



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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany January 16, 2022



PERHAPS YOU WERE  
**Created**  
FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS  
— ESTHER 4:14 —

**Women's Conference 2022**  
**Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Keynote Speaker ~Kirsten Hart  
Signup by February 7<sup>th</sup> to church office or Kristi  
\$25 per person

**Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**After 10:30am worship service**



There will be BINGO with  
soup/sandwiches and desserts.

Please plan to stay and join the fun!  
There is a sign-up on the bulletin  
board.

*A Love Offering will be taken for the upcoming  
Women's Conference.*

## LIGHTING THE WAY FOR OTHERS

When Ida Nelson, head tribal clerk of a remote Alaskan village, heard an airplane flying low after dark, she knew something was wrong. Igiugig (Igggy-yaw-gigg), population 70, isn't normally a nighttime destination. Indeed, the medevac flight was coming to pick up a sick child.

Because the local airstrip's lights had been vandalized, the plane was having trouble landing. Nelson began alerting neighbors, and within minutes, villagers lined the runway with their vehicles, headlights blazing. The pilot was able to land and then safely deliver the sick child to an Anchorage hospital. The airlift service praised the residents' determination, but Nelson describes their effort as "normal" and "ordinary."

What everyday actions can you use to provide light amid darkness? How can you shine Jesus' light in a world that needs him?



Thank you to everyone contributing to our **Faith Promise Missions Fund**. With your generous donations we were able to support each of the 4 missions listed in the graphic with \$500 each in 2021 and an additional \$1430 going to earthquake relief in Haiti. You all are awesome! To make a contribution, simply mark on your giving envelope either "Missions" or "Faith Promise".



Larry & Carolyn Johnson,  
 Passing of her mother,  
 Virginia Musiel  
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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.

Please contact **Paul Cardinal**  
 email: redbird937@hotmail.com  
 or via phone (812)677-0274



Marilee Rostron ~ 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Scott Wilson ~ 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Ashley Hauschild ~ 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Alan McBee ~ 22<sup>nd</sup>

Fort Branch First UMC  
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\* -This symbol,  
when found in the Order of Service  
invites you to stand - if able.

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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:



1/16: Crystal Smith  
1/23: Sherry Michel

† 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 ~  
6:30pm Ω Women's Bible  
Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship  
9:30am Ω Sunday School  
10:30am Ω Worship & Live  
streaming worship  
11:30am Ω Soup & Bingo

*Next Sunday Worship:*

*"Chosen by God-  
Power"*

*Romans 8:1-4; 14-17; 31-39*

# Welcome to Worship

..., each and every one of you, a chosen and beloved  
child of God. May we follow Jesus  
into the work of ministry.

*The Rev. John Baylor, Jr.*

### PRELUDE

### \*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

\*HYMN # 154 9:00am *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*  
# 707 10:30am *Hymn of Promise*

### \*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 #140 9:00am *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
# 378 10:30am *Amazing Grace*

### 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**

*1 Peter 1:3-11 NLT*

**MESSAGE**

*“Chosen by God~ the Tools We Need”*

\*HYMN # 530 9:00am  
# 140 10:30am

*Are Ye Able  
Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

\*BLESSING

Pastor

\*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

\*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn # 251 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

*Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain,  
that Jesus Christ is born.*

\*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

**POSTLUDE**



“Then God said, ‘I have some good news and some bad news. The good news is, the apple had zero cholesterol.’”

*Prayer Requests*

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*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, Al Rostron,  
Amy Casavant, Randy Jones,  
Derek Barton,  
Dennis Woolston, Jo Eckert,  
Jerry McBee, Hattie Kroeger  
The family of Virginia Musiel*

*Blessings*  
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

Blank lines for writing blessings.

Listening Guide  
Chosen by God – The Tools We Need  
January 16, 2022

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-9

What tools are we given when we are chosen by God?

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**Personal Application:** Jesus provides the tools we need to follow Him because we are chosen by God. What does it mean to you to be chosen by God? Do you use the tools He offers to you as one of His own? If so, how?

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## The Hope of Eternal Life

<sup>3</sup> All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, <sup>4</sup> and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. <sup>5</sup> And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.

<sup>6</sup> So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. <sup>7</sup> These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

<sup>8</sup> You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. <sup>9</sup> The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.

<sup>10</sup> This salvation was something even the prophets wanted to know more about when they prophesied about this gracious salvation prepared for you. <sup>11</sup> They wondered what time or situation the Spirit of Christ within them was talking about when he told them in advance about Christ's suffering and his great glory afterward.

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

*Thanks be to God!*