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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.

Christ the King Sunday November 21, 2021



You are invited to a
Christmas Cookie Exchange

We will be doing a cookie exchange after church on
December 12th @ 11:45am
We would love to see both churches participate!!



The subversive table

"The Lord's Supper [is] a profoundly subversive political event in the lives of the participants," writes Richard Beck in *Unclean*. "The sacrament brings real people — divided in the larger world — into a sweaty, intimate, flesh-and-blood embrace where 'there shall be no difference between them and the rest.'" Beck is quoting Walt Whitman, for whom "them" refers to "the wicked and the righteous."

In our day, I think of political conservatives and liberals who receive equally the grace of God through Christ's body and blood. I think of the man in a church I pastored, who took pride in stirring up controversy. I didn't like him. But at the Lord's table, though "divided in the larger world," we shared a sacrament with no difference between us.

I think of my former parish near an Air Force base. Many members were military personnel and surely knew one another's rank. But in church — at the conference table, the dinner table and especially the communion table — no difference existed between a colonel and a captain, a commissioned officer and an NCO. It was a beautiful example of God's kingdom subverting the world's tendency to divide.
—Heidi Hyland Mann

Time to double down

After you have made a decision that is pleasing to God, the Devil may try to make you have second thoughts. Intensify your prayer time, meditation and good deeds. For if Satan's temptations merely cause you to increase your efforts to grow in holiness, he'll have an incentive to leave you alone.



Paul & Jeanie Cardinal,
the loss of his sister, Judy
516 S Ninth Ave
Haubstadt, IN 47639



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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:



11/21: Pam Mabrey
11/28: Debra Stephenson

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

This Sunday: Thanksgiving Sunday
9:00am † Worship
9:30am Ω Sunday School
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship
11:30am Ω Church Thanksgiving
Dinner—all invited

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~
Tuesday:
Wednesday: ~ Office Closed ~
Thursday: Happy Thanksgiving
Friday: ~ Office Closed ~
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 1st Advent Sunday
9:00am † Worship
9:30am Ω Sunday School
10:00am † Hanging of Greens
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship



Welcome to Thanksgiving
worship! At Christ's table of grace,
all are family, and all belong.
Let us praise God together.

Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #64 9:00am *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*
#694 10:30am *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

*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 #694 9:00am *Come, Ye Thankful
People, Come*
#657 10:30am *This Is the Day*

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

Psalm 30

MESSAGE

"Why Be Thankful?"

HOLY COMMUNION
ALL ARE WELCOME

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 #580 9:00am *Lead On, O King Eternal*
#671 10:30am *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn # 70 *Glory Be to the Father*

Glory be to the Father

and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be;

world without end.

Amen. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE

Prayer Requests

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

*Jane Marginet, Jake Prieshoff,
Lynn Prieshoff, Richard & Betty
Michel, Becca Manolov,
Carla Jackson, Kyle Stone,
Joyce Kruse, Poppy Petry,
Connie Collins, Kim, Linda
McKimmy, Connie Osborn,
Tommy Osborn, Alec Taylor,
Connie Dunn, Morgan
Whitehead, Lisa & Bill,
Linda Reed, Ryan Steele,
Al & Elizabeth Rostron,
Amy Casavant, Randy Jones,
Derek Barton, Wayne Anderson.
Dennis Woolston
The Family of Judy Basham*

Count your
Blessings



Listening Guide
"Why Be Thankful?"
November 21, 2021

Scripture: Psalm 30

What reasons does David give to be thankful?

_____ (vs. 1-4)

_____ (vs. 5-7)

God's _____ (vs. 8-12)

Personal Application: As we prepare for Thanksgiving Day later on this week, as we prepare to receive from the Lord's Table this morning, are we thankful? How thankful are we? Do we find ourselves at times asking the question, "Why be thankful?"

Christmas Poinsettia Orders

If you would like to help decorate and grace the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas with a poinsettia *In Honor of* or *In Memory of* someone, please fill out the order blank and place (with money) in the offering plate or mail it to the church at: PO Box 116, Fort Branch, IN 47648

We request you leave the plants until the Christmas Eve Service, and then take them home with you. We are offering red poinsettias in a 6" pot, approximately 12-18 inches tall with 4-5 blooms per plant for \$20.00.

Sunday, December 5th is the last day to order.

In Memory of / In Honor of (please circle one): _____

From: _____

Total Number of Poinsettias _____

Psalm 30 NLT

A psalm of David.
A song for the dedication of the Temple.

