

The First United
Methodist Church of
Fort Branch



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

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

One Church
Two Locations

December 8, 2024

ADVENT
A Season of Preparation

*Christmas Brings
the Beauty
of ...*

HOPE
PEACE
JOY
LOVE



First Sunday of Advent ~ December 1st
10:30am ~ Worship, "Christmas Brings the
Beauty of Hope"
Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 8th
10:30am ~ Worship, "Christmas Brings the
Beauty of Peace"
Special Music Presentation by the Choir
Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 15th
10:30am ~ Worship, "Christmas Brings the
Beauty of Joy"
Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 22nd
10:30am ~ Worship, "Christmas Brings the
Beauty of Love"
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

Methodist Women's Group



**Next meeting on
Saturday, December 14th @ 9am**

All women of the church are invited.

Christmas Candy, Cookies & Goodie Trays



Pick Up
December 15th

Pre-order by December 13th
Small \$20 Large \$40

*Use order sheet posted on bulletin board
or contact Laura Nurrenbern by email or
text. As always, thanks for supporting*



A hobby turned ministry

The internet has transformed shopping, whether for Christmas, major purchases or even groceries. I've spent hours scrolling Facebook Marketplace for just the right new-to-me items. Hunting for a great deal or a unique piece is part of the appeal.

But after reading Philippians 2:4, I also began paying attention to the people I encountered along the way. "Don't look out only for your own interests," that verse says, "but take an interest in others, too" (NLT).

A retired couple all but invited me to dinner when I bought a lamp from them. I remember the woman's delight as she described her recipe. A young man with developmental challenges who sold me a video game communicated its quality much better than anyone I've encountered.

When a mom purchased some chairs from us, she shared her excitement while loading her van. Her family now had a "real home" after living in an RV during a tough time. Once I bought furniture from a woman who was visibly stressed, exhausted from helping her mother-in-law move out of state.

As my transactions turned into interactions, my heart was changing — for the better. My hobby became more enjoyable and meaningful as I took time to listen and care. —Janna Firestone



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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

2nd Sunday of Advent
10:30am ~ *Worship & Live
streaming worship*

Monday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Tuesday:
6:00pm *VBS Meeting*

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Friday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

3rd 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 #249

There's A Song in the Air

ADVENT READING AND CANDLE LIGHTING: PEACE

Sherry Michel, Susan & Bill Ahlfeld

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #254

We Three Kings

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

*MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Fort Branch First United Methodist Ensemble ~ **Come, Let Us Adore**

WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE *The Shepherds and Angels* **Luke 2:8-14, NLT**

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

¹³ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

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

MESSAGE

"Christmas Brings the Beauty of Hope"

WORSHIP THROUGH

*HYMN #251

Mountain

*BLESSING



RESPONDING

Go, Tell It on the

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

DECEMBER
Birthdays and Anniversaries

Rick Wilson ~ 8th
Susan Ahlfeld ~ 9th
John & Karen Windell ~ 9th
Fred & Debra Stephenson ~ 12th

Altar Flowers

In Memory of Tom R. Lewis
~His 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
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

