



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.

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost    September 18, 2022**



**Charge Conference**

**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**@ Aldersgate UMC 4pm**

Submission deadline  
**Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

Pastor John will be  
unavailable from  
Wednesday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup>  
until Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>.



We welcome  
Kristi Pflug as  
guest speaker next  
Sunday.

**Always room in God's kingdom**

Jesus told a parable about a man who invited his friends and neighbors to a banquet, but they declined. So he told his servants to go find anyone who was hungry or lonely or in need. Still there was room. "Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in," the host said, "so that my house will be full" (Luke 14:23, NIV).

In *Searching for Sunday*, Rachel Held Evans retells this story and writes: "This is what God's kingdom is like: a bunch of outcasts and oddballs gathered at a table, not because they are rich or worthy or good, but because they are hungry, because they said yes. And there's always room for more."

We're all "outcasts and oddballs" in one way or another! May we know that God warmly invites us to his banquet — for no reason but that we're hungry.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**PULLED PORK BBQ**

**FUNDRAISER**

**Sat., October 8<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm**

**Pulled Pork Dinner**  
*with all the trimmings*

**\$9/ Adults**  
**\$5/ ages 8 and under**

First UM Church 100 W. Vine Street, Fort Branch

Proceeds to benefit: *\*the next Women's Conference*



*Terri Jarboe, diagnosis & treatment*  
7856 S 42 E  
Fort Branch, IN 47648

*Deanna Wilson, diagnosis & treatment*  
1555 E 650 S  
Fort Branch, In 47648

*Don & Sharon Colvin, recovery*  
104 S Division Street  
Mackey, IN 47654

*Lynn Prieshoff, treatment*  
108 S Center Street  
Princeton, IN 47670

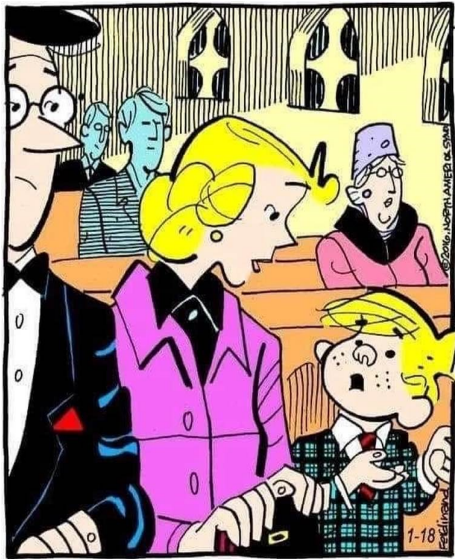
*Diana Knapp, recovery*  
300 N Polk Street, #8  
Fort Branch, IN 47648

*Jenna Schleter, treatment*  
4533 E 350 S  
Princeton, IN 47670



*Time to Celebrate!*

*Jane Marginet ~ 18th*  
*Alston Holder ~ 20th*  
*Taliyah Teel ~ 20th*



"HOW COME WE ASK FOR 'DAILY BREAD'... WHEN WE COULD BE ASKIN' FOR 'DAILY DONUTS?'"



Fort Branch First is collecting gallon size empty ice cream buckets with lids for an upcoming soup fundraiser.

Fort Branch First UMC  
P. O. Box 116  
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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 offer options. Following the Children's Sharing, children may attend Sunday School at Blythe Chapel or Nursery at First.



† 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 ~  
6:30 pm Ω Women's Bible study

Tuesday: ~ Office Closed ~

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

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

*Next Sunday:*

*Special Guest Speaker*  
***Kristi Pflug***



*Rev. John F. Baylor, Jr.*

### PRELUDE

**\*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US**

**\*HYMN #57** 9:00am *For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
**#175** 10:30am *Jesus, the Very Thought of 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 #382** 9:00am *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*  
**#174** 10:30am *His Name is Wonderful*

### 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.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 5 NLT

MESSAGE "1 John —Living Life in the Spirit:  
Living in Fellowship"

\*HYMN #419 9:00am  
#189 10:30am

*I Am Thine, O Lord  
Fairest Lord Jesus*

\*BLESSING Pastor

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

\*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn #557  
*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

