

The First United
Methodist Church of
Fort Branch



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

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

One Church
Two Locations

January 5, 2025

Women's Conference 2025

Keynote Speaker:
Shellie Rushing Tomlinson

**"act justly, love mercy,
walk humbly"**

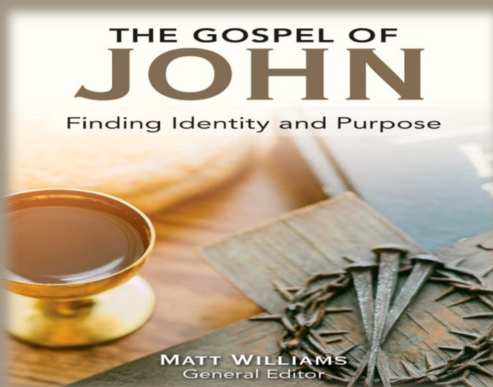
Micah 6:8

Saturday, February 22
9am ~ 2pm CST

Cost is \$25

**includes: shirt,
conference & lunch**

Rsvp by February 2nd
w/shirt size & payment to
Kristi Pflug (812)664-1108
venmo: @Kristi-Pflug-1



The Next Bible
Study will start
on
Monday,
February 3 @
6:30pm

This is a 12 week study. The cost is \$15
(Anyone wishing to be a part of this study, but the book
cost is an issue, please see Kristi or Pastor Randy)

Please reserve your book with
Kristi Pflug by January 20.

All about attitude

"The way you say 'representative' to an automated system reflects the real you," a friend told me. After we laughed at that truth, I realized *everything* I say matters. Someone is always listening, whether the words and tone are positive or negative.

Ephesians 4:29 (NLT) says our language shouldn't be "foul or abusive" but good, helpful and encouraging. Whether I'm peaceful, hurried, joyful, empathetic, frustrated, celebrating or hurting, I can carefully choose my words (and the attitude behind them). When I'm not ready to speak wholesomely, may God shut my mouth. When a friend needs encouragement, may I listen to God's prompting. When I need to confront, may I do so lovingly. Changing how we think — that is, how we speak to ourselves — can be tough. But God wants to transform our reactions and motives, dispelling pride, a lack of confidence and anxiety. In this new year:

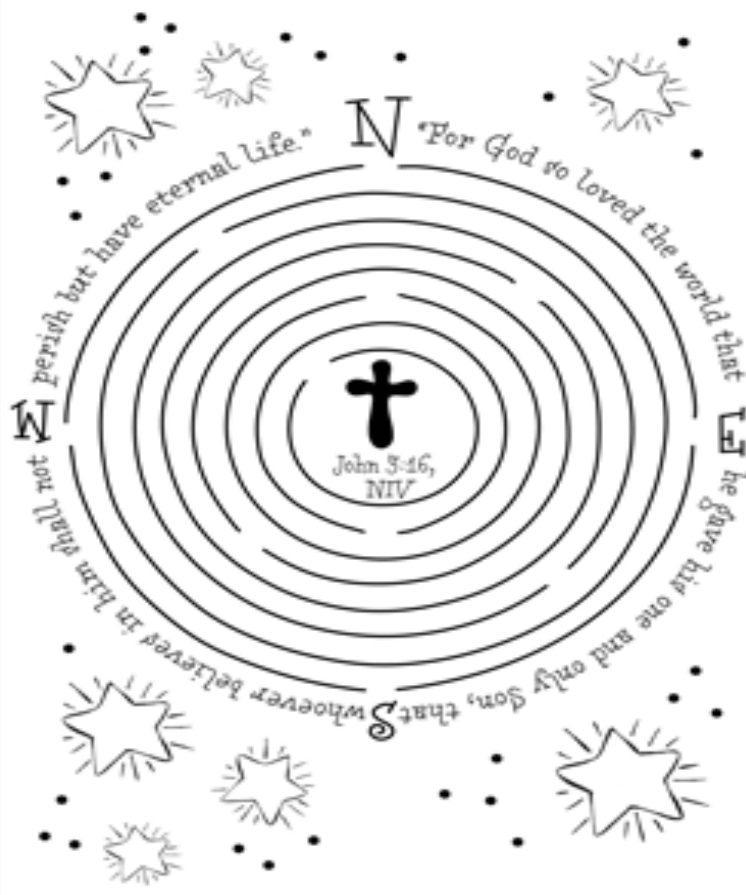
- *I'm alone* can become *God is with me.*
- *I can't do this* can become *Anything is possible with God.*
- *I'm failing* can become *Just because I'm struggling, it doesn't mean I'm failing.*
- *I'm not enough* can become *I'm God's beloved child.*
- *I'm tired* can become *God will give me rest.*

Don't stop there. Consider the concerns in your heart and let God give you new words and attitudes.

—Janna Firestone

Puzzle!

Complete the maze to help people from all directions hear the good news. Then, starting at the N (north) and going clockwise, read John 3:16, NIV.



Sunday, Jan. 19th

Simplified Board Meeting
After morning worship.



Methodist Women's Group

*Next meeting on
Saturday, January 11th @ 9am*

All women of the church are invited.



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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.



This Sunday Epiphany Sunday
10:30am ~ Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ Office Closed ~

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

9:00am ~ Methodist Women

Next Sunday:

10:30am ~ Worship & Live
streaming worship



Melissa Almon ~ 6th

Colson Odom ~ 8th

Kathy Trowbridge ~ 10th

Wayne Anderson ~ 11th



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 #218

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN # 357

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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 1

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!*

O my soul, praise him,

for he is thy health and salvation!

*All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!*

WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 11:23-33, NLT

²³ For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread ²⁴ and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it." ²⁶ For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again.

²⁷ So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup. ²⁹ For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself. ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died.

³¹ But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be judged by God in this way. ³² Yet when we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

³³ So, my dear brothers and sisters, when you gather for the Lord's Supper, wait for each other.

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

MESSAGE

"The Holy Communion"

THE HOLY COMMUNION

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

*HYMN # 2222

The Servant Song

*BLESSING



PRAYING FOR YOU

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

Jane Marginet, Ruby Wilkerson, June Regenholt, Mark Fear, Deanna Wilson, Norman Bullock, Liz & Alan Creamer, Vivory Brewer, Frances Burns, Paul & Jeanie Cardinal, John & Beverly Boss, Zach Anderson, Morgan Whitehead, Karen Devine, Fred & Debra Stephenson

New Year's blessing

*The eighth day of Christmas,
the eighth day of Creation,
the Next New Day,
New Year's Day.*

May every day be a new year's day for you:

*a chance to forgive and be forgiven,
to start again.*

May you take courage to begin anew. ...

*As you let go of the year past,
may you ... in your free fall find yourself held*

*by an eternal love that has come ages to be with you,
and will carry you all the way to the end. ...*

*Every day may you trust your belovedness,
your freedom from having to prove yourself,
and receive the grace that is given to you.*

May this year be a year of grace and hope.

*—Steve Garnaas-Holmes,
unfoldinglight.net*