

*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. 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost October 29, 2023

#### Starting a ripple effect

Shortly before his death, 80-year-old farmer Hody Childress asked his daughter to continue a practice he'd quietly conducted for years: taking a \$100 bill to a local pharmacist on the first of every month. For years, Childress anonymously came to the aid of neighbors in Geraldine, Alabama, who couldn't afford medications. "Don't tell a soul where the money came from," he instructed store owner Brooke Walker. "If they ask, just tell them it's a blessing from the Lord."

Thanks to the farmer's generosity, Walker could fill prescriptions for about 24 uninsured or underinsured people each year. "I was honored he allowed me to do that," she said, "and it really encouraged me to do the same in my life."

Childress wasn't wealthy but "always gave what he could," said daughter Tania Nix. "I think he felt like he couldn't not give," she added. "Giving that way, that just got on his heart." After word spread about Childress' generosity, other people were inspired to perform stealth outreach and a fund was established in his name.

A man in Oklahoma who shares Childress' surname said a story about the farmer caught his attention. They're probably not related, he wrote, but he'd feel proud if they were. "A man like that surely tried to follow the example of Jesus," the Oklahoman wrote, and "[his] story inspires me to be a better man."—adapted from *The Wired Word* 



### 2024 CHARGE CONFERENCE Sun., Nov. 5th, 2pm via Zoom

There must be at least 3 Lay Persons per church Pre-Registered and in attendance for us to complete our Charge Conference.



Shoeboxes available now For pick up @ Fort Branch First UMC Fellowship hall

# **Christian Halloween**

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**Selebrations !!!** Julia Devine ~ 29th Blaire Hollis ~ 31st Warren Devine ~ 31st Stuart Michel ~ 1st John Boss ~ 2nd

Fort Branch First UMC P. O. Box 116 Fort Branch, IN 47648 Thank you to my friends at Blythe Chapel for the beautiful flowers and well wishes for my birthday!







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 $\dagger$  Indicates location is Blythe Chapel  $\Omega$  Indicates location is First UMC

<u>This Sunday:</u> 9:00am † Worship 10:30am Ω Worship & Live streaming worship

Monday:~ Office Closed ~6:30pmΩ Bible StudyTuesday:Happy HalloweenWednesday:Thursday:Thursday:~ Office Closed ~Saturday:~ Office Closed ~Saturday:Next Sunday: All Saints Sunday9:00am† Worship10:30amΩ Worship & Live<br/>streaming worship2:00pm† CHARGE CONF:<br/>VIA ZOOM

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# Special Guest Speaker Kristi Pflug

# PRELUDE

### \*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US \*HYMN # 509 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

# **\*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 # 512 Stand By Me

#### 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.

### 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 Jenni Schleter ~ Made for More

**\*SCRIPTURE LESSON** 

MESSAGE

\*HYMN # 514

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Kristi Pflug

\*BLESSING Pastor \*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD Acolytes

#### \*DEPARTING SONG:

HymnWill You Let Me Be Your ServantWill you let me be your servant?Let me be as Christ to you?Pray that I may have the grace toLet you be my servant, too.

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

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE





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, Israel The family of Jared Huey The family of Todd Duncan The family of Donnie Woolsey The family of Steven Woolston

God, I offer myself to thee to build with me and to do with me as thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of thy power, thy love and thy way of life. May I do thy will always!