



We seek to better understand
the Teachings of Jesus—
and live those Teachings.

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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.

Baptism of the Lord Sunday *January 10, 2021*

**Thanks
for Your
Kindness**



Dear Church Families-

*As I have said many times
it is a true joy to serve as
your pastor. This year
has been extremely
challenging, to say the
least. However, we are
still here and I am
choosing to look forward
to better days ahead in
2021. Thanks for your
generous Christmas
gifts. They always mean
so much. However, so do
your prayers, your
friendship, your trust,
your patience, your grace,
and the love that you
extend both to me and my
family. I pray blessings
over each of you as we
begin this year of ministry
together.*

Blessings on all of you!

Pastor John

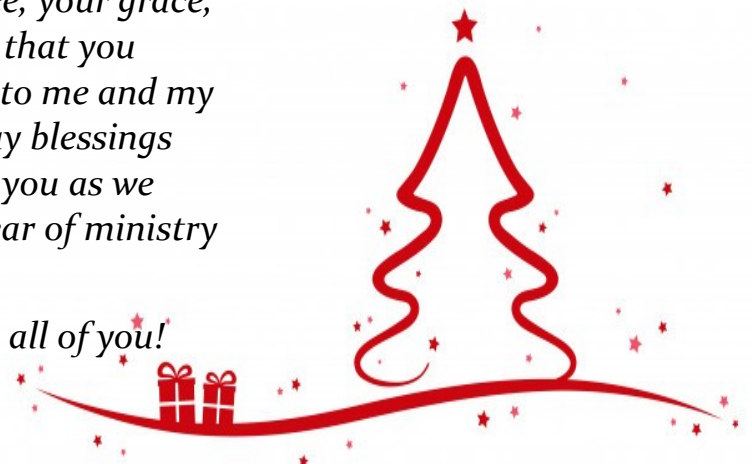
*My friends at Blythe Chapel
and Fort Branch First~ Thank
you for your generous gifts of
appreciation as well as
friendships and prayers
throughout the year. I am
truly blessed beyond
measure!!*

In Christ's Love, Melissa



*Thank you all so much for
your generosity. Despite not
being able to see you each
Sunday, you have remained in
our prayers and hearts. Your
kindness in remembering us
in this way is most
appreciated.*

With love, Derek and Rexanne



Good News! Great Joy!

It's never too early to start thinking about, shopping for and packing shoeboxes.

With that in mind, we would like to try something new for 2021. We can focus on particular items for each month (see the list on the bulletin board). For January, the items are (but not limited to) hats, gloves and scarves, but any other items are appreciated as well. Any gifts may be brought to the church office or left in the OCC box just outside the sanctuary.

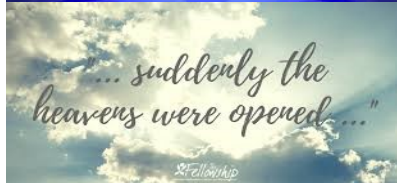
Think of smiles and joy on the faces of children who receive an Operation Christmas shoebox. Not only that but each shoebox brings the Good News of Jesus Christ and the opportunity to receive Him into their hearts and accept Him as their Savior and begin The Greatest Journey with Him. The Good News then often spreads to their families and their villages as well. Great Joy! What a blessing!

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. Our congregation has always been so charitable to our shoebox outreach. God bless all of you and again, Thank You for your support.

Marilee Rostron & Linda Springer
Operation Christmas Child
Coordinators



Kathy Trowbridge ~ 10th
Wayne Anderson ~ 11th
Marilee Rostron ~ 16th



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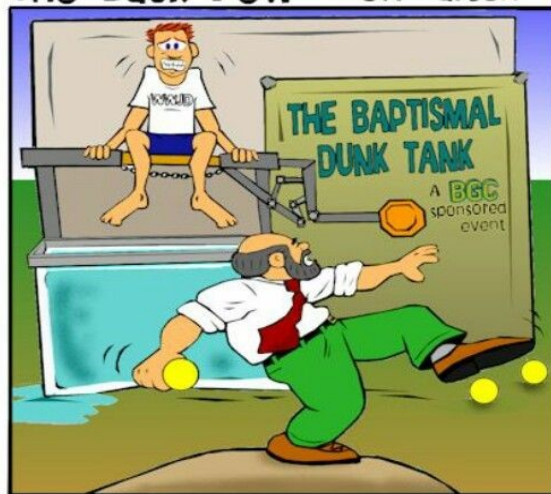
LIVE IN THE LIGHT

Often we want to be able to see into the future. We say, "How will next year be for me? Where will I be five or 10 years from now?" There are no answers to these questions. Mostly we have just enough light to see the next step — what we have to do in the coming hour or the following day.

The art of living is to enjoy what we can see and not complain about what remains in the dark. When we are able to take the next step with the trust that we will have enough light for the step that follows, we can walk through life with joy and be surprised at how far we go. Let's rejoice in the little light we carry and not ask for the great beam that would take all our shadows away.

—Henri Nouwen,
Bread for the Journey

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



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CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

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

This Sunday:

9:00am † Worship
online

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

9:00am The Lord's Pantry
is open to all
Haubstadt & Fort
Branch Residents

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship online



Next Sunday Worship:

Reset for the New Year

"Be Content"
2 Corinthians 12:1-10



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MESSAGE

"New Year Reset: Enjoy Life"

Romans 12:9-21

Our Father

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,
for ever and ever.
Amen

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Romans 12:9-21 NLT

⁹ Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. ¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. ¹¹ Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. ¹² Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. ¹³ When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. ¹⁵ Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!

¹⁷ Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. ¹⁸ Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

¹⁹ Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say,

“I will take revenge;
I will pay them back,”
says the LORD.

²⁰ Instead,
“If your enemies are hungry, feed them.
If they are thirsty, give them something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap
burning coals of shame on their heads.”

²¹ Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

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

Thanks be to God!



***“You wish to see; listen.
Hearing is a step toward vision.”***

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

PRAYER REQUESTS



Jane Marginet, Marty Marginet,
Joann Davis Fitch, Mark Dillion, Jake
Prieshoff, Lynn Prieshoff, Richard &
Betty Michel, Becca Manolov, Kyle
Stone, Deven Pohl, Julia Gentry,
Beeper & Joyce Kruse, Lucile
Johnson, Mark Fear, CJ Hinkle,
Poppy Petry, Judy Basham
The Family of Mary Perry

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



TRUTH + LOVE

I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become reality.

I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.

—Martin Luther King Jr.



Listening Guide
“Enjoy Life”
January 10, 2021

Scripture: Romans 12:9-21

What are the ingredients necessary to enjoy life?

_____ (vs. 9-13)

_____ (vs. 14-16)

_____ (vs. 17-18)

_____ (vs. 19-21)

Personal Application: Treating God and those around us creates an enjoyable life. How enjoyable is your life today?



