



**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.”*

9am Sunday Worship

August 30, 2020

PRELUDE

Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Text Pastor Dave at 224-600-0446)

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Insert)

CALL TO WORSHIP

**L:** Give thanks to God with all your hearts.

**P:** **We will hold nothing back from our God.**

**L:** Sing full-throated praises to our God.

**P:** **We will join in the chorus of thanksgiving for God’s abiding love.**

**L:** Glorify God and that Word we know as Jesus Christ.

**A:** **We will worship our God with wonder and joy.**

HYMN#2129 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” (Insert)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

**Our heavenly Father, we your humble children  
invoke your blessing on us. We adore you, whose**

**name is love, whose nature is compassion, whose  
presence is joy, whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is  
goodness, whose holiness is beauty, whose will is  
peace, whose service is perfect freedom, and in  
knowledge of whom stands our eternal life. Unto  
you be all honor and all glory; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.**

THE APOSTLE’S CREED (Insert)

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-25 (NRSV)

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE: “What is My Cross?”

Pastor Dave

Special Music 1: “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Yim Family singing

Special Music 2: “Victory in Jesus”

Brennon Cavanagh (saxophone)

Special Music 3: “His Eye is on the Sparrow”

Pastor Dave (solo)

Special Music 4: “It is Well With my Soul”

Vivian Eaton (piano)

DOXOLOGY # 95 (Insert)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

**Merciful and forgiving God, the tithes and gifts we  
offer to you this morning are but a small portion of  
the blessings we have received. The Gospels remind  
us that Jesus instructed us to “deny ourselves, take  
up our cross and follow,” and yet we deny ourselves  
little, see the smallest of crosses as too great a  
burden, and follow only from a safe distance.  
In doing so, we cut ourselves off from deeper**

**experiences of discipleship. Forgive us and  
renew our strength and discipline to walk  
this road with our Savior. In Jesus name,  
we pray. Amen.**

HYMN#402 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

BENEDICTION

Go boldly into the world in the confidence  
that God goes with you, guiding your steps  
of peace and healing. Bring the good news  
of God’s love to all you meet.  
Go in peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Vivian Eaton

You can also find our pre-recorded  
online service on **our Church Website.**

**In Our Prayers**

Suzie Berg, Judy Dunn, Cindy, Vanessa,  
Emilee Deerer, Sherri Miller, Susan Meyer,  
Harper Christian, Burt Dauphin,  
Betty Speck, Beth Wickes,  
Mara Sutton-Roche, Suzanne Atherton,  
Ruth Morfey, Charlie White,  
Big Meadows nursing home.

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

Military Personnel and their families

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### August

31 Bob Froehlich, Ramsey Miller

### September

1 Kim Bundy, Caleb Thornton

2 Nick Law, Ramona Green

4 Sandy Wurster

5 Kenny Clemens

7 Julie Brigham

## Calendar

Monday, August 31

9am Body & Soul Yoga

1pm Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, September 1

6:30pm UMW Meeting

Thursday, September 3

9am Body & Soul Yoga

Sunday, September 6

9am Outdoor Worship (Communion Sunday)

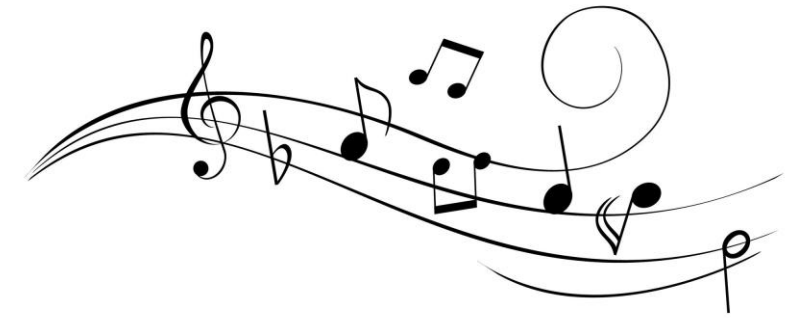
Monday, September 7

OFFICE CLOSED

Happy Labor Day!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We welcome all visitors to our Worship time today. We are glad you're here. Our slogan is Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors. We are the people of the United Methodist Church.
2. Friendly reminder: Charlene Mayer you are the counter for next week September 6, 2020. The verifier is Sharon Guilinger. Thank you!
3. LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 61
4. **COVID-19 Mask Rule**  
During our Sunday Drive-In Services  
When people stay in their vehicles - NO Mask  
When people are outside their vehicles - Mask Required  
  
During the Weekday or during Meetings  
When people visit church office or have meetings inside of church building - Mask is Required
5. Mark your calendars for the Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> during worship. We will also be reaching out to parents in the coming weeks to schedule Sunday School for the kids!
6. Bonnie Davies has volunteered to lead Thursday adult bible study again! Class will begin with the book of Revelation on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the library. Masks will be required.
7. September Telstar is ready! You can find it on our website and Facebook.



## First United Methodist Church Sunday, 9:00 am

*"You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, and with all your soul,  
and with all your mind, and with all your strength,  
and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."*  
--Jesus Christ

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