

The First United
Methodist Church of
Fort Branch



Blythe Chapel United
Methodist Church

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

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Closed Monday, Thursday
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One Church Two Locations

May 4, 2025

Spring is a renewed time of reflection. It's a season marked by sacrifices, meaningful observances, and religious celebrations. It's a perfect time to focus on spiritual growth and self-denial.

Ponder this though—what if you don't have “extras” to give up? What if the paychecks do not cover the expenses of a family?

Situations like this are an opportunity for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Could we “give” past the convenient and dig a little deeper? Not to make us feel better or worthy, but to be a blessing to someone who may be struggling to face another day.

The Bible tells us to be cheerful givers, so how about this...During the month of May, many people enjoy the running of the Kentucky Derby and all of the other horse races leading up to the main event. Others thoroughly enjoy all the qualifying trials leading up to the running of famous Indy 500 at the end of the month. Let's have our own challenge!!

Our finish line goal is to dig deep to provide The Lord's Pantry with 100 cans of peaches. Whether your sacrifice is 1 can or a case, it will make a difference! Just in case the Lord's Pantry Peach 100 is not your race, we do have options! How about the True Hope 100...this one is easy too. 100 personal care items that mom or kids would benefit by having.

Come on! Let's make it fun!

The competition starts on May 1st and
the final lap will be May 31st.

“Ladies and Gentlemen...



The Lord's Pantry Peach 100



Canned peaches: any brand, size or packaging

True Hope 100



Paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo,
children's shampoo, bath soap, toothpaste,
toothbrush, comb, hairbrush...more

Seizing holy opportunities

In *Holy Moments*, Matthew Kelly discusses the world's need for more small (but sometimes large) instances of people caring for others, cultivating joy, encouragement and love instead of anger, envy, fear. Kelly defines a Holy Moment as "a single moment in which you open yourself to God. ... You set aside personal preference and self-interest, and for one moment you do what you prayerfully believe God is telling you to do."

This may mean mowing the lawn for a neighbor with a broken leg, praising a child on his artwork, buying a surprise snack for someone having a bad day, working extra shifts for a coworker with cancer so she can receive her full salary while out sick, paying for the next car's drive-thru order. Anyone can create a Holy Moment, because you don't need special skills, position or wealth. "If you want to see miracles, make yourself available to God," Kelly suggests.

He adds that God has a track record of collaborating with "the most unlikely people to make amazing things happen, and now He wants to collaborate with you." When we're open to God's leading, holy opportunities abound. And we will experience as much joy as the ones to whom we show care.



Our Church's
Graduates

**Let us know who our
graduates are so we can
celebrate them!**

Natalia Margaret Steinmetz

April 22, 2025

*Welcomed by
big brothers Dylan & Collin
Alec & Vanessa and Don & Sue Ann*



Methodist Women's Group

*Next meeting on
Saturday, May 10th @ 9am*



Saturday, July



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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.



This Sunday:

10:30am ~ Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

5:30pm ~ Yoga

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ Office Closed ~

8:30-3:00 ~ F.I.T.

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

9:00am ~ Methodist Women

Next Sunday:

10:30am ~ Worship & Live
streaming worship



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PRELUDE #338

Where He Leads Me

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 #2108

O How He Loves You and Me

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried,

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #2119

Where the Spirit of the Lord Is

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 #99**

*To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
to God be the glory, for the things he has done.
With his blood he has saved me,
with his power he has raised me;
to God be the glory for the things he has done*

WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

Luke 7:11-15, NLT

Jesus Raises a Widow's Son

¹¹ Soon afterward Jesus went with his disciples to the village of Nain, and a large crowd followed him. ¹² A funeral procession was coming out as he approached the village gate. The young man who had died was a widow's only son, and a large crowd from the village was with her. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, his heart overflowed with compassion. "Don't cry!" he said. ¹⁴ Then he walked over to the coffin and touched it, and the bearers stopped. "Young man," he said, "I tell you, get up." ¹⁵ Then the dead boy sat up and began to talk! And Jesus gave him back to his mother.

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"The Widow of Nain"

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

*HYMN # 400

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



PRAYER list

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, Pastor Randy & Julie, Carolyn Jones, Shane & Linda Springer
The family of Densil Sprinkle**



Sonya Teel ~ 10th