



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 of Lent **March 17, 2024**

Holy Week

Palm Sunday ~ March 24th

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

Easter Sunday ~ March 31st

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

Holy Thursday ~ March 28th

7:00pm ~ Communion
@ Blythe Chapel UMC

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

Good Friday ~ March 29th

6am-6pm ~ 12 Hour Prayer Vigil

8:00am ~ Easter Morning Breakfast



Good St. Patrick

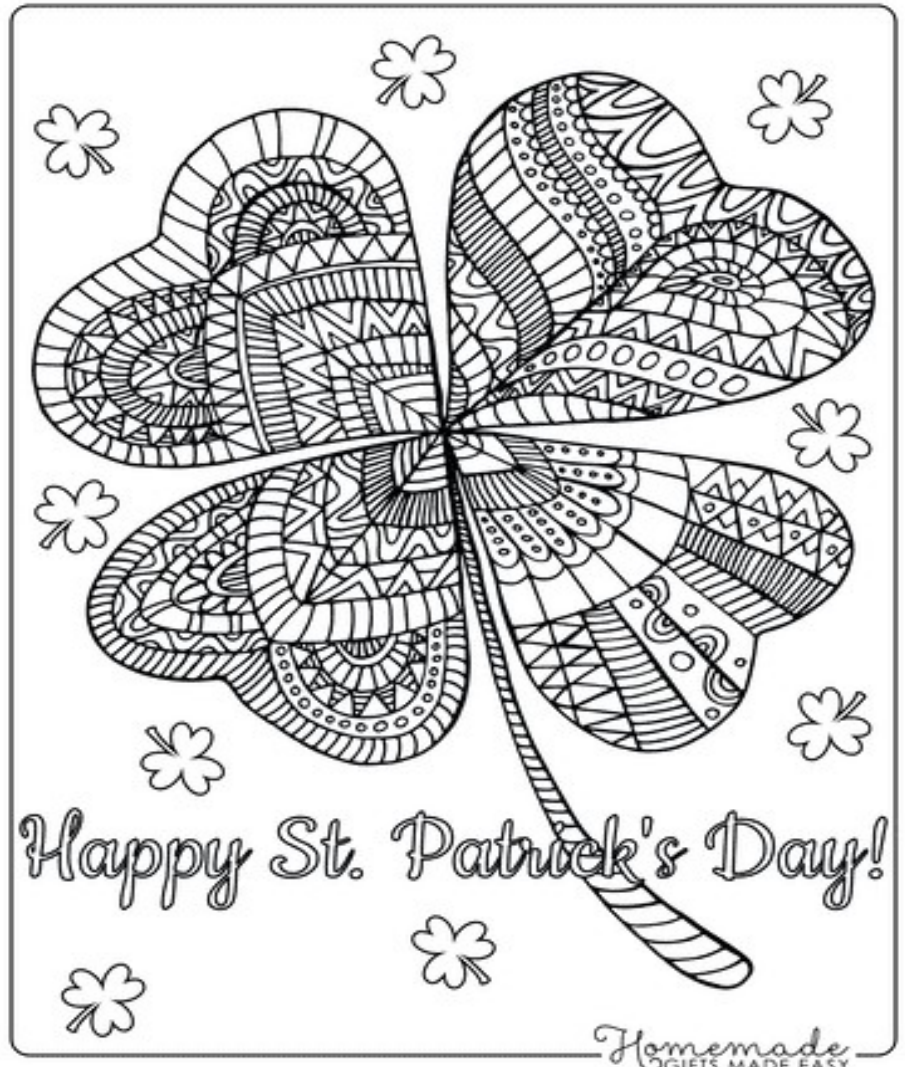
On March 17, many churches, especially those with a large Irish population, will celebrate the life of St. Patrick. He grew up in a Christian home in Britain, but wasn't very religious until a major event changed his life. As a teen, he was captured and sold into slavery in Ireland, but escaped to Gaul (France) after six years. The years of enslavement strengthened his faith. He

later wrote, "In that strange land [Ireland], the Lord opened my unbelieving eyes." He was led by God's voice to return to Ireland where he converted people to Christianity tribe by tribe.

Because Ireland is called the Emerald Isle, those who celebrate St. Patrick's Day will wear something green. Some Christians will even color food or drink green. Many Christians will also eat corned beef and cabbage and decorate tables with shamrocks. Shamrocks are actually three-leaf (not four-leaf) clover plants. Legend has it that St. Patrick used the three leaves to teach about the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Deaconess Gibson Hospital
Auxiliary will have their
annual fund-raiser/geranium
sale on **April 15th and 16th**
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, salmon, pink, hot pink
and white. The cost is \$6.50
each cash or check
only. If you are
unable to pickup on
those dates, I can
pick them up for you
and bring them
home to my garage
if they have been
paid for in advance.
Advanced preorders
are accepted by
calling Darla
Lewis at 812-
457-4683.
The auxiliary
thanks you for
your support.



