



**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.”*

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Year C.**

09:30 AM Summer Sunday Worship August 24, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, let us bow before the holy One.

**C: Come, let us confess God's might.**

L: Come, let us feel God's mercy.

**C: Come, let us live in God's light.**

L: As God's people, we lift our voices in praise.

**Glory to you, gracious and loving God!**

**\* TFWS 2070 “ He Is Exalted”**

\*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) Paula Mayer

**Lord, we thank you for the gift of your son,**

**Jesus Christ, who humbled himself for our sake.**

**We pray that you will help me to have the same**

**humble and selfless attitude that Christ displayed.**

**Teach me to put others before myself and do nothing**

**from selfish ambition or conceit. Lord, forgive me for the**

**times when I have fallen short of this ideal, for the times**

**when we have been greedy or prideful. We ask for your**

**grace and strength to live a life that honors you and**

**reflects the love and humility of Christ. 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, 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.**

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

**Scripture Reading**

**Paula Mayer**

**PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11 NRSVUE**

**L: The Word of God for the People of God**

**P: Thanks be to God**

**Special Music:**

**Sermon Series: Living Joyfully**

**MESSAGE: The Joy of Imitating Christ - Pr. Fernando**

**SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**OFFERING OURSELVES**

**\*DOXOLOGY #95**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)**

**May these gifts be a symbol of our dependence**

**on you, acknowledging that all we have comes**

**from your hand. Help us to rely on you more fully**

**in every aspect of our lives, trusting in your unfailing**

**love and care. Amen.”**

**\*HYMN # 402" LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN ”**

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**Pastor Fernando**

**\*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD**

**Vivian Eaton**

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

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), Bob & LaVona Grissinger, Karen

(Paul’s Mayer sister ) Karen Burcham & Kandi (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, Vivian & Jim Eaton,

Mia (Paula’s co-worker),, Baby Adrian, Julie Brunner

(Linda Jachino’s cousin),Martha White, Tim Cavanagh,

Beverly & family (Emily Medley’s cousin),

Christine Jensen, Vanessa (Bob & LaVona’s daughter), Derek Osborn,

Nadine Law Renfro, Vicki & Michael Thomas ( Paula Mayer’s friends),

Chuck Atherton, Janet Smith (Denise’s sister), Freida Nichols, Mike Medley,

Lexi Piercy, 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, cold temperatures, the towns, families, students,

and school administrators, and those who experience everyday violence

and their families.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**August**

**24 - Brigit Jepsen**

**24 - Ron Miller**

**26 - Jeff Law**

**28- Sharon F. Guilinger**

**29 Sharon A. Guilinger**

**CALENDAR**

Monday, August 25

Office Closed

1 pm to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday August 26

Office Open

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Wednesday, August 27

Office Open

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Thursday, August 28

8:30 am to 4:30 pm Office Open

Friday, August 29

The pastor has a Meeting in Chicago

8:30 am to 4:30 pm Office Open  
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Sunday, August 23  
8:30 am – Prayer group 9:30 AM – Main Service

**WORSHIP HELPERS**

	August 24	August 31
Acolyte	Kirk Hoffman	Joe Pasch
Liturgist	Paula Mayer	Susan King
Counter	Vivian Eaton	Lori Miller
Verifier	Kay Cavanagh	Linda Stubbe
Coffee Hour	Vian and Tim	LaVona & Bob
Greeter	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte
Usher	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte

**Last Week’s Attendance: 74+2 Dogs.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Adult Sunday School:** Adult Sunday school will resume on September 7th at 9:00, right after the prayer group at 8:30. We meet in the library, and we'll begin with a six-week study on the book of Ruth. There are plenty of seats, so join us.

**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.

**Blessing Basket** – Blessing Basket is asking for donations of men's and women's deodorant This month. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry .

**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** – New Testament Bible Study starts Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> Monday at 9:30 AM Books are in the office now!

**Sunday Service:** hour will be from 10:15 from September 07<sup>th</sup>

**Telstar Iten’s:** Please send them no later than Monday.

**AROUND OUR CONNEXION**

**Prairie North** :How to Reach New People Workshop- Coaching with Paul Nickerson our Church should participate Will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> at Faith UMC in Freeport

**United Methodist Men:** Spiritual Congress will be held September Northern Illinois Conference United Methodist Men

**2025 Spiritual Congress**

**September 12-14, 2025**

**Theme:** "Forged by Grace"

**Location:** Conference Point Center, Williams Bay, WI

**2025 Safe Sanctuaries Trainings**

**Upcoming 2025 Northern Illinois Conference Trainings**

**Online Via Zoom -Cost \$15,** including class instruction and background check

- **Sat., Aug. 23,** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **Sun., Aug. 24,** 3 to 6 p.m.



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Methodist Church  
August 24<sup>th</sup> , 2025  
Sunday, 09:30 am

**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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