



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 November 24, 2024

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Kirk Hoffman

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Paula Mayer

L: Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my sighing.

P: Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.

L: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning, I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

P: You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you, the wicked cannot dwell.

L: The arrogant cannot stand in your presence; you hate all who do wrong.

P: You destroy those who tell lies; bloodthirsty and deceitful men the Lord abhors.

L: But I, by your great mercy, will come into your house; in reverence will I bow down toward your holy temple.

P: Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies— make straight your way before me.

*HYMN #61 “Come, Thou Almighty King”

*OPENING PRAYER (Unison) Paula Mayer

Ever-present God, we are certain that You answer our prayers, we praise You for listening to us even when we do not realize or see our answers right away we know you are faithful, grant us wisdom today so as we pray we may free our hearts from all anxieties come Lord and accept our worship we ask that you teach us how to pray, nurture us with stronger faith so we may trust you with all our hearts, in Jesus’s name we pray name Amen.

THE APOSTLE’S CREED #881

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: Jeremiah 29:11-14 (NIV) Paula Mayer

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

HYMN #496 “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

MESSAGE: “Prayer Is the Start” Pastor Mike Jones

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (call/text Ronda 815-275-8045)

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE

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 #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison) Pastor Mike Jones

Divine Source of Wisdom, we bring these offerings with hearts attuned to your call. As we gather in your presence, may our gifts reflect the wisdom and discernment you desire for us. Use these offerings to nurture understanding, compassion, and justice in our world. Guide us to listen and act with insight, spreading your love and grace. Transform our giving

into actions that make a difference. Help us grow in our faith and commitment to your ways. In the holy name of Jesus, we pray. Amen

*HYMN #577 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Pastor Mike Jones

*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

In Our Prayers

Sandy Froehlich, Glen White, Pastor Bill Landis, Shirley Hastings, Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling’s friend), Herb, Sandy & Ben Pratt, Lexi Tsoukalas (Molly’s great niece), Debbie Bilik (Janet Morlock’s friend), Scarlett Huebner, Chrissy Sullivan, Angie (Paula’s friend), Roger Furrow, Eli (Bob & Lavona’s grandson), Paula Mayer, Tinslee, Ed & Barb Jepsen, Mary (Belander) Klein, Howard Nichols, Jackie Walker, John Jachino, Kristin (Bob & LaVona Grissinger’s granddaughter), Chuck Curtis, Alyssa Volkers, Burt Prins, Lisa (LaVona’s friend), Jill (Melinda Dykema’s daughter), Susan Foltz (organist at Mt. Carroll UMC), Denise Curtis, Abby & baby (Karen Hoffman’s cousin), LaVona Grissinger, Iola McCutcheon (Tim Cavanagh’s friend), Sarah & Marty Brubaker, Tim Cavanagh, Karen Burcham (Paul Mayer’s sister), Beth (LaVona’s colleague), the Norman family, Bang-Wool Yim, Dan Zambon (uncle of Kim Gonzalez), Pat Kemp (Mary Iron’s friend), Denise Curtis, Dave Fosdick, Jon & Jody Kragle (Dianne Percy’s friends), Melinda Dykema, Karen Grissinger (Bob & LaVona’s daughter-in-law), Dave Miller (Brigit Jepsen’s boyfriend’s father), Mary & Phil Nylin (house fire), Karen Hoffman’s cousins (house fire), Richard Holy, Gary Speed, John Norse, Nikki Badtke, Lousie Brouillard (Ronda’s friend), Alexis (Lexi) Piercy, Howie Von Haden (LaVona’s brother), Nick Law (Jeff & Rhonda Law’s son), the family of Francisco Rodriguez, and for closure for the family of Jackson Kradle.

Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Herb, Sandy & Ben Pratt, Florence Bevins-Powell.

Our country & government; Military Personnel & their families; the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars; Haiti; Syria; Israel; the Gaza Strip; peace in the Middle East; people affected by the heat, tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, and hurricanes; the towns, families, students, school administrators, and those who experience everyday 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

- November 25 – Kirk Hoffman
- 25 – Martha White
- 28 – Priscila de Castro
- 30 – Vivian Eaton

CALENDAR

- Monday, Nov 25
 - 8:30 am to 11:30 am – Office open
 - 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
 - 3 pm – JOY Meeting
- Tuesday, Nov 26
 - 9 am to 12 noon – Office open
 - 6 pm – Community Choir practice
- Wednesday, Nov 27
 - 8:30 am to 11:30 am – Office open
 - 10 am – Choir practice
- Thursday, Nov 28
 - Office Closed – Thanksgiving
- Friday, Nov 29
 - 8:30 am to 11:30 am – Office open
- Sunday, Dec 1
 - Hanging of the Greens
 - 9 am – Adult Sunday School
 - 9 am – Youth Sunday School
 - 10:15 am – Worship
 - 11:30 am – Coffee hour

WORSHIP HELPERS

	December 1	December 8
Acolyte	Pearl Michels	?
Liturgist	Hanging of the Greens	Linda Jachino
Counter	Molly Andersen	Rhonda Law
Verifier	LaVona Grissinger	Mary Irons
Coffee Hour	Bonnie Davies	Badtke’s
Greeter	Worship cmte	Worship cmte
Ushers	Worship cmte	Worship cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 53

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WC Food Pantry - Please consider giving to the food pantry as they are in desperate need of fruit, peanut butter & jelly, Mac & cheese, crackers, pancake mix, syrup, Chef Boyardee, and cereal! Please remember this is all so no child goes hungry!!!

Blessing Basket – We are in need sunscreen, men’s & women’s shampoo, lotion, deodorant, sandwich bags, and aluminum foil. We always need paper products. Your support of this ministry is greatly appreciated!

The Women's Group is asking you to bring clean and dry plastic bags. The group will make sleeping mats out of them for homeless people. You can drop them off in a box in the sewing room at church.

Weekly Zoom Prayer Meeting – will be cancelled until further notice!

Church Worship will be at 10:15 am!

New Member Class – will be given by Pastor Fernando. This will be a 5 week class, once a week, **either in person or via Zoom**. If you are interested or have questions, let the office know.

Pastor Fernando will be gone from Nov 14th till further notice! – Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers till the come back.

If need Pastoral Care while Pastor is gone – call Ronda at 815-275-8045.

Church Hours will be changing! - Monday, Wednesday, & Friday will be 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Tuesday & Thursday will be 9 am to 12 noon.

JOY Recap Meeting – will be on Monday, Nov 25th at 3 pm.

Church office closed on Thursday, Nov 28th.

Volunteers Are Needed – to help at Classy Closet. The hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 10 am - 1 pm or 1 pm - 4 pm. If interested, let the office know.



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Sunday, November 24th, 2024
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Vision Statement

“Our faith calls us to action in the
body of Christ and in the local
community to love God and to
love others”

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