

The First United  
Methodist Church of  
Fort Branch



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

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



**A standup guy**

During the pandemic, a Maryland man used “dad jokes” to lift neighbors’ spirits. Tom Schruben jotted down a joke-of-the-day on a curbside whiteboard. Hearing people chuckle and chat eased the isolation.

Schruben and his wife, Ann, became intentional about seeking joy after two of their children died. They vowed to “find happiness again” and share it. For Father’s Day last year, Schruben held a Bad Dad Joke contest, donating entry fees to a local charity. Here are a few of his favorites:

- If two vegans get into an argument, is it still considered a beef?
- I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon. I’ll let you know.
- What do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear.
- My dream job is to clean mirrors because I can really see myself doing that.
- We’re renovating the house. The first floor is going great, but the second floor is another story.



**THOUGHTS FOR FATHER’S DAY**

A careful man I ought to be; a little fellow follows me;  
I do not dare to go astray, for fear he’ll go the self-same way.

I cannot once escape his eyes; whate’er he sees me do, he  
tries —Like me, he says, he’s going to be, the little chap who  
follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine, believes in every word of  
mine: The base in me he must not see, the little chap who follows  
me.

I must remember as I go, through summer’s sun and winter’s  
snow, I’m building for the years to be, for a little fellow follows me.

—Author unknown



# *Rev. Brian White* **RETIREMENT**

Fort Branch First UMC,

A former pastor of your church, Brian White, is retiring from the full-time ministry this year. His last Sunday is June 22nd and due to Brian's lifelong love of music we are planning a Retirement Celebration Concert to be held at St Mark's United Methodist Church in Carmel, IN at 2pm, June 22nd with a reception immediately following in honor of Brian's loyal and fruitful service. It would be wonderful if you could attend!!

We are also asking for letters or cards from church members with words of encouragement and stories from your time in ministry together. Please mail cards and letters to: St Marks United Methodist Church 4780 E 126th St. Carmel, IN 46033. Thank you so much for your support in making this a time of celebration for Pastor Brian. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the church office or me at 317-496-2658 or [holly.e.moore693@gmail.com](mailto:holly.e.moore693@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Holly Moore Leadership Board Chair  
 St Marks United Methodist Church



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when found in the Order of Service  
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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: *Father's Day*  
10:30am ~ *Worship & Live  
streaming worship*

Monday: ~ *Office Closed ~*

Tuesday:  
5:30pm ~ *Yoga*

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ *Office Closed ~*  
8:30-3:00 ~ *F.I.T.*

Friday: ~ *Office Closed ~*

Saturday:

Next Sunday:  
10:30am ~ *Worship & Live  
streaming worship*

*Full calendar of events:*  
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When on vacation,  
be with us in spirit.  
The rest of the summer,  
be with us in person.

pops, daddy, dad, father, pops, dadd  
R, POPS, DADDY, DAD, FATHER, P  
fathe  
DAD  
pops  
R, P  
father, pops, daddy, dad, father, pops  
DAD, FATHER, POPS, DADDY, DAD

HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY

*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 #398

*Jesus Calls Us*

\*POEM OF ENLIGHTENMENT

*God uses*

*what you have  
to fill a need which  
you never could have filled.*

*God uses*

*where you are  
to take you where  
you never could have gone.*

*God uses*

*what you can do  
to accomplish what  
you never could have done.*

*God uses*

*who you are  
to let you become who  
you never could have been.*

#### WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #174

*His Name Is Wonderful*

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

\*Presentation of Gifts with Offertory Response: **Hymn #95**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

### **WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE INSERT

***Judges 6:11-24, NLT***

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

MESSAGE

***"Gideon's Journey of Faith"***

### **WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING**

\*HYMN # 467

***Trust and Obey***

\*BLESSING



## *Prayer Requests*

*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, Frances Burns,  
Paul & Jeanie Cardinal,  
John & Beverly Boss,  
Zach Anderson, Morgan  
Whitehead, Roger Jones,  
Pastor Randy & Julie,  
Carolyn Jones, Jim Feutz***



***Paul & Jeanie  
Cardinal ~ 17th  
David Fuhs ~ 19th  
Steve & Jenni  
Schleiter ~ 20th  
Bruce & Sherry  
Holder ~ 21st***



## ***Judges 6:11-24, NLT***

<sup>11</sup> Then the angel of the LORD came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup> The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, the LORD is with you!"

<sup>13</sup> "Sir," Gideon replied, "if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'The LORD brought us up out of Egypt'? But now the LORD has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites."

<sup>14</sup> Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!"

<sup>15</sup> "But Lord," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!"

<sup>16</sup> The LORD said to him, "I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man."

<sup>17</sup> Gideon replied, "If you are truly going to help me, show me a sign to prove that it is really the LORD speaking to me. <sup>18</sup> Don't go away until I come back and bring my offering to you."

He answered, "I will stay here until you return."

<sup>19</sup> Gideon hurried home. He cooked a young goat, and with a basket of flour he baked some bread without yeast. Then, carrying the meat in a basket and the broth in a pot, he brought them out and presented them to the angel, who was under the great tree.

<sup>20</sup> The angel of God said to him, "Place the meat and the unleavened bread on this rock, and pour the broth over it." And Gideon did as he was told. <sup>21</sup> Then the angel of the LORD touched the meat and bread with the tip of the staff in his hand, and fire flamed up from the rock and consumed all he had brought. And the angel of the LORD disappeared.

<sup>22</sup> When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the LORD, he cried out, "Oh, Sovereign LORD, I'm doomed! I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face!"

<sup>23</sup> "It is all right," the LORD replied. "Do not be afraid. You will not die." <sup>24</sup> And Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and named it Yahweh-Shalom (which means "the LORD is peace"). The altar remains in Ophrah in the land of the clan of Abiezer to this day.

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



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