



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.

16th Sunday after Pentecost September 17, 2023



Fort Branch First UMC

150 Years

1873 ~ 2023

Celebration Sunday September 24

*We are planning on having a celebration/ potluck dinner
on Sunday, Sept 24th following the 10:30 church service. All are
welcome!*

*Our church has important history that you may enjoy
viewing after the meal. 150 years! What an accomplishment and
important time in the life of our church!*

*Please sign up on the bulletin board so we can have a
lunch count, as well as what you are willing to bring.*

Thank You! Again, All are Invited!

In God's Grace,

Methodist Women's Group, Fort Branch First UMC



Vanderburgh County 4-H
Fairgrounds

ANNUAL VENDORS CRAFT SHOW

Saturday & Sunday
September 23-24th
8:30-2pm

**See Debi Phillips if you
can volunteer as a
parking attendant
812/779-6004**

The Value of Solid Relationships

"Most of life's great moments
— the ones that resonate in our
hearts and minds — involve other
people," writes John C. Maxwell
in *Today Matters*. "Rarely do we
experience these times alone. And
even when we do, our first inclination
is to share them with others."

Maxwell then poses this
challenge: "Think back to the most
important experiences of your life,
the highest highs, the greatest
victories, the most daunting
obstacles overcome. How many
happened to you alone? I bet there
are very few. When you understand
that being connected to others is
one of life's greatest joys, you realize
that life's best comes when you
initiate and invest in solid
relationships."

**Cold Sodas in the
church kitchen
fridge, hot drink
station and the
snack counter in
fellowship hall all
benefit the
Back to School
Bash.**



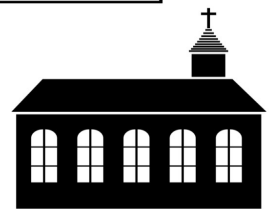
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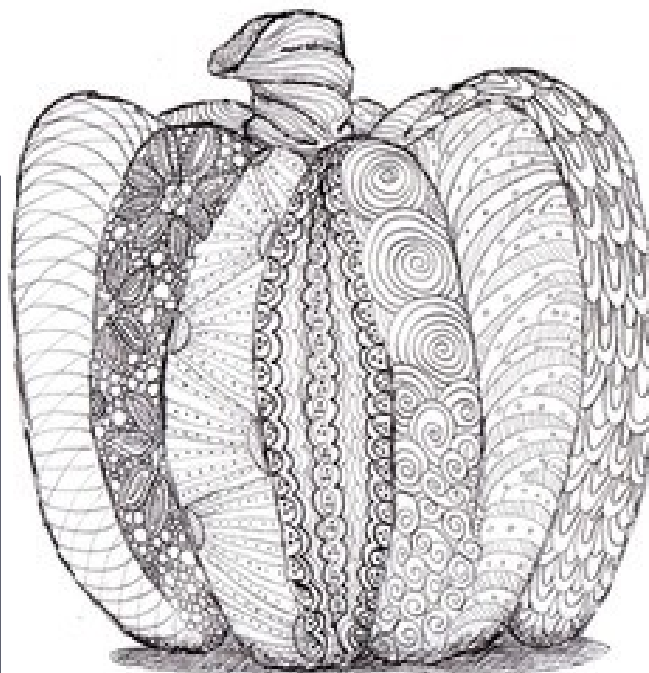
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Margie Wallace ~ 17th
Olive Wynn ~ 17th
Lynn & Robert Beckett ~ 17th
Jane Marginet ~ 18th
Alston Holder ~ 20th
Taliyah Teel ~ 20th



*the grass
witheres,
the flowers
fade,
but the*
WORD
of our God
WILL STAND
Forever
ISAIAH 40:8

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P. O. Box 116
Fort Branch, IN 47648**

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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 offer options. Following the Children's Sharing, children may attend Sunday School at Blythe Chapel or Nursery at Fort Branch First.

THIS WEEK *At Church*

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

This Sunday:

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

6:30pm Ω Bible Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

11:30am Ω 150 Year
Celebration

Next Sunday's Message:



Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN # 452

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

*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 # 397

I Need Thee Every Hour

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

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

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

MESSAGE

*HYMN # 170

O How I Love Jesus

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG:

Hymn # 334


Sweet, Sweet Spirit Refrain

*Sweet Holy Spirit,
sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us,
filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift
our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know
that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.*

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE


The world
and its desires
pass away,
but whoever
does the
will of God
lives forever.
1 John 2:17 (NIV)



Friends needing prayers

*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
Wilkinson, Scotti Pitts, Don
Colvin, Gretchen Young, June
Regenhold, Brian Price, Triston,
Tegan, Chad Windell, Pastor
John, Thelma & Len Robicheaux,
Wyatt Wagner, Jared Huey*

random
act of kindness

June Regenhold,
encouragement
River Oaks Health Campus
1244 Vail Street
Princeton, IN 47670

