



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 May 1, 2022

LIGHTING OF THE ALTER CANDLE Dalton Shaw

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Molly Andersen

L: Come, let us sing our songs of joy to the Lord!

P: We will tell of God's power and victorious love!

L: Let our voices be heard everywhere!

P: Let our songs of praise never end!

L: Let all the earth echo the songs of God's mighty love!

P: Let us feel the strength of God coursing through us!

L: Shout the good news!

P: Christ is Alive! Christ calls us! Praise be to God!

HYMN #77: “How Great Thou Art”

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison): **God of power and might, let your love shine on us and through us to others. Take the blindness from our eyes and our hearts. Give us the joy of knowing and serving you in all that we say, think and do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

GOSPEL John 21:9-17 (NRSV) (Please Rise)

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

OFFERING OURSELVES

DOXOLOGY #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison): **Redeeming God, we live in a world that is far too ready to say that you can't be found, ready to choose punishment over mercy, judgment over compassion. Our world is too eager to put energy into exclusion rather than working to be inclusive of all your children. Lord, we need our eyes to be truly opened to who you really are. Let our blindness fall away and let us see the good that we can do—through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and our witness—to help usher in your kingdom here and now. May the gifts we give this morning be just the beginning of our availability to be your tools for bringing about the world you desire. We pray it in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.**

MESSAGE “Followers of Jesus Christ” Pastor Dave

HYMN #604: “Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God”

HOLY BAPTISM & SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION (Insert)

HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The body and blood of Jesus, given for you

HYMN #130: “God Will Take Care of You”

BENEDICTION

GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

Celebration Potluck in the Fellowship Hall following service. All are invited!

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.

Our slogan is Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

We are the people of the United Methodist Church.

In Our Prayers

Dawn Barber, Tim Cavanagh, Stone Curboy, Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Greg Eversoll, Chris Falk, Sandy Gabriel, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Marcile Fowler, Rhonda Harlock Smith, Robert Hill, John Irons, Noah Johnson, Dallas Kosier, Ann Larson, Judy Law, Paul Mayer, Susan Meyer, Collen Olsen, Bonnie Parker, Dan Piercy, Bill Robinson, Jane Rubietta, April Ruddell, Salvador Sanchez, Ron Smith, Grace Struve, Tod Tietjens, Peter Tsoukalas, Joy Turner, Martha White, Rhea (friend of Bonnie Davies), Rich Rathje, Josh & his son, Scarlett (daughter of Ashley Huebner).
Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, Dorothy Taylor, Bill Weidman, Steve Yenny

Our country & government/West Carroll Schools. Military Personnel & their families. Pray for students, teachers, administrators, parents & workers. Peace on earth and peace in Ukraine.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May

1 – Judy Getz

6 – Ancil & Sharon Guilinger “1960”

7 – Robert Bauer

8 – Bill Wright

CALENDAR

Monday, May 2

1 pm Sewing Ladies

3:30 – 5 pm WC Food Pantry

Tuesday, May 3

5 pm United Women in Faith – Fritz Nursery Outing

Wednesday, May 4

10 am Choir Practice

5:45 pm Youth Group outing – Mt Carroll Bowling Alley

Thursday, May 5

9 am Bible Study

Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day)

9:15 am Adult Sunday School

10:15 am Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendly reminder: Rhonda Law, you are the counter for May 8. The verifier is LaVona Grissinger.

Liturgist is Bonnie Davies. Acolyte is Ryker McCombie
Worship Helpers for May are Molly Andersen, Susan Michelle Jepsen, Esther Losh, Pam Darrow, Linda Jachino.

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 62 inside, 3 outside.

Food Pantry – This month items needed are cereal and crackers. The West Carroll School Food Pantry is now open to all families With children in Carroll County. This includes Eastland, Chadwick-Milledgeville and the Right Steps Family Center. The hours are 3:30 – 5 pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, unless it is a holiday.

Blessing basket –Laundry soap and toilet paper are always needed. Please leave your donations in the food pantry box in the narthex. Thank you!

Kids Kards – Thank you for the generous communion donation in March! Next Kids Kards will be on Sunday, May 22nd to make Father’s Day cards. We will have sandwiches, chips, drinks and dessert afterwards. Everyone is welcome and all materials are provided. Come and get creative with our kids!

Graduates – We will be celebrating our graduates on Sunday, May 15th. Please send information on your graduates to Shari @ office@firstumcsavanna.org. Name of graduate, graduating from, parents and/or grandparents, future plans and a picture if you like. All will be posted in the June Telstar.

Sunday School – **last day will be May 15 until fall.**
Every Sunday @ **9:15 am** Adult Sunday School
Every Sunday @ **10:15 am** preschoolers – 5th graders

Youth Group Meeting

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 4 @ 5:45 – 7:45 pm @ Mt Carroll Bowling Center. **Last meeting until September.**

Bible Study

Every Thursday @ 9 am

UMM

Next Gathering is May 9th (Mon) at 5pm
Grilling, Devotion, and Guest Speaker

UMW – Now known as United Women in Faith. Next gathering, Tues, May 3rd at 3 pm. Carpool leaving the church at 3 pm to go to Fritz’s nursery in Stockton. After touring the nursery we will have Supper out. All women of the church are welcome.

Soul Sisters – Soul Sisters is a Christian women’s fellowship group sponsored by our Church. Women are not required to be members of our church or any church to attend. Next outing will be Popcorn and a Movie on Wednesday, May 18th at 1 pm at FUMC. The movie will be either “Bride Wars” or “Mama Mia”. All women are invited to join us for a fun filled afternoon. Please contact Linda Jachino (815-541-4760), with any questions.

Worship

Hybrid service, every Sunday @ **10:15 am.**

Indoor, mask is optional

Outdoor, in your car. Tune in to FM 88.9

Pre-recorded online service on our church website.

www.firstumcsavanna.org

Or call 815-599-1307 to hear the latest sermon.

Worship summer schedule to begin on May 29th.

9:30 am worship. Drive-in Worship service only in rear parking lot.

Did you know that you can donate your Tithes online?

Online giving with Tithe.ly

You can find the link on our church website.

AA meeting in Savanna, every Wednesday at 7 pm at the Table, 411 Main St, Savanna.

Blood Drive – Tuesday, May 24th from 3 – 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

May Communion giving will go to Riverview Center.



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Sunday, May 1, 2022

10:15 am

Vision 2022 – “Love Others!”

Outward Focused Ministry during/after the Pandemic
(To build up a strong and safe community)
Strong in Mission, Strong in Justice, Strong in Diversity

“All the believers were together and had everything in common.” (Acts 2:44)

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