



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 of Easter

May 1, 2022

Happy
May Day



Thursday, May 5th

★ NATIONAL ★
DAY of PRAYER

2022
Graduation
Sunday

*We will be acknowledging
the achievements of all the
graduates in our
congregations on*

Sunday, May 15th

*during worship. We don't
want to leave anyone out!*

*If you have a student
graduating either Jr. High,
High School, or college,
please inform Heather Scott,*

*Laura Nurrenbern,
Melissa Foster or
Pastor John*

Prayer's certain payoff

Prayers prayed in the Spirit never die until they accomplish God's intended purpose. His answer may not be what we expected, or when we expected it, but God often provides much more abundantly than we could think or ask. He interprets our intent and either answers or stores up our prayers. Sincere prayers are never lost [and] will never be wasted or go unrewarded.

—Missionary Wesley Duewel

Lasagna Dinner
&
Surprise Box Desserts

Sunday, May 15 @ 11:30am
Fort Branch First UMC

Lasagna, bread stick, salad ... with a
surprise box dessert auction



Donations
supporting our

**Back School
BASH**

God's hands

Exactly a century ago, Irish physician Alexander Irvine published *My Lady of the Chimney Corner*, a book dedicated to his saintly mother. The protagonist, Anna, lives and ministers to others as Irvine's own mother had done.

In the story, Anna visits a neighbor who has just lost a son at sea. After talking for a while, Anna suggests they pray together. With heads bowed, she reaches to place a loving hand on the grieving mother's forehead. Afterward, the woman says, "I think I felt his touch upon my brow," referring to God.

Anna says, "God is everywhere looking for hands to use. Sometimes he takes the hand of a doctor and uses it in healing. Sometimes he takes the hand of a mother to soothe the brow of a fevered child. And sometimes he takes the hand of an old critter like me to bring a bit of help and comfort to a neighbor. But they are all God's hands, and God is everywhere looking for hands to use."



Curtis McCoy ~ 7th

A Celebration of Life for

Max Jackson

will be at

Central Presbyterian Church

31 N 7th Street.

Lafayette, IN

on Saturday

May 21st @ 2pm

There will be a light refreshment reception following the service.

Please contact Laurabelle

with your intended

attendance at 941-592-8150.



Spring Concerts

**** FREE Admission ****

Thursday, May 5, 2022—7:00 pm

Ribeyre Center, 603 Main Street, New Harmony, IN

Friday, May 6, 2022—7:00 pm

Bible Center Cathedral, 5000 First Avenue, Evansville, IN

Sunday, May 8, 2022—5:00 pm

First UMC, Wesley Hall, 601 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, IN



Methodist Women's Group

**Next meeting on
Saturday, May 14th @ 9am**

All women of the church are invited.



Join us for our open house style **Housewarming Party** in our new home hosted by Anita Baylor and Pam Mabrey! Pop in anytime between 1~4pm cst. We will have light refreshments and yard games (weather permitting). If you would like to hangout outdoors, we ask that you bring your own lawn chair! Gifts are not necessary, but if you feel obligated to bring a gift, we would like gift cards to Amazon, local home stores, and/or Evansville restaurants. We can't wait to show you our new home! Hope to see you there!

Lija & Shelby Workman
2013 Kathleen Ave,
Evansville 47714-4315

Sat. May 14th 1~4pm



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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:



5/1: Monica Bryant
5/8: Crystal Smith

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

This Sunday

9:00am † Worship
9:30am Ω Sunday School
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~
6:30pm Ω Women's Bible Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: National Day of Prayer

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

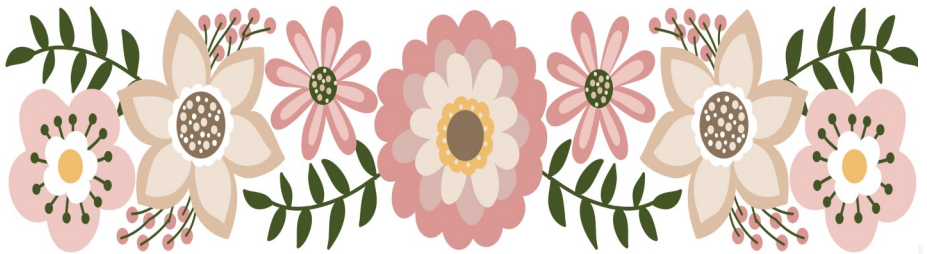
Next Sunday: Mother's Day

9:00am † Worship
9:30am Ω Sunday School
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Next Sunday:

*"ACTS Format of Prayer ~
Part 1"*

Matthew 6:5-13



Welcome!

Rev. John Baylor Jr.

PRELUDE

***THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US**

***HYMN # 374** 9:00am *Standing on the Promises*
424 10:30am *Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone*

*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 #314 9:00am *In the Garden*
2068 10:30am *I Love You, Lord*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:15-25

MESSAGE

"The Hope of Restoration"

Listening Guide
“The Hope of Restoration”
May 1, 2022

Scripture: John 21:15-25

How do we find hope in restoration?

The _____ Question (vs. 15-17)

The _____ (vs. 18-19)

The Personal _____ (vs. 20-25)

Personal Application: Restoration is a wonderful concept. It puts everything back to the way it was originally. Sometimes restoration makes things even better than they were originally. Is there an area of your life that needs to be restored today? Will you be courageous enough to let God restore what it broken in you?



John 21:15-25 NLT

¹⁵ After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.”

“Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him.

¹⁶ Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

“Yes, Lord,” Peter said, “you know I love you.”

“Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said.

¹⁷ A third time he asked him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep.

¹⁸ “I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to do as you liked; you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and others will dress you and take you where you don’t want to go.” ¹⁹ Jesus said this to let him know by what kind of death he would glorify God. Then Jesus told him, “Follow me.”

²⁰ Peter turned around and saw behind them the disciple Jesus loved—the one who had leaned over to Jesus during supper and asked, “Lord, who will betray you?” ²¹ Peter asked Jesus, “What about him, Lord?”

²² Jesus replied, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? As for you, follow me.” ²³ So the rumor spread among the community of believers that this disciple wouldn’t die. But that isn’t what Jesus said at all. He only said, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?”

²⁴ This disciple is the one who testifies to these events and has recorded them here. And we know that his account of these things is accurate.

²⁵ Jesus also did many other things. If they were all written down, I suppose the whole world could not contain the books that would be written.

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

Thanks be to God!