



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.”

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

09:30 AM Summer Sunday Worship July 27, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Susan Michelle Jepsen

L: Children of God, when the journey ahead seems long and hard, full of unknown dangers and ever-threatening risk, remember:

P: Hold on to your faith. Triune God, who made us and is our Guide and Protector.

L: When the voices on the newscast tempt us with their Misinformation full of unearned certainty, simple solutions, and quickness to blame and shame those who disagree with them. Remember:

P: Keep our eyes and hearts on You, God, who died for us and lives again to be our Wisdom and Judge.

L: When those in power place barriers in our way, making it harder to share the love of God in our communities, trying to convince us it is easier to do nothing then remain firm in God's call to act for justice of all our neighbors, remember:

P: Do not be afraid. God, who made us alive, is our Strength and our Advocate.

L: Children of God, come! Let us worship God, whose never ending love empowers us to persevere, to remain on the course. to live by faith and not fear.

ALL: Come, let us worship God, who makes us alive, through grace to love and serve God and one another. Amen

* TFWS #2152 “Change My Heart, O God”

*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

All powerful God, we sense Your willingness to share our joy At the things in our world that are going right today. The rejection of those created in Your image and who You know by name, we abhor. We turn toward You for strength and guidance to be willing to share some of our story today with our fellow Christians. We ask You to remind each and every one of us to believe that another world is possible and

empower us to participate in its creation.

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, died, 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.

Children’s Moment - Sandy Butler

John 1:6-8 - Susan Michelle Jepsen

Message: **The Value of Testimony** **John & Sandy Butler**

L: The Word of God for the People of God
P: Thanks be to God

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER **John Butler**

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 (In Unison)

Living and saving Triune God, You have made us come fully alive, setting us free from all that would hold us captive.

As we bring our gifts of money, we also bring ourselves as another offering to You; we are then thankful for your grace.

May these offerings show our love for You. May these gifts bring growth to Your kingdom. Let them be used to bring hope, healing and new life to those in need. Keep us walking in faith and filled with the joy of Your transforming love. In the name of the one who makes us whole, Jesus Christ. Amen

***HYMN# #572**

“Pass It On””

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

John Butler

***GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD**

Vivian Eaton

IN OUR PRAYERS

Joann Badtke is Bruce’s Mom, Sandy Froehlich, Glen White, Shirley Hastings. Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling’s friend), Scarlett Huebner, Chrissy Sullivan, Angie (Paula’s friend), Roger Furrow, Tinslee, Ed & Barb Jepsen, John Jachino, Kristin & Eli (Bob & LaVona Grissinger’s grandchildren), Alyssa Volkers, Lisa (LaVona’s friend), Jill (Melinda Dykema’s daughter, Bob & LaVona Grissinger, Lola McCutcheon (Tim Cavanagh’s friend), Karen Burcham & Kandi Susan King, Jeff Law. (Paul Mayer’s sisters), Beth (LaVona’s colleague), the Norman family, Dan Zambon (uncle of Kim Gonzalez), Pat Kemp, Jon & Jody Kragle (Dianne Percy’s friends), Dave Miller (Brigit Jepsen’s boyfriend’s father), John Norse, Howie Von Haden (LaVona’s brother), Jamie Harkness Townsend, Paul & Charlene Mayer, Vivian & Jim Eaton, Jaime (Paula’s daughter), Mia (Paula’s co-worker), Christina Pasch, Baby Adrian, Julie Brunner (Linda Jachin’s cousin), Martha White, Tim Cavanagh, Beverly & family (Emily Medley’s cousin), Christine Jensen, Derek Osborn, Nadine Law Renfro, Vicki & Michael Thomas (Paula Mayer’s friends), Chuck Atherton, Janet Smith (Denise’s sister), Freida Nichols, Mike Medley, Christa Jachino (Linda’s daughter-in-law), Ross Bronkema, Pat Gilmore (Pam Darrow’s brother), 5 firefighters were injured from the area fire departments, the Lars Colgan family.

Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve & Linda Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Florence Bevins-Powell, Jackie Walker, and Howard Nichols. Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars; Haiti; Syria; Israel and Iran, the Gaza Strip; peace In the Middle East, snow, the towns, families, students, and school administrators, and those who experience everyday violence and their families.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July

31 Deeann Kramer

31 Peter King

CALENDAR

Monday, July 28

Office Closed

1 pm to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday July 29

8:30 to 4:30 PM – Office open

Wednesday, July 30

8:30 to 4:30 PM – Office open

Thursday, July 31

8:30 to 4:30 PM – Office open

Friday, August 01

8:30 to 4:30 PM – Office open
Sunday August 03
8:30 am – Prayer group 9:30 AM – Main Service
- We will have Holy Communion.

WORSHIP HELPERS

	July 27	August 03
Acolyte	Kurt Hoffman	Annika Law
Liturgist	Susan Michelle Jepsen	Joe Pash
Counter	Vivian Eaton	Molly Andersen
Verifier	LaVona Gressinger	Mary Irons
Coffee Hour	Bob and LaVona	-----
Greeter	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte
Usher	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 52

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WC Food Pantry –West Carroll School Food Pantry is preparing for the summer months when children are out of school and missing 2 meals a day. Please consider donating kid-friendly foods like microwavable macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, pasta, soups, and snack-sized puddings or fruit cups. The pantry always needs crackers, too. Thank you for thinking of our children in the community who are food insecure.

First Sunday of the Month: August 03Rd. we will have Communion And the offering will go to School Supplies.

UMWF: will meet Tues. August 5th at Deeann's home at 5:00 p.m. We will be touring Neumiller Farms and returning for supper. Call Mary For additional Information.

Road Trip VBS 2025: Is over, and we thank everyone for your generosity. In different ways, your help made a great impact on the lives of our Children.

Blessing Basket – We are in need of paper products, toilet paper. paper towels, and facial tissues. 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.

Prayer Group – Prayer Group Meets Every Sunday at 8:30 am. Feel free to attend!!!

New Member Class – will be given by Pastor Fernando. This will be 5 classes, **either in person or via Zoom**. If you are interested or have questions, let the office know.

Thursday Bible Study – Will be on Thursday at 9:00 AM

Summer Worship: HOUR WILL BE FROM 9:30 AM DURING THE SUMMER.

The pastor is on Vacation: Pastor Fernando is on Vacation from July 06 to the 27th for emergencies You may call the Pastor from Monday to Wednesday. or Pastor Bonnie Daves, Thursday onwards.

ABOUT OUR GUESTS

John and sandy Butler began their ministry of sharing music and testimony in 2011 they do not charge anything for sharing, God has miraculously provided by supplying a place to stay meals and all financial help from the churches they have Ministered. John is blessed with 52 years sobriety as of June 17/20/24 Jonh & Sandy has been blessed with 22 Grandchildren. They are members of the first UMC are Foreston, Illinois are both members of their church choir and they also Enjoy helping out in the nearby leaf river, they are both certified lay servants for the Prairie North district of the United Methodist Church along with singing and offering testimony They have filled the church pulpits in several states they are also open to doing the children's moment in any church they visit. John is the lay leader and Sandy a board member for their church, John and Sandy have sung and told testimonies of God's gracious love around 29 states. They have led a three-day revival in a combined participation of three churches and have opened other revival with special music they led a leadership workshop on the walk to Emmaus retreat in January 2024 is their hope to be an example as small as it may be of Christ in the flesh.



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July 27, 2025, Sunday,
at 09:30 am

Vision Statement
“Reaching out to all people and
inviting them to experience the Love
of God through Open Hearts, Open
Minds, and Open Doors.”

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