



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 17, 2022

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Noah Johnson

L: We gather this day from a week filled with needs and demands

P: We come to find rest and renewal of our spirits.

L: Open your hearts in love to hear the voice of God.

P: We want to quietly rest in God's presence, free from the clamor of the world.

L: This is the day that the Lord has made.

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.

HYMN #144: This Is My Father's World

1. This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world,
the birds their carols raise,

the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison): **We come to your house seeking your presence, O God. For in the mystery of our universe, you created all things in heaven and on earth and reconciled all things to you, by and in Jesus Christ. So we stand before you steadfast in the hope promised by our friend, Jesus. Hear the cries of our hearts, our prayers, and our needs. Heal and restore us. For we ask this in Jesus' name. 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 Amos 8:11-12 (CEB)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send hunger and thirst on the land; neither a hunger for bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the Lord's words. They will wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they will roam all around, seeking the Lord's word, but they won't find it.

GOSPEL Luke 10:38-42 (NRSV)

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus' feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

HYMN #454: Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2. Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

MESSAGE: "Jesus' Top Priority" Pastor Dave

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS (Text Pastor Dave, 224-600-0446)

PRAYER FOR THE 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 (In Unison): **Our Heavenly Father, with great kindness you lead your people. You give wisdom to help us recognize Christ as the Lord of glory. Enlighten us by your Spirit to discern how to use the gifts that you have bestowed on us. May all of our church's ministries serve as channels of your powerful grace to people in need of help. We dedicate these tithes and offerings through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

HYMN #368: My Hope Is Built
1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood supports me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righteousness alone,

faultless to stand before the throne! (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

After church: Ad Council Meeting!

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.
Our slogan is Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
We are the people of the United Methodist Church.

In Our Prayers

Dawn Barber, Tim Cavanagh, Stone Curboy, Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Chris Falk, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Shirley Fritz, Sandy Gabriel, Bob Grissinger, Rhonda Harlock Smith, John Irons, Don Kramer, Dallas Kosier, Judy Law, Collen Olsen, Bonnie Parker, Dan Piercy, Rhea (friend of Bonnie Davies), Bill Robinson, Salvador Sanchez, Ron Smith, Alice Stallings, Grace Struve, Pastor Sylvester, Tod Tietjens, Alice Riffe Torrison, Joy Turner, Scarlett (daughter of Ashley Huebner), Young-Ho (Father of Bang-Wool), Eli (Grandson of Bob & LaVona Grissinger), Gi-Tae Yim (Father of Pastor Dave), Jackie Walker, Josephine Gherardini, Family of Gene Wight, Family of Greg Eversoll.

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, Dorothy Taylor, Bill Weidman, Steve Yenny.

Our country & government. Military Personnel & their families. Global economic crisis. The safety of Ukrainians and the end of the war, farmers in the fields & families of the victims of the shooting in Highland Park, IL.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July

17 – Nathaniel Law

18 – Ronda Rathje

CALENDAR

Monday, July 18 – Friday, July 22

Vacation Bible School 9 am – 12 pm

Telstar deadline

3:30 – 5 pm WC Food Pantry

Thursday, July 21

9 am Bible Study

3 pm Health & Worship

Sunday, July 24

9:30 am Worship – Outside Service Only

Kids Kards following service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendly reminder: Vivian Eaton, you are the counter for July 24th. The verifier is Tom Michels. Liturgist is Esther Losh.

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 48

Food Pantry – This month items needed are cereal and fruit juice. The West Carroll School Food Pantry is now open to all families with children in Carroll County. This includes Eastland, Chadwick-Milledgeville and the Right Steps Family Center. The hours are 3:30 – 5 pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, unless it is a holiday. With school out for the summer some children are missing 2 meals a day, 5 days a week. The need for donations to the Food Pantry increases because of this. Please remember to bring your donations throughout the summer. Since we are worshiping outside for the next 2 months we will have a basket

outside on Sunday mornings for your donations. Thank you for your support.

Blessing basket –The Blessing Basket is available to anyone who utilizes the WC Food Pantry. Clients can pick 3 items each time they visit. The most popular item last year was toilet paper, 240 rolls of it, followed by paper towels, 90 rolls of them. Thank you for your continued support of this very helpful ministry. Laundry soap & toilet paper are always needed. Please leave your donations in the food pantry box in the narthex. Thank you!

Kids Kards – July 24th following service, around 10:30 am.

Everyone is welcome and all materials are provided.

Bible Study

Every Thursday @ 9 am

Worship

Let us worship God together at FUMC.

Summer Worship 9:30 am, drive-in service only.

Please bring your lawnchairs.

Outdoor, in your car. Tune in to FM 88.9

Pre-recorded online service on our church website.

www.firstumcsavanna.org

Or call **815-599-1307** to hear the latest sermon.



July 18 through July 22.

Theme is Food Truck Party. Online registration link has been created. It is on our Facebook page or as follows: [First United Methodist Church of Savanna · My Cokesbury VBS](#)

The following items are needed from our church if you wish to donate:

- 1 Chef Hat
- 2 beach balls
- 2 aquarium nets

Label the items with your name and they will be returned to you. Items can be bought to the church office or given to Sharon Guilinger or Kris Yingling. Thank you so much for your contribution to VBS!



School Supply Drive

It's hard to believe but it's time to start collecting school supplies. Crayons, markers, notebooks, backpacks, glue sticks, pens, and pencils are always needed and should be on sale soon. Bring your donations to church on Sunday mornings and thank you for supporting our children at West Carroll.

Go, Thunder!

United Methodist Women Family Night



Tuesday, August 2nd 5 pm – 7 pm

Games Fun Prizes

- Supper will be served at 5 pm
- Menu – Tacos and pulled pork sandwiches
- Bingo will start following supper
- Prizes will be awarded to the lucky winners
- This is a church event hosted by the United Methodist Women. Bring the whole family!
- Please RSVP by July 31st. 815-273-2345 or office@firstumcsavanna.org

Sunday Coffee Hour

If you would like to provide treats/refreshments on a particular Sunday for coffee hour, please let Pastor Dave know in advance. There is a sign up sheet in Narthex.

Telstar deadline – Monday, July 18th

United Methodist Men

Next Monthly gathering – Monday, August 22 at 5:30 pm



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Sunday, July 17, 2022
9:30 am
Outside Service**

Vision 2022 – “Love Others!”

Outward Focused Ministry during/after the Pandemic
(To build up a strong and safe community)
Strong in Mission, Strong in Justice, Strong in Diversity

“All the believers were together and had everything in common.” (Acts 2:44)

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