# 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 Easter Sunday Worship

April 20, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE

Ryker McCombie

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART

Vivian Eaton

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

LaVona Grissinger

L: Sometimes the news we receive is so good that we have a hard time believing it.

P: That's true. Too often, we are skeptical about positive happenings.

L: We're like Jesus' disciple, Thomas, who doubted the resurrection.

P: Actually, we understand how he felt. It is hard to believe.

L: That's just where faith comes in - believing where we have not seen.

P: May God open our hearts and our spirits to receive with confidence the good news of Easter.

\*HYMN #307 "Christ is Risen!"

# \*OPENING PRAYER

LaVona Grissinger

Gracious Lord, Easter was such a high point. We walked through the weeks of Lent and then boldly marched with Jesus into Jerusalem. Our steps hesitated and faltered during Holy Week when we ate with our Lord and then ran from his crucifixion. It was so hard for us to really believe in the miraculous event of Easter when our beloved Lord was raised from the dead. We, like Thomas, wonder if it was real or something made up from desperate longing. Help us to listen to your words with our hearts and our ears. Remind us that the Lord brings his peace to us all. Amen

\*THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881 LaVona Grissinger 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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Bonnie Davies

SCRIPTURE Acts 5:27-32 (NRSVUE)

LaVona Grissinger

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

Pastor Fernando

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

A: Thanks be to God!

VIDEO: "Me on Your Mind"

Matthew West

MESSAGE:

"Peace Be With You"

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)

God, from you comes every bounty. Every sacrifice of life that sustains ours is the sacrifice of your beloved. As we return a small part of the bounty you have blessed us with, We pray that it will be used to forge stronger connections among all creations Until the whole world is redeemed by your love.

\*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 Eaton, 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, 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, 5 firefighters injured from area fire departments, 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.

#### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

May 4 – Jon Floming

#### **CALENDAR**

Monday, April 28 8:30 to 11:30 am - Office Open 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies Tuesday, April 29 (Earth Day) 9 am to 12 noon – Office open Wednesday, April 30 8:30 to 11:30 am – Office open Thursday, May 1 (Pastor gone) 9 am to 12 noon – Office open 9 am – Bible Study Friday, May 2 (Pastor gone) 8:30 to 11:30 am – Office open Sunday, May 4 8:30 am – Prayer group 9 am - Adult & Youth Sunday School 10:15 am – Worship

5 to 6:15 pm - Youth Group

<sup>\*</sup>HYMN #514 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

<sup>\*</sup>DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

#### **WORSHIP HELPERS**

	May 4	May 11
Acolyte	Blaine Johson & Boyd	Joseph Pasch
	Law	
Liturgist	James Gonzalez	Noah Johnson
Counter	Molly Andersen	Rhonda Law
Verifier	Karen Hoffman	Tom Michels
Coffee Hour	Ron Miller & Shirley	Rhonda Law & Kelly
	Hastings	Johnson
Greeter	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte
Usher	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte

Last Week's Attendance: 41/80

#### **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.

Choir Practice – will be Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.

Veteran's Meeting – will be Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm

Pastor will be out of the office May 1 & 2, 2025

Thursday Bible Study – will resume on May 1st 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.

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

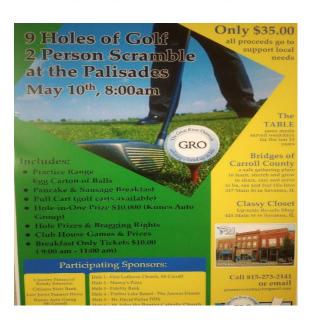
Blood Drive – will be on Thursday May 15th at 3 to 6 pm at FUMC. See posters or the office about signing up.

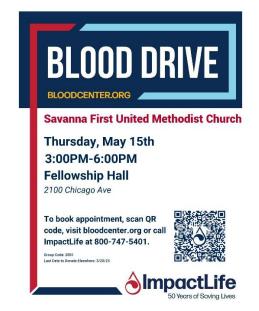
<u>Volunteers Are Needed</u> –volunteers to man the Savanna Food Pantry May 13<sup>th</sup> and 15th. Hours are 9-12 noon. If you can help please call Molly Andersen at 815-541-6852.



SUNDAY.

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# First United Methodist Church Sunday, 10:15 am April 27, 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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