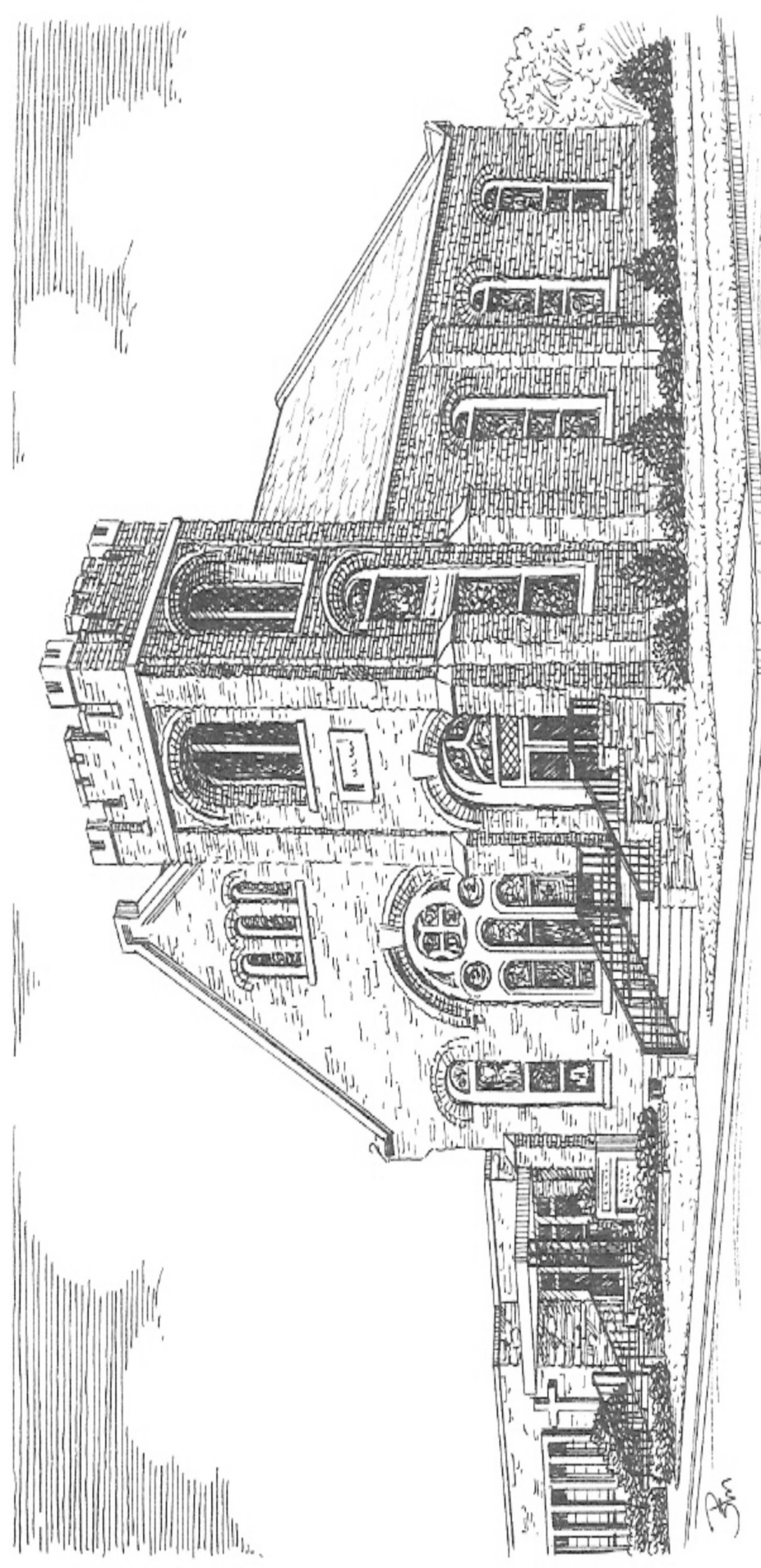
Jane Marginet, birthday
396 E 795 s
Fort Branch, IN 47648

Brian Price,
encouragement
501 S Main
Fort Branch, IN 47648



First United Methodist Church of Fort Branch
150th Anniversary

Sunday, September 24, 2023



First United Methodist Church

1873~1998 Ft. Branch, IN



1857 ~ First church at Lincoln and Strain Streets .(photo taken in 1896)



1907 ~ Church as it appeared after remodeling.

Our beginning
150 years of growth...
Today



2023 — Church as it appears today

1959 ~ Before the Education Wing was constructed.



2013 — Church as it appears 140 years