



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

December 1, 2024

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART

Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP Deeann Kramer
L: In this special service of Advent preparation, let us make ready this house of God for the celebrations with which we will welcome again the coming of the Christ into the world.
P: Let our songs and symbols represent our personal rededication to the glory of God and the manifestation of his love through God’s Son, Jesus Christ.
All: For God so loved the world that God gave us God’s only Son, Jesus Christ, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. Amen.

1. The **COLORS:** Expectation of the King
SONG: “It Came Upon A Midnight Clear” Matt Atherton

Cross – Karen Hoffman
Bible & Stand – LaVona Grissinger & Linda Stubbe
Alter Candles – Rhonda Law & Kelley Johnson

2. **THE GARLAND:** Eternal Life
SONG: “Deck The Halls” Congregation
Garlands – Sunday School Teachers and Kids

3. **THE CANDLES:** Victory over Spiritual Darkness
Acolyte –
SONG: “The Candle Song” Christy Clemens

LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE (HOPE) Kim Gonzalez
SONG: “Light the Advent Candle”
HYMN #211 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (vs 1 only)
Congregation

*SCRIPTURE John 1:9-14 Leeann Michels
L: The Word of God for the people of God.
A: Thanks be to God!

4. **THE WREATH:**
The Love of God, Eternal, Without Beginning or End
Wreath – Gary Dykema & Jeff Law
SONG: “The Holy and the Ivy” Kenny Clemens

5. **THE POINSETTIA:** Flower of the Holy Night
Poinsettias - Congregants

6. **THE TREE:** Blessed by the Child
Tree – Mark Rathje, Noah Johnson
SONG: “O Christmas Tree” Congregation

7. **THE CHRISMONS:** Symbols of Christ

OFFERING OURSELVES Rev Bonnie Davies
*DOXOLOGY #95
*OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev Bonnie Davies
We delight in your love and salvation, Lord, there can be no greater gifts than these. We will gladly serve you in holiness and righteousness. We offer ourselves. We offer all that you have provided us. May it be used to bring your light to those who dwell in darkness. Prepare us and complete us, Lord. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

8. **THE CRECHE:** The Nativity
SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-7 Jerry Brearton
Mary – Ashley Carrier
Joseph – Colt Carrier
Baby Jesus – Wrenley Carrier
SONG: “Away in a Manger” (vs 1) Congregation

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:8-18 Deeann Kramer
Shepards – Kirk Hoffman, Tyson Speers, Joe Pasch
Angel – Alexis (Lexi) Piercy

SONG: “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” (vs 1) Congregation

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:1-2 and 2:10-12 Jerry Brearton

Wise Men – Carlo Stubbe, Jason Moore, Tom Michels

SONG: “We Three Kings” (vs 1) Congregation

CHOIR: “No Golden Carriage, No Bright Toy” FUMC Choir

***ADVENT HYMN OF JOY**
SONG: “Joy to the World” Congregation

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
*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, Lola 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), Rita Mitchell, the family of Jessie Bundy, 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

- December 1 – Bonnie Davies
- 2 – Pearl Michels
- 2 – John Brigham
- 2 – Sally Marken
- 3 – Shelby Rathje
- 6 – Isabel de Castro

CALENDAR

- Monday, Dec 2
 - 8:30 am to 11:30 am – Office open
 - 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
 - 6 pm – Community Choir practice
- Tuesday, Dec 3
 - 9 am to 12 noon – Office open
 - 6:30 pm – United Women of Faith
- Wednesday, Dec 4
 - 8:30 am to 11:30 am – Office open
- Thursday, Dec 5
 - 9 am – Bible Study
- Friday, Dec 6
 - 8:30 am to 11:30 am – Office open
- Sunday, Dec 8
 - Communion
 - 9 am – Adult Sunday School
 - 9 am – Youth Sunday School
 - 10:15 am – Worship
 - 11:30 am – Coffee hour
 - 2 pm – Community Christmas Concert

WORSHIP HELPERS

	December 8	December 15
Acolyte	?	Ellie Johnson
Liturgist	Linda Jachino	Kids Program
Counter	Rhonda Law	Lori Miller
Verifier	Mary Irons	Linda Jachino
Coffee Hour	Badtke’s	Deeann Kramer
Greeter	Worship cmte	Worship cmte
Ushers	Worship cmte	Worship cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 71 + 2 dogs

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!
Children’s Christmas Program – will be Sunday, Dec 15th.
Community Christmas Concert – will be Sunday, Dec 8th at 2 pm.
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 have changed! - Monday, Wednesday, & Friday will be 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Tuesday & Thursday will be 9 am to 12 noon.
Thursday Bible Study – will be each week at 9 am. They will be discussing Matthew 1 & 2.
Advent Calendar for the West Carroll Food Pantry & Blessing Basket – will begin on December 1st. You can purchase a box which contains one of every food item, from the Customer Service Desk at Sullivans or at the office. Blessing Basket items can be brought to the church.
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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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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