



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 April 6, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Ellie Johnson

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fifth word from the Cross John 19:28

After this, knowing that everything was already completed, to fulfill the scripture, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” A bowl full of vinegar stood there, and they filled a sponge of it and held it to His mouth. In the beginning of Jesus’ ministry, He said “Give me to drink” to the woman at the well in Samaria. In that very dry land, there were few wells. The classic greeting was to ask for water, and the classic gesture of hospitality was to give water. Jesus had said, “Blessed are they which do hunger and THIRST after righteousness, for they shall be filled ... Whoever drinks of this water shall THRIST again; but whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never THRIST ... If any man THRIST, let him come to me and drink.” Biologically, water is our most fundamental need; the ability to drink is one of our last powers. Jesus began and ended his ministry on earth asking for water. “I thirst.”

The INRI sign placed on the cross today is the monogram for “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews”

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Bonnie Davies

L: We come to worship, remembering God’s goodness that has carried us and sustained us to this present moment.

P: We remember the days when God covered us in love and filled us with joy.

L: We come to worship, weary from stress, heavy with grief, and wondering when relief will come.

P: We long for the days when God covered us in love and filled us with joy.

L: We come to worship to remember and remind one another that God’s love has never left us, and God’s joy cannot be extinguished.

P: God, restore us that we may know your love and your joy once again.

L: We come to worship to remember and become the Body of Christ, a community called to restore the world around us.

P: God, empower us to be your restoration people who fill the world with love, laughter, and abundant life. Amen.

*HYMN #2167 FWS “More Like You

*OPENING PRAYER (Unison) Rev. Bonnie Davies

Come to this sanctuary, this house, this home, Holy Christ, And let us receive you with a lavish welcome. You are the Restorer of our fortunes, the Promise of new life. We pour out our praise to you. Fill this room with your Spirit: The sound of wind, the warmth of flame, the scent of perfume And fill our hearts with your compassion, Not just in this time and place, But in all times and in all places, So that as we celebrate the great things you have done for us, We may also embody the love you give to all. Amen.

*THE APOSTLE’S CREED #881

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, dead, 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 126 Rev. Bonnie Davies

L: The Word of God for the People of God
P: Thanks be to God

HYMN SING (Call out a hymn # to sing – 1st verse) Pastor Fernando

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (message Pastor 773-971-7208)
PRAYER FOR PEOPLE

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION /CONFESSION AND PARSON

SLIENT PRAYER

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERING OURSELVES

*DOXOLOGY #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison)

Gracious God, our refuge and restorer, we bring these gifts as a sign of our return to you. Like the prodigal, we long to feel your embrace and live in the light of your grace. As we observe this holy time of Lent, may our offerings reflect hearts that are turning back to you. Clear the clogs in our lives that separate us from you and one another and help us see the rainbow of your promise even in our struggles. Bless these gifts and our lives so that we may share your steadfast love with the world. In Jesus’

name, we pray. Amen

THE GREAT THANKS GIVING

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.

*HYMN #701 “When We All Get to Heaven”

*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, Amy Hanson, Jamie Harkness Townsend, baby Wesley and family, Paul & Charlene Mayer, Vivian Eaton, Ron Hastings, Jaime (Paula’s daughter), Mia (Paula’s co-worker), Christina Pasch, Baby Adrian, Julie Brunner (Linda Jachino’s cousin), Martha White, Rhonda Eickert, Tim Cavanagh, Thomas James (LeaAnn & Tom Michel’s grandson), Beverly & family (Emily Medley’s cousin), Christine Jensen, Vanessa (Bob & LaVona’s daughter), Bill Eyerly (Cori Moore’s dad), Charlene Mayer, 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), Domenic Geerts & Tyler Weber (Lanark Firefighters) the Lars Colgan family, the family of Stanley Krontz, and for closure for the family of Jackson Kradle.

Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve 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.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- April 6 – JC Carey
- 6 – Melinda Dykema
- 8 – Karen Hoffman
- 9 – Jeanine Mills
- 11 – Rosemary Hartman
- 12 – Deb Long

CALENDAR

Monday, April 7
8:30 am to 11:30 am – Office opens
1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
3:30 – 5pm – West Carroll Food Pantry

Tuesday, April 8
9 am to 12 noon – Office opens
5 pm – Lenten Bible Study

Wednesday, April 9
8:30 am to 11:30 am – Office opens
2 pm – Choir Practice
6:30 PM Lenten Service @ FUMC

Thursday, April 10 (Pastor gone)
9 am to 12 noon – Office opens
9 am – Soul Sisters
4 pm – Trustee Workday

Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday)
8:30 am – Prayer group
9 am – Seder Meal
9 am – Adult Sunday School
10:15 am – Worship
11:15 am – Coffee hour

| WORSHIP HELPERS | | |
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| | April 13 | April 20 |
| Acolyte | Ryker McCombie | Pearl Michels |
| Liturgist | James Gonzalez | Lexi Piercy/Esther Losh |
| Counter | Rhonda Law | Lori Miller |
| Verifier | Linda Jachino | Kay Cavanagh |
| Coffee Hour | Ron Miller/Shirley Hastings | Easter Breakfast |
| Greeter | Worship cmte | Worship cmte |
| Ushers | Worship cmte | Worship cmte |

Last Week’s Attendance: 70 + 2 dogs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Carroll Food Pantry is in need of donations, along with the Savanna Food Pantry. For every dollar you donate, they can buy \$8 for food. You can designate on your offering envelope if you would like to make a monetary donation, just specify which pantry and how much. Thank you!

The Blessing Basket - Thank you for all your donations! Please consider

supplying a bottle of dish detergent & facial tissues this month.

The Women's Group - is asking you to bring clean and dry plastic bags. The group will make sleeping mats out of them for the homeless people. You can drop them off in a box in the sewing room at church.

Church Worship will be at 10:15 am!

Jesus Is In The House – Find Him, Keep Him! You only keep one but everyone needs a Little Jesus!!! (now thru Easter)

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.

Order your Easter flowers – forms & money due to the office by Sunday, April 6th!

Pastor Fernando will be at a meeting in Chicago on Thursday!

Lenten Bible Study – will be on Tuesday, April 9th at 5 pm. There will be a light meal. The book “The Final Days’ by Matt Rawle. The cost will be \$13.50 per book, they are in the office.

Lenten Services – Wednesday, April 9th at 6:30pm @ FUMC, Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, April 17th at 6:30 pm @ FUMC, Good Friday Service on Friday, April 18th at 12 noon @ FUMC.

Choir Practice – will be Wednesday, April 9th @ 2 pm.

Soul Sisters – will meet on Thursday, April 10th at 9 am. (See flyer on the bulletin boards)

Drive-thru Pork Chop dinner tickets still available!!! – buy them now!

Savanna Lions Club Rose Day – is April 12th. It is \$20 for a dozen of beautiful roses. Talk to Rhonda or Jeff Law to order.

Easter Worship Services on April 20th – Sunrise Service at 7:30 am on the deck (weather permitting), and at 10:15 am. Both services will have communion. Breakfast will be served between services along with an Easter Egg hunt!

Rice Meal Packing – will be Saturday, April 26th. Donations are being accepted. Baskets will be in the back of the Sanctuary to donate. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Volunteers Are Needed – to help at Classy Closet. The hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 10 am - 1 pm or 1 pm - 4 pm. If interested, let the office know.



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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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