



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.”*

10:15am Sunday Worship

April 18, 2021

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: When we are confused

P: **Lord, give us peace.**

L: When we are afraid

P: **Lord, give us peace.**

L: When we are lost in grief

P: **Lord, give us peace.**

A: **O God, meet us in this room and grant us peace!**

HYMN#140 “Great is Thy Faithfulness”(Insert or Screen)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord’s resurrection, by renewing of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE APOSTLE’S CREED (Insert or Screen)

SCRIPTURE Psalm 4:6b-8 (NRSV)

GOSPEL LESSON (Please Rise) Luke 24:44-48 (NRSV)

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN#454“Open My Eyes, That I may See”
(Insert or Screen)

MESSAGE: Open Our Minds Pastor Dave

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Text Pastor Dave at 224-600-0446)

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Insert or Screen)

OFFERING OURSELVES

DOXOLOGY #95 (Insert or Screen)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

Mighty God who brings life and hope out of death and despair, help us hear the invitation Christ offered to the disciples, “Touch me and see!” Make us bold to grab hold of the risen Christ. May we offer our gifts this morning not to the church historical—the church that was—but to a church that is becoming, that is still being born, that Christ will bring into the future. May our eyes and ears and hearts continue to hold on to him as we help Christ lead his church forward! In his name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN#308 “Thine Be the Glory” (Insert or Screen)

BENEDICTION

Go now as God’s chosen witnesses to testify that Christ has been raised and that we are raised with him. Do not look for him among the dead, but be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

POSTLUDE

Vivian Eaton

You can also find our pre-recorded 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

Judy Dunn, Emilee Deerer, Susan Meyer, Burt Dauphin, Patti Thulen, Betty Speck, Beth Wickes, Claire Winterburn, Billy David, Dee Helle, Chris Falk, Patty Nevills, Jodi French, Libby, Dr. Dan, Suzanne & Adam Woods, Dawn Barber, Kathy Hamilton, Alice Riffe, Robert Hill, Bob Grissinger, Matthew Foltz, Keith Brown, Janis Wilt, Mike Johnson, Judy Law, Eli Feurbach, Noah Johnson.

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, John Hamm, Dorothy Taylor, Paul Brunner, Sylvia Reuterfors, Bill & Letty Weidman.

Our country & government/West Carroll Schools

OUTREACH TEAM



Soup & Sandwich To go Lunch

Sunday, April 18th
Following the church service
Curb-side pick up in the parking lot

FREE WILL DONATION

Proceeds will go towards mission projects

Serving soup, sandwich, chips and dessert

See you there!

Births and Anniversaries

April

21 – Lauren Belander, Jim Haynes
23 – Anna Badkte

Calendar

Monday, April 19

Telstar Deadline

9am Body & Soul Yoga

1pm Sewing Ladies

3 – 5:30 PM WC Food Pantry

Wednesday, April 21 – Monday, April 26

Pastor Dave Vacation

Thursday, April 22

9am Body & Soul Yoga

9am Bible Study

Sunday, April 25

9am Sunday School

10:15am Worship

Rev. Bonnie Davis Guest Speaker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendly reminder: Rhonda Law, you are the counter for April 25. The verifier is Linda Jachino Thank you!

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 23 Inside, 45 Outside

Worship helpers for April 25th service:

Inside: Liturgist – Sarah Bates, Acolyte – Ellie Johnson,
Usher – Bob Grissinger, Bulletins – Carlo & Linda Stubbe,
Temps – LaVona Grissinger, Attendance – Mary Irons,
Audio – Kay Cavanagh

Outside: Molly Andersen, Pam Darrow, Susan Michelle Jepsen

Food Pantry – Items needed – Cereal, juice and cake mix.

Blessing basket – Items needed – C & D batteries, paper towels.

Prom Time! Check your closets or check with friends to see if anyone has a dress they would like to donate. Contact Nancy Sweitzer at 815-622-8132.

Pastor Dave will be on vacation April 21 – April 26. Rev. Bonnie Davis will be the guest speaker for Worship on April 25th.

Pastor Dave will be commissioned on April 24th at Barrington UMC.



May 2nd (Sun) at the playground after church

Bring your most-loved pet, stuffed toy or farm animal for a service of blessing. All humans and animals are welcome! This blessing reminds us that all of God's creation is blessed, including our pets and livestock.

In the interest of safety for all animals, we ask that you please have your pet on a leash, in a pet carrier, cage, aquarium, or secured safely. Thank you!

Call 815-599-1307
to hear our latest sermon



First United Methodist Church Sunday, 10:15 am April 18, 2021

Vision 2021 – “Love God!”

Inward Focused Ministry during the Pandemic
(to build up strong and vital church)
Strong in Worship, Strong in Fellowship, Strong in Resources

*“Be strong and courageous;
do not be frightened or dismayed,
for the Lord your God is with you
wherever you go
(Joshua 1:9)*

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