



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 9, 2023

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Ryker McCombie

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Molly Andersen

L: We gather this day to worship!

P: But we bring with us heavy burdens which weigh us down.

L: We gather this day to praise God!

P: But our hearts ache inside us and we feel we can go no further.

L: Come all who are burdened and who feel weighed down. Come to Jesus.

P: Lord Jesus, take our burdens and heal our spirits. Amen.

*HYMN #384 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (v. 1-3 only)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) Molly Andersen
In times of weakness and hour of need, yours is the strength by which we carry on, the shoulder we rest our head upon. When our load is heavy and too much to bear, yours are the arms stretched out to help us the grace that we depend on. In times of weakness and hour of need, your voice is heard, ‘Come...find rest.’ This is grace divine, the path we tread to wholeness of body and spirit, the path that leads to you, and for which we offer our offering of praise. Amen.

THE APOSTLE’S CREED #881 Molly Andersen
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 Romans 7:21-25a (CEB) Molly Andersen

*GOSPEL Matthew 11:16-19 (CEB) Pastor Dave Yim

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

A: Thanks be to God!

HYMN #2158 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

MESSAGE: “Wisdom is Justified by Her Works” Pastor Dave Yim

SHARING OF JOY AND CONCERNS (Text Pastor Dave, 224-600-0446)

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION / CONFESSION

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERING OURSELVES

*DOXOLOGY

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of compassion and mercy, you claim each one of us as your children. Like a parent, you are joyful when we find joy and your heart aches when we fall, fail, or feel less than the beloved heirs to the kingdom you meant us to be. The yoke the Bible describes doesn’t burden us but reminds us that you yearn for us to be a church, a community, that supports, steadies, and sustains when life makes us weary. The gifts we give this day we give in gratitude for this yoke that helps us finish the race in faithfulness. Bless our giving and its use, we pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

THE BREAD AND CUP

*HYMN #402 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” (v. 1, 2, and 4 only)

*BENEDICTION

*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), Brady O’Neal, Eli (Bob & LaVona’s grandson), Ron & Shirley (Karen Hoffman’s cousins), Pastor Bill Landis, Shirley Hastings, Cori Moore’s mom, Gene & Janet Ruchotzke (Susan Michelle’s neighbors), Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison (Ronda’s parents), Tim Castens (Char Mayer’s cousin), Pastor Karen Schilling (Bonnie Davies’ friend), Donny Hughes, family of Ronald Smith, the family of Owen John Kalsem, and our Farmers.

Our shut-ins: Mary Ann Larsen, Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenney.

Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, The safety of Ukrainians & end of wars, Turkey & Syria, VBS, and the victims of every day gun 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

July 10 – Erik Torrison, Ancil Guilinger
12 – Hannah Guilinger, Eric Purchis
12 – Gary & Melinda Dykema (2014)

CALENDAR

Monday July 10
1 to 3 pm– Sewing Ladies
3:30 to 5 pm – WC Food Pantry
Tuesday July 11
6 pm – United Women in Faith Picnic
Sunday July 16
9:30 am – Outdoor service/Pet Blessing/Picnic

WORSHIP HELPERS

	July 16	July 23
Acolyte	Picnic	Ellie Johnson
Liturgist	Picnic	Esther Losh
Counter	Lori Miller	Vivian Eaton
Verifier	Sharon F Guilinger	LaVona Grissinger

Last Week's Attendance: 30 + 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.

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

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

Kids Kards– July 23rd- 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!

Summer Vacation Bible School– 7/17 to 7/21 Theme: Hero Hotline They are looking for someone to teach the Science program. They also need a dozen of each: scissors, markers & crayons! Please & thank you!

UM Men will hold a church picnic on July 16th. They will have grilled hamburgers, and the church will provide soda, and chips. We kindly ask that if you are bringing a side dish, it can be either a salad or a dessert, and please ensure it is covered with a lid or aluminum foil. (Please put your name on the signup sheet today) We have planned some fun games for everyone to enjoy, and there will be prizes to be won. See you there!!!

Soul Sisters – July 26th @2 pm “9 to 5” at Timberlake Playhouse. Need at least 10 people (1 spot left). We will carpool from church. Contact Pam Darrow or Linda Jachino for more details.

Outreach– July 31st– 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 18th. 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!!!

Communion Giving: July for VBS, August for School Supplies!!! Please, support our important ministries thru Communion Giving!

Stay tuned for some exciting news!!!!



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Sunday, 9:30 am
July 9, 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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