



**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."*

9:30 am Sunday Worship July 2, 2023

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Boyd Law

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Wright

L: Gather to give thanks with your whole heart. Rejoice in God's love and faithfulness.

**P: We bow down, for this is God's holy temple. We pour out our thanks in songs of praise.**

L: God answers us when we call. Our Creator increases our strength of soul.

**P: Great is the glory of our God! We rejoice in God's steadfast love.**

L: Wait for God, and hope in God's Word. Open your hearts to the holy presence in our midst.

**P: Our ears are attentive to the voice of God. We open our lives to God's direction.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "In The Garden" Shelby Rathje

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) Bill Wright

**Our souls wait for you, O God. Our ears are attentive to your word. We hope for a clear understanding of your will for us.**

**Let this time of meeting draw us together in unity, with a sense of direction and purpose for our church and our individual lives. Renew us within so that nothing we face around us can undermine our faith or cause us to despair.**

**Claim us all as sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, and help us to reflect this kinship in all we do or say. Amen**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881 Bill Wright

**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.**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 138 (CEB) Bill Wright

\*GOSPEL John 6:60-69 (CEB) Rev. Bonnie Davies

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

**A: Thanks be to God!**

HYMN SING (If Vivian can play it, we can sing it!)

SHARING OF JOY AND CONCERNS  
(Text Ronda – 815-275-8045)

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE Rev. Bonnie Davies

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

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Thank you, God, for your faithfulness. We bring ourselves and some of what we have accumulated to praise you and do the work you call us to do. Fulfill your purpose for this church as you enlist our offerings and our lives. In amazement at the work of your hands, we reach out our hands to help others and invite them to join us. In our labors for you, we will not lose heart. Help us do your will. Amen.**

\*BLESSINGS Rev. Bonnie Davies

God's grace has been poured out on us. We are invited to share it with more and more people.

**P: We seek to live so god's grace is evident. We will consult with God in our decision-making.**

Go into the world to serve, to the glory of God. May your thanksgiving increase day by day.

**P: Our praise will not cease when we leave this place. All the world is God's temple, a place to give thanks.**

We are brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit has come among us and abides with us.

**P: We have good news to share, so we will do it! May our thanksgiving proclaim God's glory!**

Amen. **Amen**

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Bonnie Davies

\*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

**In Our Prayers**

Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Rod Furrow, Rhonda Harlock Smith, Jill Hofstetter, John Irons, Judy Law, Mike Foltz, Dan Piercy, Rich Rathje, Annisa (niece of Bonnie Davies), John Ritchie, Gi-Tae Yim, Inga, Scarlett (daughter of Ashley Huebner), Sandy Froehlich, Vanessa Grissinger, Deb Endress (Kris Yingling's friend), Barb McFadden, Glen White, Pete (Kim Gonzales' brother), Ed Jepsen, Tyrone Burcham, Lisa, Lester & Cody Coers, Shirley Fritz, Vickie Moore, Bobby Higbea (Susan Michelle's friend), Baby Adrian & his mom, Alice (Esther's sister), Janet Smith, Owen Davies (Bonnie's son), Seth & Kimber (Jackie Walker's grandson-in-law and great granddaughter), Jackie Walker, Brady O'Neal, Eli (Bob & LaVona's grandson), Beth & Gail (Pastor Dave's friends), Ron & Shirley (Karen Hoffman's cousins), Pastor Bill Landis, Shirley Hastings, Cori Moore's mom, Gene & Janet Ruchotzke (Susan Michelle's neighbors), Ruth (mission team friend), Ron (mission team friend) Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison (Ronda's parents), Tim Castens (Char Mayer's cousin), Pastor Karen Schilling (Bonnie Davies' friend), Donny Hughes, the family of Ron Smith, and our Farmers.

