



We Seek to Better Understand
the Teachings of Jesus—
and Live those Teachings.

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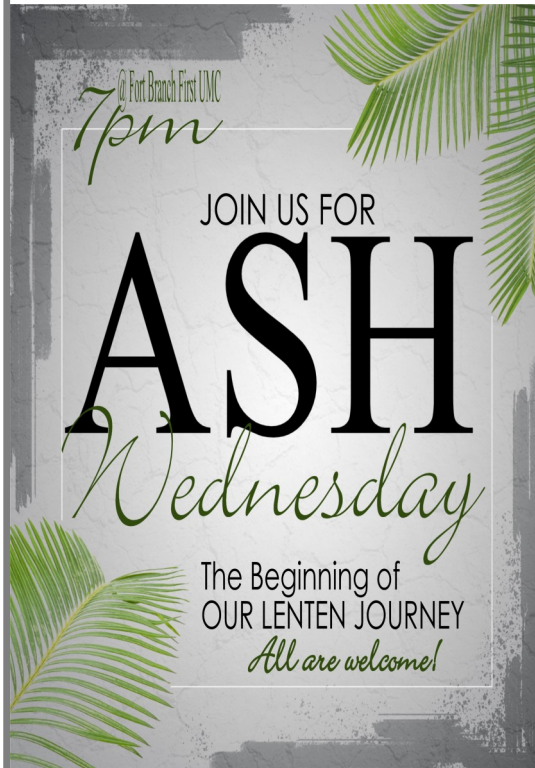
Rexanne Robicheaux
Musician @ Blythe Chapel

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.
5th Sunday After Epiphany **February 4, 2024**



**Women's
Conference 2024**

There is a detailed list of
items needing to be
donated for this year's
conference. If you can
help, please reserve the
item(s) with your
name...the list is posted
on the hallway bulletin
board at
Fort Branch First UMC
Don't forget to RSVP.....

Women's Conference
**WE LOVE
BECAUSE
HE FIRST
LOVED US.**

1 JOHN 4:19

Fort Branch First UMC
100 W Vine ST, Fort Branch, IN 47648

February 24 9am-2pm
Guest Speaker
Tammy Whitehurst
\$25
conference, lunch & t-shirt
RSVP to Kristi Pflug 812/664-1108
by February 17, 2024
Please indicate t-shirt size.

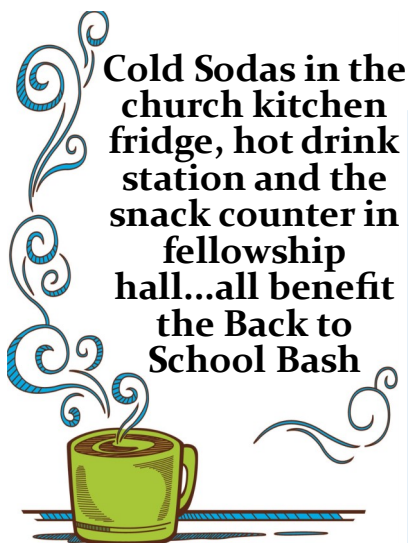
A God-Shaped Hole

Have you ever neared the completion of a jigsaw puzzle, only to discover that a piece or two is missing? That's an apt visual for what it's like to live without God. Blaise Pascal, a 17th-century philosopher, observed: "There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of each man which cannot be satisfied by any created thing but only by God the Creator, made known through Jesus Christ."

Centuries earlier, St. Augustine proclaimed "Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." And in the Old Testament, the writer of Ecclesiastes expounded on the meaninglessness of earthly striving and material pursuits. Only God's Spirit can fill our emptiness and satisfy our eternal longings.



"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full," says Jesus in John 10:10 (NIV). He alone provides the solution for emptiness. What comfort to be filled with — and to find our fulfillment in — our Savior!



FEBRUARY
Birthdays and Anniversaries

Liz Creamer ~ 5th
Monica Bryant ~ 5th
Jennifer Ahlfeld ~ 6th
Forrest Wynn ~ 7th
Chelbi Englehardt ~ 8th
Cindy Hoffman ~ 9th
Allen & Liz Creamer ~ 10th

**Methodist Mountain Mission
Pick Up**



Tuesday, February 6^h

Methodist Women's Group
Next meeting on
Saturday, February 10th @ 9am
All women of the church are invited.

