



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.

6th Sunday of Easter **May 9, 2021**

We are celebrating Mother's Day!!

Invite all the special ladies in your life to Church this Sunday!

Come a little early today and visit the serving window at the
kitchen to get a special beverage before going to the sanctuary.

Cold Caramel flavored Coffee (reg & decaf)

Hot Coffee (reg & decaf)

Orange Julius

Water

TODAY // 10^{am} ~10:30^{am}

This very special photo backdrop has been assembled in the
Narthex. We hope everyone gets an opportunity to snap at least
one pic with their loved ones! We would love to be able to share
some of those photos in the coming weeks...
send to melisa@fbfirst.org

Operation Christmas Child will be hosting a

Loaded Potato Bar

Coordinated by Linda Springer or Marilee Rostron.



May 16th | 12^{pm} | \$8 donation

Carry-Outs Available

100% Proceeds to help with expenses for
Filling and Shipping shoeboxes.





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A week of tributes to Mom

To celebrate the special woman in your life, use a quote a day the week before Mother's Day, or honor her with tributes the whole week after. Write one of these (or one of your own) on a card, make a message into a placemat, tape one to the bathroom mirror — get creative! Every day of the week is a good day to celebrate her love and show her yours.

"There is no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one." —Jill Churchill

"The art of mothering is to teach the art of living to children." — Elaine Heffner

"An ounce of mother is worth a ton of priest." —Spanish proverb

"When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' it's a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway." —Erma Bombeck

"The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom."

—Henry Ward Beecher

"Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible." —Marion C. Garretty

"Being a mother is learning about strengths you didn't know you had." —Linda Wooten

Loving an EGR

During a conversation over coffee, a friend mentioned an "EGR." I had to interrupt and ask for a definition: Extra Grace Required — in other words, people who can seem tough to love. Often, they're the most in *need* of love because they're hurting. Perhaps Jesus was referring to EGRs when he said, "If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much" (Matthew 5:46, NLT).

Truly loving others — even EGRs — might not be as tough as we think. Simple gestures such as smiling, truly listening, sending a note or extending an invitation go a long way toward expressing care and softening hearts.

At times, we all require extra grace. Thankfully, God has an unlimited amount to extend to us and then *through* us. Out of joy, we can find ways — even simple ones — to share God's grace and love with people who need it. —Janna Firestone



Let's Celebrate

Sonya Teel ~ 10th
Jean Stone ~ 15th

\$1 donation per bar
Pick yours up today...
fellowship hall near the
kitchen



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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:



5/9: Carla Conklin
5/16: Monica Bryant

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

This Sunday: Mother's Day

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:

9:00am † Worship
9:30am Ω Sunday School
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship
11:30am Ω Loaded Potato Bar

Next
Sunday
Worship:

REBUILD

Ephesians 4:1-6

Christian Unity

H A P P Y
M O T H E R ' S D A Y

*Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and women!
Welcome to worship, as we praise the God
who calls forth love in all relationships.*

Rev. John Baylor Jr.



PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN # 369 9:00am *Blessed Assurance*
539 10:30am *O Spirit of the Living God*

*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

PRAYERS

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYER HYMN #530 9:00am *Are Ye Able*
#2015 10:30am *Bless His Holy Name*

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.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*SCRIPTURE LESSON *insert*

1 John 2:7-11

MESSAGE

***“Rebuilding the Church:
Christian Love”***

*HYMN #467 9:00am
#2146 10:30am

***Trust and Obey
His Eye Is on the Sparrow***

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn #557 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

*Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.*

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

*THE OFFERING

*Please place your tithes and gifts in the offering plates
located at any of the three main sanctuary exits.*

POSTLUDE



“If at first you don't succeed, try
doing it the way mom told you to in
the beginning.”

—Unknown

Prayer REQUESTS

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

*Jane Marginet, Marty
Marginet, Joann Davis Fitch,
Mark Dillion, Jake Prieshoff,
Lynn Prieshoff, Richard & Betty
Michel, Becca Manolov, Carla
Jackson, Kyle Stone, Mark Fear,
Joyce Kruse, Lucile Johnson,
Poppy Petry, Judy Basham,
Connie Collins, Linda
McKimmy, Bruce Rostron,
June Regenholt, Kim, Connie
Osborn & Tommy Osborn,
Alec Taylor, Curt Cain, Connie
Dunn, Ray Kifer, Brenda
Kreig
The Family of Donna Graper*

WE MISS YOU!

**Back School
to BASH
July 31, 2021**

**Donations can be made through
your offering by designating
“BTSB” on the envelope.**

**BTSB Planning Committee
welcomes anyone wanting to be
more involved!!**

⁷ Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. ⁸ Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. ⁹ Whoever says, "I am in the light," while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. ¹⁰ Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. ¹¹ But whoever hates another believer¹ is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness.

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

Thanks be to God!

Love

Listening Guide
"Christian Love"
May 9, 2021

How does John define Christian love?

_____ (vs. 7)

_____ (vs. 8)

_____ Hatred (vs. 9)

Does No _____ (vs. 10-11)

Personal Application: Love is the most powerful force in the world. Christian love is more powerful yet. How deep is your love?



We will be acknowledging the achievements of all the graduates in our congregations with a cake & punch reception following worship service. 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 or Melissa Foster.



First UM Preschool will graduate it's last class on

Friday, May 21st @ 5:00pm

@ Fort Branch Park Shelter

We are blessed to have had this church ministry for the past 40 years!

Margie Beal,
you are a true blessing!!!
Thank You!



Retirement Party



Margie Beal
Fort Branch First UMC
Preschool Director
40 years of Teaching

Rexanne Robicheaux
Fort Branch First UMC
Musician and Choir Director
15 Years of Service

Sunday June 6, 2021 11:30 am
fellowship hall

You are cordially invited to celebrate their years of outstanding direction, leadership and service to our church in Early Childhood Learning Ministry and Music Ministry with a Card Shower and Reception.