



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 25, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Pearl Michels
MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Presentation and Honor

Pledge of Allegiance

The National Anthem “Star Spangled Banner” Vivian Eaton

PRESENTATIONS OF MEMORIAL SYMBOLS

MUSIC “God Bless America” Vivian Eaton

Dog Tags, Halmet, Duffle Bag, Poppies, Yellow Ribbon,
Medals, and Bible

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE BRANCHES

(Veterans please stand as your service branch is named.)

Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard

*CALL TO WORSHIP Tim Cavanagh

L: On this Memorial Day weekend, we gather with song and
praise to worship God and be reminded of the lives of beloved
ones.

**All: We think of our loved ones who no longer live on this
earth, but live on in our hearts and minds.**

L: On this Memorial Day weekend, we gather with a song and
praise to worship God and be reminded of the lives of those
who have sacrificed for us.

**All: We think of all those who serve and have served on our
behalf. May we have thankful hearts! May their memories
be honored and blessed!**

*HYMN #717 "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"

*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Almighty God, before who stand the living and the dead, we,

**your children, Whose mortal life is but a hand’s breadth, we
give thanks to You: For all those through whom You have
blessed our pilgrimage, whose lives have empowered us,
whose influence is a healing grace, we lift our thankful hearts.
For the dear friends and family members who sacrificed
themselves, our brothers and sisters who have given their
lives for the sake of others. Heal our Nations where fear is
dispelled, and bring unity, O Lord, Save your people and bless
your heritage. Day by day, we magnify you and worship your
name, forever and ever. 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 Esther Losh

SCRIPTURE Psalm 67: 1-7 Timothy Cavanagh

GOSPEL John 8:31-36 Pastor Fernando

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

A: Thanks be to God!

SONG OF PREPARATION

MESSAGE: “Memorial Day Program” 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 of the mountains and the valleys, of the dry places and
oceans: Your voice speaks to us across creation; the flowers and
the trees sing of your majesty, and the stars of the night speak of
how much We still don’t know . As we offer gifts to you and speak
our words of gratitude, help us to hear your voice anew. Give us
ears to hear, faith to believe, and determination to truly listen to
how you would send us into a hurting world. In Christ, we pray.
Amen.**

*HYMN # 696 “America the Beautiful”

*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 & 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 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 25 – Jon & Pam Darrow (1985)
- 25 – John LeComte
- 26 – Jerry Cavanagh
- 26 – Chris Falk
- 27 – Jean Ferris
- 27 – Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison (2007)
- 28 – Shirley Hastings
- 30 – Carlo Stubbe

CALENDAR

- Monday, May 26
 - Office Closed
 - 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
 - 3 pm – JOY Recap
- Tuesday, May 27
 - Pastor out of the office!
 - 9 am to 12 noon – Office open
- Wednesday, May 28
 - Pastor out of the office!
 - 8:30 to 11:30 am – Office open
 - 2 pm – Choir Practice
- Thursday, May 29
 - 9 am to 12 noon – Office open
 - 9 am – Bible Study
- Friday, May 30
 - 8:30 to 11:30 am – Office open
- Sunday, June 1
 - 8:30 am – Prayer group
 - 9:30 am – Worship
 - 10:15 am Coffee Hour

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 Recap – will be on **Monday, May 26th at 3 pm**.

Choir Practice – will be **Wednesday, May 28th at 2 pm**.

Thursday Bible Study – will resume on **May 29 at 9 am**. We will be using the book “One Minute After You Die” by Dr. Erwin Lutzer. See the office about obtaining a book.

Summer Worship hour will be @9:30 am beginning Sunday, June 1st!

United Women of Faith – will be going to Timberlake **on June 3rd at 7:30 pm** to see “Saturday Night Fever”. See Mary if you have any questions.

Craft Crop – will be **Fri & Sat, June 6th and 7th**. See Karen Hoffman for information.

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

Office Closed – **June 9th thru 11th** for Annual Conference.

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 25, 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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WORSHIP HELPERS

| | June 1 | June 8 |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Acolyte | Kirk Hoffman | Ryker McCombie |
| Liturgist | Paula Mayer | Ronda Rathje |
| Counter | Molly Andersen | Rhonda Law |
| Verifier | Mary Irons | Pam Darrow |
| Coffee Hour | | Johnna & Deeann Kramer |
| Greeter | Worship Cmte | Worship Cmte |
| Usher | Worship Cmte | Worship Cmte |

Last Week’s Attendance: 63 + 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.