We are requesting rotation of cleaning, maintenance and general upkeep VOLTUNTEERS. We are off to a great start of purging and cleaning, but we all need to do a little to keep the momentum. Every little chore helps! There is a suggested list posted on the bulletin board. At this time, we are requesting volunteers for a 6 month period, if you can. Any questions or additions, see Don or Sue Ann Steinmetz or Larry Johnson.

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THIS WEEK *At Church*

† Indicates location is Blythe Chapel
Ω Indicates location is First UMC

This Sunday:

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

6:30pm Ω Bible Study

Tuesday: Mt. Mission Truck

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ Office Closed ~

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

9: am Ω Methodist Women

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Blythe Chapel

10:30am Ω Fort Branch First &
Live streaming

Complete Schedule @
www.fbfirst.org



Guest Speakers

Laura Brown & Shelby Powell

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #176 9:00am *Majesty, Worship His Majesty*
#381 10:30am *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

*GREETING AND PRAYER

*We offer a cordial greeting to all worshipers 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 #472 9:00am *Near to the Heart of God*
#507 10:30am *Through It All*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

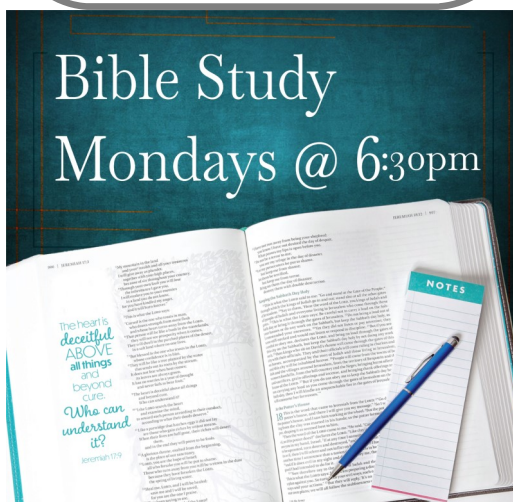
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the 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.**



CHILDRENS MOMENT

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *Derek Robicheaux*
Jenna Schleter & Bill Ahlfeld ~ Thy Word

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

MESSAGE *United Methodist Youth Home*
~ Laura Brown & Shelby Powell

*HYMN #672 9:00am *God Be with You till We Meet Again*
Insert 10:30am *Love Lifted Us*

*BLESSING Pastor
*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD
Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG:

Hymn *chorus*
Glory to His Name!
Glory to His Name!
There to my heart was the blood applied.
Glory to His Name!

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

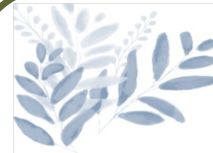
POSTLUDE



The realm of the impossible

The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something and enter God's realm, where everything is possible. He specializes in the impossible. Nothing is too great for his almighty power. Nothing is too small for his love.

—Corrie ten Boom



Friends needing prayers

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

Jane Marginet, Richard Michel, Becca Manolov, Morgan Whitehead, Terri Jarboe, Jo Eckert, Ruby Wilkerson, Scotti Pitts, Gretchen Young, June Regenhold, Brian Price, Triston, Tegan, Pastor John, Thelma & Len Robicheaux, Wyatt Wagner, Mary & Roy, Roberta & Duncan, Mark Fear, Kim Stratman, Deanna Wilson, Kenny Shaw, Doug Shaw, Laynie Speicher

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

2023 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.

