

The First United  
Methodist Church of  
Fort Branch



Blythe Chapel United  
Methodist Church

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

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Closed Monday, Thursday  
and Friday



**Know who (and whose) you are**

Actor Kirk Douglas once picked up a hitchhiker. After the man got settled in Douglas's car, he turned to look more closely at the driver. Surprised to recognize the famous man at the wheel, the hitchhiker exclaimed, "Do you know who you are?!"

We would do well to ask ourselves and each other the same thing. Often, we seem to forget — or perhaps we never knew.

Through much of life, we behave as if our identity depends on our occupation, wealth, family line, daily accomplishments or good deeds. But none of these — not even the last one — determines the core of who we are. All that matters is our Creator's opinion, and God loves us with abundant, unconditional love.

Do you know who you are? You are God's beloved child! And so is everyone else. May we live out that knowledge, treating one another as such. —Heidi Hyland Mann



**Holy Week**

**Palm Sunday ~ April 13<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am ~ Blythe Chapel  
10:30am ~ Fort Branch First  
& Live Streaming

**Holy Thursday ~ April 17<sup>th</sup>**

6:00pm ~ Communion  
@ Fort Branch First UMC

**Good Friday ~ April 18<sup>th</sup>**

6am-6pm ~ 12 Hour Prayer Vigil  
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**Easter Sunday ~ April 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:00am ~ Sunrise Service w/Communion  
@ Blythe Chapel UMC  
w/ Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast  
following

9:00am ~ Easter Worship Service  
w/Communion & Live Stream  
@ Fort Branch First UMC  
8:00am ~ Easter Morning Breakfast



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**Good Friday**  
*12 Hour Prayer Vigil  
6am - 6pm*

You're invited to be an  
integral link in this  
unceasing prayer chain  
for our church,  
community and world.

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## Easter Sunday Candy Bar

The young and young-at-heart are invited to  
fill a bag with their favorite Easter treats!



### Easter insights

Did you know the word *Easter* never appears in the Bible? It may be a variant of the name Eostre, a pagan fertility goddess who symbolized rebirth and spring. *Eostre* stems from the Proto-Germanic word for *dawn*, which Christians connect to Jesus' victory over darkness.

The ancient tradition of Easter baskets also has ties to Eostre, whose symbol was a rabbit. Christians likely adapted the practice of bringing eggs and seeds as an offering to Eostre. Some Orthodox Christians continue a tradition of having a priest bless baskets of Easter food on Holy Saturday. Items usually hold special symbolism, such as Paska bread, cured meats, colored eggs, salt, horseradish and lamb-shaped butter.



## Methodist Women's Group

**Next meeting on  
Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9am**

*All women of the church are invited.*



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\* -This symbol,  
when found in the Order of Service  
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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.

## Lenten SCHEDULE

This Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
10:30am ~ *Worship & Live  
streaming worship*

Monday: ~ *Office Closed* ~  
6:30pm ~ *Bible Study*

Tuesday:  
5:30pm ~ *Yoga*

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ *Office Closed* ~  
8:30-3:00 ~ *FIT*

Friday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday  
10:30am ~ *Worship & Live  
streaming worship*



FIFTH SUNDAY  
in  
LENT



### Special Guest Speaker, Kristi Pflug

#### 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 #292

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

#### THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We are not alone; we live in God's world.*

***We believe in God: who has created and is creating;  
whose face we have seen in Jesus of Nazareth,  
the Word of God made flesh,  
to reconcile all people and renew the face of the earth;  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.***

***We are called together to be the church:***

***to celebrate the presence of God in the world and in  
our lives;***

***to love each other and others;***

***and by our living show the face of God in Jesus to the  
world today.***

***God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.***

***Amen***

#### WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #273

*Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands*

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS  
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 #70**

***Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

### **WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

**Mark 8:34-36, NCV**

*<sup>34</sup> Then Jesus called the crowd to him, along with his followers. He said, "If people want to follow me, they must give up the things they want. They must be willing even to give up their lives to follow me. <sup>35</sup> Those who want to save their lives will give up true life. But those who give up their lives for me and for the Good News will have true life. <sup>36</sup> It is worthless to have the whole world if they lose their souls.*

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

MESSAGE

**Kristi Pflug ~ "What are you living for?"**

### **WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING**

\*HYMN #301

**Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross**

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE #2129

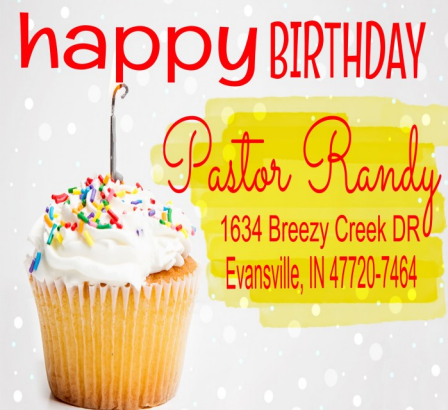
**I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**



## *Lenten* Prayer Needs

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

**Jane Marginet, June Regenhold, Mark Fear, Deanna Wilson, Terri & Steve Jarboe, Norman Bullock, Liz & Alan Creamer, Frances Burns, Paul & Jeanie Cardinal, John & Beverly Boss, Zach Anderson, Morgan Whitehead, Roger Jones, Karen Devine, Fred & Debra Stephenson, Pastor Randy & Julie**



## **APRIL** *birthdays & anniversaries*

**Jenna Schleter ~ 6th  
Tiffany Teel ~ 7th  
Alissa Fuhs ~ 12th  
Randy Anderson ~  
12th  
Sydney Russler ~ 12th**