

The First United
Methodist Church of
Fort Branch



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

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

One Church
Two Locations
November 9, 2025



A sign up sheet has been posted on the hallway bulletin board. It would be very helpful to have a semi-accurate count of individuals planning to attend the dinner. There is also room to let others know what dish you plan to prepare and share. Please indicate if you are planning to bring a meat entree or prepare a turkey/breast.



A DAY TO HONOR OUR VETERANS

On November 11, 1918, the Germans and the Allied Nations, which included the United States, signed a document to initiate an armistice (cessation of hostilities), thus ending World War I. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation designating November 11 as Armistice Day. It was to be a day of reflection — a day to remember those who died in the country's service and to offer Americans the opportunity "to show sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation."

Wanting to recognize more specifically America's veterans, Congress passed a bill changing the name of the day from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The change was made in May 1954.

On this national holiday, churches around the nation hold services of prayers and praise. Followers of the Prince of Peace pray for peace among the nations of Earth and for the day when "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4, NRSV).

Take Me to the River

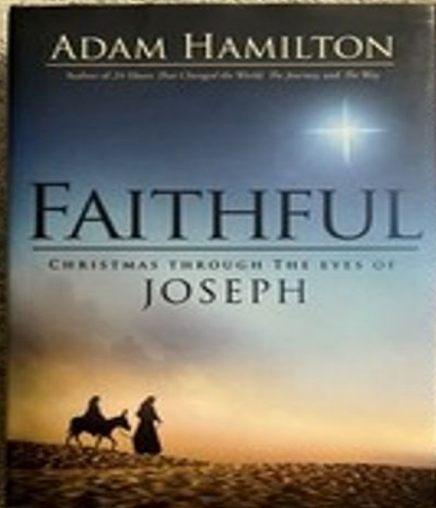
God often works in unexpected ways. Just ask Naaman, the army commander in 2 Kings 5:1-14. Stricken with leprosy, he traveled to Israel seeking healing from the prophet Elisha. Instead of an impressive display or a grand ceremony, Elisha sent word for him to simply wash seven times in the Jordan River.

Naaman was not impressed. "Aren't the rivers of Damascus better than all the waters of Israel?" he asked. Why bathe in a foreign, muddy river when the clean, sparkling rivers of home were far more appealing? It didn't make sense. Yet what seemed absurd became the very path to his healing.

We may not be told to wade into an actual river, but we all face "Jordan moments" in life — times when God calls us to take a step that feels uncomfortable, humbling or completely illogical. It is in those moments that trust and obedience matter most.

Naaman's story reminds us that God's power is not limited by appearances or human reasoning. Sometimes the action that feels least likely to work is the one that opens the door to blessing. When God invites you to take the plunge, step into the water. You may find healing and hope waiting there.

—adapted from *Homiletics.com*

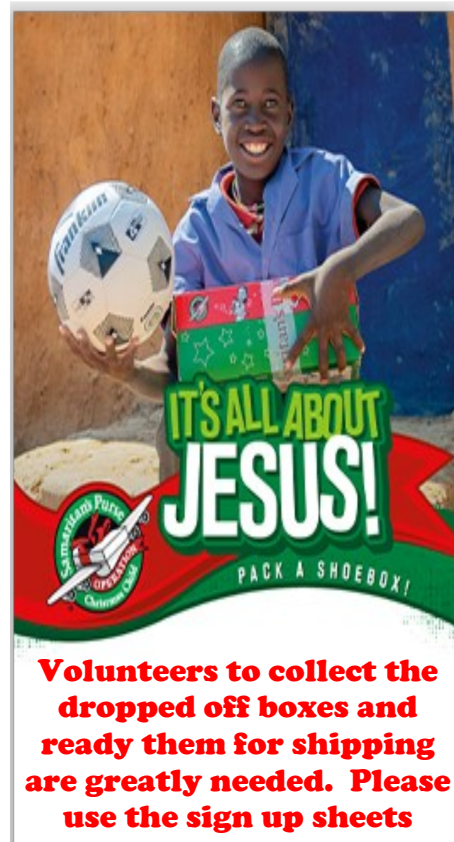


ADAM HAMILTON
Author of *365 Days That Changed the World: The Journey and the Way*

FAITHFUL
Christmas through the eyes
of Joseph

Mondays @ 6:30pm
Nov. 24 ~ Dec. 15

Please register and reserve
your study books asap.
Cost is \$20 per book
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Volunteers to collect the dropped off boxes and ready them for shipping are greatly needed. Please use the sign up sheets posted on the bulletin board or utilize the online forms @

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Be a part of this powerful outreach! Fill a shoebox with gifts and love to bless a child across the globe.



