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 11, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE

Joe Pasch

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART

Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Noah Johnson

L: Today we celebrate our mothers, grandmothers, aunties, and all the women who have loved us.

P: Thank you God for giving us mothers.

L: We remember with deep gratitude all the ways they demonstrated their love for us.

P: Sometimes we did not understand them, but we know that God understood.

L: We take time to remember our mothers because a mother's love is most like God's love.

All: For their tears, for their hugs, for their wisdom, for their unfailing trust in our abilities, we give thanks today.

*HYMN #469 "Jesus Is All the World to Me"

*OPENING PRAYER

Noah Johnson

Lord on this day set part to honor and remember all the mothers, we give You all the praise and thanks for our mothers, we are grateful that You chose to give us life through them. Thank You for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving us birth. We thank you for all women we call mother whether from birth, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother or someone else, we thank You for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love and the teachings they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms, guard

them and encourages those who are not seen or valued by their children we pray in Jesus's name Amen.

*THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881

Noah Johnson

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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23

Noah Johnson

GOSPEL 2 Timothy 1:5, 3:14 – 17

Pastor Fernando

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

A: Thanks be to God!

CHOIR "On Eagle's Wings"

MESSAGE: "The Godly Mother"

Pastor Fernando

SHARING OF JOY AND CONCERNS PRAYER FOR PEOPLE 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.

OFFERING OURSELVES

- *DOXOLOGY #95
- *OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

O God, our fortress and our rock, may these offerings be acceptable to you. In a world facing profound need, they seem insignificant, but we know that in your hands, even small

things become great. Use these gifts, and use our very lives, to make this world a home where all are sheltered, nourished and cherished. Amen.

*HYMN #454 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

*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, Iola 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 & Jim 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, Vicki & Micheal Thomas (Paula Mayer's friends), Chuck Atherton, Janet Smith (Denise's sister), Freida Nichols, Mike Medley, Lexi Piercy, Christa Jachino (Linda's daughter-in-law), the family of Beatrice Johnson, Ross Bronkema, 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 11 – Florence Bevins-Powell

12 – Cody Johnson

13 – James Gonzalez

14 – Courtney Johnson

15 – Joe & Bituin Michels (2004)

16 – Charlene Mayer

CALENDAR

Monday, May 12

8:30 to 11:30 am – Office Open

1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, May 13 (Pastor Gone)

9 am to 12 noon – Office open

5 pm – Finance meeting

6 pm – United Women of Faith meeting

Wednesday, May 14

8:30 to 11:30 am - Office open

Thursday, May 15

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9 am to 12 noon – Office open

9 am – Bible Study

3 to 6 pm – Blood Drive

3:30 pm - Worship Cmte meeting

Friday, May 16 (Pastor gone)

8:30 to 11:30 am – Office open

Sunday, May 18

8:30 am – Prayer group

9 am – Adult & Youth Sunday School (Last Day)

9 am Trustees

10:15 am – Worship

11:15 am Coffee Hour

11:45 am - Ad Council

WORSHIP HELPERS

	May 18	May 25
Acolyte	Annika Law	Pearl Michels
Liturgist	Jason Moore	Memorial Service
Counter	Lori Miller	Vivian Eaton
Verifier	Sharon F Guilinger	LaVona Grissinger
Coffee Hour	Vivian Eaton	Burt & Kathie Prins
Greeter	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte
Usher	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte

Last Week's Attendance: 74 + 2 Dogs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>WC Food Pantry</u> –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.

<u>Blessing Basket</u> – We are in need of paper products, toilet paper, paper towels, and facial tissues. Your support is greatly appreciated! <u>The Women's Group</u> is asking you to bring clean and dry plastic bags. The group will make sleeping mats out of them for homeless people. You can drop them off in a box in the sewing room at church.

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

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

Pastor will be out of the office on Tuesday, May 13th, 2025.

<u>Thursday Bible Study</u> – will resume on **May 15 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.

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

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

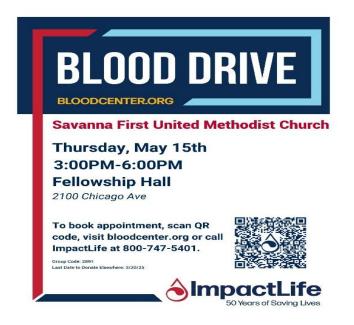
Adult & Youth Sunday School last day is May 18th.

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

<u>Soul Sisters</u> – will meet on Thursday, May 22 at 11 am to 2 pm at Sharon Law's house – 16046 Hwy 52, Mt Carroll. Bring a small finger food or dessert. Tea drinks provided. Any questions, call Pam Darrow at 815-718-4486.

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

<u>BIG THANK YOU!!!</u> – sent to everyone from Joy Turner. She wanted everyone to know that she greatly appreciates all the cards, bulletins, and prayers from everybody!!





First United Methodist Church Sunday, 10:15 am May 11, 2025

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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