



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.

8th Sunday after Pentecost July 23, 2023

God's got you

In Roman 4 Paul writes: "If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ... For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace" (v. 14, 16, NRSV). Here and elsewhere, Paul firmly explains that we are saved through God's grace, or unconditional love, made known most profoundly in Jesus Christ. But this passage raises a question: If belief (trust, faith) reckons us as righteous before God, what if we don't trust, can't believe, have lost all faith?

Pastor Martin Luther (1483-1546) assures us that even this is a gift of God: "I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead *the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith*" (*The Small Catechism*; emphasis added). Later in Romans, Paul declares that when we feel so lost (unbelieving, lacking in faith) that we don't even know how to pray, the "Spirit himself intercedes for us" (8:26, NIV). Rest assured, dear one: God's got you. —Heidi Hyland Mann

Back to School BASH

Backpack & School Supply

DRIVE-THRU



Saturday
July 29th
9am ~ 12pm

****REQUIRED** Pre-registration
of your students on our website:

www.fbfirst.org

*Backpacks custom filled for each
student and their teacher supply
list (when available).*

A Community Event
@ Fort Branch First United Methodist Church
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Finding freedom

What does freedom look like to you? In *GraceLaced*, Ruth Chou Simons lists examples such as running unhindered, viewing a mountaintop overlook and enjoying iced tea with lemon. Because our good, creative God made us each different, our descriptions of freedom vary too. I think of deep breaths, an unhurried pace, genuine smiles, lack of regrets and deep belly laughs.

I love to laugh. Recently, during a demanding season of family celebrations, hardships and surprises, I realized I was laughing less. I felt bound to the next task on my long to-do list, but even good efficiency can shackle our spirits.

A good laugh — beyond a quick chuckle — offers many physical and emotional benefits. According to the Mayo Clinic, laughter relieves stress and pain, boosts the immune system and stimulates organs and endorphins. So today I'm determined to laugh loudly and joyfully while remembering my freedom in Christ. —Janna Firestone

