



**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

April 25, 2021

PRELUDE Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
John LeComte

CALL TO WORSHIP Sarah Bates

L: How awesome to gather before God.

**P: The God of all worlds is with us.**

L: Praise God for all the signs of new life.

**P: Praise God the life and ministry of Jesus and all who share it.**

L: Christ came to offer us abundant life.

**A: We are here today to reclaim that gift**

HYMN#139 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”  
(Insert or Screen)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) Sarah Bates  
**God of power and might, let us be like Jesus. Make us strong enough to be gentle, powerful enough to forgive, mighty enough to stoop down in service, and sturdy enough to trust you for our daily bread. Give us, God of heaven and earth, the power to lay down our lives for others, so that we can thank the One who laid down his life for us. Amen**

THE APOSTLE’S CREED (Insert or Screen) Sarah Bates

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23 (KJV) Sarah Bates  
GOSPEL LESSON John 10:11-18 (NRSV) (Please Rise)  
Rev. Bonnie Davies

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN#381 “Savior, Like a Shepherd” (Insert or Screen)

MESSAGE: They Said It Couldn’t Be Done!  
Rev. Bonnie Davies

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS John LeComte  
(Text Pastor Dave at 224-600-0446)

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE Rev. Bonnie Davies

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Insert or Screen)

OFFERING OURSELVES

DOXOLOGY #95 (Insert or Screen)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

**Ever-present God who speaks in thunder and earthquakes and in the softest whisper: we long to hear your voice over all the noise of the world this day. In a world so divided and polarized, we need to hear not only the voice of the Shepherd but the cries of other sheep who are being marginalized, forgotten, and abandoned. May the gifts we offer today be our response to hearing the One who speaks in the language of love and compassion. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

HYMN#419 “I am Thine, O Lord” (v. 1-2 only)  
(Insert or Screen)

BENEDICTION Rev. Bonnie Davies

POSTLUDE Vivian Eaton

You can also find our pre-recorded 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**

Judy Dunn, Emilee Deerer, Susan Meyer, Burt Dauphin, Patti Thulen, Betty Speck, Beth Wickes, Claire Winterburn, Billy David, Dee Helle, Chris Falk, Patty Nevills, Jodi French, Libby, Dr. Dan, Suzanne & Adam Woods, Dawn Barber, Kathy Hamilton, Alice Riffe, Robert Hill, Bob Grissinger, Matthew Foltz, Keith Brown, Janis Wilt, Mike Johnson, Judy Law, Jackie Walker.

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, John Hamm, Dorothy Taylor, Paul Brunner, Sylvia Reuterfors, Bill & Letty Weidman.

Our country & government/West Carroll Schools

**Births and Anniversaries**

April

28 – Karen Stott

30 – Chris Nortunen

**Calendar**

Monday, April 26

9am Body & Soul Yoga

1pm Sewing Ladies

Thursday, April 29

9am Body & Soul Yoga

9am Bible Study (The book of Acts)

Saturday, May 1

8:30am Premarital Counseling

11am Record online service

Sunday, May 2

9am Sunday School

10:15am Worship

Communion

Pet Blessing

Kids Kards(Mothers Day)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendly reminder: Charlene & Paula Mayer, you are the counter(s) for May 2. The verifier is LeaAnn Michaels  
Thank you!

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 35 Inside, 29 Outside

Worship helpers for May 2nd service:

Inside: Liturgist – DeeAnn Kramer, Acolyte – Ellie Johnson,  
Usher – Bob Grissinger, Bulletins – Jackie Walker, Ann  
Larsen, Temps – LaVona Grissinger, Attendance – Mary  
Irons, Audio – Kris Yingling

Outside: Molly Andersen, Pam Darrow, Susan Michelle  
Jepsen

Items Needed:

Food Pantry – Juice, egg noodles & cake mix.

Blessing basket – Paper towels, lightbulbs & dish soap.

Prom Time! Check your closets or check with friends  
to see if anyone has a dress they would like to donate.

Contact Nancy Sweitzer at 815-622-8132.

Pastor Dave will be on vacation April 21 – April 26.

Kid's Kards will meet in the fellowship hall after worship on May  
2<sup>nd</sup> to make Mother's Day cards. All materials will be provided  
and everyone is welcome. Lunchables will be available to take  
home. Masks must be worn and each family will have a separate  
table. Any questions, contact Molly Andersen 815-273-2104.

Is there a graduate in your family? Please contact Shari  
with the name and future plans of your graduate to be  
honored during Worship on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Worship summer schedule to begin on May 30<sup>th</sup>. 9:30 am  
worship and will be having outside service only through  
Labor Day weekend.

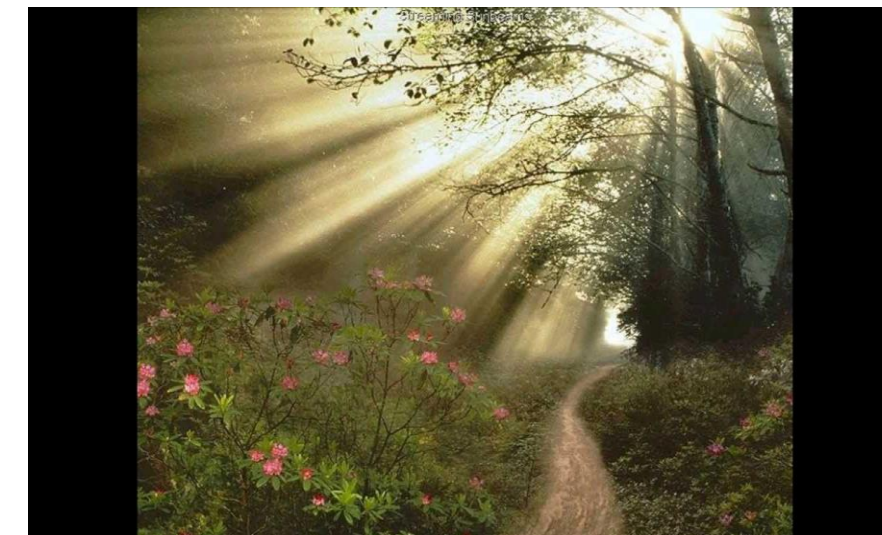


### May 2<sup>nd</sup> (Sun) at the playground after church

Bring your most-loved pet, stuffed toy or farm animal for  
a service of blessing. All humans and animals are welcome!  
This blessing reminds us that all of God's creation is blessed,  
including our pets and livestock.  
In the interest of safety for all animals, we ask that you please  
have your pet on a leash, in a pet carrier, cage, aquarium, or  
secured safely. Thank you!



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## First United Methodist Church Sunday, 10:15 am April 25, 2021

### Vision 2021 – “Love God!”

Inward Focused Ministry during the Pandemic  
(to build up strong and vital church)  
Strong in Worship, Strong in Fellowship, Strong in Resources

*“Be strong and courageous;  
do not be frightened or dismayed,  
for the Lord your God is with you  
wherever you go  
(Joshua 1:9)*

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