



**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 March 19, 2023

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Ellie Johnson

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Bonnie Davies

Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

**We are learning to follow Jesus.**

On this Lenten journey, where do we find God's presence among us?

**God calls us to witness extraordinary love in ordinary moments.**

On this Lenten journey, how does God's presence work among us?

**God uses the messy and mundane to heal and restore us to one another.**

On this Lenten journey, what does God's presence do in our midst?

**God opens us to recognize presence, sustenance, and abundance where the world perceives isolation and lack.**

Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

**We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.**

\*HYMN #128 "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) Bonnie Davies

**Gracious God, who created us in God's own image, we are grateful for all that you have done for us, for all that you are doing in us, and for all that you will do through**

**us. Open our eyes to see your presence among us, moving in powerful ways at all times and in all places. Open our ears to hear familiar words in new ways—ways that will change us and challenge us to become the people you created us to be. Grant us the power and the courage to come out of the darkness and into the light of Jesus Christ, that we may serve you by serving others. We love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Amen.**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881 Bonnie Davies

**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: Molly Andersen

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23 (NRSV) Bonnie Davies

\*GOSPEL John 9:1-5 (CEB) Pastor Dave

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

**A: Thanks be to God!**

\*HYMN #381 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

MESSAGE: "God's Love for Humanity" Pastor Dave

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Text Pastor Dave, 224-600-0446)

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who are 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 into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OURSELVES

\*DOXOLOGY

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Generous God, you tenderly care for each person you have created. You miraculously restore people to health and shine light into the lives of those who are discouraged. Guide us so that we will not regard others according to outward appearances but seek to find your love in their hearts. We dedicate our offerings and ourselves to contribute to the work of your kingdom on earth until Christ returns in glory. Amen.**

\*HYMN #2235-b "We Are Marching" (2x)

\*BENEDICTION

\*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

**In Our Prayers**

Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Chris Falk, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Shirley Fritz, Rod Farrow, Rhonda Harlock Smith, Jill Hofstetter, John Irons, Judy Law, Mike Foltz, Dan Piercy, Rich Rathje, Annisa (niece of Bonnie Davies), John Ritchie, Adalya Rose, Ron Smith, Grace Struve, Gi-Tae Yim, Inga, Scarlett (daughter of Ashley Huebner), Kevin MaHomes, Sandy Froehlich, Dan Zambon, Tom Grissinger, Vanessa Grissinger, Deb (Kris Yingling's friend), Barb McFadden, Tim McCombie, Glen White, Harry Grissinger, Pete (Kim Gonzales' brother), Ed Jepsen, Laura Pike, Tyrone Burcham, Lester White, Rhonda Badtke. **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, Turkey & Syria, WC staff, teachers and students.

You can find pre-recorded online service on our church website and listen to the latest sermon by calling 815-599-1307

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

March 22 – Patrick Holcomb  
26 – Don Kramer, Rex Kreuder

**CALENDAR**

Monday March 20 - First day of Spring  
Last Day to submit for Telstar  
1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies  
3:30 to 5 pm – WC Food Pantry  
Tuesday March 21  
5:30 to 7:00 pm – UM Men mtg  
Wednesday March 22  
7 pm – Lenten Service @ Community Church with Father Thomas Doyle preaching  
Thursday March 23  
9am – Bible Study  
4:30 pm – Lenten Bible Study (Week 4)  
Sunday March 26  
8:45 am – Adult Sunday School  
9:30 am – Kids and Youth Sunday School  
10:15 am – Hybrid Worship  
11:30 am – Kids Kards

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**West Carroll Food Pantry** – Please continue to bring your Donations (Jelly, cereal, crackers, soup, and syrup)  
**Blessing Basket** – We need women& men’s shampoo, laundry detergent, dish soap, liquid Tylenol & Ibuprofen for children, batteries (all sizes).  
Thank you for your continued support!!!  
**United Methodist Men** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month  
March 21<sup>st</sup>@ 5:30 pm. Fellowship with Food, Bonnie’s Presentation, and Book discussion

**2023 Lenten Program**

1. Save \$1 with fasting for Rice Meal Packing & Turkey Relief  
2. Read the Gospel of Luke (Day 23-28)  
3. Join Lenten bible study with the Book “Luke” by Pastor Adam Hamilton. Next meeting is March 23th at 4:30pm  
**Lenten services** - every Wednesday evening at 7pm  
March 22 @ Community Church with Father Thomas Doyle.  
**Youth Group Meeting** is April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5-6:15 pm.  
**Mission Trip Training** is April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4 to 5 pm.  
**United Women in Faith** is the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is April 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8pm.  
**Rice Meal Packing Day** – April 22 (Saturday) at 9 am  
**Summer Youth Mission Trip** to Tennessee, 6/11 to 6/17.  
**Sunday School Lenten Program:** 3/19 Pretzel Sunday, 4/2 Passover Seder Meal, 4/9 Easter Egg Hunt  
**Next Blood Drive** – May 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
**Youth Mission Trip Fundraisers**  
4/9 Easter Sunday, Donut & Coffee between two services  
4/30 Sunday, Chili Luncheon  
We receive freewill offering. Please, support mission trip!  
**Easter Flower** -  
**Easter Services** – Sunrise Service at 7:30am  
Easter Service at 10:15am with Special Music

	March 26	April 2
Acolyte	Asia LaShelle	Boyd Law
Liturgist	Noah Johnson	
Counter	Vivian Eaton	Molly Andersen
Verifier	LaVona Grissinger	Volunteer
Youth S.S.	Linda Jachino	Seder Meal
Coffee	Deeann Kramer	Volunteer

Attendance for last week: 50



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Sunday, 10:15 am  
March 19, 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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