



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.

10th Sunday After Pentecost July 28, 2024

Prepared for a purpose

Timothy Dalrymple, president and CEO of *Christianity Today*, was a successful Stanford gymnast with Olympic dreams. But he broke his neck before the 1996 Olympic Trials and never reached his sport's "promised land." Although the injury led to chronic pain, Dalrymple doesn't regret his pursuit or even the fall.

Even while hospitalized, he experienced "a profound assurance" of God's loving presence. "If I could know the peace of God even when my health and hopes were stripped away from me, then what did I have to fear?" he writes. "It was a liberating revelation. Since God is with us even in the valley of the shadow of death, we need fear no evil, for no evil can take God away."

In the long run, so-called failure can matter more than victory, Dalrymple learned. "The purpose of my gymnastics career was never to purchase a few shining moments of gold-medal glory but to prepare me for the rest of my life. It was never about making me a champion. It was about [shaping me into the image of Christ and] making me an instrument [for the glory of Christ and for the good of the world]."



We are in the beginning stages of the Parsonage Remodeling Project.

Many volunteers with all kinds of abilities are needed! There are outside as well as inside tasks. Please see Kristi & Mike Pflug, Carla & Bill Conklin, or Jeff Nurrenbern for more details. There is a list of current items needing addressed

posted on the parsonage refrigerator. This list will be updated as tasks are completed and ready to move to the next stage.

Anyone wishing to make a "2nd Mile Donation" to this project, please indicate "Parsonage" on your check or envelope.



**PARSONAGE
REMODELING
PROJECT**

Recognizing genius

Inventor Nikola Tesla, whose discoveries led to alternating current, was born in 1856 during a lightning storm. According to legend, a frightened midwife declared, "This child will be a child of darkness!" But Tesla's mother replied, "No, he will be a child of light."

As an adult, Tesla reportedly stood to applaud God whenever the skies opened. In *Please, Sorry, Thanks*, Mark Batterson writes, "Every time lightning struck and thunder clapped, it was one genius giving a standing ovation to another Genius."

Every day, about 3.46 million lightning strikes occur on our planet. "That is a lot of standing ovations," Batterson writes, "but according to the psalmist, the angels shout 'Encore' after each one!" He asks, "When was the last time you clapped for the Creator? When was the last time you gave Him a standing ovation?"



Matthew 28:19-20

C Q I C Y O Q E W D O C B D W W B
 G X L A T V A R E A D C E O A E Q
 E H R M S X W C S N L Q M S U H V
 C W C C W U P M I J C T V O K T H
 C H R E P B F K D S Q A T N A T K
 J H D N S U S E J H P F S N B A Z
 T O S R S R D E K M A Z F C Z M V
 R L C T N H E X V T Q K F P E S A
 F Y O T Y L L P H E S A F L K Y I
 X S Q E Y D O E S C J H P E L A W
 B P R A R C R V R K N I U C R W D
 P I C C K S P I E R C S X O J L I
 Z R A H T K P E A S D C X Y Z A A
 T I B G V T G E I H T U N P E P X
 C T G F U S L D W O B E Y Y A R P
 W E L R E A M H M T S Q M I M R Y
 E O E B U I R E C O L J Y B K Q Y

Holy Spirit	scripture	disciple	Matthew
always	Father	Jesus	learn
teach	kind	love	read
pray	obey	Son	

The Lord's Pantry always appreciates all donations. They currently have a chicken farm supplying free eggs. The need for empty egg cartons (of any size or material) is in great demand. Please place your clean/empty cartons in the grocery cart located in the hallway. All non-perishable items are always appreciated.



Fort Branch UMC Community Garden is doing well. Be sure to get some fresh veggies before you leave today!



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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 Fort Branch First.



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

This Sunday

9:00am † Worship
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ Office Closed ~

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday

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9:00am † Worship
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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 #227

The Friendly Beasts

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN #878

**We praise and thank you, O God,
for you are without beginning and without end.
Through Christ, you created the whole world;
through Christ, you preserve it.
You made the day for the works of light
and the night for the refreshment of our minds
and our bodies.
Keep us now in Christ; grant us a peaceful evening,
a night free from sin; and bring us at last to
eternal life.
Through Christ and in the Holy Spirit,
we offer you all glory, honor, and worship,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #2176

Make Me A Servant

SHARING OF 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

*Presentation of Gifts with DOXOLOGY: *Hymn #95*

*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.*

WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:18-20 NLT

¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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

MESSAGE

"Marching Orders"

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

*HYMN #571

Go, Make of All Disciples

*BLESSING

Pastor



PRAYER
list...

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

Jane Marginet, Richard Michel, Morgan Whitehead, Terri Jarboe, Ruby Wilkerson, Scotti Pitts, Gretchen Young, June Regenhold, Mark Fear, Len Robicheaux, Cathy Starky, Kim Stratman, Deanna Wilson, Norman Bullock, Terry Phillips, Liz & Alan Creamer

PRAYING FOR YOU

JULY
Birthdays and Anniversaries

*Chris Bryant ~ 28th
Barb & Ed Trapp ~ 29th
Terri Jarboe ~ 30th
Will & Heather Scott ~ 30th
Phil Scott ~ 1st
Beau Dilbeck ~ 3rd
Brandon Foster ~ 3rd*

Celebrating