

The First United  
Methodist Church of  
Fort Branch



Blythe Chapel United  
Methodist Church  
8141 S 450 W  
Owensville, IN 47665

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 22, 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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



Children's Christmas Vacation  
Bible School  
Presented by Churches of Fort Branch  
December 23<sup>rd</sup>  
12:30pm ~ 6:00pm 1-Day VBS  
6:00pm ~ Children's Program,  
community invited and live streamed

Church office will be closed  
December 23<sup>rd</sup> – January 6<sup>th</sup>

# Altar Flowers

*In Memory of Tom Lewis, SR  
& Our family members  
~The Tom & Darla Lewis family*

*In Memory of Marvin & Dorothy Steinmetz  
~ The Steinmetz Family*

*In Memory of Allen & Margie Cornelison  
~ The Steinmetz Family*

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

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

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

*In Memory of Don Colvin  
~ George & Crystal Smith*

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

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

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

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

*In Memory of Lucile Johnson  
~Larry Johnson*

*In Memory of Kay Weber  
~Larry Johnson*

*In Memory of John Johnson  
~ Larry Johnson*

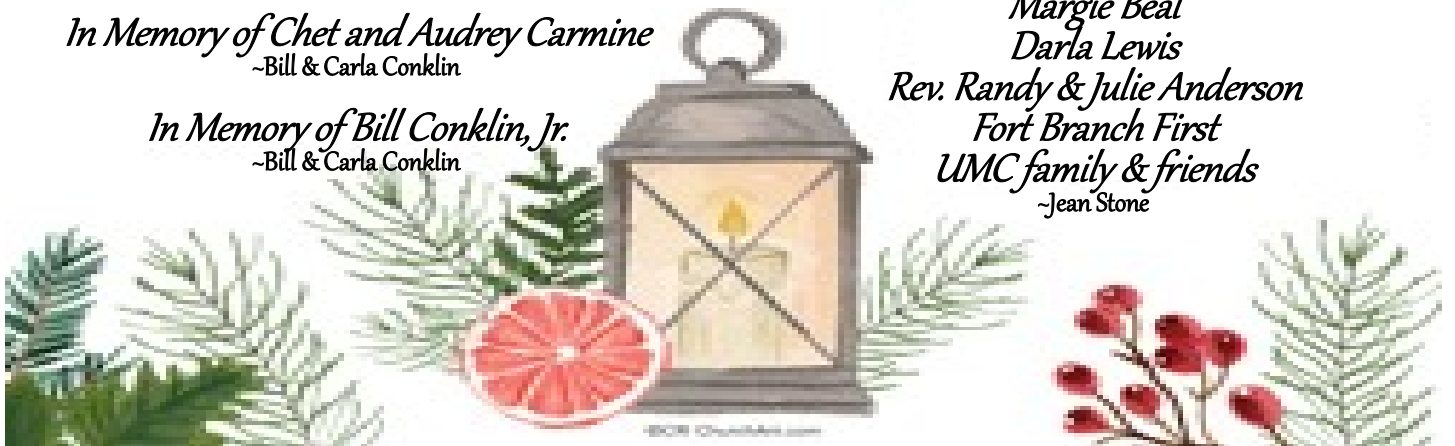
*In Memory of Frank Kuhns  
~ Larry Johnson*

*In Memory of Our Parents  
~Nancy & Roger Jones*

*In Memory of Sue Mounts  
~Nancy & Roger Jones*

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

*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*



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Deliver to:

\* -This symbol,  
when found in the Order of Service  
invites you to stand - if able.

CCLI #2446518  
Streaming License # 20701562

#### CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children are welcome in the worship  
service! We do provide a nursery, located in  
the education wing near the restrooms.



#### This Sunday

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

#### Monday:

12pm ~6pm *CHRISTMAS VBS*  
6:00pm *Christmas Program*

Tuesday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

#### Wednesday:

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Thursday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Friday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

#### Saturday:

#### Next Sunday:

10:30am ~ *Worship & Live  
streaming worship*

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**  
&

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



## **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 #240 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

**ADVENT READING AND CANDLE LIGHTING: JOY**

*Bruce & Marilee Rostron*

### **WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING**

PRAYER HYMN #217

*Away in a Manger*

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Drew Steinmetz ~ O Holy Night**

**WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

**Luke 2:8-16 & 2:20, NLT**

***The Shepherds and Angels***

<sup>8</sup> That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, <sup>10</sup> but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. <sup>11</sup> The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! <sup>12</sup> And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in highest heaven,

and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

<sup>16</sup> They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.

<sup>20</sup> The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.

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

MESSAGE

**"Christmas Brings the Beauty of Joy"**

**WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING**

\*HYMN #246

\*BLESSING

**Joy to the World**

*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, Fred & Debra Stephenson**



**Kaia Gerts ~ 23rd**  
**John Jenkins ~ 24th**  
**Trista Teel ~ 26th**

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# **Women's Conference 2025**

**Keynote Speaker:  
Shellie Rushing Tomlinson**

**"act justly, love mercy,  
walk humbly"**

Micah 6:8

**Saturday, February 22**

**9am ~ 2pm CST**

**Cost is \$25**

**includes: shirt,**

**conference & lunch**

**Rsvp by February 2nd**

**w/shirt size & payment to  
Kristi Pflug (812)664-1108**

**venmo: @Kristi-Pflug-1**

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Finding Identity and Purpose



MATT WILLIAMS  
General Editor

**The Next Bible Study will start on  
Monday, February 3 @ 6:30pm**

**This is a 12 week study.**

**The cost is \$15**

**(Anyone wishing to be a part of this study,  
but the book cost is an issue, please see  
Kristi or Pastor Randy)**

***Please reserve your book with  
Kristi Pflug by January 20.***