



**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 30, 2024

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Ellie Johnson

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Ronda Rathje

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Wright

L: Bless us as we meet together

**P: Dear Lord we pray**

L: Bless the singing of your praise

**P: The reading of your Word**

L: The sharing of our fellowship

**P: The prayers that will be heard**

**All: Bless us as we meet together, dear Lord we pray. Amen**

\*HYMN SING

(4 hymns – 1<sup>st</sup> verse only)

Call out a number from your hymnal

OPENING PRAYER Bill Wright

**O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881

SCRIPTURE Psalm 130 Bill Wright

HYMN SING

(4 hymns – 1<sup>st</sup> verse only)

Call out a number from your hymnal

MESSAGE "The Hymns" Ronda Rathje

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

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE Ronda Rathje

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

**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 Ronda Rathje

**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 SING

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\*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 Farrow, 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), 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 23 – Jen McCombie
- July 1 – Luke Holcomb
  - 5 – Jeff Doran
  - 5 – Sarah Neumiller-Jackson
  - 5 – Rhonda & Jeff Law (1986)
  - 6 – Molly Andersen
  - 6 – Judy Greenfield
  - 7 – Noah Johnson

**CALENDAR**

- Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
  - 3:30 to 5 pm – West Carroll Food Pantry
  - 7:30 to 9 pm – GriefShare Online Group
- Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - 6:30 pm – United Women of Faith meeting
- Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Office is closed
- Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>
  - 5 pm – Savanna Sesquicentennial Parade
  - 8:30 pm – Fireworks at the High School
- Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> (Communion)
  - 9:30 am – Worship (Pastor Fernando’s first service)
  - 10:30 am – Coffee hour

**WORSHIP HELPERS**

	July 7	July 14
Acolyte	Ryker McCombie	Ryker McCombie
Liturgist	Ronda Rathje	LaVona Grissinger
Counter	Molly Andersen	Rhonda Law
Verifier	Karen Hoffman	Tom Michels
Coffee Hour	Coffee Hour	Cookout - Potluck
Greeter	Lexi Piercy	???
Ushers	Bob & LaVona Grissinger	Worship cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 36

**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, lotion, 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.
- We will decorate float for the parade after church!!!** – Everyone is welcome to walk in the parade with us! Wear your church t-shirt or something red, white, and blue!
- NO Bible Study** – on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>!
- Summer Church Worship at 9:30 am** – will continue thru the summer.
- July Communion Offering** – will go to School Supply Drive.
- Pastor Fernando** – will be here on July 1<sup>st</sup>. His first worship service will be on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am with coffee hour afterwards. We will have an outdoor worship service on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> with a welcoming cook-out after the service. Meet & Greets will take place in August.
- Church office will be closed Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>!**
- VBS is July 15<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup>!!!** – If you are interested in volunteering, reach out to Kris Yingling.
- VBS Supplies** – they are needing a Ladder Ball set. If you have one that they could borrow, please let Kris or the office know.
- Youth Mission Trip is July 20 thru 26<sup>th</sup>!!!** – 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 30th, 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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