Please contact

Don Steinmetz

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or via phone (812)664-8705

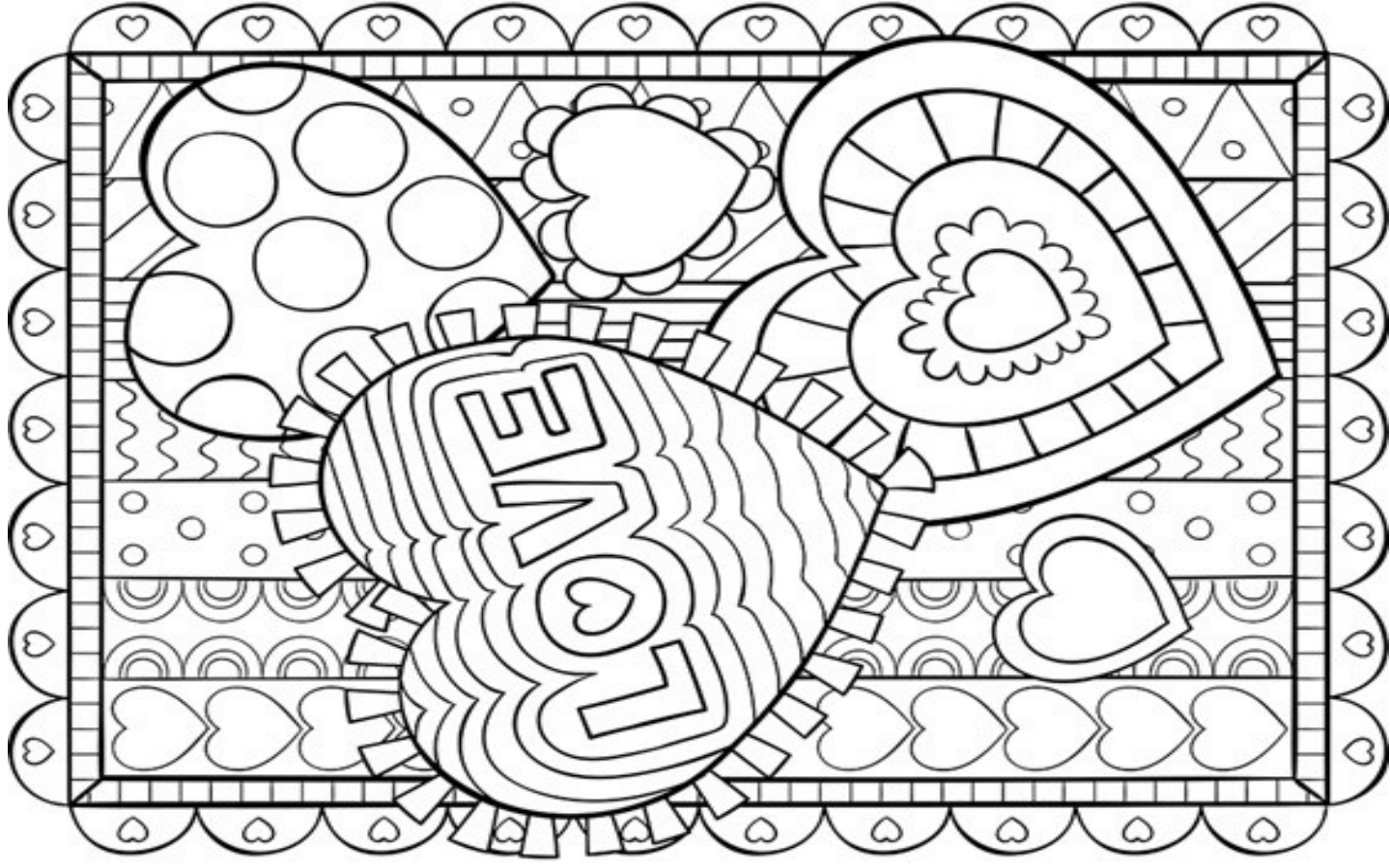
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CREATING
 DISCIPLESHIP
 HEART
 LIGHT
 RESOLUTION
 UNIQUE
 WONDERFULLY MADE

DAILY PRAYER
 ENCOURAGE
 INNER PARTS
 LOVE ONE ANOTHER
 SERVE HIM
 WILLING

DARKNESS
 FAITHFUL
 KNIT
 NURTURE
 SPIRITUAL
 WOMB



Love Lifted Me 505

He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:10



1. I was sink-ing deep in sin, Far from the peace-ful shore, Ver-y deep-ly
 2. All my heart to Him I give, Ev-er to Him I'll cling, In His bless-ed
 3. Souls in dan-ger, look a-bove, Je-sus com-plete-ly saves; He will lift you



stained with-in, Sink-ing to rise no more; But the Mas-ter of the sea
 pres-ence live, Ev-er His prais-es sing; Love so might-y and so true,
 by His love Out of the an-gry waves; He's the Mas-ter of the sea,



Heard my de-spair-ing cry, From the wa-ters lift-ed me, Now safe am I.
 Mer-its my soul's best songs; Faith-ful, lov-ing ser-vice, too, To Him be-long.
 Bil-lows His will o-bey; He your Sav-ior wants to be, Be saved to-day.



Refrain



Love lift-ed me! Love lift-ed me! When noth-ing
 e-ven me! e-ven me!



else could help, Love lift-ed me. Love lift-ed me.



TEXT: James Rowe
 MUSIC: Howard E. Smith

SAFETY

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