



**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 Easter Sunday Worship May 4, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Blaine Johnson & Boyd Law

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP James Gonzalez

L: O God, who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world

**P: Enable us to be still and know that You are God.**

L: O Lord, who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life,

**P: Breathe in us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide us in the midst of the storm.**

L: O still, small voice, speak to us this hour, that we might become makers of Your peace in our homes, in our communities, in our world.

**P: We pray all this in the name of the One who calmed the raging sea. Amen.**

\*HYMN #64 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

\*OPENING PRAYER James Gonzalez

**Compassionate, glorious God, you hear our cries, and our pleas for help. We may enter the dark of night with weeping, but we wake in the morning with joy, for you hear our petitions and come in our hour of need. As we gather here in the name of your Son, be with us, we pray that we may know the dawn of your mercy, and the sweet taste of your favor. In Jesus’s name, Amen**

\*THE APOSTLE’S CREED #881 James Gonzalez

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended Into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 30 (CEB) James Gonzalez

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

**A: Thanks be to God!**

\*HYMN #2165 (FWS) “Cry of My Heart”

MESSAGE: “Prayer” Ronda Rathje

SHARING OF JOY AND CONCERNS

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION/CONFESSION AND PARDON

SILENT PRAYER

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERING OURSELVES

\*DOXOLOGY #95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

**O God from whom every gift derives, You are an awesome God, greater than our comprehension or our imagination. You are beyond any word we could ever use to describe You. And yet, through Jesus, we know the intimacy of Your vast Love. We have come to You in thanksgiving and praise, to know that You are God and to place our lives anew into Your perspective. Enlarge our vision with Your Word. Instill in us, our hope in place of our despair, Your peace where our hatred threatens, Your joy amidst our depression, Your love overwhelming our apathy. May Your Holy Spirit surround and indwell this congregation now, and forevermore. In Jesus we pray. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

\*HYMN #368 “Blessed Assurance”

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sandy Froehlich, Glen White, Shirley Hastings, Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling’s friend), Herb & Ben Pratt, Scarlett Huebner, Chrissy Sullivan, Angie (Paula’s friend), Roger Furrow, Tinslee, Ed & Barb Jepsen, John Jachino, Kristin & Eli (Bob & LaVona Grissinger’s grandchildren), Alyssa Volkers, Lisa (LaVona’s friend), Jill (Melinda Dykema’s daughter), Bob & LaVona Grissinger, Lola McCutcheon (Tim Cavanagh’s friend), Karen Burcham & Kandi (Paul Mayer’s sisters), Beth (LaVona’s colleague), the Norman family, Dan Zambon (uncle of Kim Gonzalez), Pat Kemp, Jon & Jody Kragle (Dianne Percy’s friends), Dave Miller (Brigit Jepsen’s boyfriend’s father), John Norse, Howie Von Haden (LaVona’s brother), Ron Miller, Jamie Harkness Townsend, baby Wesley and family, Paul & Charlene Mayer, Vivian Eaton, Jaime (Paula’s daughter), Mia (Paula’s co-worker), Christina Pasch, Baby Adrian, Julie Brunner (Linda Jachino’s cousin), Martha White, Tim Cavanagh, Beverly & family (Emily Medley’s cousin), Christine Jensen, Vanessa (Bob & LaVona’s daughter), Bill Eyerly (Cori Moore’s dad), James, Kim, & Amanda Gonzalez, Derek Osborn, Nadine Law Renfro, Beatrice Johnson (Kim Gonzalez’ mother-in-law), Vicki & Micheal Thomas ( Paula Mayer’s friends), Chuck Atherton, Janet Smith (Denise’s sister), Freida Nichols, Mike Medley, the family of Annie Bochniak, 5 firefighters injured from area fire depts, the Lars Colgan family, and for closure for the family of Jackson Kradle.

**Our shut-ins:** Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve & Linda Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Herb & Ben Pratt, Florence Bevins-Powell, Jackie Walker, and Howard Nichols.

