



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 10, 2023

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Ryker McCombie

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Esther Losh

L: Draw near to God, who has heard your complaining. Come in the name of Jesus, who understands your needs.

P: We have received manna in the wilderness. We have been Offered the bread of life.

L: Open yourselves to God's steadfast love. Be honest before the Holy One who knows all you do.

P: We are judged according to our deeds. Our secret sins are known to our God.

L: The Holy Spirit has come to restore your joy. God's presence is real to those who accept God's gift.

P: Whoever comes to Jesus will not be hungry. Whoever trusts in Christ will never be thirsty.

*HYMN #152 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) Esther Losh

We hear you calling us, loving God, to a life of humility, gentleness, and patience. Keep your call before us in this hour that we may recognize and celebrate our oneness in Jesus Christ. May your Spirit unite us in the bond of peace. Speak to us of the Savior, who bore humanity's shame that we might learn to bear with one another in love. Draw us to a common faith, in spite of our differences. Lead us into new depths of trust beyond our knowing, and along new pathways of service outdistancing our fears. Amen

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881 Esther Losh

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME LaVona Grissinger

SCRIPTURE Psalm 51:6-12 (NRSV) Esther Losh

GOSPEL Exodus 3:1-15 (NRSV) Rev. Bonnie Davies

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: "God Calls You" Rev. Bonnie Davies

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

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE

OFFERING OURSELVES

*DOXOLOGY

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

We dedicate our offerings, not alone for the good they can accomplish and the mission they will support, but also because giving helps us to gain perspective on what really matters. We would stop working only for food that perishes, seeking for all the food that endures for eternal life. May our lives and all we give perform the works of God. Build us up in love for one another and for all your children everywhere.

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.

*HYMN #2223 "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

*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), 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, The Lewis family, Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling's friend), Don Kramer, Jessica Randecker (Karen Wallace's co-worker), LaVona Grissinger, Monica Becker (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), those experiencing flooding and damage due to the hurricanes, those dealing with extreme heat, and the victims of everyday 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

September 11 – Madison Haynes
 12 – Lori Law
 14 – Sherri Miller
 16 – Boyd Law

CALENDAR

Monday September 11

Pastor Dave out of office (Sept 4 thru 20th)

1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

3:30 to 5 pm – WC Food Pantry

6:30 pm – Savanna Service Group

Tuesday September 12

6 pm – Finance meeting (In Person)

Thursday September 14

9 am – Bible Study

9 am – Soul Sisters Outing

3:30 pm – Health & Worship meeting

Sunday September 17

8:45 am – Adult Sunday School

9 am - Trustees

9:30 am – Youth Sunday School

10:15 am – Worship

11:15 am – Ad Council

WORSHIP HELPERS

	September 17	September 24
Acolyte	Asia LaShelle	Caleb Thornton
Liturgist	Molly Andersen	Linda Jachino
Counter	Lori Miller	Vivian Eaton
Verifier	Sharon F Guilinger	LaVona Grissinger
Guest Speaker	Rev. Mike Jones	N/A

Last Week's Attendance: 52 & 3 dogs

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.

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

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

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

All Committee Budgets are due TODAY!!!

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

Trustees/Ad Council – meetings on Sept. 17th at 9 am/11:15 am

Telstar – Last day to submit items is September 18th

All Conference forms are due September 20th!!!

United Women in Faith – Fall Annual Meeting of the Prairie District will be Saturday, Sept. 23rd from 9:30 to 12 noon in Rockford.

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

Carroll County Health Dept Flu Shot Clinic – will be held @FUMC on Tuesday, Sept. 26th from 10 to 11:30 am.

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

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!!!



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Sunday, 10:15 am
September 10, 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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