

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.

Rev. Randy Anderson

Pastor
randy.anderson@
inumc.org
812/568-4746

Melissa Foster,
Administrative Specialist
melissa@fbfirst.org

www.fbfirst.org
P. O. Box 116
100 W Vine ST
Fort Branch, IN 47648
Phone: (812) 753-4424
Fax: (812) 768-6441
melissa@fbfirst.org

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

One Church
Two Locations

February 16, 2025



30 minutes CHAIR followed by 30 minutes FLOOR

YOGA

Tuesdays @ 5:30pm
Bring your own water, mat, towel and light weights, if you prefer.
Class led by Debi Phillips
Have some fun and invite a friend!

February Diaper and Wipe Drive

Pamper our Babies with love in February!

True Hope's vision is to serve our community with excellence in meeting the needs of families.
Place your donations in the "pack-n-play" located in the hallway.
All brands and sizes are greatly appreciated.

**True Hope Pregnancy & Family Resource Center
Of Gibson County**
truehopegc@gmail.com / www.truehopeprc.org
See Debi Phillips for more information.

Kindness kickbacks

Random Acts of Kindness Day, observed each year on February 17, is a reminder of the power of altruism. Followers of Jesus express kindness selflessly, out of love for God and our neighbors. Yet in return, we reap emotional — and even physical — benefits.

Researchers have identified a “helper’s high” that can ease anxiety and depression. Spontaneous or planned acts of “pro-social spending” have been shown to reduce blood pressure, improve heart health, reduce pain and even extend longevity.

For maximum impact, experts recommend getting creative with random acts of kindness and mixing them up. But no matter how you spread kindness, you’re bound to experience blessings in return!



Puzzle!

Use the clues to fill in the boxes. Then write those letters on the correct numbered lines below to complete 1 John 4:16 (NIV).

A place to live	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td></tr> </table>									
Opposite of dark	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td></tr> </table>									
Companion	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td></tr> </table>									
Hand greeting	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td></tr> </table>									
Male adult	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td></tr> </table>									

8	2	16	13	4	6	2	19	5			
17	9	2	5	19	5	12	6	7	19	5	4
13	15	6	2	19	20	6	7	19	14	4	
13	15	8	2	16	18	15	16				
8	2	16	13	23	10	1	14	21			

1 John 4:16, NIV

Love makes us worthy

Unlike God, who loves unconditionally, humans often make choices and set limits when doling out affection. But Thomas Merton reminds us, “Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. That is not our business and, in fact, it is nobody’s business. What we are asked to do is to love, and this love itself will render both ourselves and our neighbors worthy.”

As for how to develop and maintain that type of love? Merton shares, “It is in deep solitude that I find the gentleness with which I can truly love my [neighbors].”



Fort Branch First UMC
P. O. Box 116
Fort Branch, IN 47648

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

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

Monday: ~ *Office Closed ~
6:30pm ~ Bible Study*

Tuesday:
5:30pm ~ *Yoga*

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ *Office Closed ~*

Friday:
~ *Office Closed ~*

Saturday:

9:00am *Women's Conference*

Next Sunday:

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



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 #2160

Into My Heart

RESPONSIVE READING HYMN #851

Psalm 135:1-14

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,

who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

Lift up your hands in the holy place,

and bless the Lord!

***May the Lord who made heaven and earth
bless you from Zion.***

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #405

Seek Ye First

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

*The Response

Hymn #2088

*Lord, I Lift your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life;
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift your name on high.*

WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

John 14:1-6, NLT

Jesus Comforts His Disciples

14 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going."

Jesus the Way to the Father

⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"Doubting is Acceptable"

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

*HYMN #399

Take My Life, and Let It Be

*BLESSING



PRAYER
list

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

Jane Marginet, June Regenhold, Mark Fear, Deanna Wilson, Terri & Steve Jarboe, Norman Bullock, Liz & Alan Creamer, Vivory Brewer, Frances Burns, Paul & Jeanie Cardinal, John & Beverly Boss, Zach Anderson, Morgan Whitehead, Karen Devine, Fred & Debra Stephenson



*David Lewis ~ 17th
Steven Schleiter ~ 17th
Lauren Foster ~ 20th
Madison Marginet ~
22nd*