



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.

Transfiguration Sunday **February 27, 2022**

Lent is almost here

Ash Wednesday, the beginning
of Lent, comes on March 2, 2022.

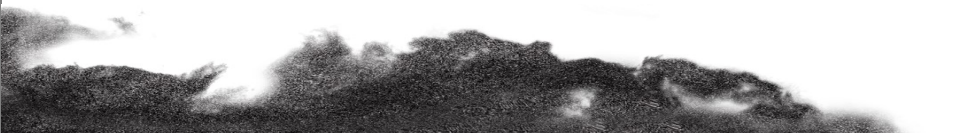
We Christians observe Lent for 40 days (excluding Sundays) to examine
our spiritual condition and to strive to improve our relationship with
God.

Lent is also a period of spiritual
preparation for Easter Sunday, the
greatest day on the Christian
calendar.

During Lent most churches have
additional services. Some offer
special Bible study events or classes
in strengthening the spiritual life. It
is a good time to study the life of a
great Christian from the past and
the ways that person developed
closeness to God.

It's important that each Christian practice spiritual disciplines to "show
that you are a letter of Christ ... written not with ink but with the Spirit
of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human
hearts" (2 Corinthians 3:3, NRSV).

March 2, 2022
Prayer Service with Ash Distribution
@ 7pm Fort Branch First UMC
Everyone invited!



March 13th | 12pm | \$8 donation
Carry-Outs Available

LOADED POTATO BAR

100% Proceeds to help with expenses for
Filling and Shipping shoeboxes.



9 "verses" that aren't in the Bible

Several popular sayings can put biblical literacy to the test. For example, the phrases below aren't in Scripture — although some come pretty close:

- "Money is the root of all evil." (According to 1 Timothy 6:10, "the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.")
- "Cleanliness is next to godliness." (The closest teaching to this might be in James 4:8.)
- "God helps those who help themselves." (This proverb originated in ancient Greece, not in Scripture.)
- "God moves in mysterious ways." (A verse kind of like this is Isaiah 55:8.)
- "Spare the rod, spoil the child." (British poet Samuel Butler coined this phrase, which could be a paraphrase of Proverbs 13:24.)
- "This, too, shall pass." (This occurs nowhere in the Bible but has been linked, incorrectly, to King Solomon.)
- "Love the sinner, hate the sin." (St. Augustine originally came up with a version of this phrase.)
- "Charity begins at home." (British theologian John Wycliffe is credited with this saying.)
- "God will never give you more than you can bear." (This seems to be a misinterpretation of 1 Corinthians 10:13.)

With the current tax laws, not everyone will need to itemize their

2021 Federal Income

Taxes.

As to save our Financial Secretary (aka volunteer) a lot of extra work, a financial statement of your offerings and tithes will only be prepared for you upon request.

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To our friends who prepared and served a wonderful meal for us. I was sorry numbers were few — weather played a big roll. The blessing is everyone got home safe and with no problems. It was great to see all of the changes in the church. It was good to see all of you again.

*Blessings in God's Love
Laura Belle Jackson
Jenny Jackson
Dale & Daphne Budreau
Family*



*Stuart & Krissie Michel ~ 27th
John Windell ~ 1st
Lynn Prieshoff ~ 2nd
Sherry Michel ~ 4th
Ed Trapp ~ 5th*



*Methodist Women's Group
Next meeting on
Saturday, March 12th @ 9am
All women of the church are invited.*

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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:



2/27: Margie Beal
3/6: Ruth Ann Salyer

† 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:

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday
3:30pm Ω Port Gibson 4-H
7:00pm Ω Prayer Service with
Ash Distribution

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday in Lent

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

Next Sunday Worship:

"Ash Wednesday"
Psalm 51

Welcome to Worship

Jesus told Peter to put his boat into deep water and let down his nets for a catch. Peter did and caught so many fish his net almost broke. As we worship today, let us remember that obedience to Christ will assure us of spiritual success which will embolden us in life.

The Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN # 185 9:00am *When Morning Gilds the Skies*
2265 10:30am *Cry of My Heart*

*GREETING AND PRAYER

We offer a cordial greeting to all worshippers who have come to praise the Lord. Your presence helps lift our spirits, and we welcome you in Christ's name.

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.

PRAYERS

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYER HYMN #393 9:00am *Spirit of the
Living God*
2152 10:30am *Change My Heart,
O God*

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.

THE OFFERING:

The Gathering of the Gifts

*Presentation of Gifts with **DOXOLOGY:**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 19:16-30 NLT

MESSAGE

“Come Follow Me ~ Complete Obedience”

*HYMN # 368 9:00am
2146 10:30am

*My Hope Is Built
His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn

Make Me A Blessing

*Make me a blessing, Make me a blessing!
Out of my life may Jesus shine:
Make me a blessing, O Savior, I pray
Make me a blessing to someone today.*

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



The essence of the Christian life is knowing God and walking with him. It's about sticking with him when the sky is blue and also when it's filled with clouds or choked with smoke. It's about walking with the Lord through thick and thin, and pressing on through every heartache and trial that happens to come our way.
—Greg Laurie

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 Michel, Becca Manolov, Carla Jackson, Kyle Stone, Poppy Petry, Linda McKimmy, Connie Osborn, Tommy Osborn, Alec Taylor, Morgan Whitehead, Lisa & Bill, Linda Reed, Amy Casavant, Randy Jones, Derek Barton, Mark Fear, Steve, Jo Eckert, Bruce Rostron, Jerry McBee, Hattie Kroeger, AJ Albert, Cathie Minton, Gary Sokeland, Ova Salyer, Karen Windell, Faith Livermore, Tammy Lynch

Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

Blank lines for writing blessings.



