



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.

10th Sunday after Pentecost **August 1, 2021**

**The Community Garden has some fresh veggies ...
Pick some up in fellowship hall!**



Forecast: 100% goodness

While Stan Purdum pastored an Ohio church in 1988, the region suffered a major drought. Congregants who were farmers saw their fields — and livelihoods — dry up and die. “I was impressed that they didn’t stop attending church and kept giving offerings,” he says. “A cynic might respond, ‘Well, the farmers don’t want to offend God and cause him to withhold more rain.’ But I concluded, ‘Look at their remarkable faith.’”

During the drought, Purdum gave a sermon about Elijah challenging the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:20-40). “Like Elijah, we need to hold on to our belief in God’s goodness,” he preached. “God will again send rain on our land. We will continue to pray for it. Perhaps it’s too late for this year’s crop, and we need to care for the people affected. But we do so while maintaining our faith in God’s providence.”



Your support of this community
mission is beyond awesome!
We have the best Volunteers!!!

The power of listening

"The most basic and powerful way to connect to another person is to listen," says Dr. Rachel Naomi Remen, author and integrative medicine professor. "Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention."

Twice in Mark 4, while teaching, Jesus urges, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen" (verses 9 & 23, NRSV). One way we show what Jesus means to us is by truly listening to his word — not just hearing sounds but being attentive and intentional. Likewise, one way we love and serve others is by respectfully listening to them: not assuming we know what they feel or mean or will say; not planning what to say even as they're still speaking, but listening deeply to learn about them and their experience.

We often think living our faith calls for great accomplishments or worldwide reach. But Remen says, "A loving silence often has ... power to heal and to connect." Don't underestimate something as basic and doable as listening as a way to practice Christlike love.



Let's Celebrate

*Phil Scott ~ 1st
Beau Dilbeck ~ 3rd
Karen Windell ~ 3rd
Brandon Foster ~ 3rd
Lesa Prater ~ 5th
Darla Lewis ~ 6th
Eric Knapp ~ 7th*



Methodist Women's Group

*Next meeting on
Saturday, August 14th @ 9am*
All women of the church are invited.



You are invited
to the wedding of

*Alec Steinmetz &
Vanessa Magana*

August 21, 2021 @ 4:30pm
Cambridge Golf Club
Please RSVP by
August 1st
to Don & Sue Ann

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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:



8/1: Debra Stephenson

8/8 : Kristi Pflug

† 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 Port Gibson 4-H

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

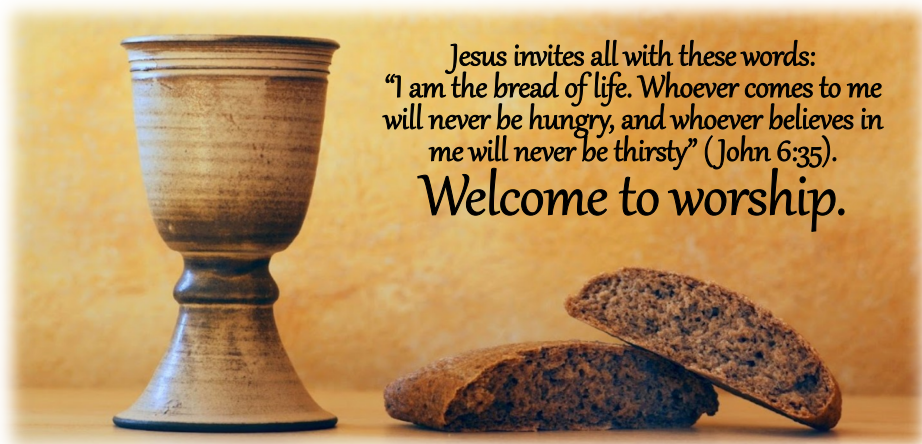
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Next Sunday Worship:

"Why Grace — Part 2"

Genesis 25:27-34; 33:1-4
Hebrews 12:14-17



Jesus invites all with these words:
"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me
will never be hungry, and whoever believes in
me will never be thirsty" (John 6:35).

