



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.”

10:15 am Sunday Worship April 3, 2022

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Reiker McCombie

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Susan Michele Jepsen

L: The days ahead are dark and full of foreboding.

E: We watch as Jesus journeys to the cross.

L: There is no way to change what is to come.

E: Yet death has not the final word.

L: Let us bear witness to God's new life moving within
and among us.

L: God is doing a new thing.

All: Let us rejoice and give thanks!

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN #126: “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

OPENING PRAYER (Unison) Susan Michele Jepsen

**We come into your presence, O Lord, with so many
burdens and concerns on our hearts. Help us to be open
to your words of healing and restoration. Bring us closer
to you. Enable us to discern your will for us that we may
serve you more faithfully by serving others in need. In
Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881 Susan Michele Jepsen

SCRIPTURE Philippians 3:4b-11 (NRSV)

GOSPEL John 12:1-8 (NRSV) (Please Rise)

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

HYMN #453: “More Love to Thee, O Christ”

MESSAGE “How We Honor Jesus?” Pastor Dave

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

CONFESSION OF SINS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERING OURSELVES

DOXOLOGY #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

**Loving God, you give and give, and didn't think the life
of your son was too high a price to pay for our salvation.
Jesus' life was an example of sacrificial giving, all the
way to the cross. As we give this day, we want our gifts
to impact the world, but even more, we want them to
bring glory to Christ, who lived and died for all your
children. Help us to not hold back anything. We pray
in the name of your son, our savior and redeemer, Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS, GIVEN FOR YOU!

HYMN #620: “One Bread, One Body”

BENEDICTION

GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

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.

Our slogan is Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors

We are the people of the United Methodist Church.

In Our Prayers

Dawn Barber, Tim Cavanagh, Stone Curboy, Billy David,
Emilee Deerer, Greg Eversoll, Chris Falk, Sandy Gabriel,
Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Marcile Fowler, Rhonda
Harlock Smith, Robert Hill, John Irons, Noah Johnson,
Dallas Kosier, Ann Larson, Judy Law, Bang-Wool Lim,
Paul Mayer, Susan Meyer, Collen Olsen, Bonnie Parker,
Bill Robinson, Jane Rubietta, Salvador Sanchez, Ron Smith,
Betty Speck, Grace Struve, Peter Tsoukalas, Martha White,
Rhea (friend of Bonnie Davies), Vanessa and Kristen
(daughter and granddaughter of Bob & LaVona Grissinger),
Families of Katrina Barten and Ruth Carey.
Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, Dorothy Taylor, Bill Weidman,
Steve Yenny

Our country & government/West Carroll Schools. Military
Personnel & their families. Pray for students, teachers,
administrators, parents & workers. Peace on earth and peace
in Ukraine.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

April

- 5 – Kris Offenheiser
- 6 – JC Carey, Melinda Dykema
- 7 – Glen Brunner
- 8 – Karen Hoffman
- 9 – Jeanine Mills

CALENDAR

Monday, April 4

9 am Sewing Ladies

3:30 pm – 5 pm WC Food Pantry

Tuesday, April 5

6:30 pm UMW

Wednesday, April 6

4:30 pm Confirmation Class

5:45 pm Youth Group

6 pm Girls Scouts

7 pm Interfaith Lenten Service @ St John the Baptist

Pastor Dave Yim

Thursday, April 7

9 am Bible Study

6:30 pm Lenten Bible Study

Sunday, April 10 (Palm Sunday)
9:15 am Adult Sunday School
10:15 am Worship
10:15 am Children's Sunday School (Passover Meal)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendly reminder: Rhonda Law, you are the counter for April 10. The verifier is Linda Jachino.
Liturgist is Deeann Kramer, Acolyte is Caleb Thorton.
Worship helpers for April are Molly Andersen, Susan Michelle Jepsen, Esther Losh, Pam Darrow, Linda Jachino.

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 47 inside, 5 outside.

Food Pantry – This month items needed are fruit juice, and cereal.

Blessing basket – This month we need D batteries and dish detergent. Laundry soap and toilet paper are always needed. Please leave your donations in the food pantry box in the narthex. Thank you!

Sunday School

Every Sunday @ **9:15 am** Adult Sunday School
Every Sunday @ **10:15 am** preschoolers – 5th graders

Youth Group Meeting

First Wednesday of the month @ 5:45 pm, mid school through high school.
Next meeting is Wednesday, April 6 @ 5:45 pm.

Bible Study

Every Thursday @ 9 am
Lenten Bible Study (4/7, Thursday) @ 6:30pm

UMM

Next Gathering is April 11th (Mon) at 5pm
Grilling, Devotion, and Guest Speaker

Worship

Let us worship God together at FUMC.
Hybrid service, every Sunday @ **10:15 am**.
- Indoor, mask is optional
- Outdoor, in your car. Tune in to FM 88.9
Pre-recorded online service on our church website.

www.firstumcsavanna.org

Or call 815-599-1307 to hear the latest sermon.

We are in the season of Lent. Lent is a time to prepare ourselves for the Risen Christ by observing a period of Fasting, repentance, and spiritual discipline.

Rice Meal Packing

Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.
Packing day is April 30th (Sat) at 9am
This mission opportunity is open to everyone.

April communion giving will go to **Kids Kards** ministry.

Savanna Fire Station Breakfast is scheduled for April 10th.
Please, support Savanna Fire Station!

Easter Celebration (4/17 Sunday)

1. **Sunrise Service at 7am**
2. **Breakfast**
3. **Easter Service (with special music) at 10:15am**
4. **Egg Hunt**

Worship Committee is conducting a survey about summer worship schedule. Please, complete one and return it to us today!

Passover Meal

On **April 10th**, the children will experience Jesus's last supper during a "Christian Passover" meal or Seder. They will eat the foods Jesus and his disciples ate and learn what each food and drink symbolize.

After the children bring palm branches into the Sanctuary during Worship Service, they will follow their teachers to a special room to learn about Passover and how it became our Christian sacrament of Holy Communion.

Children of all ages except the very young are encouraged to attend this meaningful event. Parents are welcome, too.

Please, let us know if your child plans to come. Contact Kris Yingling (815)238-6363 or Sharon Guilinger (815)590-1014.



First United Methodist Church Sunday, 10:15 am April 3, 2022

Vision 2022 – “Love Others!”

Outward Focused Ministry during/after the Pandemic
(To build up a strong and safe community)
Strong in Mission, Strong in Justice, Strong in Diversity

“All the believers were together and had everything in common.” (Acts 2:44)

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