Listening Guide
“Come Follow Me – Complete Obedience”
February 27, 2022

Scripture: Matthew 19:16-30

What is Jesus’ definition of complete obedience?

Re-define, _____ (vs. 16-17)

_____ All Commands (vs. 18-19)

Seek _____ (vs. 20-22)

_____ God (vs. 23-30)

Personal Application: Complete obedience is necessary. It is a recommendation or extra credit. It is expected from followers of Jesus. Are you giving complete obedience?



THERE IS AN INVITATION TO
FOLLOW JESUS

Matthew 19:16-30 NLT

The Rich Man

¹⁶ Someone came to Jesus with this question: “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?”

¹⁷ “Why ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. But to answer your question—if you want to receive eternal life, keep the commandments.”

¹⁸ “Which ones?” the man asked.

And Jesus replied: “You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. ¹⁹ Honor your father and mother. Love your neighbor as yourself.”

²⁰ “I’ve obeyed all these commandments,” the young man replied. “What else must I do?”

²¹ Jesus told him, “If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²² But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “I tell you the truth, it is very hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. ²⁴ I’ll say it again—it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!”

²⁵ The disciples were astounded. “Then who in the world can be saved?” they asked.

²⁶ Jesus looked at them intently and said, “Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible.”

²⁷ Then Peter said to him, “We’ve given up everything to follow you. What will we get?”

²⁸ Jesus replied, “I assure you that when the world is made new and the Son of Man sits upon his glorious throne, you who have been my followers will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or property, for my sake, will receive a hundred times as much in return and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many who are the greatest now will be least important then, and those who seem least important now will be the greatest then.

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

Thanks be to God!



Lenten Reading Plan 2022

This is a daily Lenten reading plan that follows Jesus through the events of the Passion Week.

There are readings for the forty days of Lent.

Sundays are excluded because they are considered “mini Easters.” If they were included there would be forty-six days of Lent. Also, there are no Sunday readings because Sunday Morning Worship is available on those days.

Day 1: March 2
Ash Wednesday – Matthew 21:1-11

Day 2: Mark 11:1-11

Day 3: Luke 19:28-44

Day 4: John 12:12-19

First Sunday of Lent ~ March 6

Day 5: Mark 14:1-9

Day 6: Matthew 26:14-15

Day 7: John 13:1-20

Day 8: Matthew 26:17-30

Day 9: Mark 14:12-26

Day 10: Luke 22:7-30

Second Sunday of Lent ~ March 13

Day 11: John 13:21-38

Day 12: Matthew 26:31-35

Day 13: Luke 22:31-38

Day 14: Mark 14:27-31

Day 15: Matthew 26:36-46

Day 16: Mark 14:32-42

Third Sunday of Lent ~ March 20

Day 17: Luke 22:39-46

Day 18: John 15:1-17

Day 19: John 15:18-27

Day 20: Matthew 26:47-56

Day 21: Mark 14:43-52

Day 22: Luke 22:47-53

Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 27

Day 23: John 18:1-12

Day 24: Matthew 26:69-75

Day 25: Mark 14:66-72

Day 26: Luke 22:54-65

Day 27: John 18:13-18

Day 28: John 18:25-27

Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ April 3

Day 29: Matthew 27:1-10

Day 30: John 18:19-24;
Matthew 26:57-67

Day 31: Mark 15:1-5;
Matthew 27:11-14

Day 32: John 18:28-38
Luke 23:1-12

Day 33: Mark 15:6-15
Matthew 27:15-26

Day 34: John 18:38-19:16
Luke 23:13-24

Palm Sunday ~ April 10

Day 35: Mark 15:21-32;
Matthew 27:33-44

Day 36: John 19:17-27;
Luke 23:26-43

Day 37: Mark 15:33-41
Matthew 27:45-56

Day 38: John 19:28-37;
Luke 23:44-49

Day 39: Mark 15:42-47
Matthew 27:57-65

Day 40: John 19:38-42;
Luke 23:50-56

EASTER SUNDAY
April 17

Holy Week

Palm Sunday ~ April 10th

9:00am ~ Blythe Chapel
10:30am ~ Fort Branch First
& Live Streaming

Holy Thursday ~ April 14th

7:00pm ~ Communion
@ Blythe Chapel UMC

Good Friday ~ April 15th

6am-6pm ~ 12 Hour Prayer Vigil

Easter Sunday ~ April 17th

7:00am ~ Sunrise Service w/Communion
@ Blythe Chapel UMC
w/ Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast
following

9:00am ~ Easter Worship Service
w/Communion & Live Stream
@ Fort Branch First UMC
w/ Breakfast @ 8:00am



The Methodist Church