



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 May 2, 2021

PRELUDE Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: God is the True Vine, and we are the branches.
- P: Stay connected to the True Vine and bear fruit!**
- L: We come to worship God, who is the True Vine.
- A: God, teach us how to stay connected so that we might remain green and bear good fruit!**

HYMN#610 “We Know That Christ Is Raised”
(Insert or Screen)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)
Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people. In the name of the True Vine, who leads us to life, we pray. Amen.

THE APOSTLE’S CREED (Insert or Screen)

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 17:5-8 (CEB)
GOSPEL LESSON John 15:1-8 (CEB) (Please Rise)
L: This is the word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

HYMN#402 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”
(Insert or Screen)

MESSAGE: “How Do We Stay Connected?” Pastor Dave

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS
(Text Pastor Dave at 224-600-0446)
PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

HOLY COMMUNION
CONFESSION OF SINS
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
OFFERING OURSELVES
DOXOLOGY #95 (Insert or Screen)
OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)
God of grace and love, we long to dwell in your closeness, abiding in you and you abiding in us. However, the call to abide in other places is strong: to abide in the world of popularity and acceptance or in the world of increasing wealth and power centered around our own wants and desires. As we offer our gifts and ourselves to you, help us turn away from other calls and abide in that place of heart’s deepest desire: in your Son, Jesus, and he in us. In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING
THE LORD’S PRAYER (Insert or Screen)

SHARING BREAD AND JUICE
HYMN#620 “One Bread, One Body” (Insert or Screen)

BENEDICTION
Go now, and love one another, because love is from God. Proclaim God’s salvation to every generation. Remain in Jesus Christ, and like branches of a vine, draw your life from him.

POSTLUDE Vivian Eaton

Blessing of Pets in the playground

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,
Patti Thulen, Betty Speck, Beth Wickes,
Claire Winterburn, Billy David, Dee Helle, Chris Falk,
Patty Nevills, Jodi French, Libby, Dawn Barber,
Kathy Hamilton, Alice Riffe, Robert Hill,
Bob Grissinger, Matthew Foltz, Keith Brown,
Janis Wilt, Mike Johnson, Judy Law, Jackie Walker,
Karen Wallace, Family of Burt Dauphin.

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

Our country & government/West Carroll Schools
Birthdays and Anniversaries

- May 1 – Judy Getz
- 6 – Ancil & Sharon Guilinger 1960
- 7 – Robert Bauer
- 8 – Bill Wright
- 9 – Bob & LaVona Grissinger 1966
- 10 – Rodney Clemens, Letty Weidman

Calendar
Monday, May 3
9am Body & Soul Yoga
1pm Sewing Ladies
3:30 – 5pm WC Food Pantry
Thursday, May 6
9am Bible Study
9am Body & Soul Yoga
Saturday, May 8
8:30 am Premarital Counseling
Sunday, May 9 – Mother’s Day
9am Sunday School
10:15am Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendly reminder: Molly Andersen, you are the counter(s) for May 9th. The verifier is Pam Darrow. Thank you!
LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 32 Inside, 26 Outside

Worship helpers for May 9th service:

Inside: Liturgist – Brennan Cavanagh, Acolyte – Asia LaShelle, Usher – Bob Grissinger, Bulletins – Jackie Walker, Ann Larsen, Temps – LaVona Grissinger, Attendance – Mary Irons, Audio – Chris Falk

Outside: Molly Andersen, Pam Darrow, Susan Michelle Jepsen

Food Pantry/Blessing Basket Items Needed:

Food Pantry – Juice, egg noodles & cake mix.

Blessing basket – Paper towels, lightbulbs & dish soap.

Kid’s Kards will meet in the fellowship hall after worship today 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.

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 23rd.

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



May 2nd (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!



F Financial Report March 2021

Cash Available in General Account: \$1,932.00		
	March	Year to Date
Church Revenue (Member Contributions)	\$12,082.07 + 2 nd PPP Loan, \$15,795.00	\$47,406.13
Church Expenses	\$15,104.49	\$42,207.36
Net Operating Balance	\$12,772.58	\$5,198.77
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$2,606.00	\$3,909.00
Please, contact Vivian Eaton at 815-541-5671		



First United Methodist Church Sunday, 10:15 am May 2, 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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