

The First United
Methodist Church of
Fort Branch



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

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9:00 am– 2:00 pm
Closed Monday, Thursday
and Friday

One Church
Two Locations

March 16, 2025

Tell your story

In his *Confessio*, St. Patrick shares his fascinating biography, placing Jesus at the center. Believers should follow suit, especially in a culture that is "ignoring and forgetting the Christian story," states Father Billy Swan. At WordOnFire.org, the Irish Catholic priest writes:

"Our calling is to retell the greatest story ever told and to help people find their place within the drama in which God has created them to participate. Like St. Patrick, we retell that story not as detached bystanders but as witnesses whose lives have been changed by being drawn deeper into the dynamics of the great love story of God and his people."

Patty Breen, a lay minister in Michigan, also finds inspiration from the fifth-century saint. "The journey and life story of St. Patrick invite us to wrestle with and consider these questions," she writes. "Who is God for me? How do I contribute to the coming of the kingdom of God? What is God's plan for my life? Where am I invited to serve?"

Writing down our own *Confessio*, or faith story, is "a way to remember and see God's presence with you at each step of your life," adds Breen, "even at times when you weren't necessarily following God."



Good Friday

12 Hour Prayer Vigil
6am ~ 6pm

You're invited to be an
integral link in this
unceasing prayer chain
for our church,
community and world.

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Deaconess Gibson Hospital Auxiliary will have their annual fundraiser/geranium sale on

**April 14th and 15th
from 9AM-4PM**

@ Princeton Public Library.

Proceeds are used to fund a \$1000 scholarship to a senior student at each of the 3 county schools who plan to enter the healthcare field.

Colors of choice this year are: **red, orange, pink, hot pink and white** and they are \$6.50 each.

Preordered geraniums can be picked up and paid for (CASH OR CHECK ONLY) as follows: A thru M on Mon the 14th and N thru Z Tues the 15th. I will take any orders until Apr. 1st.

Advanced preorders are accepted by calling **Darla Lewis at 812-457-4683.**

The auxiliary thanks you for your support.

Solo Christianity? No way!

"Christianity was never intended to be a solo walk with God," says pastor Jeremy Basset. "A conversion to Christianity is also incorporation in the body of Christ, the church."

Christians don't take Holy Communion alone; the very name of this sacrament refers to unity with God and others. We don't baptize ourselves. We don't learn Scripture or Christian theology and history alone. We can't have Christian fellowship by ourselves.

The New Testament is clear that one cannot be a solitary Christian. We are members of Christ's body (Ephesians 5:30) and "belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10, NIV).

Palm Sunday is the perfect day to receive new members into our congregation, baptize individuals that wish to experience this sacrament and celebrate anyone wishing to remember their own baptism. If you are one of these people, please contact the church office or speak with Pastor Randy soon.



Puzzle!



Fill in the blanks with the tiny creatures mentioned in each verse (all NIV). Then search for those words in the puzzle below.

- Proverbs 6:6 _____
- Psalm 78:45 _____
- Matthew 23:24 _____
- Judges 14:8b _____
- Acts 12:23 _____
- Leviticus 11:22 _____
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- Deuteronomy 7:20 _____
- Exodus 16:20 _____
- 1 Samuel 24:14 _____
- Isaiah 50:9 _____
- Isaiah 59:5 _____
- Leviticus 11:22 _____
- Leviticus 11:22 _____



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T	E	C	L	O	C	U	S	T	D	T
S	A	E	F	K	A	T	Y	D	I	D
G	F	L	I	E	S	W	O	R	M	S



Answers: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket



The Lord's Pantry has a current need for **Cake Icing**. They currently have between 75-150 boxes of dry cake mixes, but only 10 cans of icing.



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Deliver to:

* -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 provide a nursery, located in
the education wing near the restrooms.

Lenten

SCHEDULE

This Sunday 2nd Sunday of Lent
10:30am ~ *Worship & Live
streaming worship*

Monday: ~ *Office Closed ~*
6:30pm ~ *Bible Study*

Tuesday:
5:30pm ~ *Yoga*

Wednesday:
Thursday: ~ *Office Closed ~*
8:30-3:00 ~ *Finish It Thursday*

Friday: ~ *Office Closed ~*

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent
10:30am ~ *Worship & Live
streaming worship*



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 #277

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

RESPONSIVE READING HYMN #466 *An Invitation to Christ*
Come, my Light, and illumine my darkness.
Come, my Life, and revive me from death.
Come, my Physician, and heal my wounds.
Come, Flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns
of my sins, kindling my heart with the flame of
thy love.

Come, my King, sit upon the throne of my heart and
reign there.

Four thou alone art my King and my Lord. Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #2158

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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 DOXOLOGY:

Hymn #99

*To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
to God be the glory for the things he has done.
With his blood he has saved me;
with his power he has raised me;
to God be the glory for things he has done.*

WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

John 10:9-10, NLT

9 Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. 10 The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

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

MESSAGE

"Steps of the Christian L-I-F-E"

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

*HYMN #601

Thy Word Is a Lamp

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE #2129

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus



SECOND SUNDAY
in
LENT

Lenten
Prayer Needs

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, Karen Devine, Fred & Debra Stephenson



*McKinlee Marginet
~ 17th*

*Mason Marginet ~
17th*

*Bill & Carla
Conklin ~ 18th*

*Laura Nurrenbern
~ 22nd*

Holy Week

Palm Sunday ~ April 13th

9:00_{am} ~ Blythe Chapel
10:30_{am} ~ Fort Branch First
& Live Streaming

Holy Thursday ~ April 17th

6:00_{pm} ~ Communion
@ Fort Branch First UMC

Good Friday ~ April 18th

6_{am}-6_{pm} ~ 12 Hour Prayer Vigil

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Easter Sunday ~ April 20th

7:00_{am} ~ Sunrise Service w/Communion
@ Blythe Chapel UMC
w/ Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast
following

9:00_{am} ~ Easter Worship Service
w/Communion & Live Stream
@ Fort Branch First UMC

8:00_{am} ~ Easter Morning Breakfast

The Methodist



*Your Easter Lily dedications will help to decorate and grace the sanctuary on
Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025*

*You may dedicate your flower to Honor or Remember someone.
Please fill out the order form and place with payment: in the offering plate, give to
Zella Frey or Melissa Foster or mail to
First United Methodist Church PO Box 116, Fort Branch, IN 47648
The last day to order is **Sunday, March 30, 2025**
Please indicate In Memory of ~ In Honor of*

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*From: _____
Number of Lilies _____ x \$20 each Amount Enclosed _____*