



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*.

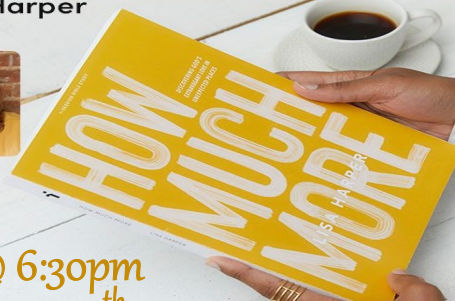
This weekly publication is provided to show
how our congregations are living *The Way* today.

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

Women's Bible Study

Join us for this 7-session study
by Lisa Harper



Mondays @ 6:30pm

April 4th ~ May 16th

RSVP by MARCH 21st to

Kristi Pflug...\$20 (pay first night)

Mary's yes calls us to love

On March 25, we remember the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel visits Mary to tell her she is to bear the Son of God, and she says yes.

In *Wholehearted Faith*, Rachel Held Evans writes: "I am a Christian not because of anything I've done but because a teenage girl living in occupied Palestine at one of the most dangerous moments in history said yes — yes to God, yes to a wholehearted call she could not possibly understand ... yes to a vision for herself and her little boy of a mission that would bring down rulers and lift up the humble, that would turn away the rich and fill the hungry with good things, that would scatter the proud and gather the lowly, yes to a life that came with no guarantee of her safety or her son's. ... And through Mary's example, God invites us to take the risk of love."

The Gibson General Hospital Auxiliary Annual Geranium Sale

Monetary donations are appreciated this year, as we have been unable to invite vendors to the hospital lobby due to Covid restrictions.

All proceeds support the charitable projects of
Gibson General Hospital Auxiliary.

Advanced sales/orders will be accepted until March 28th.

Pickup of pre-ordered geraniums at the
PRINCETON PUBLIC LIBRARY according to
last name: A thru M on Apr. 11th from 9-4 and N thru Z on Apr.
12th from 9-4

Choice of color:

Red, Salmon, Pink, Hot Pink/Maroon, White

Price: \$5.00 either cash or check.

To place an order, please contact any auxiliary member or call the
Gift Shop Mon.-Fri. at 812-385-9219.





Easter Lily Dedication order form inside...order soon.

Facing life's giants

During the NCAA basketball tournaments, many fans enjoy rooting for an underdog, hoping a Cinderella story will emerge. First-round March Madness matchups often are billed as David vs. Goliath events, with perennial powerhouses facing off against little-known schools.

Underdogs play key roles in the Bible: Moses takes on Pharaoh's army, Daniel defies a king and David squares off against an actual giant. Being an underdog didn't faze David, who knew the source of his strength: "For the battle is the Lord's," he says in 1 Samuel 17:47. What assurance as we battle life's "giants"!

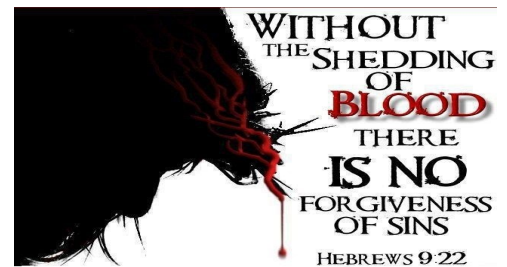
In *Goliath Must Fall*, Louie Giglio writes, "Our giants keep taunting us, so we need to hold God at his word: that he is already victorious." Instead of "staring at our giant," we must "lock eyes with Jesus" and remember that "life is short and God is big." With bold hearts, adds Giglio, we can worship with "holy urgency" while giants fall.



Thank you to everyone who helped with the potato bar last Sunday. - to those who helped prepare the food, contributed desserts, helped set up, helped clean up, and to all who attended. We appreciate you all so much. It could not happen without you. May you all be blessed.



Linda and Marilee



There are **red marbles** near the bulletin table...please take one with you. Allow this single "**droplet**" to be a precious daily reminder of how Jesus made eternal life possible for you.



Laura Nurrenbern ~ 22nd
Kelton Edwards ~ 23rd
Mary Wallace ~ 24th

Fort Branch First UMC
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when found in the Order of Service
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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 First.

Nursery

Attendant:



3/20: Debra Stephenson

3/27: Kristi Pflug

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

This Sunday 3rd Sunday in Lent

9:00am † Worship

9:30am Ω Sunday School

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

3:30pm Ω Port Gibson 4-H

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Lent

9:00am † Worship

9:30am Ω Sunday School

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Next Sunday Worship:

*"Lent, Matthew's Perspective ~
The Trial and Sentencing"*

*Matthew 26:57-67;
27:15-26*



Holy Spirit, show each of us gathered here someone who
needs a friendly word, a kind smile, a gentle touch;
may we share your love with all we meet.

The Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #577 9:00am *God of Grace and God of Glory*
362 10:30am *Nothing but the Blood*

*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 #357 9:00am *Just as I Am,*
Without One Plea
361 10:30am *Rock of Ages,*
Cleft for Me

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 Gathering of the Gifts

**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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

POSTLUDE



Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

Listening Guide

“The Arrest”

March 20, 2022

How does Jesus respond to being arrested?

Receives the _____ (vs. 47-49)

Jesus doesn't _____ (vs. 50-54)

Jesus goes _____ (vs. 55-56)

Personal Application: Jesus had to be arrested in order for us to be saved. His arrest was a show of complete surrender. How surrendered are you?



Hands-on reflection

While preparing props for a church photo shoot, I had to make a crown of thorns. In the woods, I found a long, wild, prickly plant that seemed promising. Just cutting a bit to bring home proved difficult, making me quickly question my decision to do this project sans gloves.

Once home, I worked the vines so they'd be flexible and not break when curved into a circle. That required finding multiple spots to grasp. Again, numerous finger pricks ensued. It wasn't until I formed the vines into a crown, however, that thorns started sinking into my skin and taking hold. Each shock of pain was an accident, but my focus remained intentional: I purposely tackled this endeavor bare-handed to glimpse what Jesus suffered on my behalf. The torn skin on my fingers was nothing compared to the gashes on my Savior's head. Working with thorns for a few minutes reminded me to be humbly grateful for what Jesus sacrificed to win my eternal salvation.

—Julie Lee

Matthew 26:47-56 NLT

Jesus Is Betrayed and Arrested

⁴⁷ And even as Jesus said this, Judas, one of the twelve disciples, arrived with a crowd of men armed with swords and clubs. They had been sent by the leading priests and elders of the people. ⁴⁸ The traitor, Judas, had given them a prearranged signal: "You will know which one to arrest when I greet him with a kiss." ⁴⁹ So Judas came straight to Jesus. "Greetings, Rabbi!" he exclaimed and gave him the kiss.

⁵⁰ Jesus said, "My friend, go ahead and do what you have come for." Then the others grabbed Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹ But one of the men with Jesus pulled out his sword and struck the high priest's slave, slashing off his ear.

⁵² "Put away your sword," Jesus told him. "Those who use the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³ Don't you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly? ⁵⁴ But if I did, how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that describe what must happen now?"

⁵⁵ Then Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I some dangerous revolutionary, that you come with swords and clubs to arrest me? Why didn't you arrest me in the Temple? I was there teaching every day. ⁵⁶ But this is all happening to fulfill the words of the prophets as recorded in the Scriptures." At that point, all the disciples deserted him and fled.

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

Thanks be to God!



Peter Denies Jesus

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afraid	Christians	church leaders	fire
forgave	Galilee	Gethsemane	high priest
lied	people	Peter	praying
remembered	rooster	servant girl	soldiers

Holy Week

Palm Sunday ~ April 10th

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

Easter Sunday ~ April 17th

6:30am ~ Sunrise Service w/Communion
@ Blythe Chapel UMC
w/ Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast
following

Holy Thursday ~ April 14th

7:00pm ~ Communion
@ Blythe Chapel UMC

Good Friday ~ April 15th

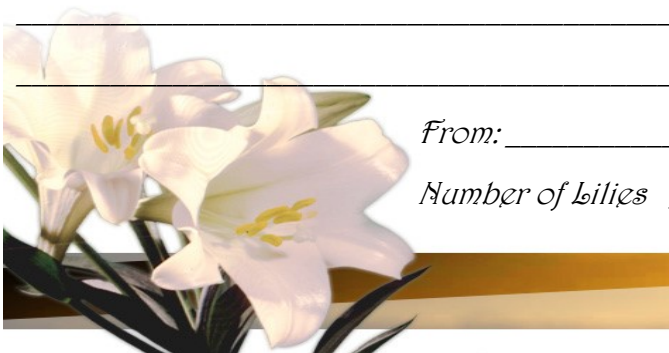
6am-6pm ~ 12 Hour Prayer Vigil



*Would you like to help decorate and grace the sanctuary with a special Easter Lily on
Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022*