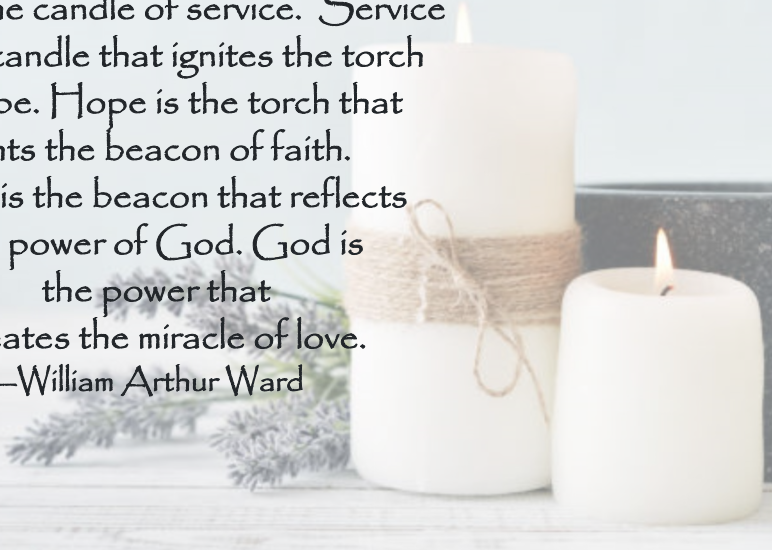
*Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.*

\*PASSING THE PEACE:  
Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



Love is the spark that kindles the fire of  
compassion. Compassion is the fire that  
flames the candle of service. Service  
is the candle that ignites the torch  
of hope. Hope is the torch that  
lights the beacon of faith.  
Faith is the beacon that reflects  
the power of God. God is  
the power that  
creates the miracle of love.  
—William Arthur Ward



THIS  
WEEK'S  
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 Michel,  
Becca Manolov, Carla Jackson,  
Poppy Petry, Connie Osborn,  
Tommy Osborn, Alec Taylor,  
Morgan Whitehead, Derek  
Barton, Jo Eckert, Hattie  
Kroeger, Ruby Wilkerson,  
Terri Jarboe, Scotti Pitts.  
Deanna Wilson, Tammy Lynch,  
Jeff Gentry, Patti Knowles.  
Austin, Don Colvin, Rayburn  
Dilbeck, Diana Knapp*

Blessings  
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

Blank lines for writing blessings

**Listening Guide**  
**“Living in Fellowship”**  
**September 18, 2022**



**Scripture:** 1 John 5

**How do we live in fellowship?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **in Jesus (vs. 1-10)**

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Eternal Life (vs. 11-15)**

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**Not** \_\_\_\_\_ **(vs. 16-21)**

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**Personal Application:** Living in fellowship means faith in Jesus, knowing eternal life, and not sinning. Does this describe your daily life?

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# 1 John 5 NLT

## Faith in the Son of God

<sup>5</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too. <sup>2</sup> We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup> For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. <sup>5</sup> And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

<sup>6</sup> And Jesus Christ was revealed as God's Son by his baptism in water and by shedding his blood on the cross—not by water only, but by water and blood. And the Spirit, who is truth, confirms it with his testimony. <sup>7</sup> So we have these three witnesses—<sup>8</sup> the Spirit, the water, and the blood—and all three agree. <sup>9</sup> Since we believe human testimony, surely we can believe the greater testimony that comes from God. And God has testified about his Son. <sup>10</sup> All who believe in the Son of God know in their hearts that this testimony is true. Those who don't believe this are actually calling God a liar because they don't believe what God has testified about his Son.

<sup>11</sup> And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life.

## Conclusion

<sup>13</sup> I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup> And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. <sup>15</sup> And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.

<sup>16</sup> If you see a fellow believer sinning in a way that does not lead to death, you should pray, and God will give that person life. But there is a sin that leads to death, and I am not saying you should pray for those who commit it. <sup>17</sup> All wicked actions are sin, but not every sin leads to death.

<sup>18</sup> We know that God's children do not make a practice of sinning, for God's Son holds them securely, and the evil one cannot touch them. <sup>19</sup> We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one.

<sup>20</sup> And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God. And now we live in fellowship with the true God because we live in fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and he is eternal life.

<sup>21</sup> Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God's place in your hearts.

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

*Thanks be to God!*