



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 28, 2024

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Kirk Hoffman

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

OPENING HYMN #2270 (TFWS) "He Has Made Me Glad"

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Esther Losh

L: Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.

P: We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.

L: We are branches of the Vine—sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Love.

P: We have no life apart from Love, the life-giving Vine.

L: When we make our home in the Vine, and the Vine makes a home in us, we bear the fruit of Love.

P: We produce the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine.

L: Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine?

P: We will love and learn to love as we rest, play, work, and build community with God and one another. Amen.

*HYMN #2245-a (TFWS) "We Are Singing"

OPENING PRAYER Esther Losh

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881 Esther Losh

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, dead, 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 TIME Esther Losh

SCRIPTURE Acts 8:26-40 (NRSVUE) Esther Losh

*GOSPEL John 15:1-8 (CEB) Pastor Dave Yim

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

A: Thanks be to God!

HYMN #2079 (TFWS) "Jesus Be Praised"

MESSAGE "How We Love One Another" Pastor Dave Yim

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (Email the office)

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE

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.

OFFERING OURSELVES

*DOXOLOGY #95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, as we offer our gifts today, we reflect on the wisdom in the words from John's gospel. In this imagery, we recognize our role as branches, connected to you, the source of our strength and vitality. Help us stay rooted in your love, producing fruit that brings glory to your name. May these gifts signify our commitment to abide in your teachings and work joyfully in response to your love. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #2021 (TFWS) "What a Mighty God We Serve"

*HYMN #2026 (TFWS) "Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD

Vivian Eaton

In Our Prayers

Emilee Derrer, Rhonda Harlock Smith, Gi-Tae Yim, Sandy Froehlich, Barb McFadden, Glen White, Pastor Bill Landis, Shirley Hastings, Alice Riffe-Torrison (Ronda's mom), Dale Wurster, Owen Davies (Bonnie's son), Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling's friend), Steve Runge (Ronda's friend), Connie Zink, Pastor Lee (Pastor Dave's friend), Don & Judy Greenfield, Sandy Pratt, Shirley Fritz, Lexi Tsoukalas (Molly's great niece), Debbie Bilik (Janet Morlock's friend), Tim Cavanagh, Scarlett Huebner, Chrissy Sullivan, Miles Purchis (Max & Martha Purchis' grandson), John & Linda Jachino, Paul Mayer, Angie (Paula's friend), Roger Furrow, Kurtis (Susan Michelle's friend), Eli (Bob & Lavona's grandson), Paula Mayer, Young-Ho Yim (Bang-Wool's father), Tinslee, Ed & Barb Jepsen, Mary (Belander) Klein, Howard Nichols, Jackie Walker, Bang-Wool Yim, Dennis Plattenberger, (Mary's friend), Teresa Wiber (Susan Michelle's friend), LaVona Grissinger's granddaughter, Shirley Hastings, Courtney Johnson, our Confirmands (Jon, Aidan, Jiho, Asia, Caleb, and Lexi), and WC staff & students.

Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Herb, Sandy & Ben Pratt, Florence Bevins-Powell, and Shirley Fritz.

Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars, Syria, Israel, the Gaza Strip, peace in the Middle East, and the victims of everyday violence and their families.

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.

Open Hearts! Open Minds! Open Doors!

We are the people of the United Methodist Church.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

None

CALENDAR

- Monday, April 29
 - 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
 - 7:30 to 9 pm – GriefShare Online Group
- Tuesday, April 30
 - 5 pm – Sign Committee Meeting
- Thursday, May 2 (National Day of Prayer)
 - 9 am – Bible Study @ McDonald’s
 - 7 pm – Zoom Prayer meeting
- Friday, May 3
 - 5 pm – Wedding rehearsal (Shellhorn/King)
- Saturday, May 4
 - 2 pm – Wedding (Shellhorn/King)
- Sunday, May 5
 - 8:45 am – Adult Sunday School
 - 9:30 am – Kids/Youth Sunday School
 - 10:15 am – Worship Service
 - 11:30 am – Transition Team meeting
 - 3:30 to 5 pm – Confirmation class
 - 5 to 7 pm – Youth Group

WORSHIP HELPERS

	May 5	May 12
Acolyte	Ellie Johnson	Jisung Yim
Liturgist	LaVona Grissinger	Jason Moore
Counter	Molly Andersen	Rhonda Law
Verifier	Karen Hoffman	Tom Michels
Coffee Hour	Vivian Eaton	LaVona Grissinger
Greeter	Kay Cavanagh	
Usher	Carlo & Linda Stubbe	John LeComte/Jean Jones

Last Week’s Attendance: 51 + 2 dogs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WC Food Pantry – is needing soup (tomato, chicken noodle, cream of mushroom/chicken), cereal, mac & cheese, Chef Boyardee ravioli/spaghettios, pasta sauce, ketchup, crackers, pancake mix, syrup, and canned fruit. Please!

Blessing Basket – We are in need of laundry soap, and paper towels. We always need paper products. Your support is greatly appreciated!

The Women’s Group is asking you to bring clean and dry plastic bags. The group will make sleeping mats out of them for homeless people. You can drop them off in a box in the sewing room at church.

Weekly Zoom Prayer Meetings –will be every Thursday, @ 7 pm. Pastor Dave will email you a link each week.

Pictures for Church Directory – If you have not had your picture taken, please see Ronda to set up a time before the end of the April!!!

Coffee Hour –We will continue this thru May only and resume in September. Please see Linda Stubbe or Esther Losh to sign up.

(No coffee hour on TODAY!!)

May Telstar is available today!

Sign Committee – will meet Tuesday, April 30th at 5 pm in the library.

KITCHEN IS CLOSED – beginning Monday, April 22nd until further notice!!!

Confirmation Class – will meet Sunday, May 5th at 3:30 to 5 pm.

Youth Group – will meet Sunday, May 5th at 5 to 7 pm.

JOY (Just Older Youth) Ministry – gathering will be Wednesday, May 15th at 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. RSVP is required! (call the office)

Grief Share - online group will begin on April 29! It will be every Monday from 7:30pm-9pm(ish) through July 22. People can register online at: <https://www.griefshare.org/> then click find a group and type in Savanna's zip code! This is open to anyone who needs it!

Transition Team – meeting will be Sunday, May 5th @ 11:30 am after worship.

Last Day Of Sunday School – will be Sunday, May 19th.

Blood Drive – will be Wednesday, May 22nd @ 3 to 6 pm. See below!

Summer Church Worship at 9:30 am – will begin on June 2nd.

Please make sure the doors are closed & locked – when you come to the building after hours!

Nursery Room Usage – per NIC Safe Sanctuary policies, no child/children are to be in there without a parent or certified adult (18 or older) present. Please clean up when finished.

New Sewing Ministry – We invite all sewers to get involved in our sewing ministry buy getting a kit in the sewing room. Several are available. (Pattern & material) Check out this ministry in the sewing room after church or ask any member of United Women in Faith. This gives those who cannot come Monday afternoons to sew a chance to be part of this important ministry by sewing at home at your convenience. Check this out!!!



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, 10:15 am
April 28th, 2024

Vision Statement

“Our faith calls us to action in the body of Christ and in the local community to love God and to love others”

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