



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 August 11, 2024

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Pearl Michels

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Ronda Rathje

*CALL TO WORSHIP Esther Losh

L: We gather today knowing there are people in our world who are surrounded by violence and conflict on every side.

P: Our work of peace begins with prayer.

L: We gather today knowing there are people in our community who feel lost, alone, abandoned, and forgotten.

P: Our work of love begins with prayer.

L: We gather today knowing there are people in this place, this neighborhood, this world that we all share who experience overwhelming grief, despair, and sorrow.

P: Our work of hope begins with prayer.

L: We gather not to look away from the world but to witness the needs of our neighbors through the lens of God's love.

P: May we be a people who pray and, out of our praying, do the work of bringing peace, love, and hope to all we encounter. Amen.

*HYMN #430 “O Master Let Me Walk with Thee”

*OPENING PRAYER (Unison) Esther Losh

O God of compassion, if you kept a record of our sins, who could stand? We come before you with our brokenness and our wounds for all to see. We bring our anger, our bitterness, our unwholesome talk, and our deceitfulness. We try to do good but sometimes fail. We choose to do evil and sometimes succeed. Keep your promise to forgive us when we confess to you completely. Without you, we have no hope. 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, 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 130 Esther Losh

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2 Pastor Fernando

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

SONG “Better Than Life” Worship DVD

MESSAGE “” Pastor Fernando

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (call/text Ronda 815-275-8045)

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER Pastor Fernando

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! We bow before you and thank you for the privilege to participate in your acts of kindness and love here on earth. May these gifts truly become instruments of your purposes

here in our church, our community, and around the world. Amen.

*HYMN #399 “Take My Life and Let It Be” (VS 1, 5, 6 only)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

In Our Prayers

Emilee Derrer, Sandy Froehlich, Barb McFadden, Glen White, Pastor Bill Landis, Shirley Hastings, Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling’s friend), Don & Judy Greenfield, Sandy Pratt, Lexi Tsoukalas (Molly’s great niece), Debbie Bilik (Janet Morlock’s friend), Scarlett Huebner, Chrissy Sullivan, Miles Purchis (Max & Martha Purchis’ grandson), Angie (Paula’s friend), Roger Furrow, Eli (Bob & Lavona’s grandson), Paula Mayer, Tinslee, Ed & Barb Jepsen, Mary (Belandar) Klein, Howard Nichols, Jackie Walker, John Jachino, Dennis Plattenberger (Mary’s friend), Kristin (Bob & LaVona Grissinger’s granddaughter), Chuck Curtis, Eldar (Karen Hoffman’s friend), Joe Jensen, Chris Falk, Alyssa Volkers, Mary Ellen Dreger, Karen Hoffman, Emily Medley, Sharon Guilinger, Ennie Maria (Pastor Fernando’s daughter), Bob Grissinger, Burt Prins, Jan (Karen Hoffman’s friend), Lisa (LaVona’s friend), Denise David (Billy David’s sister), Jill (Melinda Dykema’s daughter), Elaina Gooding (Bonnie’s granddaughter), and the family of Jackson Kradle.

Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Herb, Sandy & Ben Pratt, Florence Bevins-Powell.

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, people affected by the heat, tornadoes and severe thunderstorms, those that are affected by Hurricane Debby, and the victims of everyday 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

- August 12 – Joleen LaShelle
- 13 – LaVona Grissinger
- 13 – Martha Purchis
- 15 – Brenda Hamm
- 18 – Pastor Fernando de Castro
- 18 – Wayne & Martha White (1963)
- 18 – Jason & Cori Moore (2018)

CALENDAR

- Monday, August 12
 - Pastor out of the Office
 - 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
 - 2:30 to 5 pm – School Supply Drive
- Tuesday, August 13
 - 6 pm – Interchurch Council at Presbyterian Church
- Thursday, August 15
 - 9 am – Bible Study
 - 3:30 pm – Worship meeting
 - 7 pm – Weekly Prayer Zoom
- Friday, August 16
 - Office closed!
- Sunday, August 18
 - 8 am – Trustee meeting
 - 9:30 am – Worship (Blessing of the Backpacks)
 - 10:30 am – Acolyte Training
 - 11 am – Ad Council

WORSHIP HELPERS

	August 18	August 25
Acolyte	Kirk Hoffman	Ellie Johnson
Liturgist	Jason Moore	Rev. Bonnie Davies
Counter	Lori Miller	Vivian Eaton
Verifier	Linda Jachino	Kay Cavanagh
Coffee Hour	Coffee hour	No Coffee hour
Greeter	Worship cmte	Worship cmte
Ushers	Worship cmte	Worship cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 54 + 2 dogs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WC Food Pantry - Please consider giving to the food pantry for the summer as the kids will not be in school to get two meals a day. As a result, the food that parents do get twice a month will not go near as far. Food pantries will be in desperate need of fruit, peanut butter & jelly, Mac & cheese, crackers, pancake mix, syrup, Chef Boyardee, and cereal! Please remember this is all so no child goes hungry!!!

Blessing Basket – We are in need sunscreen, men’s & women’s shampoo,

lotion, deodorant, sandwich bags, and aluminum foil. We always need paper products. Your support of this ministry 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.

Weekly Zoom Prayer Meeting – will be on August 15th at 7 pm. Details and link will be emailed to you.

Summer Church Worship at 9:30 am – will continue thru the summer.

Meet with Pastor Fernando – If you would like to schedule a time to meet with Pastor so you can get to know him and he can get to know you, feel free to reach out to the office to schedule a time or see if he is free.

School Supplies – are on sale right now if you are considering donating to our school supply drive for the kids. Glue sticks, wide-ruled notebooks, plastic folders and markers are always in demand and on sale now We want all our West Carroll students to have a great school year! Please place your donations in the box outside the office. School Supply Drive will be **Monday, 12th from 2:30 to 5 pm.** (Please be sure to bring proof of school registration and your children if you are wanting shoes. They must try on the shoes.) If you are interested in helping, please let Molly or the office know.

JOY (Just Older Youth) ministry dinner - will meet in the church's fellowship hall on Wednesday, August 21st, from 4:30-6:30pm. The dinner menu is sloppy joes, chips, salads and dessert. We have singer/guitarist Dan Peart for our program. This FREE dinner is open to anyone over 60 but reservations **MUST be made by noon on Monday, August 19th** to the church office, 815-273-2345 Rides are available, in-town only. Come join us for an evening of great food, great music, and great fellowship!

Pastor Fernando out of the office on Monday, August 12th.

Church office closed on Friday, August 16th.

Church Conference – will be Saturday, Sept 21st at 3:30pm to 5:30 pm. Paperwork will be coming to all committee chairs.

Midwest Mission Trip – is planned for Monday, Sept 30th thru Oct 4th. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mary Irons or Cindy Law.

Savanna Thrift Store – could use some volunteers to sort, straighten, and/or work during open hours. Please see Linda Stubbe if you are interested.

Nursery Room Usage – per NIC Safe Sanctuary policies, no child/children are to be in there without a parent or certified adult (18 or older) present. Please clean up when finished.

New Sewing Ministry – We invite all sewers to get involved in our sewing ministry buy 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 at home at your convenience. Check this out!!!

Big Activities coming up...

- Blessing of the Backpacks – Sunday, August 18th during worship
- Acolyte training – Sunday, August 18th after worship
- Sunday School Kick-off – Sunday, August 25th at 11 am to 1 pm
- Adult & Youth Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 8th at 9 am
- Worship will go back to 10:15 am beginning Sunday September 8th
- Bring Your Grandparents to Church Day – Sunday, September 8th



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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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