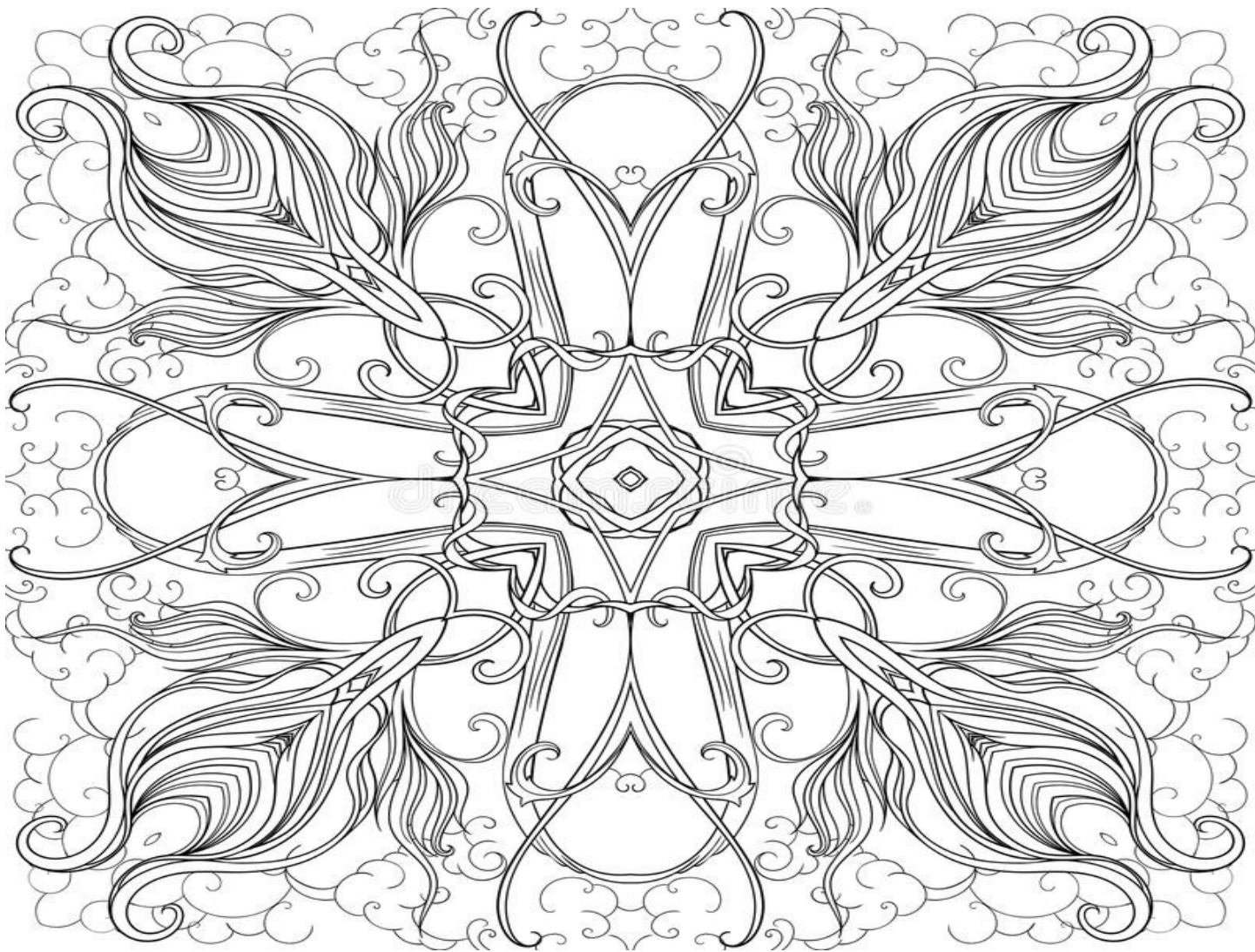
*You may dedicate your flower to Honor or Remember someone. Please fill out the
order form and place with payment: in the offering plate, give to Zella Frey or Melissa
Foster or mail to First United Methodist Church PO Box 116, Fort Branch, IN 47648
The last day to order is Sunday, March 27, 2022*

Please indicate In Memory of ~ In Honor of



From: _____

Number of Lilies _____ x \$30 each Amount Enclosed _____



Easter Breakfast

8am

Worship @ 9am



Everyone is invited to share breakfast at the buffet style gathering.

Sign up sheet for suggested food items to share is posted on the bulletin board.

Jesus Has Gone There First

Whether we gaze with longing into the garden or with fear and trembling into the desert, of this we can be sure — God walked there first! And when we who have sinned and despoiled the garden are challenged now to face the desert, we do not face it alone; Jesus has gone there before us to struggle with every demon that has ever plagued a human heart. Face the desert we must if we would reach the garden, but Jesus has gone there before us.

—James Healy