



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 26, 2023

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MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Noah Johnson

Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

We are learning to follow Jesus.

The journey is long, and the burden of our sins and struggles feels so heavy.

Yet we will hope in God because with God, there is steadfast love.

All around us, we witness neighbors and communities who are lifeless, despairing that they could ever be revived.

Yet God tells us that to come back to life, we must come together.

Year after year of change and struggle have taken their toll—how can anyone bring forth life when we feel so parched and tired?

Yet God meets the lifeless with the breath of life, reviving us again to worship and follow God’s way.

Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

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

*HYMN #261 “Lord of the Dance”

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) Noah Johnson

Healing and Empowering God, we are sometimes so

sure that things will not work out, we doubt even your ability to put things right in our lives. We lack such faith. But Jesus came to show us that our most dreaded enemy --death--can be overcome by faith. Heal our doubts and our longings for assurance and give us spirits of trust and hope. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

THE APOSTLE’S CREED #881 Noah Johnson

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 Ezekiel 37:11-14 (CEB) Noah Johnson

*GOSPEL John 11:32-45 (CEB) Pastor Dave

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

A: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN #393 “Spirit of the Living God”

MESSAGE: “Jesus Weeps” 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

Living God, you are the Holy One of Israel. Our world cries out in pain, as children and adults bear heavy loads of injustice and sorrow. You respond with great assurance: ‘I am your Savior; I will give you a new life!’ Thank you for including us in the work of your church to bring help and renewal to people here and around the globe. Use our lives and these offerings to share the good news of your Spirit’s gracious, healing power.

We pray through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #2158 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

*BENEDICTION

*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

In Our Prayers

Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Rod Furrow, Rhonda Harlock Smith, Jill Hofstetter, John Irons, Judy Law, Mike Foltz, Dan Piercy, Rich Rathje, Annisa (niece of Bonnie Davies), John Ritchie, Ron Smith, Grace Struve, Gi-Tae Yim, Inga, Adalyna Rose, Scarlette (daughter of AshleyHuebner), Kevin MaHomes, Sandy Froehlich, Dan Zambon, Tom Grissinger, Vanessa Grissinger, Deb (Kris Yingling’s friend), Laura Pike Barb McFadden, Tim McCombie, Glen White, Harry Grissinger, Pete (Kim Gonzales’ brother), Ed Jepsen, Tyrone Burcham, Lester White, Rhonda Badtke, Lester & Lisa Coers

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 26 – Don Kramer, Rex Kreuder
 29 – Susan White, Burt Prins
 31 – Miranda Schoenhaar
 April 1 – Sarah Murphy, Paul & Charlene Mayer (1964)
 2 – April Ruddell

CALENDAR

Monday March 27
 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
 Wednesday March 29
 10 am – Choir Practice
 7 pm – Lenten Service @ St. John Catholic Church with Pastor Bonnie Davies preaching
 Thursday March 30
 9 am – Bible Study
 4:30 pm – Lenten Bible Study (Week 5)
 Friday March 31
 6 to 7:15 pm – Girl Scouts
 Sunday April 2 Palm Sunday
 8:45 am – Adult Sunday School
 9:00 am – Passover Seder Meal (Sunday School)
 10:15 am – Hybrid Worship
 4 to 5 pm – Mission Trip Training (Session 2)
 5 to 6:15 pm – Youth Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Carroll Food Pantry – Please continue to bring your donations (applesauce, pancake mix & syrup, cereal)
Blessing Basket – We need men’s shampoo, laundry detergent, dish soap, paper products, liquid Tylenol & Ibuprofen for children, batteries (all sizes). Thank you for your continued support!!!

Kids Kards – Today after church. Lunchables for kids.

2023 Lenten Program

1. Save \$1 with fasting for Rice Meal & Turkey Relief
2. Read the Gospel of Luke (Day 29-34)
3. Join Lenten bible study “Luke” March 30 at 4:30 pm

Lenten services - every Wednesday evening at 7 pm
 March 29 @ Catholic Church with Pastor Bonnie preaching.

Youth Group Meeting is April 2nd at 5-6:15 pm.

Mission Trip Training is April 2nd at 4 to 5 pm.

United Women in Faith is the first Tuesday of each month.
 The next meeting is April 4th from 6:30 – 8 pm.

Soul Sisters – Next mtg is April 5th @ 1 pm
 Meet at the Times Theater to see “Jesus Revolution.”
 Cost is \$6 (\$5 for senior) Purchase your snack & drinks to support the Theater. Everyone is welcome.

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: 4/2 Passover Seder Meal, 4/9 Easter Egg Hunt (9:30 am)

Youth Mission Trip Fundraisers
 4/9 Easter Sunday Breakfast – following Sunrise service
 4/30 Sunday, Chili Luncheon
 Freewill offerings will be received!

Easter Flower – Due to office by March 26th! Names, please!

Easter Services – Sunrise Service at 7:30am

Easter Service at 10:15am with Special Music

Next Blood Drive – May 23rd Tuesday @ 3-6 pm

	April 2	April 9
Acolyte	Boyd Law	Ryker McCombie
Liturgist		Burt Prins
Counter	Molly Andersen	Rhonda Law
Verifier	Volunteer	Kay Cavanagh
Youth S.S.	Seder Meal	Easter Egg Hunt
Coffee	Volunteer	Easter Breakfast

Attendance for last week: 64
 Potato Bar Fundraiser (for UMCOR): \$396.00



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 Sunday, 10:15 am
 March 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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