

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.

<u>'Sunday after Pentecost</u>

<u>July 3, 2022</u>



#### **Dual citizenship**

For Christianity and democracy to work, both need responsible citizens. Consider what happens to a republic when its citizens won't run for public office, won't vote, won't work for the common good, duck paying taxes and mistreat others. Now consider what happens when Christians won't volunteer at the church, won't give, won't practice their faith, won't love their neighbors. Both our country and our faith need sincere practitioners. Nationally, we need a citizenry committed to making the ideals of liberty the practices of life in America. Christianity needs followers of Jesus committed to making the ideals of God's kingdom the practices of daily life.

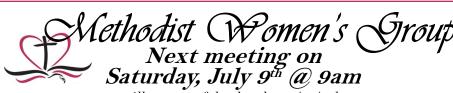
This is not an either-or situation. Christians everywhere are citizens of two countries, one on earth and one in eternity. The kingdom of God is not yet fully come, but it's already in effect. Our two citizenships can neither be fully united nor fully separated. We cannot withdraw from the world and pretend we are somehow dwelling only in the kingdom of God now; nor can we simply embrace the world and assume earthly governments fulfill God's will. Those are extremes, and they are unbiblical.

—from a sermo



Psalm 33:12

—from a sermon by Stan Purdum



All women of the church are invited.



Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> 9am ~ 12pm Anyone so inclined to help with supplies for the bash can contribute by placing a monetary donation in the offering plate with the notation "BTSB". Another way is to purchase any of the following items and leave in the collection box outside the BTSB storage closet.

baby wipes / tissues
paper towels / paper plates / Clorox
wipes
2 pocket plastic folders

(with or without prongs)



Need a cold beverage or a little snack when visiting the church??

Cold Sodas in the church kitchen fridge and the basket full of snacks in fellowship hall all benefit the Back to School Bash.





## FRESH VEGGIES

are picked every
Sunday morning and
are available to
everyone at the
produce stand in
fellowship hall.

U-Pick veggies available anytime!

## **Freedom**

Each one of us is born most free And we alone can choose To do what God would have us do,

To use what God would use.

Or we are also free to seek
The proud and selfish way —
A life where other gods come
first

To reign and hold full sway.

But when we follow where Christ leads.

We find that freedom's place Is really in God's will for us, And we have chosen GRACE!

—Peggy Ferrell, *Prayers and Po*ems





Todd Teel ~ 3rd Karen Devine ~ 6th Christian Robicheaux ~ 7th Linda Springer ~ 7th Sophie Gerts ~ 7th Bailey Wilson ~ 8th Jean Fitch ~ 8th Kelly & Melissa Foster ~ 9th

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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:

> 7/3: Margie Beal 7/10: Ruth Ann Salyer

 $\dagger$  Indicates location is Blythe Chapel  $\Omega$  Indicates location is First UMC

This Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend 9:00am + Worship 9:30am Ω Sunday School 10:30am Ω Worship & Live streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~ Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday:

<u>Friday:</u> ~ Office Closed ~ <u>Saturday:</u>

9:00am Ω Women's Group

Next Sunday:

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

Next Sunday:

"Loving Your Actual Neighbor: Accepting What Is" Luke 5:17-26





Welcome to worship in Jesus' name.
As we pray today that God bless America, may the whole world know God's goodness and live in peace and love.

## Rev. John F. Baylor, Jr.

#### **PRELUDE**

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

#### \*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 #696 9:00am America the Beautiful
#378 10:30am Amazing Grace

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### 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

John 4:1-24 NLT

MESSAGE "Loving Your Actual Neighbor: Standing in the Awkward"

\*HYMN # 717 9:00am The Battle Hymn of the Republic # 697 10:30am America

Come to the Table

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER THE INVITATION 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 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
THE COLLECT

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are opened, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS THE SERVING OF THE BODY AND BLOOD

In this church, all are welcome to the Lord's Table.

\*BLESSING Pastor

\*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

\*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn #420

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Acolytes

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE:

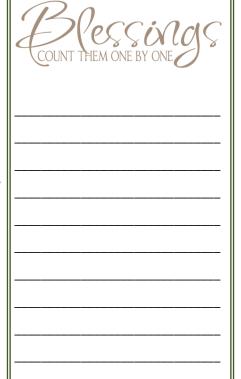
Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

#### **POSTLUDE**



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

Jane Marginet, Jake Prieshoff,
Lynn Prieshoff, Richard Michel,
Becca Manolov, Carla Jackson,
Poppy Petry, Linda McKimmy,
Connie Osborn, Tommy Osborn,
Alec Taylor, Morgan
Whitehead, Derek Barton,
Jo Eckert, Hattie Kroeger, Ruby
Wilkerson, Faith Livermore,
Terri Jarboe, Scotti Pitts
Karen & Bro. John Windell,
Tammy Lynch, Jeff Gentry,
Deanna Wilson



# Listening Guide "Standing in the Awkward" July 3, 2022

Scripture: John 4:1-24

		Himself in These (vs. 1-8)	
Set	t Up an	(vs. 9-15)	
He		Steps In (vs. 16-18)	
He		(vs. 19-24)	
		n: Standing in the awkward is not fun for anyone. If you choose to do it in order to love your "actual" neighbore.	

## John 4:1-24 NLT

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

4 Jesus knew the Pharisees had heard that he was baptizing and making more disciples than John<sup>2</sup> (though Jesus himself didn't baptize them—his disciples did). <sup>3</sup> So he left Judea

and returned to Galilee.

<sup>4</sup>He had to go through Samaria on the way. <sup>5</sup> Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. <sup>7</sup> Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.

<sup>9</sup>The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?" Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you

would ask me, and I would give you living water."

""But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket," she said, "and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? <sup>12</sup> And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?"

<sup>13</sup> Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. <sup>14</sup> But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring

within them, giving them eternal life."

15 "Please, sir," the woman said, "give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water."

"Go and get your husband," Jesus told her.

<sup>17</sup> "I don't have a husband," the woman replied.

Jesus said, "You're right! You don't have a husband— <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!" <sup>19</sup> "Sir," the woman said, "you must be a prophet. <sup>20</sup> So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount

Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?"

<sup>21</sup> Jesus replied, "Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. <sup>24</sup> For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

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



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**VETERANS** 



Saturday

July 30<sup>th</sup>

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 100 W. Vine Street, Fort Branch, IN

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