McKinlee Marginet ~ 17th

Mason Marginet ~ 17th

Bill & Carla Conklin ~ 18th

Laura Nurrenbern ~ 22nd

Kelton Edwards ~ 23rd



Good Friday

12 Hour Prayer Vigil

6am - 6pm

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

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THIS WEEK *At Church*

† Indicates location is Blythe Chapel
Ω Indicates location is First UMC

This Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

6:30pm Ω Bible Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ Office Closed ~

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday: Palm/Passion

9:00am † Blythe Chapel

10:30am Ω Fort Branch First &
Live streaming

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Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #290 9:00am

Go to Dark Gethsemane

AV 10:30am

Thank You Jesus

*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 #288 9:00am

Were You There

#140 10:30am

Great Is Thy

Faithfulness

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.

CHILDRENS MOMENT

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Derek Robicheaux, Shelby & Edward Wynn
~ *I Believe in a Hill Called Mt. Calvary*
Jenni Schleter ~ *Not Guilty*

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 23:26-42 NLT

*MESSAGE

"The Crucifixion"

*HYMN #298

9:00am

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

#504

10:30am

The Old Rugged Cross

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: *Give Me Oil in My Lamp (chorus)*

*Sing Hosana Sing Hosana
Sing Hosana to the King of Kings
Sing Hosana Sing Hosana
Sing Hosana to the King*

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



FIFTH SUNDAY
In Lent



*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, Brian Price,
Triston, Tegan, Pastor John,
Thelma & Len Robicheaux,
Wyatt Wagner, Mark Fear,
Kim Stratman, Deanna Wilson,
Kenny Shaw, Laynie Speicher,
Scott Ingler, Cathy Starky*

With the current tax laws,
not everyone will need to
itemize their

2023 Federal Income Taxes.



As to save our Financial
Secretary (aka volunteer)
a lot of extra work,
a financial statement
of your offerings and tithes
will only be prepared for you
upon request.

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The Crucifixion

²⁶ As they led Jesus away, a man named Simon, who was from Cyrene, happened to be coming in from the countryside. The soldiers seized him and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A large crowd trailed behind, including many grief-stricken women. ²⁸ But Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, don’t weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the days are coming when they will say, ‘Fortunate indeed are the women who are childless, the wombs that have not borne a child and the breasts that have never nursed.’ ³⁰ People will beg the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and plead with the hills, ‘Bury us.’ ³¹ For if these things are done when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³² Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him. ³³ When they came to a place called The Skull,¹ they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left.

³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.” And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.¹

³⁵ The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. “He saved others,” they said, “let him save himself if he is really God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” ³⁶ The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine. ³⁷ They called out to him, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ A sign was fastened above him with these words: “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!”

⁴⁰ But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? ⁴¹ We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.



Crucifixion of Christ

J F S Q I O S L S P C I L U O B W C R O S S A N
 V T A V L V X J B H E S K U L L F W C N H Z G A
 V N O E F P M A R M Q L R G X F F K Y D S I N L
 B E A R I N G J Y T S R I H T Z O N I L L T T Y
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 D F Q J N E N R U X E J K H T O W R O V L G N C

among	bearing	behold	bowed	Christ	coat
cross	crucifixion	delivered	disciple	finished	fulfilled
garment	garments	ghost	Golgotha	head	hyssop
mother	mouth	pilate	scripture	seam	skull
soldiers	thirst	vessel	vinegar	woven	writing



EASTER

dedications

A long tradition for Easter is to purchase individual lily plants for dedication to loved ones and enjoy them during Easter morning worship service. We want to try something new since our Christmas floral display was much adored!

A display of live spring plants will be purchased for our sanctuary. By completing the DEDICATION FORM at the bottom and returning it with a **\$10 donation**, you will have the opportunity to honor loved ones.

You can place your dedication in the offering plate, leave in Melissa's mailbox in the hallway or drop off during office hours **by March 18th.**

Thank you

In Memory or In Honor
(please select one)

Dedicated to: _____

From: _____

Requested Donation of \$10 each _____

FBFUMC Worship Committee

Easter Breakfast

8^{am}
Worship @ 9^{am}



YOGURT
**** toppings bar



Everyone is invited to fellowship and enjoy
a “build-your-own” Greek yogurt parfait bar
and other breakfast treats!

Signup for donations is posted on the bulletin board or
www.fbfirst.org