



**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."

**Third Sunday of Easter, Year A**

10:15

April 19, 2026

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR  
MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART

**Kirk Hoffman**  
**Vivian Eaton**

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS** (call/text Pastor 773-971-7208)

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our father who art 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 not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** **Tim Cavanagh**

L: Welcome! It's wonderful to greet you in the name of Jesus.

P: Thank you! We are glad to be here.

L: Today, we will speak of a special trip Jesus took.

P: We are eager to hear about this.

L: Ah, but it isn't only about Jesus, it's also about us!

P: Lord, make us ready for this journey with Jesus. AMEN

**\*HYMN UMH #133 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)** **Tim Cavanagh**

**Gracious God, you have given yourself to us in the person of Jesus. We have his example of loving ministry as a guide for our lives. We stand as people forgiven and reconciled to you. Be with us this day. Remind us that you are always near. Guide our lives. For we ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN**

**\*THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881**

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, died, 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 Moment**

**LaVona Grissinger**

**Gospel Reading**

**NRSV Luke 24:13-35**

**Tim Cavanagh**

**The Word of God for the People of God**

**P: Thanks be to God**

**Song of Preparation:**

**Hady Mambo**

**Message: "RECOGNIZING JESUS'S PRESENCE" Pastor Fernando**

**OFFERING OURSELVES**

**\*DOXOLOGY #95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Lord, I ask your blessing on these gifts and on these people. Please be with them, give them courage. Use these gifts to help others as you have healed and helped us, for we ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN**

**HYMN UMH #700 "Abide with Me"**

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**Pastor Fernando**

**\* GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD**

**Vivian Eaton**

**IN OUR PRAYER**

Teresa Bauer, Aireona Spencer (4<sup>th</sup> grade) James Gonzalez. Bob Grissinger, Don Kramer, Curtis Pilgrim, Tinslee, Dan Zambon, Christa Jachino, Tim Cavanagh, Frank Norman, Grace, Jeff Doran, Pastor Narda, Richard (Pinky) Thompson, Hazi Coffee, Mike & Emily Medley, Matt, Barb Tracey, Kay Cavanagh's mom. Lt. Brian Robinson, Bill Haas, Sandy Jilderda, Jerry Cavanagh, Colleen Olsen, Kevin Erverson, Benny McClure, Bang-Wool Yim (car accident)

**Our shut-ins:** Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison,

Joy Turner, Steve Yenny, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Florence Bevins-Powell, Judy Law

Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars; Haiti; Syria; Israel and Iran, the Gaza Strip; peace In the Middle East, families, students, school administrators, and those grieving their loved ones.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

April 20 – Ross Bronkema

21 – Jim Haynes

22 – Patrick Holcomb

23 – Anna Bradtke

**CALENDAR**

Monday, April 20

9:00 am to noon – Office open

1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, April 21

9 am to 12 noon – Office open

Wednesday, April 22

9:00 am to noon – Office open

Thursday, April 23

9 am to 12 noon – Office open

Friday, April 24

9:00 am to noon - Office open

Sunday, April 26

8:30 am– Prayer Meeting

9:00 am -Sunday School

10:15 am – Main Service

**WORSHIP HELPERS**

	April 19	April 26
Acolyte	Kirk Hoffman	Boyd Law
Liturgist	Tim Cavanagh	Kris Yingling
Counter	Lori Miller	Vivian Eaton
Verifier	Linda Jachino	Linda Stubbe
Coffee Hour	Mayer Family	Miller Family
Greeter	Bob & LaVona Grissinger	Deb Long
Usher	Rhonda, Bruce, Pam & Molly	Pam D. & Molly A.

**Last Week's Attendance: 73**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### West Carroll Food Pantry

Thank you so much for your generosity!

**The Blessing Basket** – Thank you for all your donations! Please consider supplying dish soap, toilet paper, and paper towels.

**New Member Class** – will be given by Pastor Fernando. This will be 5 classes, **either in person or via Zoom**, if you are interested, let the office know.

**Rice Meal Packing** will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Pork Chop Dinner TODAY** April 19<sup>th</sup>, Carryout 4:00 – 5:30pm

**KID KARDS** April 26 after worship. We will be doing double duty.

Mother's Day & Father's Day cards. Lunch will be Pizza Party!

Everyone is welcome, and all materials are provided.

**Ad Council/Trustee TODAY** April 19<sup>th</sup>



# Pork Chop Sandwich Fundraiser

## Sunday, April 19th

Carryout 4:00 - 5:30

Savanna First United Methodist Church

Pull up to the backdoor of the church and we will deliver your order to your car

Pork chop sandwich, applesauce,  
cheesy potatoes & dessert

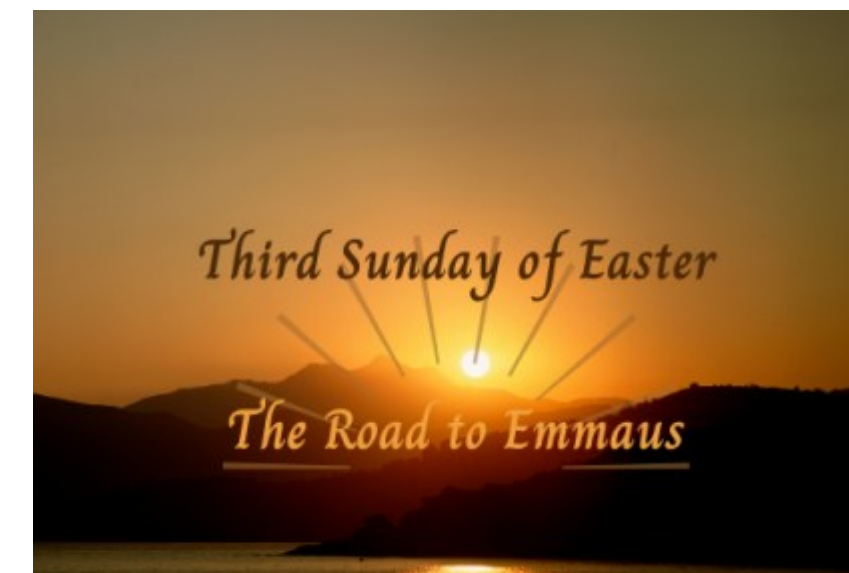
### Tickets

Adult - \$10.00 Children 10 & under \$5.00

Advanced Sales Only

To purchase tickets call Mary Irons - 815-541-8487

Proceeds go towards Women in Faith mission projects



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Sunday, April 19, 2026

at 10:15 am

### Vision Statement

**“Reaching out to all people and  
inviting them to experience the Love  
of God through Open Hearts, Open  
Minds, and Open Doors.”**

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