



**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."

**Second Sunday of Easter, Year A**

10:15 April 12, 2026

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR  
MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART **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** **Paula Mayer**

L: Happy Easter Season! Today is the first day of the week.

**P: The joy of Easter still sings in our hearts.**

L: Breathe the breath of new life in your spirits!

**P: We open our hearts to all the wondrous work God has for us to do.**

L: Welcome to worship this glorious day!

**P: Let our lives be testimony to God's redeeming love! AMEN.**

**\*HYMN UMH #308 "Thine be the Glory"**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)** **Paula Mayer**

**Breathe the breath of new life into us, O Lord, that we may fully feel the power of your love and the awesome glory of the Resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. Prepare us to receive your blessing and then to go from this place to be a blessing to others in your 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:** **Esther Losh**  
**Scripture Reading**  
**NRSV Psalm 111:1-10** **Paula Mayer**  
**NRSV John 20:19-31** **Pastor Fernando**

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

**P: Thanks be to God**

**Song of Preparation:**

**Message: Receive the Holy Spirit** **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, we thank you for the many blessings which you have poured into our lives. Now we ask your blessing on these gifts that they may be used to your glory. Amen.**

**HYMN UMH #420 "Breathe on Me Breath of God"**

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** **Pastor Fernando**

**\* GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD** **Vivian Eaton**

**IN OUR PRAYER**

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.

**Sympathy to the Family of Kevin Reusch**

**Our shut-ins:** Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenney, 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 12 – Deb Long  
14 – Ennie Maria de Castro  
14 – Kathie Prins  
15 – Claire Floming  
15 – Carlo & Linda Stubbe (1972)  
16 – Alice Riffe-Torrison

**CALENDAR**

Monday, April 13  
9:00 am to noon – Office open  
1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies  
Tuesday, April 14  
9 am to 12 noon – Office open  
Savanna Food Pantry  
Wednesday, April 15  
9:00 am to noon – Office open  
4:30-6:30 JOY  
Thursday, April 16  
9 am to 12 noon – Office open  
Savanna Food Pantry  
Friday, April 17  
9:00 am to noon - Office open  
Sunday, April 19  
8:30 am– Prayer Meeting  
9:00 am -Sunday School  
10:15 am – Main Service

**WORSHIP HELPERS**

	April 12	April 19
Acolyte		Kirk Hoffman
Liturgist	Paula Mayer	Tim Cavanagh
Counter	Rhonda Law	Lori Miller
Verifier	Linda Jachino	Kay Cavanagh
Coffee Hour	Bob & Lavona Grissinger	Mayer Family
Greeter	Ross & Glenda Bronkema	Bob & LaVona Grissinger
Usher	Esther Losh, Isobel de Castro, Pam Darrow, & Molly Andersen	Rhonda, Bruce, Pam & Molly

**Last Week's Attendance: Sunrise 32— Easter Worship 102**

**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>. Donations are accepted until April.

**CPR**- There will be training **TODAY** April 12<sup>th</sup>. After Church: Please register with LaVona Grissinger.

**Savanna Food Pantry** April 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 noon

**JOY (Just Older Youth)** 4:30-6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Monthly Free meal for anyone over 60. Reservations by noon on April 13<sup>th</sup>, By calling the church office, 815-273-2345. Rides are available in town only.

**Worship Committee** April 14<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm

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



# 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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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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