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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.

@Church

This Week

This Sunday:

10:30am ~ Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~
6:30pm ~ Simon Peter Bible
Study

Tuesday:

4:00pm ~ Yoga

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ Office Closed ~
8:30am-3pm ~ Finish It Thursday

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

10:30am ~ Worship & Live
streaming worship



NOVEMBER
birthdays & anniversaries

Paige Lewis ~ 10th
Will Scott ~ 12th
Jeanie Cardinal ~ 14th
Alan Creamer ~ 15th



HONORING
OUR
VETERANS

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 #102

Now Thank We All Our God

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

THE OFFERING: The Gathering of the Gifts

*Presentation of Gifts with Offertory Response : Hymn #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #452

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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 HEARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:1-11, NLT

The Temptation of Jesus

4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. **2** For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry.

3 During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread."

4 But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say,

'People do not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, **6** and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say,

'He will order his angels to protect you.

And they will hold you up with their hands

so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.

7 Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the LORD your God.'"

8 Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. **9** "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me."

10 "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say,

'You must worship the LORD your God

and serve only him.'"

11 Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"The Priorities of Life"

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

*HYMN # 539

O Spirit of the Living God

*BLESSING

Prayer Requests

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

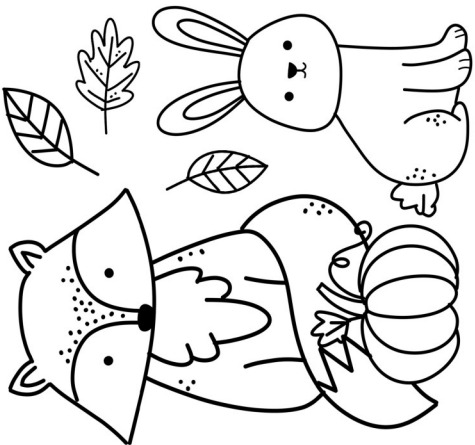
Jane Marginet, Mark Fear, Terri & Steve Jarboe, Liz & Alan Creamer, Paul & Jeanie Cardinal, Zach Anderson, Morgan Whitehead, Roger & Nancy Jones, Julie Anderson, Carolyn Jones, Jim Feutz, Kathy Trowbridge, Kelsey Holder
The family of Kingston Mathurin

IN OUR *Thoughts* AND *Prayers*

Makenson & Nehemie Saint Fleur,
loss of her nephew,
Kingston
103 E Strain ST, Apt E
Fort Branch, IN
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Julie Anderson,
surgical recovery
1634 Breezy Creek
DR
Evansville, IN
47720-7464

THANKS GOING



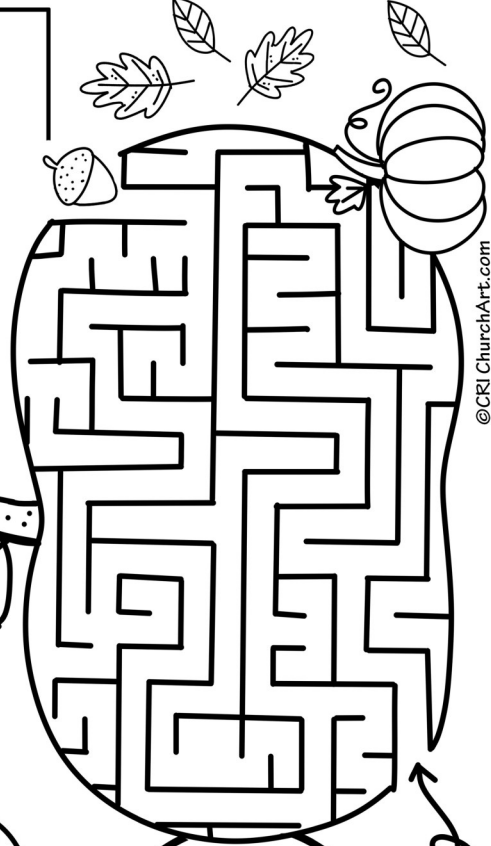
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.

