



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

September 3, 2023

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE

Boyd Law

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART

Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan Michelle Jepsen

L: Followers of Christ, God calls us just as we are to live as truth-tellers and gospel-bringers in the world.

P: God, we know you call us, and still, we ask, "Who am I that you would call me?"

L: Like Moses standing before the burning bush convinced of his unworthiness to lead your people out of bondage, we ask,

P: "Who am I that you would call me?"

L: Like Peter who thought he got it right only to realize that who Jesus is doesn't meet his expectations of who a Savior should be, we ask,

P: "Who am I that you would call me?"

L: As we raise this question to God today, we open our hearts to receive God's answer:

P: You are my beloved children. You are my disciples. You are my people called to share the love of God for the transformation of the world. Amen.

*SONG "How Great Is Our God"

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Susan Michelle Jepsen

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881

Susan Michelle Jepsen

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.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:18-21 (CEB)

Susan Michelle Jepsen

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28 (CEB)

Pastor Dave Yim

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

A: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN #2242 "Walk with Me" (v. 1 & 4 only)

MESSAGE:

"How Can a Savior Die?"

Pastor Dave Yim

SHARING OF JOY & CONCERNS (Text Ronda 815-275-8045)

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION / CONFESSION

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERING OURSELVES

*DOXOLOGY

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of power and might: We, like Peter, struggle with the image of a savior sent to suffer and die. We may seem to be doing great in following Christ, but we too stumble at this point. Perhaps we stumble because we know that what follows is Christ's call to us to deny ourselves and pick up a cross of our own in order to follow. As we bring gifts for the work of building your kingdom, help us to learn to deny, carry, and follow. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

THE BREAD AND CUP

*HYMN #620 "One Bread, One Body"

*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, Brady O'Neal, Eli (Bob & LaVona's grandson), Pastor Bill Landis, Shirley Hastings, Carol Eyerly (Cori Moore's mom), Alice Riffe-Torrison (Ronda's mom), Pastor Karen Schilling (Bonnie Davies' friend), Donny Hughes, Jeff O'Leary, Kathy Wainwright (Susan Michelle's friend), Kim Walker (Jackie's daughter), Denise Curtis, 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 (Bonnie's son), Cindy Westbrook (Pastor Dave's friend), Susan Michelle Jepsen, 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 and damage due to the hurricanes, those dealing with extreme heat, and the victims of everyday gun violence and their families.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

September 1 – Tom & LeaAnn Michels (1979)
 3 – Jean Treter
 4 – Sandy Wurster
 5 – Kenny Clemens
 7 – Julie Brigham

CALENDAR

Monday September 4 (Labor Day)
 Pastor Dave out of office (Sept 4 thru 20th)
 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
 Tuesday September 5
 6:30 pm – United Women of Faith
 Wednesday September 6
 10 am – Choir practice
 Thursday September 7
 Office will open late (11 am to 2 pm)
 9 am – Bible Study
 Sunday September 10
 All Budget information due!!!
 8:45 am – Sunday School Kickoff!!!
 10:15 am – Worship
 5 to 6:15 pm Youth Group

WORSHIP HELPERS

	September 10	September 17
Acolyte	Ryker McCombie	Asia LaShelle
Liturgist	Esther Losh	Molly Andersen
Counter	Rhonda Law	Lori Miller
Verifier	Tom Michels	Sharon F Guilinger
Guest Speaker	Rev. Bonnie Davies	Rev. Mike Jones

Last Week's Attendance: 61

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 18th. They will leave on Monday morning and return Friday afternoon. Contact Cindy Law at 815-990-3629.

Choir Practice – Wednesday August 30th & September 6th @ 10 am.

Communion offering for September will go to the Blessing Basket.

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

United Women of Faith – next meeting is Sept 5th at 6:30 pm

Sunday School Kick-Off – Sunday, September 10th @ 8:45 am

Adult Sunday School – resumes Sunday Sept. 10th 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 10th.

Children's Time will resume each Sunday.

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

All Committee Budgets are due by September 10th!

Finance – next meeting is Sept. 12th @ 6 :00 pm in person at church
Soul Sisters – next outing will be Thursday, Sept 14th 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 14th at 3:30 pm

Kids Kards – next meeting is September 24th after church service

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

Crop Walk – Oct 1st @ 1 pm at Thomson UMC

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

2nd, 3rd, & 4th 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!!!

*Open Hearts! Open Minds! Open Doors!
 We are the people of the United Methodist Church.*



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Sunday, 9:30 am
 September 3, 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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