



**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."*

10:15am Sunday Worship November 26, 2023

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Asia LaShelle

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Jiho Yim

L: Come! Let us give thanks to God!

**P: We give thanks for the gift of warm bread, the smell of dinner cooking in the oven, and the joy of gathering around a table together.**

L: Come! Let us give thanks to God!

**P: We give thanks for all the times God has made a way out of no way, providing for us in body and spirit just when we need it.**

L: Come! Let us give thanks to God!

**P: We give thanks for the ways God weaves us together as a community of love and care, supporting one another in the ebbs and flows of daily life.**

L: Let us come into God's presence with grateful praise!

**P: Come! Let us worship God together. Amen.**

\*SONG "Shout to The Lord" from Worship DVD

OPENING PRAYER Jiho Yim

**Awesome God, you created the world and all that is in it. You blessed each element of creation with your love. You called us from slavery into witness and service. Be with us this day as we gather to worship. Clear our minds of all the distractions which would draw us away from you. Open our hearts and spirits and let your healing and empowering love flow in. Prepare us to be witnesses to your power and love as we use the gifts with which you have blessed us in your service. For we offer this prayer in the name of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881

Jiho Yim

**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 Esther Losh

SCRIPTURE Proverbs 11:24-25 (CEB) Jiho Yim

\*SCRIPTURE II Acts 20:35 (CEB) Pastor Dave Yim

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

**A: Thanks be to God!**

HYMN #2175 "Together We Serve"

MESSAGE: The Use of Money II Pastor Dave Yim

SHARING OF JOY AND CONCERNS

(Text Pastor Dave, 224-600-0446)

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

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**God of abundance, as we bring gifts to your altar, we confess that we have wallowed in scarcity thinking. We worry that we might not have enough – not just in our own lives but also as part of your church eternal. Our scarcity thinking has sentenced us to think small in what we can do and moved us to believe in the dark corners of our consciousness that you are somehow limited.**

**Forgive us when we have been afraid to believe that you have enough to meet every need the world had in the past, has now and will have in the future. As witnesses of Christ's abundant love, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN #694 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*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, John Ritchie, Gi-Tae Yim, Inga, Sandy Froehlich, Vanessa & Tom Grissinger (Bob & LaVona's children), Deb Endress (Kris Yingling's friend), Barb McFadden, Glen White, Shirley Fritz, Baby Adrian & his mom, Alice (Esther's sister), Janet Smith, 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, Kim Walker (Jackie's daughter), Barb Green, Bentley Audi (Diane Brinkmeier's grand-son), Debbie Schriener (former member), Dale Wurster, Randy Law (Shirley Fritz's son-in-law), Ancil Guilinger, Owen (Bonnie's son), Cindy Westbrook (Pastor Dave's friend), Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling's friend), Randy & Susie Bonjour, Tim Addie (relative of Bob & LaVona), Steve Runge (Ronda's friend), Jim Eaton, Sharon Atherton (Kris Yingling's aunt), Cody Rose (Courtney Johnson's friend), Pam Darrow, John Jachino, Joann Badtke (Bruce's mom), Connie Zink, Hazi (Cori Moore's daughter), Barb & Ed Jepsen, Paul Mayer, Will Bussan (Bonnie's grandson), Angie Lennon (friend of Paula Mayer), our Confirmands (Jon, Aiden, Jiho, Asia, Caleb, and Lexi), WC staff & students, and our farmers during the harvest season.

**Our shut-ins:** Mary Ann Larsen, 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, and Shirley Fritz.

Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, The safety of Ukrainians & end of wars, Syria, Israel, the Gaza strip, peace in the Middle East, those experiencing flooding and damage due to the hurricanes/earthquakes, and the victims of everyday gun violence and their families.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

November 30 – Vivian Eaton, Joe Michels

December 1 – Bonnie Davies

2 – Pearl Michels, John Brigham, Sally Marken

3 – Shelby Rathje

## CALENDAR

Monday November 27

(Pastor out of office - Meeting)

1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Wednesday November 29

10 am – Choir practice

5 pm – Advent Bible Study

Thursday November 30

9 am – Bible Study

Friday December 1

9 am to 5 pm – Bell Ringing at Sullivan’s

6 pm – Girl Scouts

Saturday December 2

9 am to 5 pm – Bell Ringing at Sullivan’s

Sunday December 3

9 to 10 am – Children & Youth SS (rehearsal)

10:15 am – Worship (Hanging of the Greens)

3:30 pm – Confirmation class

5 to 6:15 pm – Youth Group

## WORSHIP HELPERS

|           | December 3   | December 10    |
|-----------|--------------|----------------|
| Acolyte   | Boyd Law     | Caleb Thornton |
| Liturgist | Ronda Rathje | ???            |
| Counter   | Cori Moore   | Molly Andersen |
| Verifier  | Mary Irons   | Karen Hoffman  |

Last Week’s Attendance: 61

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WC Food Pantry** – Fill your Advent Calendar and get into the drawing for prizes! Fill as many calendars as you would like. Share with your friends too! (Extra calendars are in the Narthex)

**Blessing Basket** – We need to restock everything and always need paper products. Your support 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.

**Confirmation Class** –will meet Dec 3rd at 3:30 to 5 pm. All meetings will be the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

**Youth Group** – meets Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5 pm

**December Communion** – will go to WC Food Pantry

**Hanging of the Greens** – December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Only a few positions are left open!

**Order your Poinsettas!!!** – Order forms available in the office. \$18 each. Please fill out the form and turn your money into the office no later than 11 am this Wednesday, Nov 29<sup>th</sup>! You may also bring your own poinsettia to place on the alter.

**Christmas Bell Ringing** – Sign up sheets are in the narthex for December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Open House for Pastor Bonnie’s 80<sup>th</sup> birthday** – will be Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2 pm at Happy Joe’s in Galena. Her daughter, Elyssa, wanted to extend the invitation for all to come celebrate.

**Praise Band Practice** – Saturday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 9:30 to 10:30 am

**Now collecting for Children’s Fund!** – Please give your monetary donations to the office or Mary Irons. If you would like to personally shop for a family, please see Mary Irons.

**Advent Bible Study with light supper, fellowship, and prayer is coming up!!!** “The Acts of the Apostles” It is a 4 week program and the first gathering is on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 to 7 pm.

Please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex

**No Adult Sunday School on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**UWF** – will meet December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm for their Christmas party at Mary Iron’s house.

**Choir Practice** – December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am

**UM Men** –Meeting will be Tuesday, December 12 @ 5:30 pm. Soup, fellowship, and book discussion.

**Christmas Concert** – December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 2 pm

**Children’s Christmas Program** – December 17<sup>th</sup> during worship

**Blood Drive** – January 10<sup>th</sup> – Stay tuned for more details

**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  
November 26, 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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