



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 July 7, 2024

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Ryker McCombie

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Ronda Rathje

*CALL TO WORSHIP Ronda Rathje

L: How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger bringing good news, breaking the news that all's well,

P: Proclaiming good times, announcing salvation, telling Zion, "Your God reigns!"

L: Voices! Listen! Your scouts are shouting, thunderclap shouts, shouting in joyful unison.

P: They see with their own eyes God coming back to Zion.

L: Break into song! Boom it out, ruins of Jerusalem: "God has comforted his people! He's redeemed Jerusalem!" God has rolled up his sleeves.

P: All the nations can see his holy, muscled arm. Everyone, from one end of the earth to the other, sees him at work, doing his salvation work. AMEN!

*HYMN #310 "He Lives"

OPENING PRAYER Ronda Rathje

Eternal God, we thank you for your faithfulness and for the continuity of your work among each one of us, as we take a new direction today, we commit ourselves to believe and proclaim your loving Message to all people, from the day you called us, to present we believe that the God who started this great work through those who went before us, will keep it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears. Amen!

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881

Celebration of the Appointment of Our New Pastor (insert)

HYMN #367 "He Touched Me"

SCRIPTURE Mark 6:1-13 (CEB) Ronda Rathje

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE "Let Us Begin With Love"

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

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION/CONFESSION AND PARDON

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 Pastor Fernando

Merciful God, in this time of reflection and offering, we acknowledge our weaknesses and limitations, knowing that it is through our struggles that we learn humility and dependence on you. As we bring forth our gifts, may we also bring our vulnerabilities, trusting in your grace to transform our weaknesses into strengths for the work of your kingdom. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*HYMN #593 "Here I Am, Lord"

*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 (Belandar) 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 Volkens, Mary Ellen Dreger, Karen Hoffman, Billy David (Kris Yingling's friend), Emily Medley, Lupe Castro, family of Dr. Mark Connelly, 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

- July 7 – Noah Johnson
- 8 – Michael Jones
- 10 – Erik Torrison
- 12 – Hannah Guilinger
- 12 – Eric Purchis
- 12 – Gary & Melinda Dykema (2014)

CALENDAR

- Monday, July 8
 - 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
 - 7:30 to 9 pm – GriefShare Online Group
- Tuesday, July 9
 - 5 pm – Finance/Growth meeting
- Thursday, July 11
 - 9 am – Bible Study
 - 1:30 pm – Senior Service
- Sunday, July 14
 - 9:30 am – Outdoor Worship
 - 10:30 am – Cookout/Potuck

WORSHIP HELPERS

	July 14	July 21
Acolyte	Ryker McCombie	Asia LaShelle
Liturgist	LaVona Grissinger	Molly Andersen
Counter	Rhonda Law	Lori Miller
Verifier	Tom Michels	Sharon F. Guilinger
Coffee Hour	Cookout - Potluck	NO Coffee hour
Greeter	???	Ron & Lori Miller
Ushers	Worship cmte	Worship cmte

Last Week's Attendance: 36 + 2 dogs

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.

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

July Communion Offering – will go to School Supply Drive.

Pastor Fernando –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.

JOY Ministry dinner – will be Wednesday, July 17th at 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to the office by Monday, July 15th by noon.

Soul Sister July Outing – “The Wizard of Oz” at Timberlake Playhouse Wednesday, July 17th at 2 pm. Contact Linda at 815-541-4760.

VBS is July 15th thru 19th!!! – 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 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!!!



We're Getting a New Pastor

First United Methodist Church
Sunday, July 7th, 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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