



**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 27, 2023

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Dalton Shaw

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Deeann Kramer

L: Calling all children of the Living God: the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

**P: Let us worship together, the young and the old.**

L: The good news is proclaimed in God's words, and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.

**P: Let us worship together, every generation.**

L: We come together with different abilities and disabilities, learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.

**P: Let us worship together, with our family of faith.**

L: All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed, "Let the children come!"

**P: Let us worship together, united in our eternal hope**

\*SONG "Your Grace Is Enough" by Chris Tomlin

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) Deeann Kramer

**God our teacher, who helps us to understand the world around us, thank you for the privilege of education. You have blessed our communities with teachers who take new skills and concepts and pass them along to each new class of young people. You speak to us through the words, actions, play, and feelings of children. You call us to listen to the Spirit speaking through our young siblings in Christ. We celebrate the beginning of this school year and ask for your blessings upon the children, the educators, and the families who support them all. We come to worship together, to lift up our young people and all those who care for them and teach them. Open our hearts to what you are saying to us today. Amen.**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881

Deeann Kramer

**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.**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SCRIPTURE Psalm 133 (Message) Deeann Kramer

GOSPEL Matthew 15:21-28 (CEB) Pastor Dave Yim

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

**A: Thanks be to God!**

\*HYMN #2151 "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

MESSAGE: "Be Courageous" Pastor Dave Yim

SHARING OF JOY & 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.**

OFFERING OURSELVES

\*DOXOLOGY

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Creator of the universe, we want to believe that your love for us means you will go before us on life's path and clear the way, making it easy to travel, but our experience doesn't always bear that out. We know you see a bigger picture than we do. As we bring you our offerings this day, we affirm your presence with us in the pits of despair as well as in the palaces of plenty. We give**

**with gratitude, in Christ's holy name. Amen.**

\*HYMN #191 "Jesus Loves Me"

\*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, 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, 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), 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), Denise Curtis, Paul Mayer, Diane Brinkmeier, Bentley Audi (Diane Brinkmeier's grandson), Debbie Schriener (former member), Dale Wurster, Tom Grissinger, Randy Law (Shirley Fritz's son-in-law), Ancil Guilinger, Albert (Paul Mayer's nephew), Owen & Will (Bonnie's son and grandson), the family of Dorothy Mitchell, Cindy Westbrook (Pastor Dave's friend), WC staff & students, 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, Maui (wild fires and devastation), those experiencing flooding due to the hurricanes, those dealing with extreme heat, 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

August 27 – Ashlie Jackson

28 – Sharon F Guilinger

29 – Sharon A Guilinger

31 – Bob Froehlich

September 1 – Kim Bundy, Caleb Thornton

2 – Ramona Green, Nick Law

3 – Jean Treter

## CALENDAR

Monday August 28

Pastor Dave out of office

1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday August 29

4:30 pm – SPRC meeting

Wednesday August 30

10 am – Choir practice

Thursday August 31

Pastor Dave out of the office

9 am – Bible Study

Sunday September 3

9:30 am – Worship (Communion)

## WORSHIP HELPERS

|               | September 3    | September 10       |
|---------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Acolyte       | Boyd Law       | Ryker McCombie     |
| Liturgist     |                |                    |
| Counter       | Molly Andersen | Rhonda Law         |
| Verifier      | Jackie Walker  | Tom Michels        |
| Guest Speaker |                | Rev. Bonnie Davies |

Last Week's Attendance: 68

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**West Carroll Food Pantry** – Please prayerfully consider donating Elbow macaroni, fruit cups/canned fruit (fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges, peaches), pasta sauce, and cream of chicken soup are needed right now! We can always use peanut butter (creamy), jelly (grape/strawberry), pancake mix, syrup, soup (tomato, cream of mushroom), mac & cheese, cereal, 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 were wiped out during the school supply giveaway. We need to restock everything and always need paper products. Your support is greatly appreciated!

**Outreach** – There are 8 spots reserved at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham on Monday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. They will leave on Monday morning and return Friday afternoon. Contact Cindy Law at 815-990-3629.

**Staff Parish Committee** – Meeting August 29<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 pm

**Choir Practice** – Wednesday August 30<sup>th</sup> & September 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am

**Bible Study** – Will resume on Thursday, August 31<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.

**Communion offering for September will go to the Blessing Basket.**

**Pastor will be gone** – September 4 thru 20<sup>th</sup>. Reach out to Ronda if you need anything. Rev. Bonnie will be covering pastoral care.

**United Women of Faith** – next meeting is Sept 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

**Sunday School Kick-Off** – Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8:45 am

**Adult Sunday School** – resumes Sunday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am. We will be studying “Matthew, Being Disciples by Jesus”. All are welcome to join.

**Worship Service** – starts at 10:15 am on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Children's Time will resume each Sunday.

**Youth Group** – will meet Sunday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5 – 6:15 pm. They will resume meeting the first Sunday of the month. (Oct 1<sup>st</sup>)

**All Committee Budgets are due by September 10<sup>th</sup>!**

**Finance** – next meeting is September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm via zoom

**Soul Sisters** – next outing will be Thursday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup> for the Apple River Fort Tour and lunch. Carpool leaves here at 9 am. Any questions, please contact Linda Jachino.

**Health & Worship** – next meeting is September 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm

**Kids Kards** – next meeting is September 24<sup>th</sup> after church service

**UM Men** – next meeting is September 26 at 5:30 pm.

**Crop Walk** – Oct 1<sup>st</sup> @ 1 pm at Thomson UMC

**Church Conference** – Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. The DS will lead our service. 9:30 am – SPRC mtg, 10:15 am – worship/conference, Approximately 11:15 am – luncheon.

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Graders** – Do you have your own Bible? If not, see the Sunday School Teachers (Kris or Sharon)

**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!!!



# First United Methodist Church Sunday, 9:30 am August 27, 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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