



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.”

5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

10:15 am Sunday Worship May 3, 2026

LITURGIST Linda Jachino
LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE: Boyd Law & Blaine Johnson
MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (message Pastor 773-971-7208)
PASTORAL PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP Linda Jachino

L: Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts,
Jesus answers:

P: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

L: In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

P: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

L: In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust,
Jesus reminds us:

P: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

L: In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges,
Jesus shows us:

P: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

L: Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ,
our way, our truth, and our life.

P: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.

***HYMN UMH #64 “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

*OPENING PRAYER (Unison) Linda Jachino

**Father of life, grant that today's worship will reflect the
true devotion of our hearts. Encourages us to pray, to praise, to
confess, to hearing Your word, and to surrender life to You.
Reveal to us the presence of your dear son Jesus, who is Christ
the Lord. Amen.**

Sacrament of Baptism: Zander Lawrence Scott Feuerbach

Gospel Reading John 14:1-14 NRSV Linda Jachino

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

SONG OF PREPARATION

“Thank You Lord / Te Agradeço” Isabel de Castro

MESSAGE Pastor Fernando

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION/CONFESSION AND PARDON

SILENT PRAYER

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

**Bless what we give, O Lord, and shape it after Your will
that it may honor You and benefit many in Jesus Christ,
we pray, Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

***HYMN UMH # 368 “MY HOPE IS BUILT.”**

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

IN OUR PRAYERS

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. Sandy Froelich

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; the Gaza Strip;

peace in the Middle East; people affected by the wildfires, snow, cold
temperatures; the towns, families, students, school administrators,
and those who experience everyday violence and their families.

Sympathy: Vel Boldt Family

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May 4 -Jonathan Floming

CALENDAR

Monday, May 4

9:00 am to noon – Office open

1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

3:30 to 5 pm – WC Food Pantry

Tuesday, May 5

9 am to 12 noon – Office open

Wednesday, May 6

9:00 am to noon – Office open

Thursday, May 7

9 am to 12 noon – Office open

Friday, May 8

9:00 am to noon - Office open

Sunday, May 10-Mother’s Day- Choir sings

9 am – Adult & Youth Sunday School

10:15 am – Worship

11:30 am – Coffee hour

WORSHIP HELPERS

	May 3	May 10
Acolyte	Boyd Law & Blaine Johnson	Pearl Michels
Liturgist	Linda Jachino	Jason Moore
Counter	Molly Andersen	Rhonda Law
Verifier	Karen Hoffman	Tom Michels
Coffee Hour	Cavanagh	Melinda & Gary Dykema
Greeter	Esther Losh & Karen Hoffman	
Ushers	Linda, Pam, Molly & Kay Cavanagh	Linda Stubbe, Deb Long, Karen Hoffman, Kirk Hoffman

Last Week’s Attendance: 57

ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Carroll Food Pantry

Thank you so much for your generosity!

The Blessing Basket – Thank you for all your donations! Please consider
Laundry Detergent.

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

The office knows

United Women of Faith: All women are welcome to the UMF Meeting on May 5th at 6:00 pm in the church library.

We will have our regular meeting followed by a video portraying Women of the Bible. Wednesday May 13th at 5:00 pm we will be planting flowers. Please bring two 6-packs of your favorite flowers and planting tools. We'll go for supper when we are done. All women are welcome to join us! For more information, contact Kathir Prins at 563-249-3477.

Soul Sisters May 7th, 11 am, Fellowship Hall

Movie Night Thursday, May 7th, Fellowship at 5 pm, and the movie starts at 6 pm Questions see Karen Hoffman

Mother's Day May 10th

Blood Drive May 14, 3-6 pm, Fellowship Hall

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

Celebrating the Class of 2026: "A service of Hope and Reflection for our Seniors will be held at Mount Carroll Church of God on May 13th @ 6 PM Pastor Fernando de Castro will share the word OF HOPE. All are welcome. Items for refreshments are requested.

High School Graduation May 16th. Please consider attending the party As we celebrate our youth, **Noah Johnson's** achievement.

SOUL SISTERS

"An Apron Fashion Show"

1ST UMC

THURSDAY, MAY 7TH

11:00 A.M.

BRING: *Your favorite apron (to model for your Soul Sisters)

*A sack lunch (dessert & drinks provided)

*Unique kitchen utensils/ gadgets

ALL WOMEN are invited to attend!

RSVP---Contact Linda Jachino (815-541-4760)



BISHOP'S 2026 APPEAL

Giving Abundantly, Generosity Overflowing

Education for Central Conferences

Every year, the Northern Illinois Conference United Methodists raise funds for a project of the area bishop's choosing and brings the money raised to the Annual Conference session in June. Together, we join our resources and bring hope to the world.

This year, we will raise money for one fund, to be divided equally between two education-related projects. We'll invest in the futures of young people as they discover their gifts and in equipping leaders to be wise, knowledgeable, and compassionate guides of faith communities. This year's recipients are:



High School Construction in Tanzania

Led by United Methodist missionary Rev. Christina Kim, a clergy member of the Northern Illinois Conference

Council of Bishops' Endowment Fund for Theological Education in Central Conferences

Supporting theological education in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines.

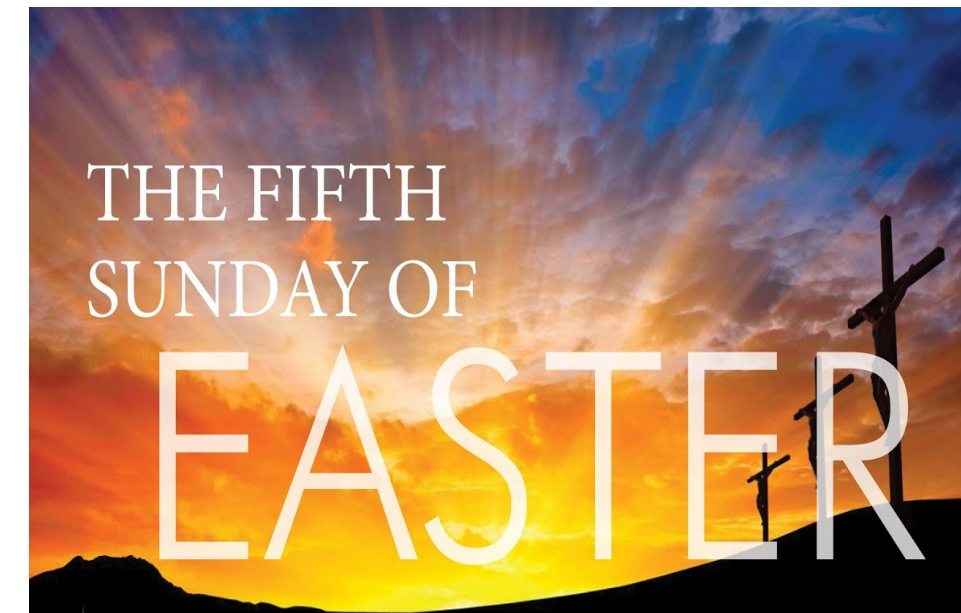
How to help:

- Pray for students, teachers, and church leaders in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines
- Give online umcnic.org/2026BishopsAppeal or scan QR code
- Give to your church's special offering



The offering will go towards the Bishop's Appeal, and the Outreach committee will match the communion giving directed to the Bishop's Appeal?

MOTHER'S DAY - MAY 10th



**First United
Methodist Church
Sunday, May 3, 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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