



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.
13th Sunday after Pentecost September 4, 2022



Labor of love

During Labor Day weekend worship, many congregations bless members of various occupations. From painting to parenting, from truck driving to teaching, from farming to pharmaceutical research, work is honored as holy.

Some might believe that certain jobs — pastor, missionary, bishop — are holier than others. But in his classic book *The Practice of the Presence of God*, Brother Lawrence, a 17th-century Carmelite monk, tells of performing even the most common, tedious tasks as holy service to God: "I turn the cake that is frying on the pan for love of [God]," he wrote. "It is enough for me to pick up but a straw from the ground for the love of God."

No matter your field of work, remember that any task done in God's name and to his glory is holy.

Chicken Pot Pie Casserole

Order before
SEPTEMBER 15th...

Pick up on
SEPTEMBER 18th

Take
'n
Bake



Three sizes:
two servings--- \$10
four servings--\$20
six servings--\$25

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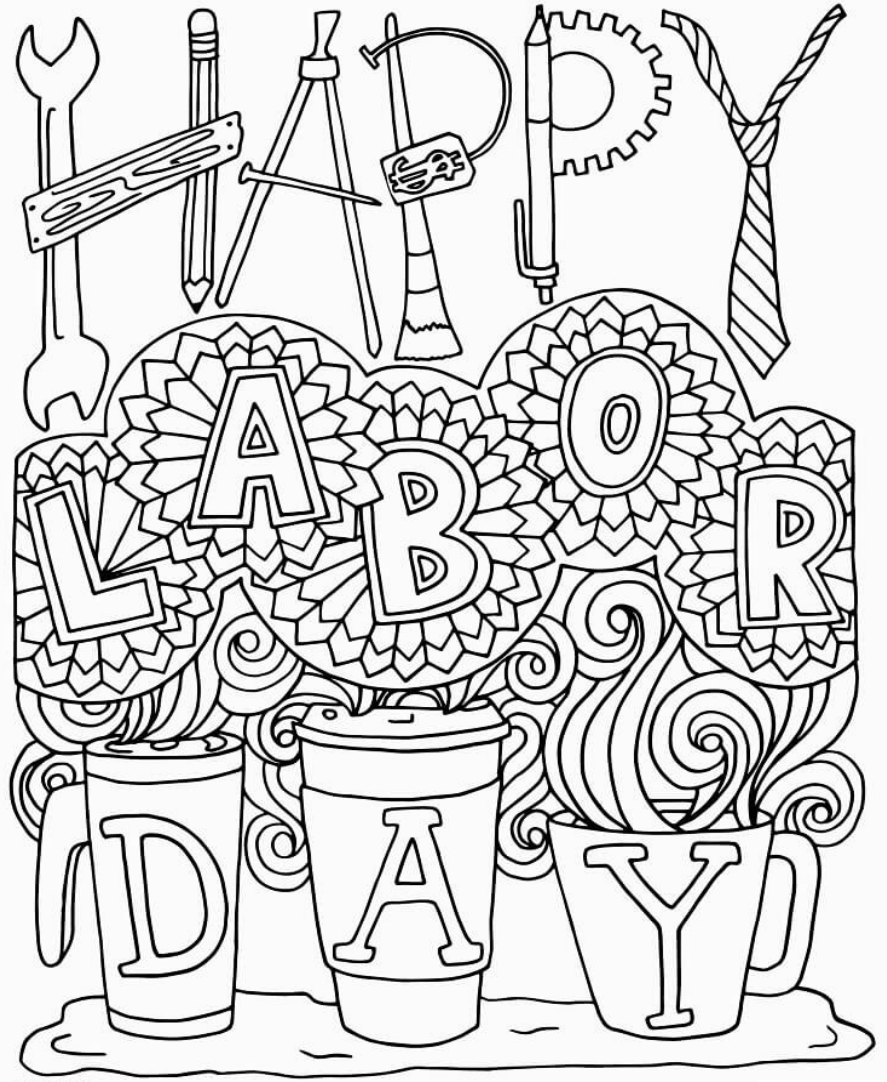
Methodist Women's Group

Next meeting on
Saturday, September 10th @ 9am
All women of the church are invited.

Labor Day laughs

Take a break and enjoy this work-related humor!

- My first job was in an orange juice factory. I got canned because I couldn't concentrate.
- When I couldn't hack it as a lumberjack, I got the ax.
- I wasn't suited to being a tailor.
- Working in the muffler factory was too exhausting.
- I was a banker ... until I lost interest.
- I realized there was no future in being a historian.
- Any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard at the deli.
- I studied to become a doctor but had no patients.
- My job at the coffee shop was always the same old grind.
- When I worked as a plumber, the tasks were too draining.
- I was hired at a gym but wasn't fit for the job.
- Finally, I got a job at a bakery; I kneaded dough!



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❖ *let's Celebrate!*

Javier Canizo ~ 8th

Alyssa Moskos ~ 9th

Mike Pflug ~ 9th

Kasey Jo Breshear ~ 9th

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PULLED PORK BBQ

FUNDRAISER

Sat., October 8th
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*

Fort Branch First UMC
P. O. Box 116
Fort Branch, IN 47648

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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: Labor Day

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

7:00pm Ω Trustees meeting

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

9:00 am Ω Methodist Women

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10:30am Ω Worship & Live
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Next Sunday:

*1 John ~ Living Life in the Spirit:
The Power of Love”
1 John 4:7-21 NLT*



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PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #514 9:00am *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*
#127 10:30am *Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*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 #530 9:00am *Are Ye Able*
#99 10:30am x2 *My Tribute*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 4:1-6 NLT

MESSAGE

**“1 John —Living Life in the Spirit:
Belonging to God”**

Listening Guide
“Belonging to God”
September 4, 2022

Scripture: 1 John 4:1-6

How do we know who belongs to God?

_____ **Them (vs. 1)**

Supports Christian _____ **(vs. 2-3)**

_____ **to the Spirit (vs. 4-6)**

Personal Application: There’s a dividing line between those who belong to God and those who don’t. Do we know the difference? Do we live the difference?

1 John 4:1-6 NLT

Discerning False Prophets

¹ Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world. ² This is how we know if they have the Spirit of God: If a person claiming to be a prophet ^a acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God. ³ But if someone claims to be a prophet and does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus, that person is not from God. Such a person has the spirit of the Antichrist, which you heard is coming into the world and indeed is already here.

⁴ But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world. ⁵ Those people belong to this world, so they speak from the world's viewpoint, and the world listens to them. ⁶ But we belong to God, and those who know God listen to us. If they do not belong to God, they do not listen to us. That is how we know if someone has the Spirit of truth or the spirit of deception.

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

Thanks be to God!



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