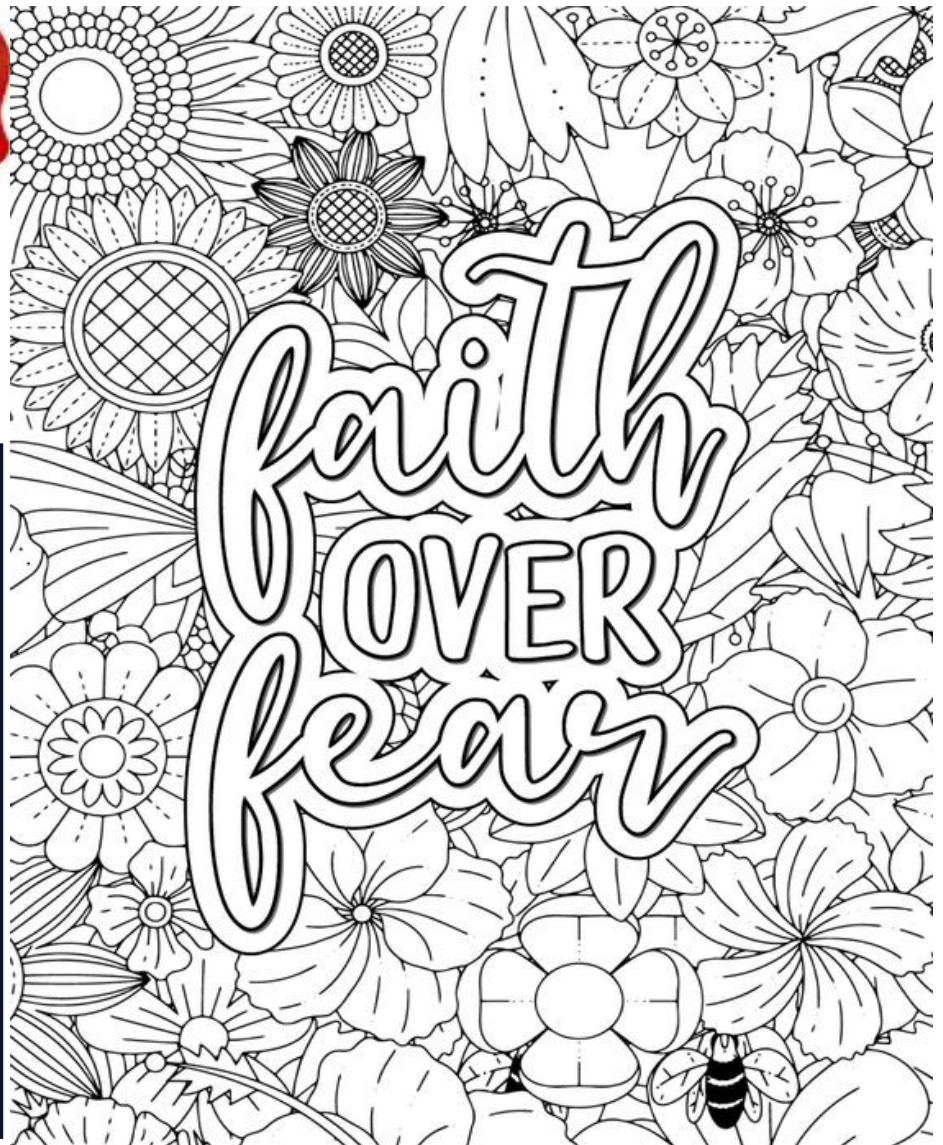


Cold Sodas in the church kitchen fridge, hot drink station and the snack counter in fellowship hall all benefit the 8th Annual Back to School Bash.



celebrate!

Clay Pflug ~ 23rd
Elijah Hawkins ~ 25th
Bill & Zella Frey ~ 25th
Sherry Holder ~ 26th
Daniel & Kayla Hall ~ 27th
Chris Bryant ~ 28th
Barb & Ed Trapp ~ 29th



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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 First UMC

This Sunday:

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

9am-12pm Back to School Bash

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PRELUDE

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

***HYMN # 657** x2

This Is the Day

***GREETING AND PRAYER**

*We offer a cordial greeting to all worshipers 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 #156

I Love to Tell the Story

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.



Next Sunday's Message:

*Healing in Response to
Faith, Part 2*

Mark 5:25-34



CHILDRENS MOMENT

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Jenna Schleter ~ *What A Beautiful Name It Is*

***SCRIPTURE LESSON** *insert* Mark 5:21-24; 35-43 NLT

MESSAGE *"Healing in Response to Faith, Part 1"*

***HYMN #536** *Precious Name*

***BLESSING** Pastor

***THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD**
Acolytes

***DEPARTING SONG:**

Hymn # 717 The Battle Hymn of the Republic, chorus

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

***PASSING THE PEACE:**

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

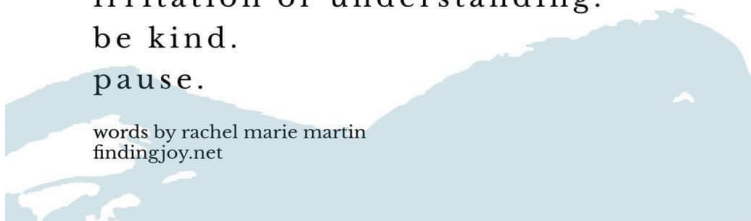
POSTLUDE



pause

there is power
in space, in a breath,
in a pause
before you respond.
you get to choose.
hate or love.
anger or empathy
frustration or opportunity.
lonely or together.
irritation or understanding.
be kind.
pause.

words by rachel marie martin
findingjoy.net



**Friends
needing
prayers**

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

*Jane Marginet, Richard Michel,
Becca Manolov, Carla Jackson,
Connie Osborn, Tommy Osborn,
Morgan Whitehead, Terri Jarboe,
Derek Barton, Jo Eckert, Ruby
Wilkerson, Scotti Pitts, Deanna
Wilson, Don Colvin, Gretchen
Young, Effie Dilbeck, June
Regenhold, Margie Beal, Lesa
Prater, Brian Price, Roger &
Nancy Jones, Triston, Tegan,
Chad Windell, Pastor John,
Kristi Pflug, Thelma & Len
Robicheaux,*

**CHURCH
YARD
SALE**

**Saturday,
August 5th
8am ~ 1pm**

Listening Guide
“Healing in Response to Faith – Part 1”
July 23, 2023

Scripture: Mark 5:21-24;35-43

What are the stages of Jairus’ faith?

_____ of Faith (vs. 21-24)

Receives a Faith _____ (vs. 35-36)

Receives Some _____ (vs. 37-39)

_____ **Faith** (vs. 40-43)

Personal Application: We all have challenges that require a little extra faith. How do you deal with those moments?

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