

**Blythe Chapel United  
Methodist Church**

8141 S 450 W  
Owensville, IN 47665



**Fort Branch First  
United Methodist  
Church**

Our Mission....

*To make disciples of  
Jesus Christ for the  
transformation of the  
world.*

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**Church Office Hours**

Tuesday & Wednesday,

9:00 am– 2:00 pm

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*One Church*  
Two Locations

**March 2, 2025**

*Word of the Day...*

**LENTEN  
Reflections**



Every household is invited to take one special Lenten season gift box with them.

Pastor Randy has developed a medium that will allow each of us to dig deeper this year during our own personal journey.

When everyone is reflecting on the same “word” of the day, it will also allow us to journey together. There are limited boxes, but we want to accommodate everyone wishing to participate. Please see Pastor Randy or Melissa for additional cards or crosses.

During the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday (March 5 this year), Christians figuratively follow Jesus into the desert. Just as our Savior spent 40 days fasting and facing temptation, we focus on self-reflection and contrition.

In an 1873 hymn, Claudia Hernaman wrote, “O Lord, throughout these forty days, you prayed and kept the fast. Inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past.”

The desert experience of Lent serves a clear purpose, filling us up rather than depleting us. “This is what Lent is meant to be,” writes theologian Ron Rolheiser. “Time in the desert to courageously face the chaos and the demons within us and to let God do battle with them through us. The result is that we are purified, made ready, so the intoxicating joy of Easter might then bind us more closely to God and each other.”

**ASH  
WEDNESDAY**  
*join us for*  
THE  
BEGINNING  
OF OUR  
LENTEN  
JOURNEY

*6pm Blythe Chapel*

# 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

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Psalms 78:45

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Matthew 23:24

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Judges 14:8b

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Acts 12:23

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Leviticus 11:22

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Deuteronomy 7:20

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Exodus 16:20

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1 Samuel 24:14

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Isaiah 50:9

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Isaiah 59:5

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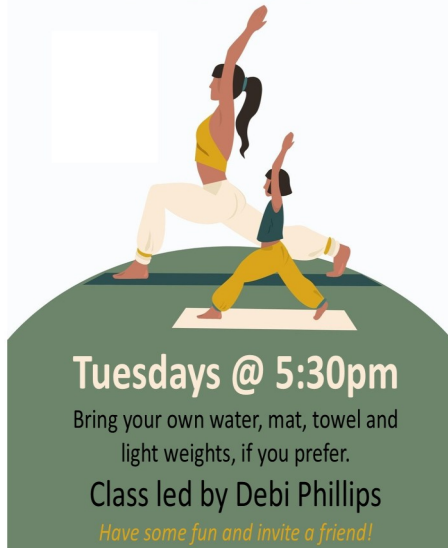
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Answers: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket

30 minutes CHAIR followed by 30 minutes FLOOR

# YOGA



Tuesdays @ 5:30pm

Bring your own water, mat, towel and light weights, if you prefer.

Class led by Debi Phillips

*Have some fun and invite a friend!*



*Finish It Thursday*

A space for stitchers and crafters to come together for a day of fellowship and (hopefully) completing some projects. This is open to anyone wanting to join the group.

Thursdays beginning 8:30am  
Ending no later than 3:00pm

What to bring for a day of self-care with fun and fellowship...

**Your project supplies/machines  
extension cords  
lunch or lunch money  
\$5 donation**

**Items that will be supplied with donation funds:  
a fun environment, ironing board, iron, spray starch, cutting mats, rotary cutters, etc.**

## An old hymn declares:

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest. Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad. I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad. (Horatius Bonar, 1846)

Many people these days feel exhausted by division, the news, hatred that seems louder than love. More than ever, we who are "weary, worn, and sad" need to hear Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest."

Jesus wants to be our resting place — but not so we can hide forever from reality. Instead, he offers a place of refreshment where we can relax long enough to remember that not everything is bad; there is gospel to share. Not everything is hatred; God's love is stronger.

Resting in Jesus, we focus on God's goodness. We are reminded of love shown by kind people to those in trouble, bold voices speaking for justice, warm friendships that brighten our days. Gladdened by rest, we rise again. Jesus walks with us, as always. We can lean on him every step of the way.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

**Methodist Women's Group**  
Next meeting on  
**Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9am**  
*All women of the church are invited.*



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Deliver to:

\* -This symbol,  
when found in the Order of Service  
invites you to stand - if able.

### CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children are welcome in the  
worship service! We do offer options.  
Following the Children's Sharing,  
children may attend Sunday School.



#### This Sunday:

9:00am ~Worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

6:30 pm ~ Bible Study

Tuesday:

5:30pm ~ Yoga @ FUMC

Wednesday: ASH WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm ~Worship Service

Thursday: ~ Office Closed ~

8:30-3:00 ~Finish It Thursday

Friday:

~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

9:00am ~Methodist Women

Next Sunday: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

9:00am ~Worship



Sherry Michel ~ 4<sup>th</sup>  
Ed Trapp ~ 5<sup>th</sup>



*"Of one thing I am perfectly sure:  
God's story never ends with ashes."*

—Elisabeth Elliot

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## **Rev. Randy Anderson**

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **WORSHIP THROUGH GATHERING**

\*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

\*HYMN #57

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

### **WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING**

PRAYER HYMN #351

*Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*

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 #95**

***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

**WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

**Luke 4:18-19, NLT**

*<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the LORD is upon me,  
for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released,  
that the blind will see,  
that the oppressed will be set free,  
<sup>19</sup> and that the time of the LORD's favor has come."*

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

MESSAGE

**"And so it Begins!"**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING**

\*HYMN #157

**Jesus Shall Reign**

\*BLESSING



**PRAYER**  
*list...*

*Prayer Requests —last names are printed for individuals requesting prayer for themselves or with explicitly given permission.*

**Jane Marginet, Terri & Steve Jarboe, June Regenholt, Mark Fear, Deanna Wilson, Norman Bullock, Liz & Alan Creamer, Vivory Brewer, Frances Burns, Paul & Jeanie Cardinal, John & Beverly Boss, Zach Anderson, Morgan Whitehead, Karen Devine,**