Our country & government; Military Personnel & their families; the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars; Haiti; Syria; Israel; the Gaza Strip; peace in the Middle East; snow, cold temperatures; the towns, families, students, school administrators, and those who experience everyday violence and their families.

**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.**

**Open Hearts! Open Minds! Open Doors!**

**We are the people of the United Methodist Church.**

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

- May 8 – Bill Wright
- 9 – Bob & LaVona Grissinger (1966)
- 10 – Rodney Clemons
- 11 – Florence Bevins-Powell
- 12 – Cody Johnson

**CALENDAR**

- Monday, May 5
  - 8:30 to 11:30 am – Office Open
  - 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
  - 3:30 to 5 pm – West Carroll Food Pantry
- Tuesday, May 6
  - 9 am to 12 noon – Office open
- Wednesday, May 7
  - 8:30 to 11:30 am – Office open
  - 2 pm – Choir Practice
- Thursday, May 8
  - 9 am to 12 noon – Office open
  - 9 am – Bible Study
- Friday, May 9 (Pastor gone)
  - Office Closed
- Sunday, May 11 (Mother’s Day)
  - 8:30 am – Prayer group
  - 9 am – Adult & Youth Sunday School
  - 10:15 am – Worship

You can drop them off in a box in the sewing room at church.

**Prayer Group** – Pastor will hold an in-person prayer group at 8:30 am every Sunday morning. Feel free to attend!!!

**New Member Class** – will be given by Pastor Fernando. This will be 5 classes, **either in person or via Zoom**. If you are interested or have questions, let the office know.

**Worship Workday** – on **Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm**.

**Choir Practice** – will be **Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm**.

**Pastor will be out of the office Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 & Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

**Office closed on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>!**

**Thursday Bible Study** – will resume on **May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:12 am**. We will be using the book “One Minute After You Die” by Dr. Erwin Lutzer. See the office about obtaining a book.

**United Women in Faith** – will meet on **Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm**. They will be planting flowers at the church and have pizza at Manny’s to follow.

**Finance** – will meet on **Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm**.

**Adult & Youth Sunday School last day is May 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Blood Drive** – will be on Thursday **May 15<sup>th</sup> at 3 to 6 pm** at FUMC. See posters or the office about signing up.

**Volunteers Are Needed** –volunteers to man the Savanna Food Pantry **May 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Hours are 9-12 noon**. If you can help please call Molly Andersen at 815-541-6852.



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**WORSHIP HELPERS**

	May 11	May 18
Acolyte	Joseph Pasch	Annika Law
Liturgist	Noah Johnson	Jason Moore
Counter	Rhonda Law	Lori Miller
Verifier	Tom Michels	Sharon F Guilinger
Coffee Hour	Rhonda Law & Kelly Johnson	
Greeter	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte
Usher	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 60 + 2 Dogs

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WC Food Pantry** –West Carroll School Food Pantry is preparing for the summer months when children are out of school and missing 2 meals a day. Please consider donating kid-friendly foods like microwavable macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, pasta, soups and snack-sized puddings or fruit cups. The pantry always needs crackers, too. Thank you for thinking of our children in the community that are food insecure.

**Blessing Basket** – We are in need of paper products, toilet paper, paper towels, and facial tissues Your support is greatly appreciated!

**The Women's Group** is asking you to bring clean and dry plastic bags. The group will make sleeping mats out of them for homeless people.

BLOOD DRIVE

BLOODCENTER.ORG

Savanna First United Methodist Church

Thursday, May 15th

3:00PM-6:00PM

Fellowship Hall

2100 Chicago Ave

To book appointment, scan QR code, visit [bloodcenter.org](https://bloodcenter.org) or call ImpactLife at 800-747-5401.

Group Code: 2891

Last Date to Donate Elsewhere: 3/20/25

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**Vision Statement**  
“Our faith calls us to action in the body of Christ and in the local community to love God and to love others”

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