

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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Office Hours
Tuesday & Wednesday,
9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Closed Monday, Thursday
and Friday

One Church
Two Locations

December 15, 2024

Wesleyan, First Presbyterian, Blythe Chapel, First UMC
The Churches of Fort Branch present

The Best Gift
EVER!

1-Day Christmas VBS
3yrs & older



December 23rd, 2024

12:30pm ~ 6:00 PM

Doors Open at 12:00pm

Supper & snacks served (eat lunch prior)

Pre-registration by Dec. 9
helpful, not required

VBS Children's
Christmas Program
6:00pm



Location: Fort Branch First UMC 100 W Vine Street

Christmas Brings
the Beauty
of ...

HOPE
PEACE
LOVE
JOY

Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 15th
10:30am ~ Worship, "Christmas Brings the
Beauty of Love"

Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 22nd
10:30am ~ Worship, "Christmas Brings the
Beauty of Joy"

Children's Christmas Vacation Bible School

Presented by Churches of Fort Branch
December 23rd

12:30pm ~ 6:00pm 1-Day VBS

6:00pm ~ Children's Program, community
invited and live streamed

Church office will be closed
December 23rd - January 6th

Altar Flowers

In Memory of Tom R. Lewis
~His Family

In Memory of Lucile Johnson
~Larry Johnson

In Memory of Marvin & Dorothy Steinmetz
~ The Steinmetz Family

In Memory of Kay Weber
~Larry Johnson

In Memory of Allen & Margie Cornelison
~ The Steinmetz Family

In Memory of John Johnson
~ Larry Johnson

In Memory of Cameron Foster
~ Kelly & Melissa, Brandon, Lauren, Owen, Caleb & Chase

In Memory of Frank Kuhns
~ Larry Johnson

In Memory of Herbert & Velma Wening
~ Bruce & Marilee Rostron & family

In Memory of Our Parents
~Nancy & Roger Jones

In Memory of Alva & Elizabeth Rostron
~ Bruce & Marilee Rostron & family

In Memory of Sue Mounts
~Nancy & Roger Jones

In Memory of Don Colvin
~ George & Crystal Smith

In Memory of
Rev. Tom Stone
Kyle David Stone
Jean Tacosik
Walter Tacosik
~ Jean Stone

In Memory of Fred & Kathi Smith
~ George & Crystal Smith

In Honor of our Grandchildren &
Great-grandchildren
~Shane & Linda Springer

In Honor, Love and Appreciation
Paul Cardinal
Jeanie Cardinal
Margie Beal
Darla Lewis
Rev. Randy & Julie Anderson
Fort Branch First
UMC family & friends
~Jean Stone

In Memory of Chet and Audrey Carmine
~Bill & Carla Conklin

In Memory of Bill Conklin, Jr.
~Bill & Carla Conklin



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* -This symbol,
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 provide a nursery, located in
the education wing near the restrooms.



This Sunday

3rd Sunday of Advent
10:30am ~ *Worship & Live
streaming worship*

Monday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Tuesday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Friday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

4th Sunday of Advent
10:30am ~ *Worship & Live
streaming worship*

FEBRUARY 22, 2025
Women's Conference

INVITE
A FRIEND.



Rev. Randy Anderson

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 #218 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

ADVENT READING AND CANDLE LIGHTING: LOVE

Crystal & George Smith

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #230

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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 **Glory Be to the Father**
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.

Hymn #70

WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE **The Birth of Jesus** **Luke 2:1-7, NLT**

2 At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. **2** (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) **3** All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. **4** And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. **5** He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.

6 And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. **7** She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

John 3:16, NLT

16 "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

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

MESSAGE **"Christmas Brings the Beauty of Love"**

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

*HYMN #211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*BLESSING



Prayer Requests

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

Jane Marginet, Terri & Steve Jarboe, Ruby Wilkerson, June Regenhold, Mark Fear, Deanna Wilson, Norman Bullock, Liz & Alan Creamer, Vivory Brewer, Frances Burns, Paul & Jeanie Cardinal, John & Beverly Boss, Zach Anderson, Morgan Whitehead, Margie Beal, Karen Devine, Gayle Lewis

It's the season to remember our Church Staff and all of their efforts. So if you would like to contribute, see me or venmo to Donald Steinmetz.

DECEMBER
Birthdays and Anniversaries

TJ Lewis ~ 17th
Nancy Jones ~ 20th