



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.”

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

9:30 am Sunday Worship

August 2, 2026

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE:

Annika Law

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

(message Pastor 773-971-7208)

PASTORAL PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Welcome to worship this day.

Joe Michels

P: Thank you. We’re glad to be here.

L: Some have come seeking; some have come struggling

P: Lord, be with each one of us today. Feed our hearts and

souls with your transforming love.

L: God is truly with you all today, guiding, lifting, feeding,

restoring your souls.

P: Praise be to God who continually abides with us. AMEN.

***HYMN UMH #64 “Holy, Holy, Holy.”**

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

In the darkness of night and the brightness of day, you, O Lord,

are present to us. As we wrestle with situations which seem to

drain us of our energy; as we struggle to find out who you call

us to be, you reach out to us with reassurance of empowerment

and courage for the days ahead. Calm our spirits and prepare

our hearts and lives to receive your awesome grace. It is in Jesus’

name that 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

hence 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 Reading Matthew 14:13-21 NRSV Joe Michels

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

SONG OF PREPARATION: He has made me Glad – Church Band

MESSAGE:

Bring them to Jesus

Pastor Fernando

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION/CONFESSION AND PARDON

SILENT PRAYER

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

Joe Michels

Lord of multiplication, we lay our offering before You as our

five loaves and two fish before Your hand. Bless it, multiply it,

and use it to be a blessing to others. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

***HYMN UMH # 369 “Blessed Assurance”**

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

***GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD**

Vivian Eaton

IN OUR PRAYERS

Frank Norman, Mike Medley, Sandy Froelich, Kathie Prins, Tina Bentley,

Colleen Olsen, Howard Nichols, Curtis Pilgrim, Matt, Lt. Brian Robinson,

Bill Haas, Kevin & Wendy Erbsen, Julia Castro, Chuck Atherton, Denise

Brinkmeier, LaVona Grissinger, Joseph Mitchell, Rev. David Forbes,

Bob & Teresa Bauer, Joann Grissinger, Amil Bork, Rachael Williams (friend

of Jason Moore), Joyce Eversoll

Sympathy to:

Our shut-ins:

Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Janice Wilt,

Mary Ellen Dreger, Florence Bevins-Powell, Judy Law

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 wildfires, snow, cold temperatures; the towns, families, students, school administrators, and those who experience everyday violence and their families.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

August 3 – Judy Davidson

8 – Owen Holcomb

CALENDAR

Monday, August 3

9:00 am to noon – Office open

1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, August 4

9 am to 12 noon – Office open

Wednesday, August 5

9:00 am to noon – Office open

Thursday, August 6

9 am to 12 noon – Office open

Friday, August 7

9:00 am to noon - Office open

Sunday, August 9

9:30 am – Worship

10:30 am – Coffee hour

WORSHIP HELPERS

	August 2	August 9
Acolyte	Anika Law	Priscilla & Ennie Marie
Liturgist	Joe Michels	Deann Kramer
Counter	Molly Andersen	Rhonda Law
Verifier	Mary Irons	Pam Darrow
Coffee Hour	Glenda & Ross B.	Prinses
Greeter	Rhonda & Bruce	Prinses
Ushers	Linda Stubbe, Pam Darrow & Molly Andersen	Linda Stubbe, Pam Darrow & Molly Andersen

Last Week’s Attendance: 61

ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Carroll Food Pantry -

Thank you so much for your generosity!

The Blessing Basket -The Blessing Basket provides clients of the West Carroll School Food Pantry with free household items and personal hygiene products. We always need laundry detergent, paper towels and toilet paper. This ministry is possible only because of your generosity, Thank you for all your donations! Please consider donating items and placing them in the Food Pantry box in the narthex.

School Supply Giveaway will be Monday, August 3rd and Friday, August 7th From 2:30 -5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to help Distribute shoes and supplies, please let Molly Andersen know, 814-541-6852. Donations are still being accepted and may be left in the food Pantry box.

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

UWF Our August 4th UWF meeting will be held at Deeann’s home (6639 Riverview Rd. Thomson) at 6 o’clock. We’ll be enjoying the famous And always yummy chicken soufflé casserole. Kindly let Deeann know that you’ll be there, so she’ll be prepared for all of us. (phone number is 309-236-2194) You won’t want to miss this meeting

Movie Night August 13th, 5:00 pm Fellowship, 6:00 pm Movie

Blessing of backpacks will be August 16th: Jesus said, “Jesus said, let The Little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven Belongs to such as these.” Matt.19:14

SOUL SISTERS GARDEN TOUR

We'll tour Soul Sister Arlene Skonieczny's flower gardens north of Thomson. Bring your excess garden plants and produce for our *free* “Plant and Produce Swap.” Lunch & games will be held at the Thomson Causeway shelter house right on the Mississippi!

DATE: **Thursday, August 6th**

TIME: **10 A.M.** (Carpool leaves church at **9:30 A.M.** *We need drivers!*)

PLACE: Tour---4594 Riverview Rd., Thomson

LUNCH: **11-ish**--Large shelter house, Thomson Causeway (Potter’s Rd.)

***BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH & DRINK**

***DESSERT** courtesy of Becky Sandstrom & Joan Pederson.

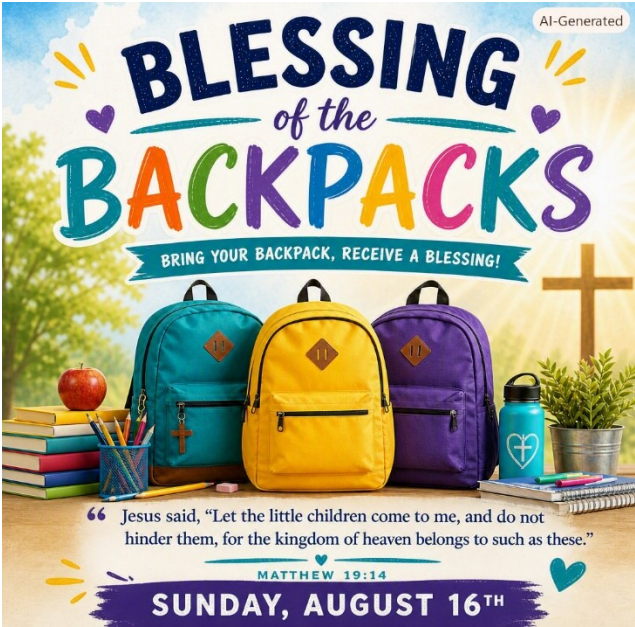
DEVOTIONS & GRACE: Rita Mitchell

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED!!***

PLEASE, RESPOND IF YOU’RE PLEASE, RESPOND IF YOU’RE GOING to Linda Jachino (815-541-4760)

3rd Annual Vendor & Craft Show Saturday,
September 19—For details, call

Karen Hoffman 563-357-8795 or Vivian Eaton 815-541-5671



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Sunday, August 2, 2026
at 9:30 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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