

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We're glad that you are here.
To all who need comfort; all who need friendship; all who are lonely and need companionship; all who want sheltering love, all who sin and need a Savior; and whosoever will

—we open wide our doors and say,

"Come; let us worship together."

10:15 am Sunday Worship

March 27, 2022

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Laikyn Lawrence

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART

Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

Tom Michels

CALL TO WORSHIP

Noah Johnson

L: In Jesus Christ, there is a new creation.

E: Everything old has passed away. Everything has become new.

L: This newness is from God, who has reconciled us through Jesus Christ.

ALL: Rejoice and be glad!

Everything has become new.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN #140: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

OPENING PRAYER (Unison) Noah Johnson How incredible is your love, O God! We have been made new in your love and reconciled to you and to each other in peace and joy. Be with us this day as we hear your words of comfort and hope. Guide our lives that we may serve you more fully all of our days. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881

Noah Johnson

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (NRSV)
GOSPEL Luke 15:11-24 (CEB) (Please Rise)

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

HYMN #348: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

MESSAGE "Welcome Home"

Pastor Dave

Vivian Eaton

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES DOXOLOGY #95 OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

Generous God, we offer ourselves in the humble gratitude and recognition that any and all blessings in our life come as your gift of grace. Bless these gifts that they may be used to find your children—children who wander in hunger, children who long to come home. Through our gifts, may all who wander set off for home, and may we celebrate and rejoice in their homecoming. We pray in the name of your greatest gift, Jesus our redeemer. Amen.

HYMN #384: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

BENEDICTION

GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD

You can also find our online service on our Church Website.

We welcome all visitors to our Worship time today.
We are glad you are here.
Our slogan is Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors

We are the people of the United Methodist Church.

In Our Prayers

Dawn Barber, Stone Curboy, Billy David, Emilee Deerer, Greg Eversoll, Chris Falk, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Marcile Fowler, Rhonda Harlock Smith, Robert Hill, John Irons, John Jachino, Dallas Kosier, Ann Larson, Judy Law, Bang-Wool Lim, Paul Mayer, Susan Meyer, Collen Olsen, Bonnie Parker, Ben Pratt, Bill Robinson, Jane Rubietta, Salvador Sanchey, Ron Smith, Betty Speck, Grace Struve, Patti Thulen, Peter Tsoukalas, Martha White, Rhea (friend of Bonnie Davies), Vanessa and Kristen (daughter and granddaughter of Bob and LaVona Grissinger). Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, Dorothy Taylor, Bill Weidman, Steve Yenny

Our country & government/West Carroll Schools. Military Personnel & their families. Pray for students, teachers, administrators, parents & workers. Peace on earth and peace in Ukraine.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March

29 – Susan Ingersoll, Burt Prins, Susan White

31 – Miranda Schoenhaar

April

1 – Katie Hoffman

1 – *Paul & Charlene Mayer "1964"*

2 – April Ruddell, Bill Weidman

CALENDAR

Monday, March 28

9 am Sewing Ladies

Wednesday, March 30

4:30 pm Confirmation class

7 pm Interfaith Lenten Service @ FUMC – Father Thomas Doyle

Thursday, March 31

9 am Bible Study

6:30 pm Lenten Bible Study

Saturday, April 2

Ruth Carey Funeral

2 pm - 4 pm visitation

4 pm Funeral

Sunday, April 3

9:15 am Adult Sunday School

10:15 am Worship (Communion)

10:15 am Children's Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendly reminder: Molly Andersen, you are the counter for April 3rd. The verifier is Tom Michels. Liturgist is Susan Michelle Jepsen, Acolyte is Reiker McCombie. Worship helpers for April are Molly Andersen, Susan Michelle

Jepsen, Esther Losh, Pam Darrow, Linda Jachino.

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 43 inside, 7 outside.

<u>Food Pantry</u> – This month items needed are fruit juice, and cereal.

<u>Blessing basket</u> –This month we need D batteries and dish detergent. Please leave your donations in the food pantry box in the narthex. Thank you!

Choir Director

We are looking for someone to direct our adult and children's choir. Each choir would be singing once a month during church service.

Every 2nd Sunday – Adult

Every 4th Sunday – Children's choir.

Sunday School

Every Sunday @ 9:15 am Adult Sunday School Every Sunday @ 10:15 am preschoolers – 5th graders

Youth Group Meeting

First Wednesday of the month @ 5:45 pm, mid school through high school.

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 6 @ 5:45 pm.

Bible Study

Every Thursday @ 9 am

Lenten Bible Study (3/31, Thursday) @ 6:30pm

UMM

Next Gathering is April 11th (Mon) at 5pm Grilling, Devotion, and Guest Speaker

Worship

Let us worship God together at FUMC. Hybrid service, every Sunday @ 10:15 am.

- Indoor, mask is optional
- Outdoor, in your car. Tune in to FM 88.9

Pre-recorded online service on our church website.

Www.firstumcsavanna.org

Or call 815-599-1307 to hear the latest sermon.

Did you know that you can donate your Tithes online? Online giving with Tithe.ly You can find the link on our church website.

AA meeting in Savanna, every Wednesday at 7 pm at the Table, 411 Main St, Savanna.

We are in the season of Lent. Lent is a time to prepare ourselves for the Risen Christ by observing a period of Fasting, repentance, and spiritual discipline. Please, join our community Lenten services every Wednesday at 7pm and Lenten Bible Study every Thursday at 6:30pm. Please, sign up for worship helpers and Bible Study.

Rice Meal Packing

Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Packing day is April 30th (Sat) at 9am This mission opportunity is open to everyone.

Today after church – Kids Kards

Pizza party and making Easter cards.

April communion giving will go to Kids Kards ministry.

Financial Report February 2022

Cash Available in General Account: \$26,802.00		
	February	Year to Date
Church Revenue	\$9,730.87	\$23,435.68
Church Expenses	\$11,763.03	\$21,783.71
Net Operating Balance	\$(2,032.16)	\$1,851.97
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$2,482.00	\$2482.00

Please, contact Paula Mayer (our new treasurer) with any questions!



First United Methodist Church Sunday, 10:15 am March 27, 2022

Vision 2022 – "Love Others!"

Outward Focused Ministry during/after the Pandemic (To build up a strong and safe community)
Strong in Mission, Strong in Justice, Strong in Diversity

"All the believers were together and had everything in common." (Acts 2:44)

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