



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.

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost November 19, 2023



Blythe Chapel will decorate on  
November 26<sup>th</sup>  
after morning worship.

### The Bounty of Thanks

We thank thee, Lord, for the glory of the late days and the excellent face of thy sun. We thank thee for good news received. We thank thee for the pleasures we have enjoyed and for those we have been able to confer.

And now, when the clouds gather and the rain impends over the forest and our house, permit us not to be cast down; let us not lose the savor of past mercies and past pleasures; but, like the voice of a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memory survive in the hour of darkness. If there be in front of us any painful duty, strengthen us with the grace of courage; if any act of mercy, teach us tenderness and patience.

—Robert Louis Stevenson

### Christmas Candy, Cookies & Goodie Trays



Pre-order or day of sales.

Small \$15 Large \$30

We will have some items for sale  
individually also.

Back School  
BASH



*Let us not become weary in doing  
good, for at the proper time we  
will reap a harvest if  
we do not give up.*  
Galatians 6:9



# Blessings

COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

T	U	R	K	E	Y	E	G	M	X
G	A	T	H	E	R	H	R	G	V
D	P	R	K	V	Y	A	A	U	Q
E	O	I	M	P	P	R	T	K	T
G	R	S	R	F	L	V	E	Y	H
F	S	O	C	A	R	E	F	R	A
A	Q	N	L	M	T	S	U	P	N
L	O	O	B	I	H	T	L	U	K
L	H	V	L	L	A	V	Q	M	S
Y	V	E	E	Y	N	P	Q	P	G
F	I	M	S	X	K	E	Z	K	I
L	J	B	S	K	F	C	W	I	V
T	H	E	E	V	U	T	X	N	I
Z	B	R	D	D	L	Z	M	Q	N
G	R	A	T	I	T	U	D	E	G



*J.T. Baylor ~ 20th*

*Brian Prater ~ 20th*

*Bryan & Terri Hobbs ~ 21st*

*Alec Steinmetz ~ 21st*

*Elisabeth & Javier Canizo ~ 22nd*

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Acts of kindness

E1 Lewis, Thomas J.

Bravo Company, 3rd Platoon

3rd Battalion, 13th INF REGT

193 Infantry Brigade

4420 Jackson Boulevard

Fort Jackson, SC 29207-5022

(Graduation, Dec. 18th)

☐ THANKFUL

☐ THANKSGIVING

☐ FAMILY

☐ GATHER

☐ GRATITUDE

☐ FALL

☐ BLESSED

☐ NOVEMBER

☐ GRATEFUL

☐ TURKEY

☐ HARVEST

☐ PUMPHIN

Fort Branch First UMC

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Fort Branch, IN 47648

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## THIS WEEK *At Church*

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

### This Sunday:

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live  
streaming worship

12:00pm EMM meeting

### Monday:

6:30pm Ω Bible Study

### Tuesday:

Wednesday: ~ Office Closed ~

Thursday: Happy Thanksgiving

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

### Saturday:

### Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship

9:00am Ω Hanging of Greens  
with donuts & hot drinks

10:30am Ω Worship & Live



***Rev. John Baylor, Jr.***

### PRELUDE

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

**\*HYMN # 131** *We Gather Together*

### \*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 # 99** *My Tribute*

### 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.**

### CHILDRENS MOMENT

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Derek Robicheaux ~ Thanksgiving Garden*  
*Jenna Schleter ~ Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone*

**\*SCRIPTURE LESSON**

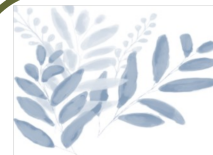
Philippians 4:2-9 NLT

### MESSAGE

***Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart***







## Friends needing prayers

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

*Jane Marginet, Richard  
Michel, Becca Manolov, Carla  
Jackson, Morgan Whitehead,  
Terri Jarboe, Derek Barton,  
Jo Eckert, Ruby Wilkerson,  
Scotti Pitts, Gretchen Young,  
June Regenhold, Brian Price,  
Triston, Tegan, Chad Windell,  
Pastor John, Thelma & Len  
Robicheaux, Wyatt Wagner,  
Kathy Trowbridge, TJ Lewis,  
Mary & Roy, Roberta &  
Duncan, Ova, Austin Holder,  
Nathan Hargiss*

### **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

#### **THE INVITATION**

#### **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 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

#### **THE COLLECT**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are opened, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS**

#### **THE SERVING OF THE BODY AND BLOOD**

*In this church, all are welcome to the Lord's Table.*

#### **\*HYMN # 98**

*To God Be the Glory*

#### **\*BLESSING**

Pastor

#### **\*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD**

Acolytes

#### **\*DEPARTING SONG:**

Hymn

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

*Will you let me be your servant?*

*Let me be as Christ to you?*

*Pray that I may have the grace to*

*Let you be my servant, too.*

#### **\*PASSING THE PEACE:**

*Let us greet one another with the peace of God.*

#### **POSTLUDE**



### **Pastor John & Staff Christmas Gifts**

will be presented during  
Christmas Eve Worship.

