



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.

12th Sunday after Pentecost August 15, 2021

A Bible Study
for Women

\$20

Seamless

Understanding the
Bible as One Complete Story

angie smith

7 WEEK STUDY BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 13TH
Monday evenings: 6:30pm Fort Branch First UMC
Register your interest in joining with Kristi Pflug
812.664.1108 by August 29th

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(See Matthew 14:14-21) 03-13-2009
YES I COULD MAKE FIVE THOUSAND OF THOSE,
BUT A FEW FISH AND SOME BREAD MIGHT BE A
BETTER OPTION



You are invited
to our
Open House
Sunday, August 15th
2-4pm

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



Outreach Committee,
 During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us...Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you so much for the delicious meal prepared for our family. God bless the hands who serve the Lord.
 Family of
 Marty Marginet
 In Loving Memory of



Marty Marginet
 Beloved Church Family, we cherish your thoughts, prayers, cards and outpouring love through your kind deeds. To all who took part in anyway to help your witness of faith and love has touched our hearts. The meal was delicious and appreciated. Continue prayers for us. God bless you all your days. The Family of Marty thanks you with heartfelt gratitude.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PULLED PORK BBQ

FUNDRAISER

Sat., Sept 18th
4-7pm

Pulled Pork Dinner
with all the trimmings

\$9/ Adults
\$5/ ages 8 and under

First UM Church 100 W. Vine Street, Fort Branch

Proceeds to benefit: *2022 Women's Conference

HIT THE SACK!

Sleep is a daily reminder from God that we are not God. Once a day God sends us to bed like patients with a sickness. The sickness is a chronic tendency to think we are in control and that our work is indispensable. To cure us of this disease, God turns us into helpless sacks of sand once a day.

—John Piper

Let's Celebrate

- Drew Steinmetz ~ 15th*
- Crystal Smith ~ 15th*
- Tim & Tona Smith ~ 15th*
- Warren & Karen Devine ~ 16th*
- Kelly Foster ~ 18th*
- John & Anita Baylor ~ 20th*
- Anita Baylor ~ 21st*

You are invited to the wedding of

Alec Steinmetz & Vanessa Magana

August 21, 2021 @ 4:30pm
 Cambridge Golf Club
 Please RSVP by August 1st

Fort Branch First UMC
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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:



8/15 : Janet McBee
8/22 : Laura Nurrenbern

† 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 ~

Tuesday:
6:30pm Ω Back to School Bash
Wrap Up Meeting

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:
4:30pm Steinmetz-Magna
Wedding

Next Sunday:

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

Next Sunday Worship:

*"Who Commands
Your Life? Part 2"*

Daniel 3:19-30



Rev. John Baylor, Jr.



PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #156 9:00am *I Love to Tell the Story*
#89 10:30am *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*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 # 393 9:00am *Spirit of the
Living God*
#328 10:30am *Surely the Presence
of the Lord*

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*

Daniel 3:1-18

MESSAGE

“Who Commands Your Life?”

*HYMN #310 9:00am
#99 10:30am

*He Lives
My Tribute*

*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 filled
with good thoughts,
kind people, &
many 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,
Al & Elizabeth Rostron,
John Boss
The Family of Karen Paul*

A prayer about slowing down

God beyond time ... teach us to pause in this moment, to tuck ourselves into the curve of your slow arm, that we may know the miracle of now, the gift of this moment: you beside and beyond us, welcoming us outside of all we measure, and standing with us in it. May we see the goodness of our still hours and days, sunrises, sunsets, and the darkness where our rest is found.

—Micha Boyett
in *A Rhythm of Prayer*
(edited by Sarah Bessey)

Listening Guide
“Who Commands Your Life?”
August 15, 2021

Scripture: Daniel 3:1-18

Who commands your life?

Is it the _____ (vs. 4-6)

Is it the Other _____ (vs. 12)

Is it the _____ (vs. 16-17)

Personal Application: When we peel back all of the layers, does God truly have command over us? Is it Him who calls the shots? Are we willing to risk everything like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in order to honor Him and worship Him, and...to make Him know to others?

Daniel 3:1-18 NLT

Nebuchadnezzar's Gold Statue

³ King Nebuchadnezzar made a gold statue ninety feet tall and nine feet wide and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. ² Then he sent messages to the high officers, officials, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates, and all the provincial officials to come to the dedication of the statue he had set up. ³ So all these officials came and stood before the statue King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

⁴ Then a herald shouted out, "People of all races and nations and languages, listen to the king's command! ⁵ When you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes, and other musical instruments, bow to the ground to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's gold statue. ⁶ Anyone who refuses to obey will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace."

⁷ So at the sound of the musical instruments, all the people, whatever their race or nation or language, bowed to the ground and worshiped the gold statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

⁸ But some of the astrologers went to the king and informed on the Jews. ⁹ They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "Long live the king! ¹⁰ You issued a decree requiring all the people to bow down and worship the gold statue when they hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes, and other musical instruments. ¹¹ That decree also states that those who refuse to obey must be thrown into a blazing furnace. ¹² But there are some Jews—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—whom you have put in charge of the province of Babylon. They pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They refuse to serve your gods and do not worship the gold statue you have set up."

¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar flew into a rage and ordered that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought before him. When they were brought in, ¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you refuse to serve my gods or to worship the gold statue I have set up? ¹⁵ I will give you one more chance to bow down and worship the statue I have made when you hear the sound of the musical instruments. But if you refuse, you will be thrown immediately into the blazing furnace. And then what god will be able to rescue you from my power?"

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. ¹⁸ But even if he doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up."

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