The First United Methodist Church of Fort Branch



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Our Mission.... To *make disciples* of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world .

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## <u>Office Hours</u>

Tuesday & Wednesday, 9:00 am— 2:00 pm Closed Monday, Thursday and Friday



A prayer for spiritual growth When my spiritual vision is foggy, help me to find my way. When my understanding is incomplete, open my mind and increase my patience.

When my indifference blocks my senses, touch my heart. When worry or fear raise their voices, speak to my faith. Let your Spirit permeate my longings as well as my living and my loving. Amen. —Peggy Ferrell, Prayers and Poems



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 for the conference.







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**Deliver to:** 

# When life gets out of control

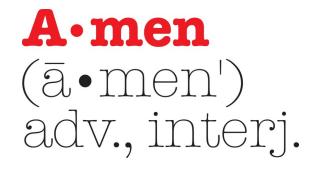
In September 2024, a North Dakota teen's car malfunctioned, becoming unstoppable and reaching 113 miles per hour. For 40 minutes, 18-year-old Sam navigated a bridge into Minnesota, intersections with train tracks and highways, small towns and almost — the road's dead end.

But after Sam called his mom and 911, multiple first responders gathered. Police drove near him, staying on the phone and calmly asking about the accelerator, emergency brake and remaining gas. Ambulance crews were ready. The highway patrol laid speed sticks to puncture the tires (it didn't work) and cleared intersections ahead of the runaway vehicle. All the while, Sam's mom prayed. Finally, an officer sped ahead so Sam could run into his squad car, bringing his own to a halt.

Not making light of what could have turned tragic, sometimes our lives get out of control too. We speed through work, school, relationships, parenting — trying to accomplish, achieve and gain faster than others. We cram as much in each day as possible, seemingly unable to slow down. The harried pace can endanger our physical, mental and spiritual health.

Often, we're "saved" only as people who care come alongside us to help. Perhaps family members express concern, professionals suggest remedies, loved ones pray for us. Finally, when all we can do is crash into the loving care of God, we come to rest. It may take time to recover emotionally, to dare get back "behind the wheel," to trust life to carry us at a safe speed again. But thanks be to God for placing support systems around us when we need them most.

-Heidi Hyland Mann



\* -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 provide a nursery, located in the education wing near the restrooms.



<u>This Sunday</u> 10:30am ~ Worship & Live streaming worshi

streaming worship <u>Monday:</u> ~ Office Closed ~

<u>Tuesday:</u> <u>Wednesday</u>: T<u>hursday:</u> <u>Friday:</u> <u>Saturday:</u>

~ Office Closed ~ ~ Office Closed ~

<u>Next Sunday</u>: Ground Hog Day 10:30am ~ Worship & Live streaming worship



Eli Robicheaux ~ 26<sup>th</sup> Shane Springer ~ 25<sup>th</sup> Thomas Beckett ~ 1<sup>st</sup>



**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 #**2146** His Eye Is on the Sparrow

AFFFIRMATION OF FAITH Hymn #888 Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen

### WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN **#496** 

Sweet Hour of Prayer

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELERATIONS 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 #139 verse

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper they work and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

## WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

#### SCRIPTURE

#### Matthew 6:28-30, NLT

<sup>28</sup> "And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, <sup>29</sup> yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. <sup>30</sup> And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"Look at them gooses!"

### WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

\*HYMN # **368** \*BLESSING My Hope Is Built





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** 

Through us, every day, Christ feeds multitudes: he heals, teaches and guides countless people. Through individual volunteers and major institutions, through simple acts of kindness or worldwide coordinated efforts. the world can encounter, through the Christian community, the enduring, tangible presence of Christ. -Michael Simone

