



### **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 22, 2021

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Susan Michelle Jepsen

**L:** How wonderful it is to be in a dwelling place for God!

**P:** **The refreshing springs of God's love cleanse and restore us.**

**L:** There is a place here for everyone. No one is turned away.

**P:** **The least and the lost; the homeless and hopeless are always welcome in God's house.**

**L:** Praise to God who invites and shelters us all.

**A:** **Praise to God who heals and sends us forth to serve. Amen!**

HYMN# 514: “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” (Insert)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) Susan Michelle Jepsen  
**Holy God of mystery and power, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below, keeping covenant and steadfast love with all who walk before you with pure and upright hearts. Fill our lives with your glory, as you filled the temple with cloud when Solomon first brought the ark into your holy dwelling place. Give us the strength and the power to withstand the forces of evil at work in our lives and in our world. Amen.**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (Insert) Susan Michelle Jepsen

SCRIPTURE 1 1 Kings 8:57-61 (CEB)

Susan Michelle Jepsen

SCRIPTURE 2 Ephesians 6:18-20 (CEB) (Please Rise)

**L:** This is the word of God for the people of God.

**P:** **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN# 2042: “How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely” (Insert)

MESSAGE: “Church's Responsibility” Pastor Dave

### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Insert)

OFFERING OURSELVES

DOXOLOGY #95 (Insert)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

**God of power and might: Through the ages, you have reminded us through prophets and apostles that we are called to battle – not with one another, but against the powers of darkness and evil. Head of the church, receive what we offer as members of your body. As we serve you, coordinate our efforts so that nothing that should be done is left undone and all your purposes accomplished to the glory of your name. In Christ, we pray Amen.**

HYMN# 558: “We Are the Church” (Insert)

### BENEDICTION

God is always with you. Even when times get difficult and the way is not clear, God is truly by your side. Rest in God's strength and love. Serve God with joy.

GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

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.

Our slogan is Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors

We are the people of the United Methodist Church.

### In Our Prayers

Judy Dunn, Emilee Deerer, Susan Meyer, Patti Thulen, Betty Speck, Beth Wickes, Claire Winterburn, Billy David, Dee Helle, Chris Falk, Patty Nevills, Jodi French, Dawn Barber, Alice Riffe, Robert Hill, Matthew Foltz, Keith Brown, Bruce Fritz, Gary Goetz, Mike Johnson, Judy Law, Don Adams, Bang-Wool Yim, Merry Florence, Brenda Hamm, Grace.

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, John Hamm, Dorothy Taylor, Paul Brunner, Sylvia Reuterfors, Bill & Letty Weidman.

Our country & government/West Carroll Schools.

Military Personnel & their families.

Those under the threat of extreme heat, wildfires, & tropical storms.

People in Haiti and Afghanistan.

With school now opening, please pray for students, teachers, administrators, parents & workers.

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

August

22 - Jean Jones

24 – Bridgit Michelle Jepsen, Ron Miller

26 – RJ Clemens, Jeff Law

27 – Ashlie Jackson

28 – Sharon F. Guilinger

29 – Sharon A. Guilinger

### CALENDAR

Monday, August 23 (telstar deadline)

9 am Body & Soul Yoga

1 pm Sewing Ladies

Thursday, August 26

9 am Bible Study

9 am Body & Soul Yoga

Sunday, August 29 (Special Music & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday offering)

9:30 am Worship (Drive In only)

After worship Kids Kards

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendly reminder: Rhonda Law, you are the counter(s) for August 29. The verifier is Pam Darrow. Liturgist is Esther Losh. Thank you!  
LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 41 Outside

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday special offering will be August 29<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Savanna Food Pantry.

Food Pantry/Blessing Basket Items Needed:

Food Pantry – Pantry has moved to 118 S. 4<sup>th</sup> street. Thank you for all your support and prayers! The West Carroll Food Pantry is in need of spaghetti sauce, graham crackers and boxed cereal.

Blessing basket – Kleenex, dish soap, & 9 volt batteries. Thank you for your continued support! Please leave your donations in the food pantry box in the Narthex.



West Carroll schools need our help collecting school supplies for our children. This week we directly helped 13 children! We collected over 300 items! Specific items are backpacks (no wheels), wide-ruled notebooks and filler paper, 24-count crayons, pencil boxes, glue sticks, Zip locks of any size, 1-inch 3-ring binders, large boxes of Kleenex, Lysol or Clorox wipes, and pump bottles of hand sanitizer. Items can be placed in a basket in the narthex or collected on Sunday mornings until the end of August. Thank you for your generosity and your support of our children! The extra supplies will be given to West Carroll primary & middle schools to distribute as needed.



Worship summer schedule: 9:30 am worship outside service only through Labor Day weekend.



Did you know that you can donate your Tithes online?  
Online giving with Tithe.ly  
You can find the link on our church website.



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Sunday, 9:30 am  
August 22, 2021

### Vision 2021 – “Love God!”

Inward Focused Ministry during the Pandemic  
(to build up strong and vital church)  
Strong in Worship, Strong in Fellowship, Strong in Resources

*“Be strong and courageous;  
do not be frightened or dismayed,  
for the Lord your God is with you  
wherever you go  
(Joshua 1:9)*

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