



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.”

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

09:30 AM Summer Sunday Worship July 20, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Joe Michels

L: Children of God, in Jesus, Love became flesh
and moved into the neighborhood.

C: We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.

L: In Jesus, we meet the fullness of God with no barriers
to access.

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L: In Jesus, our separation from God, neighbor, self,
and creation has been removed. We are free for divine
and loving connection once again.

C: We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.

L: Children of God, come! Come, let us worship God,
whose power makes Love visible to us so that we
might reflect Love to the world.

**ALL: Come, let us worship Christ, Love who came
to dwell among us and within us!**

***HYMN # 103 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only ”**

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

O Christ, your cross speaks both to us and to our world.

**In your dying for us, you accepted the pain and hurt
of the whole of creation. The arms of your cross stretch out
Across the broken world in reconciliation. You have made
peace with us. Help us to make peace with you
By sharing in your reconciling work. May we recognize
your spirit, disturbing and challenging us to care
for creation and for the poor who most feel the effects
of its abuse. O Christ, the whole of creation groans.
Set us free and make us whole. Amen.**

*THE APOSTLE’S CREED #881

Randy Hayes

**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 -

LaVona Grissinger

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 52: 1-9

Joe Michels

Luke 10:38-42

Randy Hayes

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS:

MESSAGE: Mary OR Martha, or is it Mary AND Martha?"

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 life, saviour of the poor, receive with this money
gratitude for your goodness, penitence for our pride
and dedication to your service in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

***HYMN# 451. “Be Thou My Vision”**

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Randy Hayes

***GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD**

Vivian Eaton

IN OUR PRAYERS

Joann Badtke is Bruce’s Mom, Sandy Froehlich, Glen White, Shirley Hastings,

Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling’s friend), 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, Lola McCutcheon (Tim Cavanagh’s friend),
Karen Burcham & Kandi Susan King, Jeff Law.
(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), 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 Jachin’s cousin),
Martha White, Tim Cavanagh, Beverly & family (Emily Medley’s cousin),
Christine Jensen, Derek Osborn,
Nadine Law Renfro, Vicki & Michael Thomas (Paula Mayer’s friends),
Chuck Atherton, Janet Smith (Denise’s sister), Freida Nichols, Mike Medley,
Christa Jachino (Linda’s daughter-in-law), Ross Bronkema,
Pat Gilmore (Pam Darrow’s brother), 5 firefighters were injured from the
area fire departments, the Lars Colgan family.

Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve &
Linda Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger,
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 and Iran, the Gaza Strip; peace
In the Middle East, snow, the towns, families, students,
and school administrators, and those who experience everyday violence
and their families.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July

17 - Nathaniel Law

18 - Ronda Rathje

CALENDAR

Monday, July 21

Office Closed

1 pm to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday July 22

The pastor is off.

Wednesday, July 23

The pastor is off.

Thursday, 24

The pastor is off.

Friday, 25

The pastor is off.

Sunday July 27
8:30 am – Prayer group 9:30 AM – Main Service

WORSHIP HELPERS

	July 20	July 27
Acolyte	Boyd Law	Kurt Hoffman
Liturgist	Joe Michels	Susan Michelle Jepsen
Counter	Lori Miller	Vivian Eaton & LaVona Gressinger
Verifier	Sharon F Guillinger	Vivian Eaton & LaVona Grissinger
Coffee Hour		
Greeter	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte
Usher	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 39

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 who are food insecure.

Road Trip VBS 2025: Will be held in our Church from July 21 -25. 9:00 AM Volunteers are needed.

AD. COUNCIL : Meeting today after the Service.

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 – Prayer Group Meets Every Sunday at 8:30 am. 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.

Thursday Bible Study – Will be on Thursday at 9:00 AM
Summer Worship: HOUR WILL BE FROM 9:30 AM DURING THE SUMMER.

The pastor is on Vacation: Pastor Fernando is on Vacation from July 06 to the 27th for emergencies You may call the Pastor from Monday to Wednesday. or Pastor Bonnie Daves, Thursday onwards.

SYMPATHY

1. Remember to pray for Alice Riffe on the recent passing of her niece, Wendy Wilkinson Matuszah Jensen. Funeral services were held at Smith Family Funeral Home in Fallon, Nevada, on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at 11:00 AM. Interment will take place at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 12, 2025, at Schapville Zion Presbyterian Cemetery in Scales Mound, IL.
- 2 . To the Beyer family Jeanne Beyer-Swartz mother, passed away from cancer.

Short Professional Bio of our Guest- Preacher.

Randy Hayes is a retired Licensed Lay Pastor and a retired Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and Certified Addiction and Drug Abuse Counselor and worked as a therapist and administrator in Northern Illinois. He was a part time accreditation surveyor for the Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Behavioral Healthcare before he retired in 2014. He is a published author in the area of Behavioral Health and Statistics Process Control and lectured around the United States on Process Improvement. He is currently the lay leader and organist for Polo Faith U.M. Church, the Registrar for the Prairie South District Committee on the Ministry and is the Northern Illinois U. M. Annual Conference Secretary.



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Vision Statement
“Reaching out to all people and
inviting them to experience the Love
of God through Open Hearts, Open
Minds, and Open Doors.”

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