Welcome to worship.

Rev. John Baylor, Jr.



PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #733 9:00am *Marching to Zion*
#64 10:30am *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

*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 #474 9:00am *Precious Lord, Take
My Hand*
#395 10:30am *Take Time to Be Holy*

PASTORAL PRAYER

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*SCRIPTURE LESSON insert *Genesis 25:27-34; 33:1-4*
Hebrews 12:14-17

MESSAGE

"Why Grace, Part 1"

HOLY COMMUNION

ALL ARE WELCOME

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

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 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are opened, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE SERVING OF THE BODY AND BLOOD

In this church, all are welcome to the Lord's Table.

*HYMN #174 9:00am
#396 10:30am

*His Name Is Wonderful
O Jesus, I Have Promised*

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn #402 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian

In my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Christian

In my heart, in my heart

In my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian

In my heart.

*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

May your week
be Peaceful, Joyful
and filled with
Unexpected Blessings.

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, Mark Fear,
Joyce Kruse, Poppy Petry, Judy
Basham, Connie Collins, Ray
Kifer, Linda McKimmy, Kim,
Connie Osborn & Tommy
Osborn, Alec Taylor, Connie
Dunn, Aimee Emmons, Morgan,
Lisa & Bill, Linda Reed,
Ryan Steele, Jerry McBee
Cori Pflug ~ Guatemala Mission Trip
The family of Marty Marginet
The family of Michael Douglas*



*George & Crystal Smith,
loss of his sister, Laura
8107 W 350 S
Owensville, IN 47665*

*Jane Marginet,
loss of her son, Marty
396 E 795 S
Fort Branch, IN 47648*

*Steve & Sherry Michel,
Loss of her brother, Marty
7886 S 38 E
Fort Branch, IN 47648*

Listening Guide
“Why Grace – Part 1”
August 1, 2021

Scripture: Genesis 25:27-34; 33:1-4; Hebrews 12:14-17

Why Grace?

We All get _____

We All have _____

We All Seek _____

We can All Be _____

Personal Application: Hebrews 12:15 says: “See to it that no one misses grace.” What are you doing to make sure that this is true in your life and in the lives of the people you come into contact with?

Genesis 25:27-34; 33:1-4 NLT

Esau Sells His Birthright

²⁷ As the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter. He was an outdoorsman, but Jacob had a quiet temperament, preferring to stay at home. ²⁸ Isaac loved Esau because he enjoyed eating the wild game Esau brought home, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹ One day when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau arrived home from the wilderness exhausted and hungry. ³⁰ Esau said to Jacob, "I'm starved! Give me some of that red stew!" (This is how Esau got his other name, Edom, which means "red.")

³¹ "All right," Jacob replied, "but trade me your rights as the firstborn son."

³² "Look, I'm dying of starvation!" said Esau. "What good is my birthright to me now?"

³³ But Jacob said, "First you must swear that your birthright is mine." So Esau swore an oath, thereby selling all his rights as the firstborn to his brother, Jacob.

³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and lentil stew. Esau ate the meal, then got up and left. He showed contempt for his rights as the firstborn.

Jacob and Esau Make Peace

³³ Then Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming with his 400 men. So he divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and his two servant wives. ² He put the servant wives and their children at the front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph last. ³ Then Jacob went on ahead. As he approached his brother, he bowed to the ground seven times before him. ⁴ Then Esau ran to meet him and embraced him, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. And they both wept.

Hebrews 12:14-17 NLT

A Call to Listen to God

¹⁴ Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord. ¹⁵ Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many. ¹⁶ Make sure that no one is immoral or godless like Esau, who traded his birthright as the firstborn son for a single meal. ¹⁷ You know that afterward, when he wanted his father's blessing, he was rejected. It was too late for repentance, even though he begged with bitter tears.

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