



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 30, 2023

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Caleb Thornton

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP LeaAnn Michels

L: We come to worship the Triune God who creates, redeems, and sustains us all.

P: We come to worship God who never leaves us and yet whose purposes often seem hidden.

L: As the bulb hides the flower, as the seed hides the tree, as the cocoon hides the butterfly, so too does God bring forth life even when we cannot see it.

P: We gather today to learn how to watch, wait, and anticipate the season when God's unrevealed work will come into the open.

L: As silence gives way to song, as night gives way to dawn, as the past flows through the present into the future, so too does God tirelessly persist in bringing about the abundant life of the kingdom of heaven.

P: We gather today to learn how to join in God's dance as partners who prepare for the season when God's unrevealed work comes into the open.

L: As our end meets our beginning, as our time meets infinity, as our doubt meets our believing, so too does God meet our brokenness with persevering love, unfolding a new reality of flourishing for all creation.

P: We gather today to learn how to love as God loves so that we may be part of bringing God's unrevealed work into the open. Amen.

*HYMN #540 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) LeaAnn Michels
Our gracious and ever-loving God, we come in the midst of

summer, seeking refreshment. We find rest in the knowledge of the wonderful works you have done for us and of the deep and abiding love you have for all God's creatures. Search our hearts and fill our souls with your indwelling Spirit who whispers to our souls that all will be well if we trust in you. Shine your light before us, that we may see our path to you and to your kingdom on earth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881 LeaAnn Michels

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 Exodus 4:10-17 (CEB) LeaAnn Michels

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

A: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE: God is Calling You! Pastor Dave Yim

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

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Seek Ye First" Jiho & Aidan (Alto-saxophone Duet)

"It is no Secret" & "It's not the first Mile You'll be Judged By"
Vivian (Accordion)

"He Who Began a Good Work" Pastor Dave (Solo)

OFFERING OURSELVES

*DOXOLOGY

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all blessings, we ask you this day to bless the gifts we offer, so that they may have a powerful impact when used according to your purposes. Bless us that we might see glimpses of your kingdom through our giving and grow in generosity in the process. In name of Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #2149 "Living For Jesus" (v. 1 & 2 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, John Ritchie, Gi-Tae Yim, Inga, Sandy Froehlich, Vanessa Grissinger, Ed Jepsen, Deb Endress (Kris Yingling's friend), Barb McFadden, Glen White, Pete (Kim Gonzales' brother), 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, 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, Carol Eyerly (Cori Moore's mom), Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison (Ronda's parents), Pastor Karen Schilling (Bonnie Davies' friend), Donny Hughes, Jeff O'Leary, Kathy Wainwright (Susan Michelle's friend), Kim Walker (Jackie's daughter), the family of Marty Hill, 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, Syria, Israel, 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 31 – Deeann Kramer
 August 1 – Tom Neumiller
 4 – Joe Guilinger

CALENDAR

Monday July 31

1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

5 to 8 pm – Fundraiser @ Pizza Ranch in Clinton

Pastor gone July 31st thru August 3rd (Convocation in VA)

Tuesday August 1

6:30 pm – United Women in Faith (@ Deeann’s House)

Sunday August 6

9:30 am Hybrid Service (Communion)

August Communion Giving for School Supply Ministry!

WORSHIP HELPERS

| | August 6 | August 13 |
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| Acolyte | Jiwon Yim | Pearl Michels |
| Liturgist | LaVona Grissinger | Jason Moore |
| Counter | Molly Andersen | Rhonda Law |
| Verifier | Mary Irons | Pam Darrow |

Last Week’s Attendance: 60 + 2 dogs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Carroll Food Pantry – Some children are 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 tooth brushes, tooth paste, 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. **Distribution dates will be Monday, August 7th @ 3:30 to 5 pm and Wednesday, August 9th @ 3:30 to 5 pm.**

United Women in Faith – August 1st – Meet at Deeann Kramer’s House in Thomson. For more info, contact Mary Irons.

Outreach– July 31st, fundraiser@ Clinton Pizza Ranch at 5-8 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, Sept 18th. They will leave on Monday morning and return Friday afternoon. Contact Cindy Law at 815-990-3629.

Trustees & Ad Council - will each meet on August 13th instead of 20th

Bible Study – Will resume on Thursday, August 24th at 9 am.

Mission Trip Team (2023/2024) – Meeting on Sunday, August 20th at approximately 11 am. (after the concert)

UM Men – next meeting is August 15th at 5:30 pm.

Finance – next meeting is August 15th at 7:00 pm via zoom

Health & Worship – next meeting is August 17th at 3:30 pm

Kids Kards– next meeting is August 27th after church service

Sunday School & Youth Group – (Children, Youth, Adult) will resume in September.

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!!!

Shirah Brothers will be here on August 20th for our worship service! They are an up-and-coming trio of brothers who have great talent and share heartfelt messages that Christ has directed in their program. They were the 2022 winner of the National Quartet Convention Showcase Award and will be singing at the Ark in Kentucky for the 40 days and 40 nights of Praise this September.



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Sunday, 9:30 am

July 30, 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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