

The First United  
Methodist Church of  
Fort Branch



Blythe Chapel United  
Methodist Church  
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Owensville, IN 47665

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

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



## Holy Week

Palm Sunday ~ April 13<sup>th</sup>

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

Easter Sunday ~ April 20<sup>th</sup>

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

Holy Thursday ~ April 17<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm ~ Communion  
@ Fort Branch First UMC

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

Good Friday ~ April 18<sup>th</sup>

6am-6pm ~ 12 Hour Prayer Vigil  
[www.fbfirst.org](http://www.fbfirst.org)

8:00am ~ Easter Morning Breakfast



## 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  
fund-raiser/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.

*River Oaks Health  
1244 Vail ST,  
Princeton, IN 47670  
June Regenhold ~208  
Frances Burns ~301*

*Jane Marginet  
North River Health  
811 E Baseline Rd  
Room 519  
Evansville, IN 47725*

*Paul & Jeanie Cardinal  
Solarbron, Apt 201A  
1701 McDowell RD  
Evansville, IN 47712*

*Jean M. Stone  
Harmony at Five Forks  
345 Five Forks RD, Apt. 324  
Simpsonville, SC 29681*

# Baptisms

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.



*Randy Anderson  
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**Fort Branch First UMC  
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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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 ~ *FIT*

Friday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
10:30am ~ *Worship & Live  
streaming worship*



### **Special Guest Speaker, Rev. Pierre Claudel Zephyr**

#### 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*

#### **THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*We are not alone; we live in God's world.*

***We believe in God: who has created and is creating;  
whose face we have seen in Jesus of Nazareth,  
the Word of God made flesh,  
to reconcile all people and renew the face of the earth;  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.***

***We are called together to be the church:***

***to celebrate the presence of God in the world and in  
our lives;***

***to love each other and others;***

***and by our living show the face of God in Jesus to the  
world today.***

***God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.***

***Amen***

#### **WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING**

PRAYER HYMN #261

*Lord of the Dance*

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 Offertory Response:

**Hymn #95**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

**2 Corinthians 5:15-21 NRSV**

<sup>15</sup> And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

MESSAGE

**Rev. Pierre Claudel Zephyr ~ "New Creation"**

### WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

\*HYMN #369

**Blessed Assurance**

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE #2129

**I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**

*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,  
Pastor Randy & Julie**

*Lent*  
is  
spring  
training.  
*Easter*  
IS OPENING DAY!

  
**APRIL**  
*birthdays & anniversaries*

*Philip Beckett ~ 1st  
Sarah Fuhs ~ 1st*

## On the path to victory

After moving to a college town, Pastor Kendra Thompson learned about the athletic phenomenon known as March Madness. And after a nondenominational upbringing, as a young adult she learned about Lenten traditions.

Lent and the NCAA college basketball tournament, which usually coincide, both point to the divine, Thompson argues. "In Lent, with each day we are drawn closer to the crushing reality that we've crucified our God. And yet we are also faced with an impossible victory: that death did not win, that our God is raised in Jesus Christ," she writes.

"Likewise, watching college basketball invites us into a season of hoping in unlikely possibilities, marveling at upsets, and giving thanks to God for the connection we find as his people."

Like fans swept up in high-stakes games, Jesus' disciples abandon everything to follow him. Lent might be "holy madness," Thompson muses. It's "an opportunity to 'feel' our religion, not just in our heads but with our skin, our voices, even in the anxieties of our prayers."



### **I Am a New Creation, No more in Condemnation**

I Am a New Creation,  
No more in Condemnation,  
Here in the Grace of God, I stand.

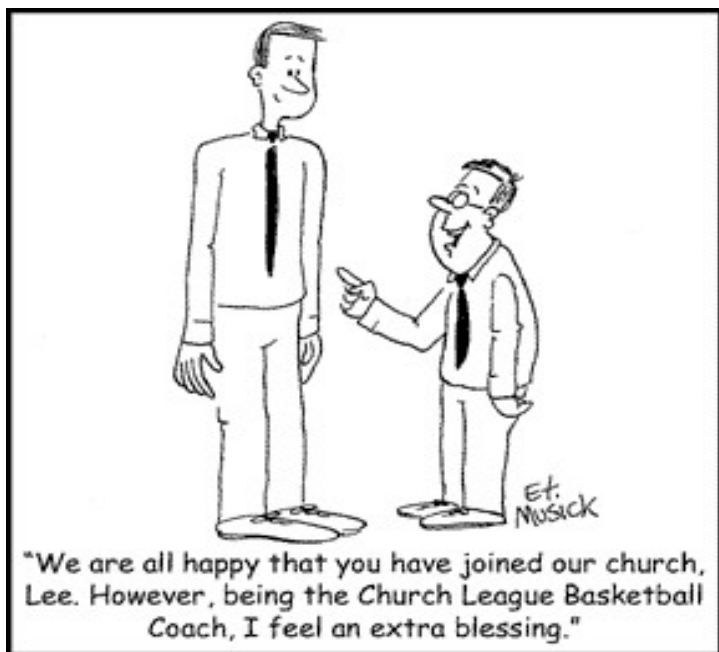
My Heart is Overflowing,  
My Love just keeps on Growing,  
Here in the Grace of God, I stand.

And I will Praise You, Lord.  
Yes, I will Praise You, Lord.  
And I will Sing of all that You have done.

A Joy that knows no limit,  
A Lightness in My Spirit  
Here in the Grace of God, I stand.

And I will Praise You, Lord.  
Yes, I will Praise You, Lord.  
And I will Sing of all that You have done.

A Joy that knows no limit,  
A Lightness in My Spirit  
Here in the Grace of God, I stand.  
Here in the Grace of God, I stand.  
Here in the Grace of God, I stand.





*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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