



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 26, 2026

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR
MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART

Boyd Law
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**

Kris Yingling

L: Welcome!

P: Thank you.

L: For some of you, it has been a good week, and for others, difficulties abound.

P: **We need peace and healing for our souls.**

L: Rest. Open your hearts and lives to the Good Shepherd.

P: **Lord, pour your balm of healing rest over our lives. AMEN**

***HYMN UMH # 98 "To God be Glory."**

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Kris Yingling

God of all the sheep, those who remain close to you and those who stray, those who are always faithful and those who are lost: be with us today! Help us take a look at our lives and our relationship to you. Bring us close, draw us in, 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

Epistle Reading 1 Peter 2:19-25 NRSV **Kris Yingling**

Gospel Reading John 10:1-10 NRSV **Pastor Fernando**

The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

Song of Preparation:

Message: On the Steps of the Shepherd **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

Thanks, Lord, for all the wonderful gifts with which you Have blessed our lives. Take these gifts, these tokens, and Use them to build your realm, to heal the broken-hearted, bind up those who are wounded, welcome the stranger, become the gate of hope, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

HYMN UMH # 381 "SAVIOR LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD ME"

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Fernando

* GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD

Vivian Eaton

IN OUR PRAYER

Bennett Sturtz, Aireona Spencer, Deacon Gonzalez. Howard Nichols., Curtis Pilgrim, Tinslee, Dan Zambon, Christa Jachino, Frank Norman, Grace, Pastor Narda, Richard (Pinky) Thompson, Hazi Coffee, Mike Medley, Matt, Lt. Brian Robinson, Bill Haas, Colleen Olsen (brain surgery), Kevin Everson, Benny McClure.

Sympathy: Pastor's family (2 deaths last week)

Sue Welch's family

Lisa Law's family

Salvador Sanchez's family

Remember to pray for the Town of Lena, storm damage

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 30- Chris Notemen

CALENDAR

Monday, April 27

9:00 am to noon – Office open

1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, April 28

9 am to 12 noon – Office open

Wednesday, April 29

9:00 am to noon – Office open

Thursday, April 30

9 am to 12 noon – Office open

Friday, May 1

9:00 am to noon - Office open

Sunday, May 3

8:30 am– Prayer Meeting

9:00 am -Sunday School

10:15 am – Main Service

WORSHIP HELPERS

	April 19	May 3
Acolyte	Boyd Law	Pearl Michels
Liturgist	Kris Yingling	Linda Jachino
Counter	Vivian Eaton	Molly Andersen
Verifier	Linda Stubbe	Karen Hoffman
Coffee Hour	Miller Family	Cavanagh
Greeter	Deb Long	
Usher	Pam D. & Molly A.	Linda, Pam & Molly

Last Week's Attendance: 69

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.

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

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

Everyone is welcome, and all materials are provided.

Blood Drive May 14th, Fellowship Hall

Graduates-Preschool, 8th grade, and High School. Please call or leave a note in the office to give names & grade level for the graduate.

High School Graduation Party: May 16th, please consider attending the Party As we celebrate one of our Youth's achievements, on **Noah Johnson.**

Coffee Hour: Our Service is each Sunday ends at the table, for fellowship and sharing with our Church family. Your contribution to helping with this Ministry is highly appreciated. Please talk to the Hospitality Committee if you would like to help with Coffee Hour.

Sunday, 03 May: We shall have Baptism and Holy Communion, please Don't miss our First Sunday of the Month.

Mother's Day: We shall celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday May 10th, if you would like to sing or present a poem, do not hesitate to talk to Linda Stubbe.



BLOOD DRIVE

First United Methodist Church

Thursday, May 14th
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall
2100 Chicago Ave.

To book appointment, scan QR code, visit bloodcenter.org or call ImpactLife at 800-747-5401.



Group Code: 2891
Last Date to Donate Elsewhere: 3/19/26



Fourth Sunday
of
Easter

First United
Methodist Church
Sunday, April 26, 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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CARING CONGREGATIONS WORKSHOP

Led by The Caring Congregation Team of the Church of the Resurrection.
Organized by Kingswood UMC, First UMC Arlington Heights, and NIC Older Adult Ministries.

Friday, May 8 1 to 7 p.m.
& Saturday, May 9 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost: \$30

KINGSWOOD UMC

401 W. Dundee Road, Buffalo Grove
Seminar includes theological grounding, healthy boundaries, confidentiality, congregational care teams, partnerships with clergy, home visits, death and dying, hospice, hospital visits, and overall pastoral issues.

Find out more & register at:
umcnic.org/calendar/caring-congregations-workshop

Questions?

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