



**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 18, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Annika Law

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Molly Anderson

**L:** Unless the Lord builds the house,

**P: The builders labor in vain.**

**L:** Unless the Lord watches over the city

**P: The guards stand watch in vain**

**L:** It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest.

**P: Eating the bread of anxious toil,**

**L:** Come, let us worship the Lord.

**All: We gather to worship God and sing of his praises.**

\*TFWS #2223 “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

\*OPENING PRAYER

**God, creator of us all, as we gather to worship you this day,  
We come as individuals, we come in family units, we come  
as neighbors and friends. We come here where we are known  
by name, welcomed with all our fragilities and strengths.  
We gather with kindred spirits who long to live faithfully  
to your calling. Guide us, inspire us, challenge us, comfort us,  
and nurture us in this time of worship so that we might be  
enabled to return to our daily lives ready to engage fully with  
all your creations In Peace and Love in Jesus Christ, we pray,  
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, 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 127: 1-5 Molly Anderson

GOSPEL Matthew 7: 24-29 Pastor Fernando

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

**A: Thanks be to God!**

CHOIR “This Little Light of Mine”

SONG OF PREPARATION

MESSAGE: “Family, My Safe Harbor” 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)

**Giver of life, You are the source of all good things.  
We entrust to you our gifts, That you would use them to make all know  
That with you, they are beloved, whole, and restored.  
Amen.**

\*UMH #445 “Happy the Home When God is There.

\*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 & 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 & Michael 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), Ross Bronkema, Pat Gilmore  
(Pam Darrow’s brother), 5 firefighters injured from area fire depts, the family  
of Marc Wheatley, 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 20 – Payton Haynes
- 22 – Jeanne Spraetz
- 24 – John & Julie Brigham (1998)
- 24 – Enoch & Ramona Green (1980)

**CALENDAR**

- Monday, May 19
  - 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 20
  - 9 am to 12 noon – Office open
  - 5 pm – UM Men’s meeting
- Wednesday, May 21
  - 8:30 to 11:30 am – Office open
  - 4:40 to 6:30 pm – JOY Dinner
- Thursday, May 22
  - 9 am to 12 noon – Office open
  - 9 am – Bible Study
  - 11 am to 2 pm – Soul Sisters @ Sharon Law’s house
  - 1:30 pm – Senior Service
- Friday, May 23
  - 8:30 to 11:30 am – Office open
- Sunday, May 25 (Memorial Sunday)
  - 8:30 am – Prayer group
  - 10:15 am – Worship
  - 11:15 am Coffee Hour

**WORSHIP HELPERS**

	May 25	June 1
Acolyte	Pearl Michels	Kirk Hoffman
Liturgist	Memorial Service	Paula Mayer
Counter	Vivian Eaton	Molly Andersen
Verifier	LaVona Grissinger	Mary Irons
Coffee Hour	Burt & Kathie Prins	Johnna & Deeann Kramer
Greeter	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte
Usher	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 66 + 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. 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.

**JOY Dinner** – will be on **Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm**. RSVP to the office by noon on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>!!!

**Thursday Bible Study** – will resume on **May 22 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.

**Soul Sisters** – 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.

**Senior Worship Service** – **Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 to 3 pm**.

**Summer Worship hour will be @9:30 am beginning Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>!**

**Graduate Sunday** – will be on **Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please submit your graduate’s picture and info by Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>!

**Service Club Raffle** -1 ticket for \$5 or 3 for \$10. To be drawn May 31st at the plant, bake, yard art sale next to Shivers. The sale is from 9 am to 12 noon. If interested in raffle tickets, see Rhonda Law or Pam Darrow.



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Sunday, 10:15 am  
May 18, 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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