



We Seek to Better Understand  
the Teachings of Jesus—  
and Live those Teachings.

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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.

Trinity Sunday      June 4, 2023

# GRADUATION Sundays

Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Fort Branch First Graduates  
Breakfast celebration served @ 9:45am prior to worship service.

*Charity Baylor*

~ Gibson Southern High School

*Riley Bryant*

~ Gibson Southern High School

*Thomas (TJ) Lewis*

~ Gibson Southern High School

*Nathan Schleter*

~ Gibson Southern High School

*Bailey Draper*

~ Princeton High School

*Elisabeth Canizo (Conklin)*

~ University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, BS Nursing

*Bill Conklin IV*

~ Oakland City University, BS Business Mgt.

*Zach Draper*

~ Vincennes University, BS Cyber Security

Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Blythe Chapel Graduates  
Cake and Punch following worship service.

*Charity Baylor*

~ Gibson Southern High School

*Alizebeth Woehler*

~ Gibson Southern High School

*Autumn Scott* ~

Owensville Community School

*Chelbi Englehardt*

~ Preschool

*Tate Mossberger*

~ Kindergarten

## Divine dance

Using the fancy word *perichoresis* (from Greek for “around” and “contain”) may win you admiring — or strange! — looks. But since the 7<sup>th</sup> century, people have used it as a beautiful image of the Persons of the Holy Trinity containing and permeating one another. A more familiar word, *choreography*, has led to recent understandings of perichoresis as the divine and eternal dance of love.

Picture three dancers’ synchronized yet independent movements. Weaving gracefully in and out, each seems to know what the others will do next. They may touch lightly but don’t constrain or impede one another. Though distinct individuals, they move so fluidly together that they are, in a sense, one entity.

Even more profound: Jesus invites us into the dance! “If you love me,” he says, “you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth. ... I will come to you. ... I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you” (John 14:15-20, ESV). As the actions of Jesus, the Father and the Spirit interweave in Scripture and in the world, may our lives too be drawn into the loving dance.



*Easton Hauschild ~ 4th*

*Kristi Pflug ~ 4th*

*Bill Conklin IV ~ 5th*

*Lija & Shelby Workman ~ 5th*

*Jeff Nurrenbern ~ 6th*

*Todd & Sonya Teel ~ 8th*

*June Regenhold ~ 10th*

**Methodist Mountain Mission**  
**Pick Up**  
**Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**



**Please use boxes when  
collecting your donations and  
stack neatly as possible in the  
church garage.**

Finance Committees  
INUMC  
has extended the  
deadline to file  
**2022**  
**Financial Audits**  
**June 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Back to School**  
**BASH**  
Backpack & School Supply  
DRIVE-THRU  
**July 29, 2023**



*Methodist Women's Group*

*Next meeting on*  
**Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9am**

*All women of the church are invited.*

Fort Branch First UMC  
P. O. Box 116  
Fort Branch, IN 47648

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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: Graduation Sunday

9:00am † Worship

9:45am Ω Graduation  
Breakfast Celebration

10:30am Ω Worship & Live  
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday: Ω Methodist Mt.  
Mission Truck P/U

5:30pm Ω Psi Iota Xi meeting

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday

9:00am Ω Methodist Women

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live  
streaming worship

*Next Sunday's Message:*

*Special Guest Speaker  
Rev. John Windell*



*Rev. John Baylor, Jr.*

#### PRELUDE

\*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

\*HYMN #159

*Lift High the Cross*

#### \*GREETING AND PRAYER

*We offer a cordial greeting to all worshippers 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 #357

*Just as I Am,*

*Without One Plea*

#### 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.

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Derek Robicheaux ~ *Room at the Table*

\***SCRIPTURE LESSON** *insert*

*Acts 2:22-41 NLT*

## MESSAGE

“Faith in the Spirit, Part 2”

\***HYMN #133**

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

\***BLESSING**

Pastor

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

Acolytes

\***DEPARTING SONG:** Hymn # 177

**He Is Lord**

He is Lord, He is Lord!  
He is risen from the dead  
And he is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess  
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

\***PASSING THE PEACE:**

*Let us greet one another with the peace of God.*

## POSTLUDE



### Beginning ... and beginning again

During the coming weeks, as you or loved ones celebrate graduation, remember it isn't a closed door, an end or a farewell. Instead, it's an entryway threshold, a beginning, a hello — and one of many such opportunities that mark life.