Anyone wishing to  
participate should mail  
their contribution either  
to the church office or

Don Steinmetz  
253 E 750 S  
Fort Branch,  
47648.

You may also give them  
to Don in person or place  
in the offering plate by

**December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

## Philippians 4:2-9 NLT

### Words of Encouragement

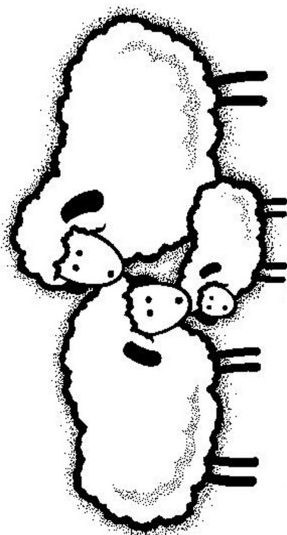
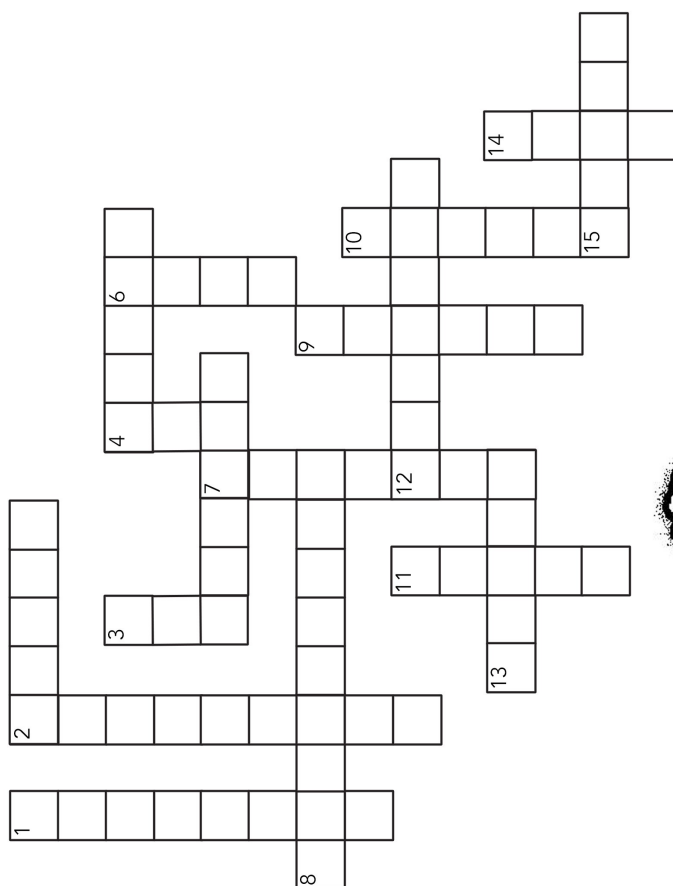
<sup>2</sup> Now I appeal to Euodia and Syntyche. Please, because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement. <sup>3</sup> And I ask you, my true partner, to help these two women, for they worked hard with me in telling others the Good News. They worked along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are written in the Book of Life.

<sup>4</sup> Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.

<sup>6</sup> Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. <sup>7</sup> Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. <sup>9</sup> Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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



### DOWN

1. the One who ever lives (19:25)
2. affliction
3. had seven sons
4. ocean
5. precipitation
7. Job had 500
9. the Naamathite, a friend (2:11)
10. Job had 3,000
11. Job's fourth friend (32:2)
12. Job had 500 yoke

### ACROSS

2. cause of Job's trouble
4. twinkling, heavenly lights
6. the Shuhite, a friend (2:11)
8. creature of the deep (41:1)
12. the Temanite, a friend (2:11)
13. sores
15. Job had 7,000

Answers: Across 2. Satan, 4. stars, 6. Bildad, 8. Leviathan, 12. Eliphaz, 13. boils, 15. sheep.  
Down 1. Redeemer, 2. suffering, 3. Job, 4. sea, 5. rain, 7. donkeys, 9. Zophar, 10. camels, 11. Elifhu, 12. oxen

**Listening Guide**  
**“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”**  
**November 26, 2023**

**Scripture:** Philippians 4:2-9

**What are the ingredients of a grateful heart?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Relationships (vs. 2-3)**

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**Avoid** \_\_\_\_\_ **(vs. 6-7)**

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**Focus on** \_\_\_\_\_ **(vs. 8-9)**

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**Personal Application:** What are you doing to achieve thankfulness more often than just during the last Thursday of November?

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