



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.”

9:30 am Sunday Worship June 23, 2024

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Kirk Hoffman

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Ronda Rathje

*CALL TO WORSHIP Susan Michelle Jepsen

L: Beloved, when sorrow and hardship abound and events across an ocean and down the block shake our resolve and make us question what good the good news is evening doing, God calls to us...

P: Open your heart.

L: When fear and misinformation infiltrate our relationships, and we don't know who to trust or how to do the next right thing, God calls to us...

P: Open your heart.

L: When joy overflows, and we witness the fruit of grace all around us, transforming our lives and our communities into places of connection and flourishing, God calls to us...

P: Open your heart.

L: May this time of worship be for each of us a time to listen to God's call to open our hearts and accept the divine invitation to say yes to the work of grace in us, among us, and all around us.

P: God, we open our hearts to receive your gift of grace, knowing you hold us securely in the palm of your hands that we might have the courage to live in vulnerable community with you and one another. Amen.

*SONG “How Great Thou Art” Worship DVD

OPENING PRAYER Susan Michelle Jepsen

Holy God, we extol and honor you for who you are. We praise you for your faithfulness and for your tender mercies that are every blessing of yesterday, the gift of this day, and the promises of our tomorrows. Grant us an enduring faith as we

strive against oppression and despair. Endow us with contagious joy that uplifts the downtrodden and inspires hope in you. Increase in us the faith and courage of the prophets, the love of Jesus, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. In your majestic name we pray, Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881

SCRIPTURE II Corinthians 6:1-13 (NRSV) Susan Michelle Jepsen

*GOSPEL Mark 4:35-41 (NRSV) Rev. George Woosnam

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

HYMN #2146 “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” (vs 1 & 2 only)

MESSAGE “Stilling Storms” Rev. George Woosnam

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (call/text Ronda 815-275-8045)

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE Rev. George Woosnam

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.

OFFERING OURSELVES

*DOXOLOGY #95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. George Woosnam

Gracious God, as we bring our offerings before you in this Pentecost season, we acknowledge the gift of your grace, freely given and yet calling us to respond. Help us not to accept your grace in vain, but to let it bear fruit in our lives and in our communities. May our actions reflect the transforming power of your grace as we open our hearts to love, to vulnerability, and to relationship, trusting in the abundance of your grace to guide us. Amen.

*HYMN #377 “It Is Well with My Soul”

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD

Vivian Eaton

In Our Prayers

Emilee Derrer, Gi-Tae Yim, Sandy Froehlich, Barb McFadden, Glen White, Pastor Bill Landis, Shirley Hastings, Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling's friend), Pastor Lee (Pastor Dave's friend), Don & Judy Greenfield, Sandy Pratt, Lexi Tsoukalas (Molly's great niece), Debbie Bilik (Janet Morlock's friend), Scarlett Huebner, Chrissy Sullivan, Miles Purchis (Max & Martha Purchis' grandson), 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 (Belander) Klein, Howard Nichols, Jackie Walker, Dennis Plattenberger (Mary's friend), Kristin (Bob & LaVona Grissinger's granddaughter), Chuck Curtis, Eldar (Karen Hoffman's friend), Joe Jensen, Chris Falk, KimBrooke (Susan Michelle's friend), Alyssa Volkers, Mary Ellen Dreger, Karen Hoffman, Billy David (Kris Yingling's friend), the friends and family of Shirley Fritz, the family of Rhonda Harlock Smith, the family of Dale Wurster, the Swanson family from Albany, VBS leaders, Pastor Fernando, and Pastor Dave and family.

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.

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 heat, tornadoes and severe thunderstorms, and the victims of everyday violence and their families.

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.

Open Hearts! Open Minds! Open Doors!

We are the people of the United Methodist Church.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- June 24 – Glenn Hoffman
- 25 – Paul Mayer
- 26 – Glenn & Cheyanne Hoffman (2021)
- 26 – Jon Darrow
- 26 – Paula Mayer

CALENDAR

- Monday, June 24
 - 1 pm – Clean at Parsonage
 - 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
 - 5 pm – JOY meeting
 - 5:30 pm – Worship meeting
 - 7:30 to 9 pm – GriefShare Online Group
- Tuesday, June 25
 - 9 am – Clean at Parsonage
- Sunday, June 30
 - 9:30 am – Worship (Hymn Sing)

WORSHIP HELPERS

	June 30	July 7th
Acolyte	Ellie Johnson	Ryker McCombie
Liturgist	Bill Wright	Ronda Rathje
Counter	Lori Miller	Molly Andersen
Verifier	Linda Stubbe	Karen Hoffman
Coffee Hour	None	Coffee Hour
Greeter	Bob & LaVona Grissinger	Bob & LaVona Grissinger
Ushers	Worship cmtc	Worship/Lexi Piercy

Last Week's Attendance: 72

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.

NO Weekly Zoom Prayer Meetings - _ til further notice.

NO Bible Study – June 27th or July 4th

Summer Church Worship at 9:30 am – will continue thru the summer.

If you need Pastoral Care – from June 20 thru 30, Pastor Gary Panetta will be covering. Feel free to contact him at 815-590-1792 or gpanetta@dbq.edu or you can contact Ronda @ 815-275-8045.

JOY Ministry Meeting – will be Monday, June 24th @ 5 pm

Worship Meeting – will be Monday, June 24th @ 5:30 pm after JOY.

Hymn Sing Sunday – will take place on June 30th with Ronda speaking.

July Communion Offering – will go to School Supply Drive.

Pastor Fernando – will be here on July 1st. His first worship service will be on Sunday, July 7th at 9:30 am with coffee hour afterwards. We will have an outdoor worship service on Sunday, July 14th with a welcoming cook-out after the service. Meet & Greets will take place in August.

VBS is July 15th thru 19th!!! – If you are interested in volunteering, reach out to Kris Yingling.

Youth Mission Trip is July 20 thru 26th!!! – they are looking for a male or female chaperone and financial support for their trip!!! Please reach out to the office for more information.

Need Some Help or Know Someone Who Does? – UM Men's group is looking for people who need some help at home – cleanup, yard work, weeding, etc. If you have a project and need assistance, let Ronda know in the office!

School Supplies – are on sale right now if you are considering donating to our school supply drive for the kids. Please place your donations in the box outside the office.

Savanna Thrift Store – could use some volunteers to sort, straighten, and/or work during open hours. Please see Linda Stubbe if you are interested.

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 buy 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!!!



First United
 Methodist Church
 Sunday, June 23rd, 2024
 at 9:30 am

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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