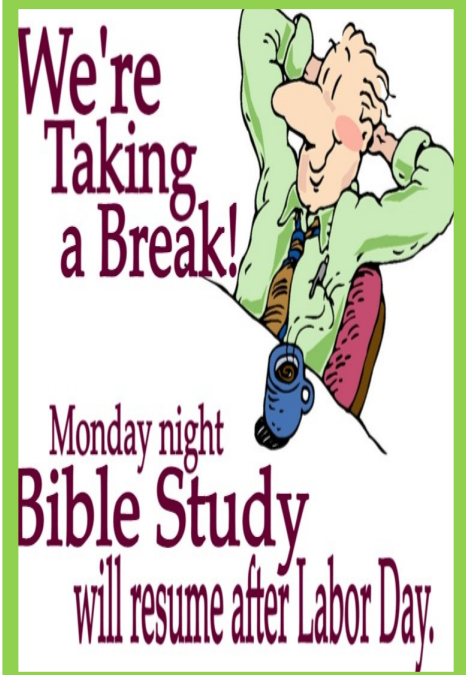
“God wants us to know that life is a series of beginnings, not endings, just as graduations are not terminations but commencements,” writes Bernie Siegel. “Creation is an ongoing process, and when we create a perfect world where love and compassion are shared by all, suffering will cease.”

Of course, we can “create a perfect world” only by letting God guide our actions. So, dear graduates, may you partner with God to meet suffering with love, kindness and compassion through all the new beginnings of your life!

## PRAYER list

*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,  
Alec Taylor, 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,  
Kathy Trowbridge, Triston,  
Tegan, Chad Windell,  
Pastor John, Kristi Pflug*



## Acts 2:22-41 NLT

<sup>22</sup> “People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know. <sup>23</sup> But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed him. <sup>24</sup> But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip. <sup>25</sup> King David said this about him:

‘I see that the LORD is always with me.

I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.

<sup>26</sup> No wonder my heart is glad,  
and my tongue shouts his praises!  
My body rests in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For you will not leave my soul among the dead  
or allow your Holy One to rot in the grave.

<sup>28</sup> You have shown me the way of life,  
and you will fill me with the joy of your presence.’

<sup>29</sup> “Dear brothers, think about this! You can be sure that the patriarch David wasn’t referring to himself, for he died and was buried, and his tomb is still here among us. <sup>30</sup> But he was a prophet, and he knew God had promised with an oath that one of David’s own descendants would sit on his throne. <sup>31</sup> David was looking into the future and speaking of the Messiah’s resurrection. He was saying that God would not leave him among the dead or allow his body to rot in the grave.

<sup>32</sup> “God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this. <sup>33</sup> Now he is exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven, at God’s right hand. And the Father, as he had promised, gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today. <sup>34</sup> For David himself never ascended into heaven, yet he said,

‘The LORD said to my Lord,

“Sit in the place of honor at my right hand

<sup>35</sup> until I humble your enemies,  
making them a footstool under your feet.”’

<sup>36</sup> “So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!”

<sup>37</sup> Peter’s words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God.” <sup>40</sup> Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation!”

<sup>41</sup> Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

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

**Listening Guide**  
**“Faith in the Spirit – Part 2”**  
**June 4, 2023**

**Scripture:** Acts 2:22-41

**What was the message of faith that Peter shared**

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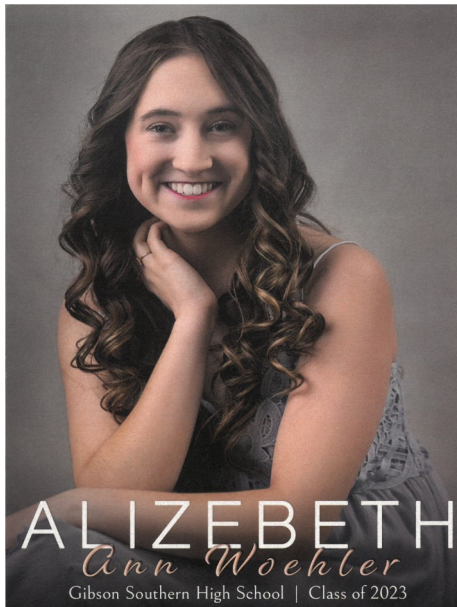
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**Personal Application:** Because of Pentecost and Peter’s sermon 3000 were baptized and added to the church that day. How well do you present the Gospel in a way that it can be understood and received?





