



**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."

**Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A**

10:15

May 17, 2026

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR  
MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART

Joe Pasch  
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**

Emily Medley

L: You are never left outside God's house.

**P: There is always room for us.**

L: Jesus himself has prepared a place for each of us.

**P: When our time comes, we will be welcomed and made whole in Christ.**

L: Make your hearts ready to receive the goodness of the Lord.

**P: We are ready to step into service for God. AMEN.**

**\* HYMN UMH #139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty."**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Emily Medley

**We gather this day, O Lord, as people who seek your Guiding Love. Open our hearts and make us ready to stand firm in the faith that leads to loving service. Create a new people in this place so that your love may surround all who enter here. For we ask these things 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

**Scripture Reading**

**Deuteronomy 6:4-8 NRSV**

Emily Medley

**Gospel Matthew 7:24-29 NRSV**

Pastor Fernando

**The Word of God for the People of God**

**P: Thanks be to God**

**Song of Preparation: "Dem Bones" Sunday School & Choir**

**Message: RESISTING THE STORMS OF LIFE - 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**

Emily Medley

**Receive these gifts this morning, O God, author of every good gift. Out of the bounty of our hearts, we respond with faithful generosity and love. May these gifts become blessings for others as they have been blessings for us. Amen.**

**\*HYMN # 445 "Happy the Home when God is There."**

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Pastor Fernando

**\* GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD**

Vivian Eaton

**IN OUR PRAYER**

Bennett Sturtz, Howard Nichols, Curtis Pilgrim, Tinslee, Dan Zambon, Frank Norman, Pastor Narda, Mike Medley, Matt, Lt. Brian Robinson, Bill Haas, Colleen Olsen (brain surgery), Kevin Everson, Benny McClure Julia Castro, Trena, rev. David forbes, JoannWinkler, Teresa Bauer, Sandy Froelich

**Sympathy:** Kevin Law Family

Gerald & Beth Bower Family

**Our shut-ins:** Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenney, 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**

**CALENDAR**

Monday, May 18

9:00 am to noon – Office open

1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, May 19

9 am to 12 noon – Office open

Wednesday, May 20

9:00 am to noon – Office open

Thursday, May 21

9:00 am to noon – Office open

Friday, May 15

9:00 am to noon - Office open

Sunday, May 24

8:30 am– Prayer Meeting

9:00 am -Sunday School

10:15 am – Main Service

**WORSHIP HELPERS**

	May 17	May 24
Acolyte	Anika Law	Joe Pasch
Liturgist	Emily Medley	Tim Cavanagh
Counter	Lori Miller	Lori Miller
Verifier	Sharon Guilinger	Sharon Guilinger
Coffee Hour	Ross & Glenda Bronkema	Burt & Kathie
Greeter	Carlo & Linda Stubbe	LaVona Grissinger
Usher	Rhonda & Bruce, Leann & Tom Michels	Pam D. & Molly A. Burt & Kathie

**Last Week's Attendance: 67**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**West Carroll Food Pantry**

Thank you so much for your generosity!

**The Blessing Basket** – Thank you for all your donations! Please Consider supplying 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.

**PICTURES!!!** Please sign up for photos for the church directory.

**JOY (Just Older Youth)** May 20, 4:30-6:30pm. We will be serving a variety of salads with dessert being a banana split. Our program will be with music and songs performed by Hady Mambo, Reservations by noon Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Rides available in town only.

**Graduation Sunday - Today!** Our 2026 Graduates, Noah Johnson, Plans on attending Sauk Valley Community College in the Fall, pursuing A dual degree in Multicraft and business. Grandchildren of Shirley Hastings, Ryker Budillija, West Carroll High School Graduate 2026, & Jessica Budillija, West Carroll 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduate.

**Men's Meeting** May 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm

**Helen Ann Coffey** was born May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 3:48pm, 7 lb. 8 oz., 19 inches. Parents Hazi & Wade Coffey, Grandparents Cori & Jason Moore

**Administrative Council:** Today after Service.

**Church - Wide Potluck** May 31<sup>st</sup>, after service. All families encouraged To attend.

Forms are in the Narthex or talk to Paul Mayer!

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Sunday, May 17, 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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