



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 14, 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 LaVona Grissinger

L: When we witness our work bear good fruit and rejoice in all God has done among us...

P: We gather for worship.

L: When misunderstanding and misinformation threaten to divide instead of unite us...

P: We gather for worship.

L: When we dance together in the joy of knowing we belong to God and one another...

P: We gather for worship.

L: When we stumble and bumble our way forward as God's grace guides us into greater love and deeper communion...

P: We gather for worship. Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN #57 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

OPENING PRAYER LaVona Grissinger

God, we know that it was because of your love that you decided that through Jesus Christ, you would make us your children we often forget that we love you because you first loved us make us truly grateful Lord and strengthen our desire to be your faithful children in Jesus's name, we pray 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, dead, 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.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 24 LaVona Grissinger

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 1:3-14 Pastor Fernando

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE "God Chose You to be Here" Pastor Fernando

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

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE

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 Pastor Fernando

Gracious God, in this sacred moment of offering, we recognize your sovereignty and mercy. As we present our gifts, may they reflect our gratitude for your presence in our lives, amid the complexities and uncertainties of our journeys. Guide us to dance with abandon, even amid our doubts and struggles, trusting in your steadfast love and grace. Amen.

*HYMN # 2158 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

*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, Eli (Bob & Lavona's grandson), Paula Mayer, 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 Volkers, Mary Ellen Dreger, Karen Hoffman, Emily Medley, Lupe Castro, Sharon Guilinger, Ennie Maria (Pastor Fernando's daughter), family of Billy David, and the VBS leaders.

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 17 – Nathaniel Law
18 – Ronda Rathje

CALENDAR

Monday, July 15
Telstar items due!
9 am to 12 noon – Vacation Bible School (VBS)
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 16
9 am to 12 noon - VBS

Wednesday, July 17
9 am to 12 noon - VBS
2 pm to Souls Sisters @ Timberlake
4:30 to 6:30 pm – JOY Ministry @ Old Mill Park

Thursday, July 18
9 am to 12 noon – VBS
3:30 pm – Worship meeting
6:00 pm – VBS program

Friday, July 19
9 am to 12 noon - VBS

Sunday, July 21
8:00 am – Trustee meeting
9:30 am – Worship
10:45 am – Ad Council

WORSHIP HELPERS

	July 21	July 28
Acolyte	Asia LaShelle	Blaine Johnson
Liturgist	Molly Andersen	Linda Jachino
Counter	Lori Miller	Vivian Eaton
Verifier	Sharon F. Guilinger	LaVona Grissinger
Coffee Hour	NO Coffee hour	NO Coffee hour
Greeter	Ron & Lori Miller	Gary & Melinda Dykema
Ushers	Worship cmte	Worship cmte

Last Week's Attendance: 58 + 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.

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. We will meet at the Plum Pavillion (center one) at Old Mill Park. We will have a Pickleball demonstration.

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

Acoustic Gospel Sing-A-Long – will be at the Table (411 Main Street) on Wednesday, July 17th from 7 to 8 pm. "Gone Fishin'" will be there.

Pizza Ranch Fundraiser for Rick Meal Packing – will be July 29th from 4:40 to 8 pm. Volunteers are needed to work helping customers, picking up plates, doing dishes, etc. We receive 10% of sales plus tips! Let office know if you can help and of course, plan to go eat too!

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!!!



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Sunday, July 14th, 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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