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- ¹ I will exalt you, LORD, for you rescued me.
You refused to let my enemies triumph over me.
- ² O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you restored my health.
- ³ You brought me up from the grave, O LORD.
You kept me from falling into the pit of death.
- ⁴ Sing to the LORD, all you godly ones!
Praise his holy name.
- ⁵ For his anger lasts only a moment,
but his favor lasts a lifetime!
Weeping may last through the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
- ⁶ When I was prosperous, I said,
"Nothing can stop me now!"
- ⁷ Your favor, O LORD, made me as secure as a mountain.
Then you turned away from me, and I was shattered.
- ⁸ I cried out to you, O LORD.
I begged the Lord for mercy, saying,
- ⁹ "What will you gain if I die,
if I sink into the grave?
Can my dust praise you?
Can it tell of your faithfulness?"
- ¹⁰ Hear me, LORD, and have mercy on me.
Help me, O LORD."
- ¹¹ You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing.
You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy,
- ¹² that I might sing praises to you and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever!

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

Thanks be to God!

Below is an important message from CS Mitch:

NOTICE

I am convening a special called charge conference for all churches in the Southwest District who have received ballots pertaining to the Boy Scouts of America's bankruptcy reorganization plan. The special called charge conference will be convened solely for the purpose of voting one of two options regarding the BSA plan and no other business will be transacted. This will be held at **3:30pm ET / 2:30pm CT on Sunday, December 5**, via ZOOM.

REMINDER that you are responsible to comply with the 2016 *Book of Discipline*, paragraph 246.8 to announce this special called charge conference to your congregation by two or more of the following ways – pulpit, worship bulletin, newsletter, mail/email.

Join Zoom Meeting on Sunday, December 5, 3:30pm ET / 2:30pm CT

<https://inumc.zoom.us/j/99949720511?pwd=a08rRmc5ekhISXVpQ0lPOGtpVWJkZz09>

Meeting ID: 999 4972 0511

Passcode: 882585

888 788 0099 US Toll-free or 877 853 5247 US Toll-free

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) filed for bankruptcy after numerous suits were filed against the organization for sexual abuse. As part of the bankruptcy process, United Methodist local churches across the country had the opportunity to file a proof of claim if they served as chartering organizations for troops named in abuse claims filed in the BSA bankruptcy proceeding. Filing a proof of claim indicated, among other things, that the local church had a right to be indemnified/protected by BSA as well as BSA insurance policy coverage for any claim filed against the local church by a scout survivor.

According to our records, your congregation was in the past and/or is presently: a charter organization, filed a proof of claim last fall, and should have received a ballot in the Boy Scout packet mailed to you.

While your church now has the opportunity to vote on the bankruptcy reorganization plan, we ask that you NOT complete the ballot until after the special called charge conference. Completing it incorrectly may eliminate your congregation's protection from a lawsuit. In addition, mediation will be continuing through November 22, 2021, between the Boy Scouts and United Methodist representatives. We are still hopeful that all United Methodist local churches will be covered against BSA claims regardless of when the alleged abuse occurred, but we will not know until mediation ends. For that reason, we will be sending you voting recommendations from denominational leadership that we expect to have shortly after November 23, 2021. The congregation's vote is critical to ensure United Methodist local churches are protected from lawsuits filed concerning sexual abuse that occurred through scouting programs associated with the local church. Prior to the special called charge conference we recommend that you consult with legal counsel on how the BSA reorganization plan will affect your congregation.

A special called group charge conference has been set for churches in your district on December 5, 2021, to approve one of the following motions.

Option 1: A special called charge conference gives authority to act on the recommendation and submit the ballot so that it is received by December 14, 2021.

"We the _____ United Methodist Church (approve) (disapprove) the BSA plan of reorganization and give authority for the chair of the board of trustees to execute the plan ballot document."

Or

Option 2: A special called charge conference gives authority to the board of trustees as allowed by The Book of Discipline, paragraph 2529.

"We the _____ United Methodist Church give authority to the board of trustees to review the recommendation of United Methodist lawyers in conjunction with annual conference leadership and the Council of Bishops as to whether or not to approve the BSA plan of reorganization, and to vote on the plan on behalf of the church. The chair of the board of trustees is further empowered to execute the plan ballot document."

Members of your church are asked to attend the special called charge conference via ZOOM. If you do not have internet connection, you may join by phone.

Thank you.