**Please join us to celebrate**  
**Nathan Schleter**  
**on Sunday, June 25th from 2-**  
**4pm @ First UMC 100 W. Vine**  
**Street Please call or text**  
**RSVP to Jenni 812-499-2384**



*Let's Celebrate!*

June 4th, 2023

1:00-4:00

Fort Branch Community Center  
 112 North Railroad Street  
 Fort Branch, IN 47648



*Charity Baylor*

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*Riley Bryant*

801 E John ST, Fort Branch, IN 47648

*Bill Conklin IV*

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*Bailey Draper & Zach Draper*

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*Chelbi Englehardt*

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*Thomas (TJ) Lewis*

206 Willard AVE, Fort Branch, IN 47648

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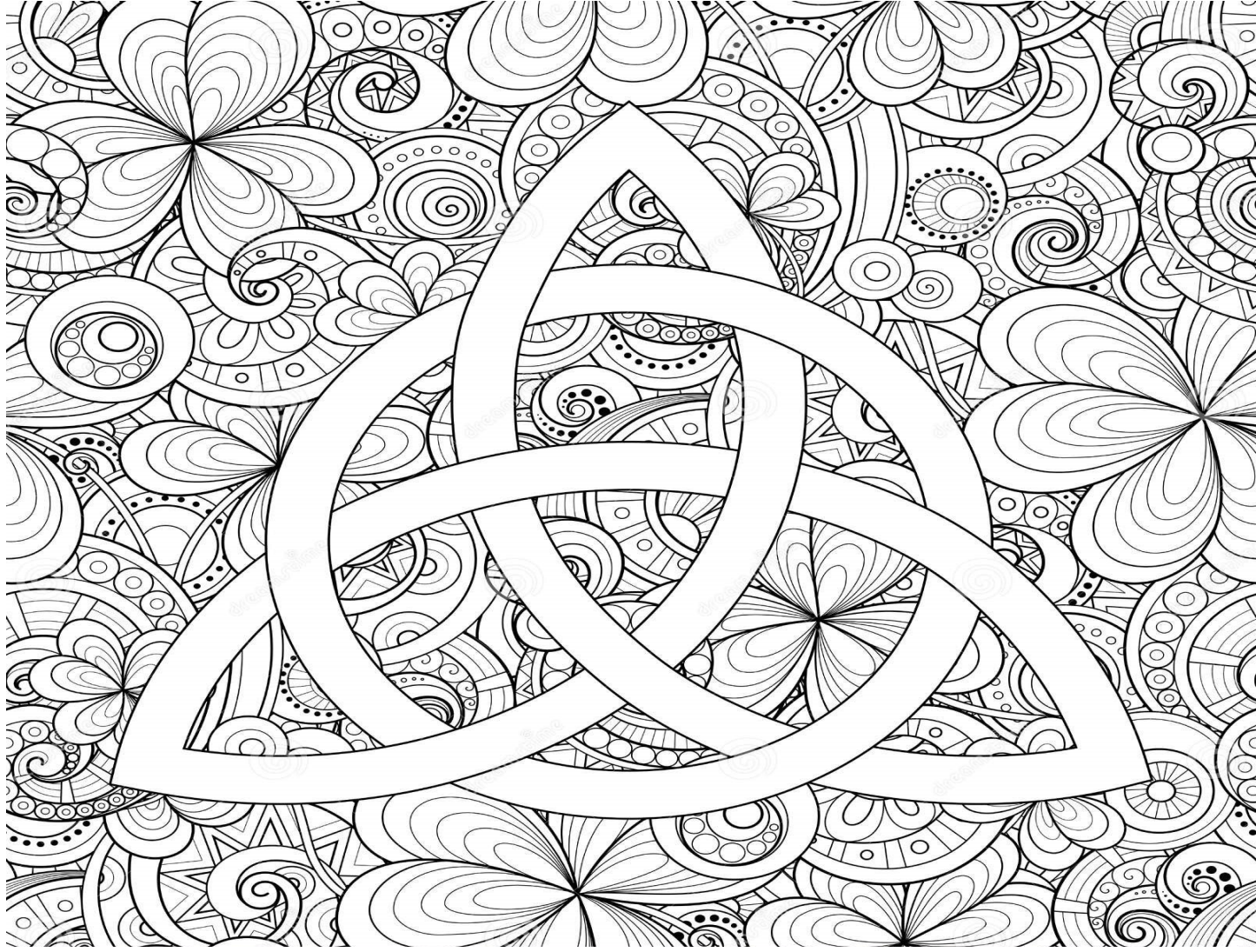
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*Elisabeth Canizo (Conklin)*

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Class of 2023





# Trinity Sunday Word Search

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| Father         | Glory    | God                | Holy Spirit |
| Love           | One      | Perfect            | Reception   |
| Relationship   | Send     | Song               | Spirit      |
| Sustain        | Three    | Trinity of Persons | Truth       |
| Unity of Being | Welcome  | Worship            |             |