



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.

22nd Sunday after Pentecost October 24, 2021



Sunday,
October 31st

There will be a table in the
Narthex with lots of treat
bags ready to be filled with
some Halloween goodies
you bring to share.

Be sure to grab a filled treat
bag on your way to the
Charge Conference
meeting at 11:45 am.



Grace—what a gift!

Grace strikes us when we are in
great pain and restlessness. It
strikes us when we walk through
the dark valley of a meaningless
and empty life. It strikes us when
our disgust for our own being,
our indifference, our weakness,
our hostility, and our lack of
direction and composure have
become intolerable to us. It
strikes us when, year after year,
the longed-for perfection of life
does not appear, when the old
compulsions reign within us as
they have for decades, when
despair destroys all joy and
courage.

Sometimes at that moment a
wave of light breaks into our
darkness, and it is as though a
voice were saying: "You are
accepted." —Paul Tillich

All Saints' Remembrance Day

Sunday, November 7th

9:00am & 10:30am

*For the Lord delights
in his people; he crowns
the humble with victory.
Let the faithful rejoice
that he honors them.*

Psalm 149:4-5



CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, 2021 @ 11:45am
October 31st FB First

Before saying yes

I keep learning the same lesson over and over (so maybe that means I haven't learned it yet). With church, school and community volunteer work, my schedule is packed. I'm exhausted! And to be honest, only about a third of the roles truly excite me.

Of course, service is important and yields blessings. And in a pinch, helpers need to step up. But consider all these benefits of occasionally saying no:

- You give someone else a chance to shine and thrive.
- You free up your schedule to be present elsewhere.
- You protect your mental resources for existing roles.
- You gain a bit more sleep or rest.

The last time you felt fully alive while volunteering, what were you doing? Who was serving alongside you? Can you do this — or something similar — again? Before quickly agreeing to a request, see if God is tugging your heart in a certain direction. If he prompts you, by all means, shout yes! If not, "rest" assured that it's okay to say no. —Janna Firestone



Methodist Mountain Mission Pick Up Tuesday, November 2nd

Please use
boxes when
collecting
your
donations



and stack neatly as possible
in the church garage.

Mixed signals

A newcomer approached the pastor after worship and said, "I'd like you to pray for my hearing."

Placing hands on the man's ears, the pastor said a very passionate, earnest prayer and then asked the visitor, "How's your hearing now?"

With a confused look, the man said, "Well, it's scheduled for tomorrow."



**National
Collection Week**
Nov. 15-22

Get you ready-to-fill shoebox
from Fort Branch First fellowship hall.
Questions...see Linda Springer or
Marilee Rostron



Moved address?
New email address?
Have a new mobile phone?



October Celebrations

Melissa Foster ~ 24th

Darrin & Shawn Woehler ~ 26th

Sue Ann Steinmetz ~ 27th

Krissie Michel ~ 27th

David & Gayle Lewis ~ 28th

Julia Devine ~ 29th

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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:



10/24: Nancy Jones
10/31: Marilee Rostron

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

This Sunday:

9:00am † Worship
9:30am Ω Sunday School
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~
6:30pm Ω Women's Bible Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship
9:30am Ω Sunday School
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship
11:30am CHARGE CONFERENCE

Next Sunday Worship:

*Pastor Appreciation
Sunday*



Welcome



Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE



*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #57 9:00am *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
#408 10:30am *The Gift of Love*

*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 #454 9:00am *Open My Eyes,
That I May See*
#398 10:30am *Jesus Calls Us*

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

John 8:1-11

MESSAGE

“Jesus’ Teaching on Accusation”

*HYMN #600 9:00am *Wonderful Words of Life*
#103 10:30am *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*BLESSING Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn #95
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*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.*

*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



**“It's better to be an optimist
who is sometimes wrong
than a pessimist who is always right.”
—Mark Twain**

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,
Judy Basham, Connie Collins,
Linda McKimmy, Kim, Connie
Osborn, Tommy Osborn,
Alec Taylor, Connie Dunn,
Aimee Emmons, Morgan
Whitehead, Lisa & Bill,
Linda Reed, Ryan Steele,
Al & Elizabeth Rostron,
John Boss, Marry Wallace
The Family of Eddie Gonzalez*

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*Prayers of
GRATITUDE*

*Hand of God
IN MY LIFE*

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Listening Guide
“Jesus’ Teaching on Accusation”
October 24, 2021

Scripture: John 8:1-11

What did Jesus teach us about handling accusations?

He _____ Them (vs. 6)

_____ the Focus (vs. 7)

_____ the Focus (vs. 10)

Personal Application: We all encounter situations where accusation is present. Jesus teaches us a good lesson here on how to handle accusation. There’s probably a good chance that you will come across a situation this week where you can apply this teaching. Will you try these three tips?

John 8:1-11 NLT

A Woman Caught in Adultery

⁸ Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, ² but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. ³ As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd.

⁴ “Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?”

⁶ They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. ⁷ They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, “All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!” ⁸ Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.

⁹ When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. ¹⁰ Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?”

¹¹ “No, Lord,” she said.

And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”

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

