

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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**Office Hours**  
Tuesday & Wednesday,  
9:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Closed Monday, Thursday  
and Friday

One Church  
Two Locations

November 24, 2024



**Calling all past and want-to-be choir members!**

A Christmas song has been chosen to sing to the congregation on **December 8** during the church service. We will start to practice the song on November 3rd after church. Practice should last for about 15 minutes.



**SW DISTRICT  
Zoom MEETING  
Dec. 8 @ 2pm**



*Christmas Brings  
the Beauty  
of ...*

**HOPE  
PEACE  
JOY  
LOVE**



First Sunday of Advent ~ December 1<sup>st</sup>  
10:30am ~ Worship, "Christmas Brings the  
Beauty of Hope"  
Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 8<sup>th</sup>  
10:30am ~ Worship, "Christmas Brings the  
Beauty of Peace"  
Special Music Presentation by the Choir  
Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 15<sup>th</sup>  
10:30am ~ Worship, "Christmas Brings the  
Beauty of Joy"  
Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
10:30am ~ Worship, "Christmas Brings the  
Beauty of Love"  
Children's Christmas Vacation Bible School  
Presented by Churches of Fort Branch  
December 23<sup>rd</sup>  
12:30pm ~ 6:00pm 1-Day VBS  
6:00pm ~ Children's Program, community  
invited and live streamed

Church office will be closed  
December 23<sup>rd</sup> - January 6<sup>th</sup>

*River Oaks Health  
1244 Vail ST,  
Princeton, IN 47670  
June Regenhold ~208  
Margie Beal ~318  
Frances Burns ~301*

*Jane Marginet,  
assisted living  
North River Health  
811 E Baseline Rd  
Room 519  
Evansville, IN 47725*

*Paul & Jeanie Cardinal  
Solarbron, Apt 201A  
1701 McDowell RD  
Evansville, IN 47712*



*Terry & Debi Phillips,  
Loss of her sister Stacy  
104 W Walnut  
Fort Branch, IN 47648*

Wesleyan, First Presbyterian, Blythe Chapel, First UMC  
The Churches of Fort Branch present

# The Best Gift EVER!

1-Day Christmas VBS  
3yrs & older



December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

12:30PM ~ 6:00 PM

Doors Open at 12:00PM

Supper & snacks served (eat lunch prior)

Pre-registration by Dec. 9  
helpful, not required

VBS Children's  
Christmas Program  
6:00PM



Location: Fort Branch First UMC 100 W Vine Street

## Strangers no more

Some people open their holiday meals to strangers, and one host even did so inadvertently. In 2016, Wanda Dench texted 17-year-old Jamal Hinton about Thanksgiving dinner, thinking she was contacting her grandson. When a skeptical Hinton requested a photo and received a selfie of someone with a different skin color, he chuckled — but then asked if he could still come eat! Thus began a new friendship and a new annual tradition, which Hinton documents online. "Family is more than blood," says Dench. "It's the people you want to be with."

This year's meal will be bittersweet, with an empty chair for Dench's husband, who died of Covid-19 in April. To show support after that loss, Hinton sent his "grandma" a collection of loving video messages. Strangers worldwide expressed condolences to a woman who'd fully embraced a stranger.



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**Deliver to:**

\* -This symbol,  
when found in the Order of Service  
invites you to stand - if able.

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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.

## At Church This Week

This Sunday Christ the King  
10:30am ~ *Worship & Live  
streaming worship*  
11:30am ~ *Hanging the Greens*

Monday: ~ *Office Closed* ~  
Tuesday: ~ *Office Closed* ~  
Wednesday: ~ *Office Closed* ~  
Thursday: ~ *Office Closed* ~  
Friday: ~ *Office Closed* ~  
Saturday:

Next Sunday:  
1st Sunday of Advent  
10:30am ~ *Worship & Live  
streaming worship*

*Extended Calendar*  
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HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING



## Rev. Randy Anderson

### PRELUDE

### 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 #131

*We Gather Together*

\*HYMN #493

*Three Things We Pray*

*Thanks be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, for all the  
benefits which thou hast given us; for all the pains and  
insults which thou hast borne for us. O most merciful  
Redeemer, friend, and brother, may we know thee more  
clearly, love thee more clearly, and follow thee more  
nearly, for thine own sake. Amen.*

### WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #102

*Now Thank We All Our God*

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 **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.**

Hymn #70

**WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE **A psalm of thanksgiving Psalm 100:1-5, NLT**

- <sup>1</sup> Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth!
  - <sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness.  
Come before him, singing with joy.
  - <sup>3</sup> Acknowledge that the LORD is God!  
He made us, and we are his.  
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
  - <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him and praise his name.
  - <sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good.  
His unfailing love continues forever,  
and his faithfulness continues to each generation.
- RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

***"Three Ingredients of Thanksgiving"***

**WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING**

\*HYMN #694

***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come***

\*BLESSING



*Prayer Requests*

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**Jane Marginet, Terri & Steve Jarboe, Ruby Wilkerson, June Regenhold, Mark Fear, Deanna Wilson, Norman Bullock, Terry Phillips, Liz & Alan Creamer, Vivory Brewer, Frances Burns, Paul & Jeanie Cardinal, John & Beverly Boss, Zach Anderson, Morgan Whitehead. Margie Beal, Karen Devine, Gayle Lewis**

**The family of Kay Weber**

**The family of Stacy Strohmeier**

NOVEMBER  
*Birthdays and Anniversaries*

**Steve & Terri Jarboe ~ 26th**

**Elisabeth Canizo ~ 29th**

**John & Bev Boss ~ 29th**



A long tradition for Advent is to purchase individual plants for dedication to loved ones and enjoy them through the month of December during morning worship service. We tried something new last year with great success and enjoyment that we are going to do it again this year!

An array of live Christmas plants will be purchased for our sanctuary. By completing the DEDICATION FORM at the bottom and returning it with a \$10 donation, you will have the opportunity to honor loved ones. You can place your dedication in the offering plate, or leave in Melissa's mailbox in the hallway or drop off during office hours.

Thank you for considering your participation in what may become our new tradition during the Advent Season.

The last day to submit dedications with donation will be

**Sunday, November 24th**

*In Memory or In Honor*

(please select one)

Dedicated to: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_