



**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.”*

L: The Word of God for the People of God

**P: Thanks be to God!**

HYMN #415 “Take Up Thy Cross” (Insert)

MESSAGE: “Engrave on our Hearts” Pastor Dave

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Text Pastor Dave at 224-600-0446)

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Insert)

OFFERING OURSELVES

DOXOLOGY #95 (Insert)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

**God of all, you love us and have claimed us. We give our tithes and offerings in celebration of the depths of our blessing and pray that they will strengthen the church across the world to bless all your children. In the holy name of Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray in gratitude. Amen**

HYMN #338 “Where He Leads Me” (Insert)

BENEDICTION

Go, in God’s power that moves through acts of faith.

Open your ear to God’s divine revelations.

Depend on God, who is wise beyond the laws of this land.

Do all of these things, so that all is right and good permeates each day until we meet again.

POSTLUDE Vivian Eaton

**You can also find our pre-recorded online service on our Church Website. [www.firstumcsavanna.org](http://www.firstumcsavanna.org)**

**Call 815-599-1307 to hear our latest sermon.**

**Tune into FM 90.5 for Drive in worship service.**

**In Our Prayers**

Judy Dunn, Emilee Deerer, Susan Meyer, Burt Dauphin, Patti Thulen, Betty Speck, Beth Wickes, Lois Grove, Claire Winterburn, Billy David, Dee Helle, Chris Falk, Katie Wand, Patty Nevills, Jodi French, Libby, Dr. Dan, Suzanne and Adam Woods. Don Kramer, Pam Darrow, Dawn Barber, Jeff Law, Kathy Hamilton. Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, John Hamm, Dorothy Taylor, Paul Brunner, Sylvia Reuterfors, Bill & Letty Weidman.

Our country and new government  
West Carroll Schools  
People in Texas without power, heat or water.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

February

28 – Diane Brinkmeier, Denise Curtis

28 – *Burt & Kathie Prins 1976*

March

4 – Pam Darrow, Lou Ann Darrow, Kelley Johnson

5 – Greg Jepsen

**Calendar**

Monday, March 1

1 pm Sewing Ladies

3:30 – 5 pm WC Food Pantry

Tuesday, March 2

6:30 pm Virtual Prayer Meeting

6:30 pm UMW (Church Library)

Wednesday, March 3

6:30 pm Virtual Lenten devotion #3

Thursday, March 4

9 am Bible Study

Sunday, March 7

9 am Adult Sunday School

10:15 am Service/Communion

(Hybrid service) indoor & outdoor

10:15am Sunday Worship

February 28, 2021

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE Vivian Eaton  
WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent

**P: Towards the One who calls us each by a new name.**

L: Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us.

**P: Pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.**

L: Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,

**A: Whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus.**

HYMN # 598 “O Word of God Incarnate” (Insert)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

**God, you have given us everything. What can we give in return for our lives? Be our guide on our Lenten journey. Help us deny ourselves, pick up our cross and follow Jesus. We welcome the chastening direction in our lives as we worship you today. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

THE APOSTLE’S CREED (Insert)

SCRIPTURE Psalm 22:27-29(CEB)

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:34-38(NLT)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We welcome all visitors to our Worship time today. We are glad you are here. Our slogan is Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors. We are the people of the United Methodist Church.
2. Friendly reminder: Charlene & Paul Mayer you are the counter(s) for next week. The verifier is Tom Michels. Thank you!
3. We will start hybrid service on March 7<sup>th</sup>. We can have up to 50 people inside. If you are not comfortable with coming inside you can still do drive in service. Please, tune radio to station FM 90.5, or call 815-599-1307 to hear the latest sermon. We will also have our service available on our website.
4. Worship helpers for March 7<sup>th</sup> service:  
Inside: Liturgist – Jiho Yim, Bulletins – Jackie Walker, Communion Elements – Bob Grissinger, Temps – LaVona Grissinger, Acolyte – Dalton Shaw, Attendance – Mary Irons, Audio – Kris Yingling  
Outside: Susan Michele Jepsen, Pam Darrow, Molly Anderson
5. LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 62
6. 2020 Contribution statements were all mailed out. If you haven't received yours yet or if you have any questions, please let us know.
7. Food pantry update: Items they need at this time are: cereal and juice and egg noodles. Please drop off your donations in the big wooden box in the narthex. Thank you!
8. Offering envelopes are ready.
9. New membership class, Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Infant Baptism class, Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. If you are interested please contact Pastor Dave.
10. March Telstar is released today. Please, each family take one or read on our website!
11. Blessing Basket Update!! We need sandwich bags, C & D batteries and light bulbs. Need more information? Please contact Molly Anderson! Thank you!

## 2021 Lenten Program

1. Virtual Prayer Meeting  
When? Tuesday Evening  
3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30  
Time 6:30pm
2. Virtual Lenten Devotion Time  
Theme: Forgiveness  
When? Wednesday Evening  
3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31  
Time 6:30pm

\*Zoom Link will be sent to you each week.  
Please, check your email. All are invited!

**New!!! For those without internet, call 815-599-1307!!**



**First United  
Methodist Church**  
Sunday, 10:15 am  
February 28, 2021

### **Vision 2021 – “Love God!”**

Inward Focused Ministry during Pandemic  
(to build up strong and vital church)  
Strong in Worship, Strong in Fellowship, Strong in Resources

*“Be strong and courageous;  
do not be frightened or dismayed,  
for the Lord your God is with you  
wherever you go  
(Joshua 1:9)*

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