### 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."

10:15 am Sunday Worship

September 17, 2023

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE

Asia LaShelle

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART

Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS John LeComte

CHOIR "We Praise Your Name" by Ruth Elaine Schram

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 8) Molly Andersen L: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

P: From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

L: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?

# P: You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

**L:** You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

P: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Molly Andersen

O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts on us than we are to seek them, and are willing to give more than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881

Molly Andersen

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.

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** 

Annika Law

"Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" & "Snake Dance"

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** 

Ryker McCombie

"Minuet in G" & "Fairest Lord Jesus"

CHILDREN'S TIME

Molly Andersen

\*SCRIPTURE

John 12:23-28a (NIV)

Molly Andersen
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\*SCRIPTURE Romans 6:5-14 (NIV)

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

A: Thanks be to God!

\*HYMN #504 "The Old Rugged Cross"

MESSAGE:

"The Way to Abundant Life for Evermore"

Pastor Mike Jones

SHARING OF JOY & CONCERNS (Text Ronda 815-275-8045)
PRAYER FOR PEOPLE Pastor Mike Jones

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

\*HYMN #593 "Here I Am, Lord"

\*BENEDICTION Pastor Mike Jones

\*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

### **In Our Prayers**

Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Rod Furrow, Rhonda Harlock Smith, 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), 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 grand-son), Debbie Schriener (former member), Dale Wurster, Tom Grissinger, Randy Law (Shirley Fritz's son-in-law), Ancil Guilinger, Owen (Bonnie's son), Cindy Westbrook (Pastor Dave's friend), Susan Michelle Jepsen, Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling's friend), Don Kramer, Jessica Randecker (Karen Wallace's co-worker), Randy & Susie Bonjour, Alyssa & David, Lisa Coers, Tim Addie (relative of Bob & LaVona), Monica Becker (Ronda's friend), Steve Runge (Ronda'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), the people of Morocco (severe earthquake damage) those experiencing flooding and damage due to the hurricanes, those dealing with extreme heat, and the victims of everyday gun violence and their families.

<sup>\*</sup>HYMN #140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

September 20 – Jason Moore

21 – Dorothy Taylor

24 – Janis Wilt

24 – *Rod & Christy Clemens* (2005)

### **CALENDAR**

Monday September 18

Telstar items due!

Pastor Dave out of office (Sept 4 thru 20<sup>th</sup>)

Chatham Mission Trip (Sept 18 thru 22<sup>nd</sup>)

1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

3:30 to 5 pm – WC Food Pantry

**Tuesday September 19** 

11 am to 2 pm - Office will open late

Wednesday September 20

All Church Conference items due to the office!!!

Friday September 22

6 pm to 7 pm – Girl Scouts

Sunday September 24

8:45 am - Adult Sunday School

9:30 am - Youth Sunday School

10:15 am – Worship

11:15 am – Kids Kards

4 pm – DS Installation Service @ Rockford Grace UMC

### **WORSHIP HELPERS**

	September 24	October 1
Acolyte	Caleb Thornton	Ellie Johnson
Liturgist	Linda Jachino	???
Counter	Vivian Eaton	Molly Andersen
Verifier	LaVona Grissinger	???

Last Week's Attendance: 47

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

West Carroll Food Pantry —Please prayerfully consider donating crackers (any kind), peanut butter (creamy), jelly (grape or strawberry), tuna, cream of mushroom soup, chicken noodle soup, canned fruit (any kind), and pasta (any kind) are needed right now as their shelves are empty! We can always use pancake mix, syrup, soup (tomato & cream of chicken), mac & cheese, cereal, every month. 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!

<u>Blessing Basket</u> – We were wiped out during the school supply giveaway. We need to restock everything and always need paper products. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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

**Children's Time** -will resume each Sunday during worship.

<u>Telstar</u> – Last day to submit items is September 18<sup>th</sup>

Office open late – Tuesday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 am to 2 pm

All Conference forms are due September 20th!!!

<u>Card shower for Dorothy Taylor</u> – she will turn 100 on Sept 21<sup>st</sup>! You can send a card to her at Big Meadows. 1000 Longmoor Ave, Savanna, IL 61074.

No Bible Study Thursday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> – resume Sept 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am United Women in Faith – Fall Annual Meeting of the Prairie District will be Saturday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 to 12 noon in Rockford.

<u>Kids Kards</u> – next meeting is September 24th after church service <u>Carroll County Health Dept Flu Shot Clinic</u> – will be held @FUMC on Tuesday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 11:30 am.

<u>Bill & Letty Weidman Inurnment</u> – graveside service only will be held Tuesday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> @ 11 am.

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

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

<u>Church Conference</u> – 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!!!

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.



# First United Methodist Church Sunday, 10:15 am September 17, 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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