



**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 18, 2024

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Kirk Hoffman

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Ronda Rathje

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Jason Moore

**L:** This is the day that the Lord has made!

**P:** Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**L:** This is a day of new beginnings!

**P:** This is a time for growing into new disciples for Jesus.

**L:** Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship

**P:** Let us be prepared to serve God. AMEN.

\*HYMN #140 “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

\*OPENING PRAYER (Unison) Jason Moore

God of wisdom we come to you this morning to give you thanks and praise, enlighten us by your Holy Spirit that we might know your will, and follow. As the new school year starts, we offer thanks and praise for the opportunity for each child to learn and grow, we pray for teachers, and the staff, that they all may do their job with love and patience, all year long. Bless this time of worship, and through it renew a right Spirit within us we ask all this in Jesus’s name 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 Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Jason Moore

L: The Word of God for the People of God  
**P: Thanks be to God**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SONG “Sweet, Sweet Salvation, I Love to Tell the Story”  
Go Fish DVD

MESSAGE “School Starts at Home ” 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

Holy God, in this moment of offering, we stand before you, acknowledging your boundless wisdom and unfailing love. As we present our gifts, we also lift our prayers for guidance and understanding. Grant us the wisdom to discern your will and the courage to walk in your ways. Bless these offerings and our lives, so that we may continue to worship you in Spirit and Truth. Amen.

\*HYMN #191 ‘Jesus Loves Me, This I Know’

\*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 (Belande) 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), Susan Foltz (organist at Mt. Carroll UMC), Denise Curtis, LaVona Grissinger, 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 18 – Pastor Fernando Candumbo de Castro
  - 18 – *Wayne & Martha White (1963)*
  - 18 – *Jason & Cori Moore (2018)*
  - 22 – Jean Jones
  - 24 – Brigit Jepsen
  - 24 – Ron Miller

- CALENDAR**
- Monday, August 19
    - 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
    - 3:30 to 5 pm – West Carroll Food Pantry
  - Wednesday, August 21
    - 4:30 to 6:30 pm – JOY dinner
  - Thursday, August 22
    - 9 am – Bible Study
    - 7 pm – Weekly Prayer Zoom
  - Sunday, August 25
    - 9:30 am – Worship
    - 11 am to 1 pm – Sunday School Kick-Off

**WORSHIP HELPERS**

	August 25	September 1
Acolyte	Ellie Johnson	
Liturgist	Rev. Bonnie Davies	
Counter	Vivian Eaton	Molly Andersen
Verifier	Kay Cavanagh	Linda Stubbe
Coffee Hour	No Coffee hour	No Coffee hour
Greeter	Worship cmte	Worship cmte
Ushers	Worship cmte	Worship cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 52 + 2 dogs

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WC Food Pantry** - Please consider giving to the food pantry as they are 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. The 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.

**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 19<sup>th</sup>** to the church office at 815-273-2345. Rides are available, in-town only. Come join us for an evening of great food, great music, and great fellowship!

**NEW MINISTRY – HOME CARE KITS** – We are going to start a new project for Midwest Missions. We are going to make Home Care Kits. These kits contain very few items and are used to help those who have been in floods, hurricanes, etc to clean up. We need the following items:  
1 - 5 gallon bucket, liquid household cleaner 56-80 oz (no spray bottles), dish soap 42-64 oz, liquid laundry detergent 100-150 oz, 1 scrub brush with or without a handle. We would like to see how many kits we can put together by Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> as that is Mission Sunday! Please place your items in the box outside the office.

**Carroll County Youth Group** – will resume on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more details.

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

**Midwest Mission Trip** – is planned for Monday, Sept 30<sup>th</sup> thru Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. 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** – TODAY during worship
  - Acolyte training** – TODAY after worship
  - Sunday School Kick-off** – Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 am to 1 pm
  - Adult & Youth Sunday School begins on Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 am**
  - Worship will go back to 10:15 am beginning Sunday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>**
  - Bring Your Grandparents to Church Day** – Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>



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at 9:30 am

**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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