a student graduating either Jr High, High School or College, please inform Heather Scott or Melissa Foster.



First UM Preschool will graduate it's last class on

Friday, May 21st @ 5:30pm

We are blessed to have had this church ministry for the past 40 years!

Margie Beal,
 you are a true blessing!!!



Let's Celebrate

- Margie Beal ~ 26th
- George Heldt ~ 26th
- Bruce & Linda Steiner ~ 26th
- Bella Wolf ~ 27th
- Roger & Nancy Jones ~ 27th
- Beverly Boss ~ 28th
- Aubrey McCoy ~ 29th
- Heather Scott ~ 30th

She's Found Her main Squeeze

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BRIDAL SHOWER HONORING
Shelby Baylor

First United Methodist Church 100 W Vine St. Fort Branch, IN 47648	MAY 1 2:30pm	Registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and Amazon
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Please bring a recipe to share with the bride to be!

Back to School BASH
 July 31, 2021

Donations can be made through your offering by designating "BTSB" on the envelope.

BTSB Planning Committee welcomes anyone wanting to be more involved!!

Fort Branch First UMC
 P. O. Box 116
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when found in the Order of Service
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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:



4/25: Laura Nurrenbern
5/2 Sue Ann Steinmetz

† 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 ~
6:30pm Ω Women's Bible Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

3:30pm Ω Port Gibson 4-H

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

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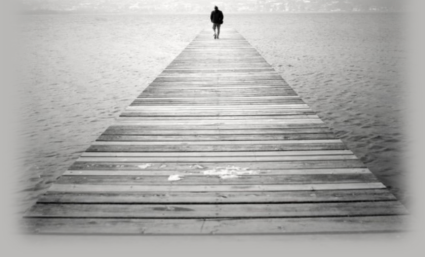
REBUILD

Acts 2:42-47

Four Cornerstones
of the Faith

Welcome!

Do justice
Love mercy
Walk humbly



Rev. John Windell, Special Guest Speaker

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN # 400 9:00am *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
145 10:30am *Morning Has Broken*

*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 #496 9:00am *Sweet Hour of Prayer*
#147 10:30am *All Things Bright
and Beautiful*

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*

1John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

MESSAGE

“Walking with the Poor”

*HYMN #419 9:00am
#310 10:30am

***I Am Thine, O Lord
He Lives***

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn #657 *This Is the Day*

*This is the day, this is the day,
that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.
Let us rejoice, let us rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord hath made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.*

*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

For the safety of all, please take home all items you brought with you and properly dispose of your bulletin, paper mask and other trash.

God has chosen YOU
to make you a blessing to many.

Prayer REQUESTS

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

*Jane Marginet, Marty Marginet, Joann Davis Fitch, Mark Dillion, Jake Prieshoff, Lynn Prieshoff, Richard & Betty Michel, Becca Manolov, Carla Jackson, Kyle Stone, Mark Fear, Joyce Kruse, Lucile Johnson, Poppy Petry, Judy Basham, Connie Collins, Linda McKimmy, Bruce Rostron, June Regenhold, Kim, Connie Osborn & Tommy Osborn, Alec Taylor, Derek Barton, Curt Cain, Connie Dunn, Ray Kifer
The Family of Dale Perry*



*Darrel Edwards
has officially
retired from his
many years of
service and
deployments!
Congrats & Thank You!!*



*My church family remembered me today
with an appreciative
“Thank You” and a vase of beautiful flowers!
I have an awesome job!
Thank You!!!*



