



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.

5th Sunday After Pentecost June 23, 2024

Our 9th Annual Back to School Bash is about 5 weeks away and we are needing volunteers. Our current task is to secure more donations. A full list of community supporters is posted on the hallway bulletin board. There are also additional flyers and request letters posted nearby.

Back to School BASH
9-12
Backpack & School Supply



July 27, 2024

Don't be root-bound

As a new gardener, Jan Riggerbach used to treat bedding plants with extreme care, setting them into soil without disturbing the roots. Eventually she learned that rough — even ruthless — treatment is better in the long run.

"If the plant has been growing in its pot so long that the roots are circling the bottom, I jab my finger into the bottom of the soil and pull down to untangle the roots," Riggerbach wrote in her gardening column. "If the whole pot is filled with circling roots, I have to be merciless. I don't worry if I break some of the roots. That's better than allowing the roots to continue to circle when the plants are growing in the garden."

In the same way, it's easy to grow complacent and inward-focused in our walk with God. But bunched-up roots can't reach out for sustenance. So for maximum faith growth, dare to let God shake you up from time to time!



Need fast relief? Slow down!

Actor Lily Tomlin reportedly said, "For fast-acting relief, try slowing down." Summer doesn't seem to be the "slow season" it once was — if indeed it ever truly was. But perhaps we can use it as incentive to take some "downtime" around the plethora of activities, travel and always-busy work schedules. Pause and accept Jesus' invitation: "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" (Mark 6:31, NIV).

It may be a refreshing spot at a lake, a hike in the woods, an early-morning fishing trip. Maybe, around your work schedule, you can reserve time for a few days of church camp, a picnic at the city park, a nap on a blanket in the backyard sun. Help the kids in your life discover what it's like to *not* be on the go and to take a screen-time sabbath — even to experience boredom and see what creativity blossoms. Do art projects together, ride bikes, paint with water or chalk on the sidewalk, pick berries, bake cookies, solve puzzles, sing songs!

Try slowing down, as Lily Tomlin — and even Jesus — advised. In summer, and any time, it's good for the soul!

Something Important to Remember Always

Romans 5:8, NIV, tells us how great God's love is for us. Use the grid to complete this verse.

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3	M	V	H			
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6	E	T	C			
7	L	♥	R			
8	♥	D	♥			
9	I	♥	S			

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Darrel & Ali Edwards ~ 25th
Darrin Woehler ~ 26th
Bruce & Marilee Rostron ~ 26th
Brandon & Lauren Foster ~ 27th

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Deliver to:

BUT GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN LOVE FOR US IN THIS: WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.

* -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 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:

3:30pm Ω Port Gibson 4-H

Thursday: ~ Office Closed ~

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday

Next Sunday:

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

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On this first official Sunday of summer, we greet each other in
the bright, warm love of Jesus!

WELCOME
TO WORSHIP 

Guest Speaker Kristi Pflug

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #365 9:00am *Grace Greater than Our Sin*
64 10:30am *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

*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 #378 9:00am *Amazing Grace*
#395 10:30am *Take Time to Be Holy*

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.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Derek Robicheaux

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 5:6-8 NCV

⁶ When we were unable to help ourselves, at the right time, Christ died for us, although we were living against God. ⁷ Very few people will die to save the life of someone else. Although perhaps for a good person someone might possibly die. ⁸ But God shows his great love for us in this way: Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

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

MESSAGE

"Our Loving God"

*HYMN # 377 9:00am
364 10:30am

*It Is Well with My Soul
Because He Lives*

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: chorus *Rejoice in the Lord Always*

*Rejoice in the Lord always,
Again I say, rejoice!
in the Lord always,
again I say, rejoice!
Rejoice, rejoice, I say, rejoice!
Rejoice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



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
The family of Don Graper*

random Acts of kindness

*Deanna & Rick Wilson, loss of her father and cancer treatment encouragement
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*i am...
LOVED [ROMANS 5:8]
worthy [1 THESSALONIANS 2:12]
cherished [EPHESIANS 5:29]
forgiven [1 JOHN 2:12]
chosen [COLOSSIANS 3:12]*