**Our shut-ins:** Mary Ann Larsen, Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenny. Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, The safety of Ukrainians & end of wars, Turkey & Syria, Elizabeth nursing home & the community, those who were affected by the flooding and tornadoes, and the victims of the gun violence and their families.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July 5 - Jeff Doran, Sarah Neumiller-Jackson  
*Rhonda & Jeff Law (1986)*  
 6 – Molly Andersen, Judy Greenfield  
 7 – Noah Johnson  
 8 – Michael Jones

## CALENDAR

Monday July 3  
 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies  
 3:30 to 5 pm – WC Food Pantry  
 Tuesday July 4 (4<sup>th</sup> of July)  
 Office closed  
 Wednesday July 5  
 10 am – Choir practice (?)  
 Sunday July 9  
 9:30 am – Hybrid Worship (Communion)

## WORSHIP HELPERS

	July 9	July 16
Acolyte	Ryker McCombie	Asia LaShelle
Liturgist	Molly Andersen	Ronda Rathje
Counter	Rhonda Law	Lori Miller
Verifier	Tom Michels	Sharon F Guilinger

Last Week's Attendance: 39 + 4 dogs

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**West Carroll Food Pantry** – Some children will be missing 2 meals a day throughout the summer months. Please prayerfully consider donating Mac & cheese (never have enough), fruit cups/canned fruit (fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges, peaches), pasta sauce, and cereal are needed right now! We can always use peanut butter (creamy), jelly (grape/strawberry), pancake mix, syrup, soup (tomato, cream of mushroom/chicken), and crackers (any kind) during these summer months. If donating pudding/jello cups, please check to see if they need to be refrigerated. If they do, please let Ronda know right away. We so appreciate your generosity and support!

**Blessing Basket** – We need toothbrushes, toothpaste, dish soap, along with laundry soap, body lotion, aluminum foil, and always paper products. Your support is greatly appreciated!  
**School Supplies** - It's time to start collecting school supplies already! Glue sticks, markers, pencils, and notebooks are in the stores and on sale. You can leave your donations in the Food Pantry Box in the narthex. Any donation is welcome, including monetary ones. Thank you for helping our West Carroll students get ready for a great school year.

**Pastor Dave** will be back tomorrow!

**Worship & Health** – Looking to borrow the following items for church display. Child size lawn chair and lunch pail. Items would be return at the end of summer.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade** – Today @ 6 pm!!! (line up at 5:30 @ Shopko) We will be decorating a truck to put in the parade. You are welcome to ride in the truck or you can decorate you own car and join us.

**United Women in Faith** – July 11<sup>th</sup> – Annual picnic @ 6 pm at the home of Bonnie Davies.

**Summer Vacation Bible School**– 7/17 to 7/21 Theme: Hero Hotline  
**UM Men** will hold a church picnic on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned!

**Kids Kards** – July 23<sup>rd</sup> - We're going to spread some Sunshine by celebrating our favorite summer blessings. We'll have sandwiches for lunch and ice cream! Everyone is welcome and all materials are provided, except for your creativity!

**Soul Sisters** – July 26<sup>th</sup> @ 2 pm “9 to 5” at Timberlake Playhouse. Need at least 10 people (have 7 so far). We will carpool from church. Contact Pam Darrow or Linda Jachino for more details.

**Outreach** (those who organized the rice meal packing)– July 31<sup>st</sup> – fundraiser @ Clinton Pizza Ranch at 5-7 pm. Volunteers will be needed to help in dining room.

Also there are 8 spots reserved at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. They will leave on Monday morning and return Friday afternoon. Interested or questions, contact Cindy Law at 815-990-3629.

**Sunday School**– Children, Youth, Adult Sunday School will resume in September. Youth Group will also resume in September.

**Bible Study** – Will resume in the fall. Stay tuned!

**New Sewing Ministry** – We invite all sewers to get involved in our sewing ministry but getting a kit in the sewing room. Several are available. (Pattern & material) Check out this ministry in the sewing room after church or ask any member of United Women in Faith. This gives those who cannot come Monday afternoons to sew a chance to be part of this important ministry by sewing at home at your convenience. Check this out!!!



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 Sunday, 9:30 am  
 July 2, 2023

## Vision 2023–“Make Jesus’ Disciples”

Focus on making Jesus’ Disciples  
 to transform lives and the world!

Strong in Worship, Strong in Mission, Strong in Education

*“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.”(Matthew 28:19)*

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