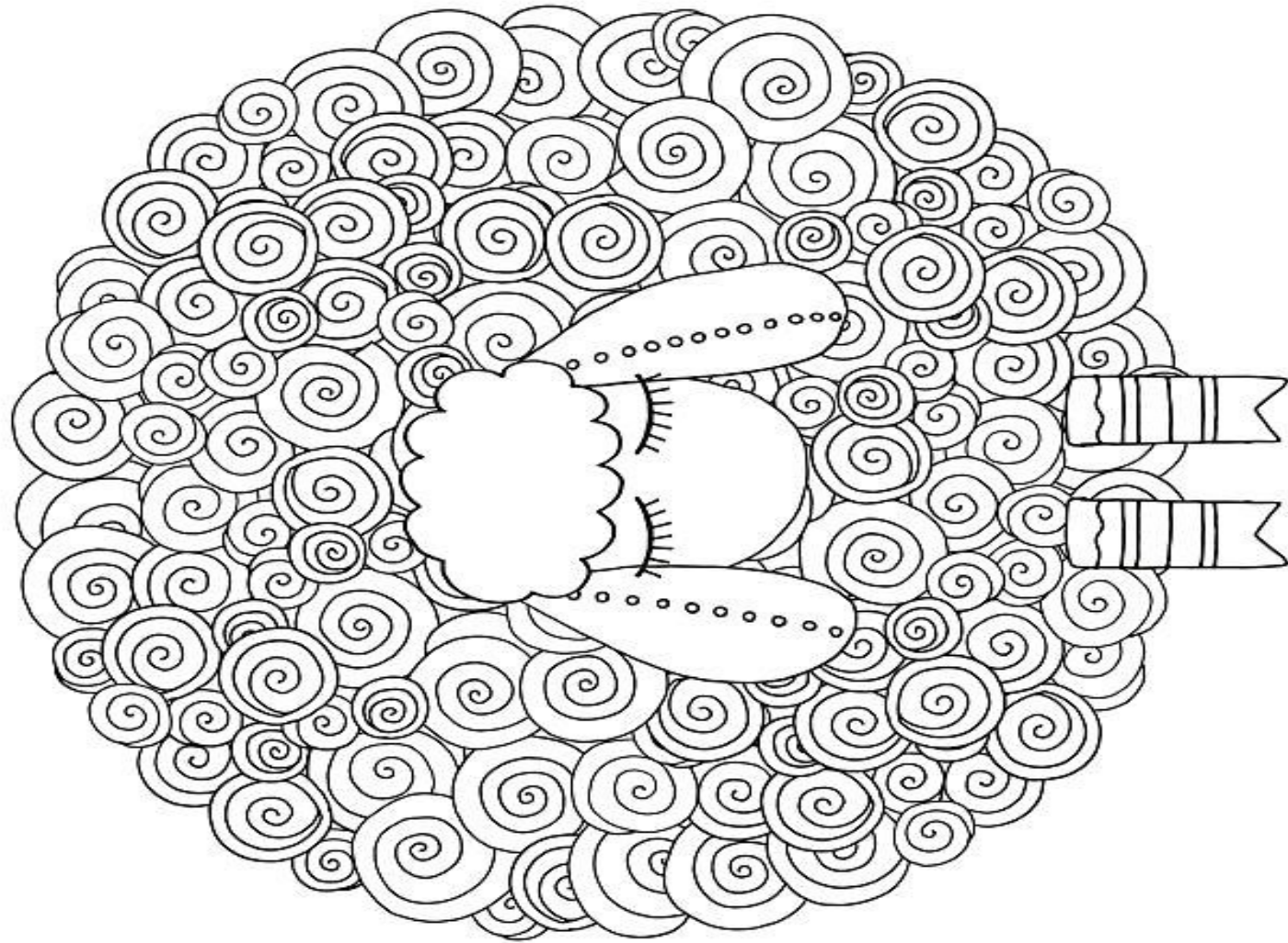
"I AM" THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Discover the hidden words.

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Word Bank

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| SHEEP | PAID | GOD |
| LORD | HEAR | WAY |
| VOICE | SHEPHERD | LIFE |
| IDENTITY | ONE | JESUS |



1 John 3:16-24 NRSV

¹⁶ We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷ How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister¹ in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹ And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²² and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

John 10:11-18 NRSV

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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

Thanks be to God!