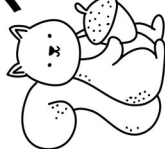
Psalms 136:1, NIV



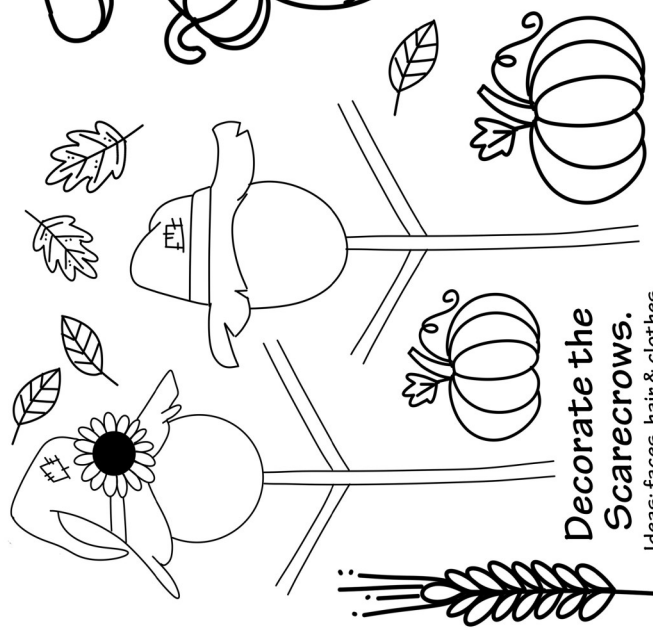
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How many pumpkins can you find?

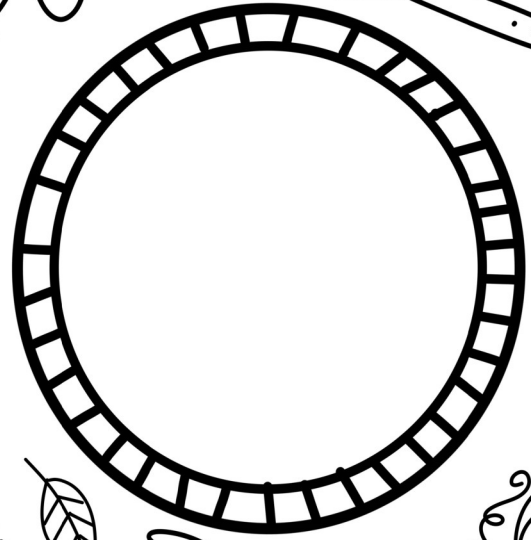


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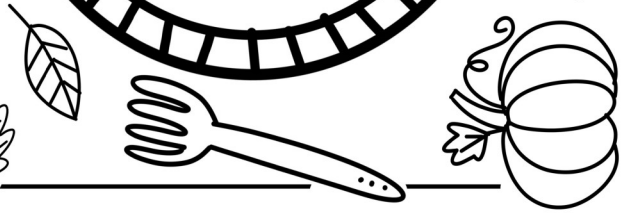


Decorate the Scarecrows.

Ideas: faces, hair & clothes



Draw your favorite Thanksgiving Dinner!



Cleaning
Crew
Needed



Seeking volunteers to maintain the church property by sharing tasks. Please utilize the sign up sheet and select a chore commitment from December to May.

Christmas Decorating

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday, November 16th
After the Grateful Gathering Dinner



Anyone interested in joining to sing an anthem for the Christmas season please get in touch with Carla Conklin or Susan Ahlfeld as soon as possible. We plan to sing in the December 14th church service. Practices will likely be directly after church services in the weeks before.

Missions

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Motion

109 ROLLS OF TOILET
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THANK YOU!

NOVEMBER:
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&
PEANUT BUTTER