



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 26, 2024

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Asia LaShelle

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF COLORS Burt Prins

Presentation and Honor

Pledge of Allegiance

The National Anthem “Star Spangled Banner” Vivian Eaton

PRESENTATION OF MEMORIAL SYMBOLS Jerry Brearton

MUSIC “God Bless America” Vivian Eaton

Dog Tags, Helmet, Duffle Bag, Poppies, Yellow Ribbon, Medals,
and Bible

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE BRANCHES

Veterans please stand as your service branch is named

Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard

SPECIAL MUSIC “God Bless America” Jiho Yim & Aidan Michels

*CALL TO WORSHIP Ronda Rathje

L: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its
chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country’s story.

P: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD!

L: For leaders in nation and state who in days past and in these
present times have labored for justice and for peace.

P: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD!

L: For those who in all times and places have been true and
brave, and in the world’s common ways have lived upright lives
and ministered to their fellow human beings.

P: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD!

L: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and
especially for those who gave even their lives in that service.

P: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD!

L: Merciful God, as we remember these, your servants, remembering
with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you
those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with
your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have
lost, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that
their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.

A: Amen.

HYMN #698 “God of the Ages”

OPENING PRAYER Ronda Rathje

**God of ages past and hope to come, we offer our gratitude for
those who have gone before, we offer our hope for those yet
to come. As we honor the past, help us dream of a future of
love and peace. Comfort us in our sorrow. Strengthen us for
the journey. Guide us on the path of justice. Help us live as
your people, that others may see and remember your wisdom
and truth living in us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S TIME Esther Losh

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 6:1-8 (CEB) Ronda Rathje

*GOSPEL John 3:1-8 (CEB) Pastor Dave Yim

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

HYMN #696 “America the Beautiful”

MESSAGE Pastor Dave Yim

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy king-
dom 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

**Living God, we praise you for the miraculous ways you answer
prayer. You alone are the Lord! Throughout history, you have
provided faithful leaders and sent your Spirit to renew all who
follow you. Enable us to be more dedicated disciples, readily
sharing our time and abilities through the ministries of your
church here in Savanna. May your love in Jesus Christ be felt
by people near and far whose lives are touched by our
mission. We pray in your holy name. Amen.**

SONG “Letters From War” Video

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*MEMORIAL TRIBUTE: PRESENTATION OF FOLDED FLAG

*TAPS

*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, Dale Wurster,
Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling’s friend), 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
(Belder) Klein, Howard Nichols, Jackie Walker, Dennis Plattenberger
(Mary’s friend), LaVona Grissinger’s granddaughter, Shirley Hastings, Chuck
Curtis, Eldar (Karen Hoffman’s friend), Joe Jensen, Leanna (Rhonda Law’s
friend’s sister), Chris Falk, Kim Brooke (Susan Michelle’s friend), Alyssa
Volkers, our Confirmands (Jon, Aidan, Jiho, Asia, Caleb, and Lexi), the
farmers, 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.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- May 26 – Jerry Cavanagh
- 27 – Jean Ferris
- 27 – Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison (2007)
- 28 – Shirley Hastings
- 28 – Carlos Stubbe

CALENDAR

- Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day)
 - 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
 - 7:30 to 9 pm – GriefShare Online Group
- Thursday, May 30
 - 9 am – Bible Study @ McDonald's
 - 7 pm – Zoom Prayer meeting

WORSHIP HELPERS

	June 2	June 9
Acolyte	Blaine Johnson	Jiwon Yim
Liturgist	Esther Losh	Burt Prins
Counter	Molly Andersen	Rhonda Law
Verifier	Mary Irons	Pam Darrow
Coffee Hour	No Coffee Hour	Potluck
Greeter	Kay Cavanagh	Charlene Mayer
Ushers	???	???

Last Week's Attendance: 85

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WC Food Pantry - Please consider giving to the food pantry for the summer as the kids will not be in school to get two meals a day. As a result, the food that parents do get twice a month will not go near as far. Food pantries will be in desperate need of fruit, peanut butter & jelly, Mac & cheese, crackers, pancake mix, syrup, Chef Boyardee, and cereal! Please remember this is all so no child goes hungry!!!

Blessing Basket – We are in need sunscreen, men's & women's shampoo and deodorant. 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 ASAP!!! This is the last week!!!

Volunteers needed - to man the Savanna Food Pantry on Tuesday, May 28th and Thursday, May 30th. Hours are 9am to 12 noon. If you are interested please call Molly Andersen at 815-273-2104.

Graduation Sunday – will be Sunday, June 2nd! Get your graduate's picture and information (graduate's name, school graduating from,

type of degree, and future plans to the office by Tuesday, May 28th.

JOY (Just Older Youth) Ministry – will be on Wednesday, June 19th at 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to the office no later than noon on June 13th!

Bible Study – will take place on Thursdays at 9 am at McDonald's.

Summer Church Worship at 9:30 am – will begin next Sunday, June 2nd.

Celebrate Community-Music & Stories with local Korean UM clergies!

on Sunday, June 2 at 5 pm at Morrison UMC. There will be an uplifting concert with free meal and Korean desserts. (See flyer in narthex) Please sign up!!! (Clipboard on table outside the office.)

Open House for Pastor Dave & family – will be held on **Saturday, June 8th** from 1 to 3 pm in the fellowship hall. This will be a farewell party for Pastor Dave and his family. This will be open to the public. There will be a basket at the back of the church for monetary donations.

Potluck for Pastor Dave & family – will be held on **Sunday, June 9th** after worship for the congregation. Sign up sheet for food is available.

Backwater Gamblers Water Ski Show with Pastor Dave – Pastor Dave will be singing the national anthem for the ski show on Sunday, June 9th!!! Please arrive by 6:10 pm so that you don't miss it. Go support Pastor Dave and Susan Michelle Jepsen!

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 by 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!!!



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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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