

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 29, 2021

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART

Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Esther Losh

- L: Look to the mountains; look to the hills!
- P: Love comes to us with joy!
- L: The world is filled with beauty.
- P: Flowers appear on the earth, birdsong brightens the day.
- L: Crops yield their produce in abundance, the air is filled with sweetness.
- P: The summer of God's love is with us.
- L: Let the oil of gladness anoint your souls.
- A: Arise and sing for joy!

SPECIAL SONG #1 What a Beautiful Name Pastor Dave

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) Esther Losh Creating God, you are the source of summer's splendor—the beauty and fragrance of delicate flowers, and sweet sound of birdsong. We come to you this morning with delight and gladness, grateful for all of your wonders. As the fields produce their harvest, may your love grow within us, that we too may produce a harvest of love, hope, and joy. Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (Insert)

Esther Losh

SCRIPTURE James 1:19-25(NLT)

Esther Losh

GOSPEL Mark 7:1-8 (NRSV) (Please Rise)

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL SONG #2 "What a Friend We Have In Jesus"
Bang-Wool Yim

MESSAGE: "What Matters to Jesus?" Pastor Dave

SPECIAL SONG #3 "I've got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy"
Jiho, Jiwon, Jisung Yim

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Insert)

OFFERING OURSELVES

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

DOXOLOGY #95

Generous, giving God; we offer our gifts to you in gratitude for all the blessings you rain down upon us. Your sunshine warms us, your earth feeds us, and your word nourishes us. More than these gifts of money, we give ourselves—our time and our energy—that we might be doers of your word and not just hearers only. We pray this in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

SPECIAL SONG #4 "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

Vivian Eaton

(Insert)

BENEDICTION

As Christ has fed and redeemed your life, now go into the world in peace and love offering ministries of hope and justice.

Go in peace and may the peace of God always be with you. Amen.

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, Stone Curboy, Grace Struve, Sammy Alvelo, Family of Joleen Bastian, Family of Heidi David, Family of Lizzy Norton. 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, Soldiers in Afghanistan. Those under the threat of wildfires, tropical storms, & flooding.

People in Haiti, Afghanistan, & North Korea. With school now opening, please pray for students, teachers, administrators, parents & workers.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

August

29 – Sharon A. Guilinger

30 – Lucas Ingersol

31 – Bob Froehlich

September

1 – Hayden Bradberry, Caleb Thornton

2 – Ramona Green, Nick Law

3 – Jean Treter

4 – Sandy Wurster

5 – Kenny Clemons

CALENDAR

Monday, August 30 (Church office closed)

9 am Body & Soul Yoga

1 pm Sewing Ladies

Thursday, September 2

9 am Bible Study

4 pm Nomination meeting

Sunday, September 5 (Labor Day weekend)

9:30 am Worship – Communion (Drive In only)

Monday, September 6 Labor Day

Church Office Closed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendly reminder: Charlene & Paula Mayer, you are the counter(s) for September 5th. The verifier is Sharon Guilinger. Liturgist is Bill Wright. Thank you!

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 50 Outside

5th Sunday special offering will benefit the Savanna Food Pantry. Food Pantry/Blessing Basket Items Needed:

Food Pantry – Pantry has moved to 118 S. 4th 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. 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 supplies will be given to West Carroll primary & middle schools to distribute as needed.

Worship schedule: 9:30 am worship <u>outside service only</u>
Worship will continue to meet outside thru September
for the safety of everyone.
Will re-evaluate at end of September by
Worship Committee.

Blessing of the Backpacks & Sunday School Kickoff Day Sunday, September 12th at 9:30 am.

Confirmation Class Orientation Sunday, September 12th 2 pm Financial Report July 2021

Cash Available in General Account: \$12,979.14		
	July	Year to Date
Church Revenue	\$9,320.81	\$94,187.06
Church Expenses	\$14,732.68	\$101,365.76
Net Operating Balance	\$(5,411.87)	\$(7,178.70)
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$1,303.00	\$9,121.00
Please, contact Vivian Eaton at 815-541-5671		

Help Wanted

Vivian Eaton has served our church for many years, both as our organist and as our treasurer. Vivian would like to take a well deserved slower pace and pass the baton as Church Treasurer to someone else at the end of the year. This position is one of the most important positions in the church.

If you think you have the talents to serve our church community in this capacity and want to learn more about what the Church Treasurer really does, feel free to talk to Vivian, Financial Chair Tom Michels, Administrative Council Chair John LeComte, or Pastor Dave.



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



First United Methodist Church Sunday, 9:30 am August 29, 2021 (Outside Service Only)

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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