



**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 August 7, 2022

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP LaVona Grissinger

L: God calls us here today.  
**P: We bring our full selves to God: our strengths and our weaknesses.**  
L: God calls YOU here today.  
**P: We offer all we are to God: our talents and our inadequacies.**  
L: God calls every part of us to bring divine love and light into the world!  
**P: We respond to that call, trusting that God is at work within us. Amen.**

HYMN #140 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”  
1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison): **God of the Past, Present, and Future, thank you for calling to us this day. We praise you that you challenge us to show our faith in ministries of peace and justice, offering compassion to all in need. Open our hearts and minds today to hear your words of encouragement and challenge. As we spend time in your house today, may our souls be aligned with you, so that we may readily respond when you call! We offer this prayer 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 Isaiah 1:15-20 (NRSV)  
When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes

from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove your evil deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: If your sins are like scarlet, will they become like snow? If they are red like crimson, will they become like wool? If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land, but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

GOSPEL Luke 12:35-40 (NRSV)  
“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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

HYMN #441 “What Does the Lord Require”  
1. What does the Lord require for praise and offering?  
What sacrifice desire, or tribute bid you bring?  
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

2. Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know? Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow? Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

3. All who gain wealth by trade, for whom the worker toils, think not to win God's aid, if greed your commerce soils. Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

4. How shall my soul fulfill God's law so hard and high? Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify. Then justly, in mercy we'll humbly walk with God.

MESSAGE: "Justice is Love in Action" Pastor Dave

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS  
(Text Pastor Dave, 224-600-0446)  
PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

HOLY COMMUNION  
INVITATION & CONFESSION OF SIN  
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 (In Unison): **God of love and grace, we bring our offerings this day and ask that they might be dedicated to strengthening your church for the making of disciples for Jesus Christ. Your prophet Isaiah reminds us that offering money or possessions is not enough. Isaiah proclaims to the Israelites that**

**unless their offerings are accompanied by a wiliness to "learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow," the offerings are futile. Open our ears to hear what pleases you and open our eyes to see the opportunities all around us. We pray in Christ's name. 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.

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND JUICE  
(Now, open, eat & drink)

- HYMN #730 "O Day of God, Draw Nigh"
1. O day of God, draw nigh in beauty and in power; come with thy timeless judgment now to match our present hour.
  2. Bring to our troubled minds, uncertain and afraid, the quiet of a steadfast faith, calm of a call obeyed.
  3. Bring justice to our land, that all may dwell secure, and finely build for days to come foundations that endure.
  4. Bring to our world of strife thy sovereign word of peace, that war may haunt the earth no more, and desolation cease.

5. O day of God, draw nigh as at creation's birth; let there be light again, and set thy judgments on the earth.

BENEDICTION

GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

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**

Keith Brown, Tim Cavanagh, Denise Curtis, Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Jim Eaton, Bill Eyerly (father of Cori Moore), Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Shirley Fritz, Sandy Gabriel, Bob Grissinger, Rhonda Harlock Smith, John Irons, Sharon Johnson, Don Kramer, Dallas Kosier, Judy Law, Charlene Mayer, James Morris Jr (son of Esther Losh), Collen Olsen, Bonnie Parker, Dan Piercy, Rich Rathje, Rhea (friend of Bonnie Davies), Bill Robinson, Salvador Sanchez, Ron Smith, Alice Stallings, Grace Struve, Pastor Sylvester, Tod Tietjens, Scarlett (daughter of Ashley Huebner), Eli (Grandson of Bob & LaVona Grissinger), Gi-Tae Yim (Father of Pastor Dave), Jackie Walker, Family of Tanya Forbes (niece of Bonnie Davies).  
Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, Dorothy Taylor, Alice Riffe Torrison, Joy Turner, 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, victims of the flooding in Kentucky and the wildfires in California.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

August  
10 – Ryan Miller

12 – Joleen Lashelle

13 – LaVona Grissinger, Martha Purchis

### CALENDAR

Monday, August 8

1 pm Sewing Ladies

Wednesday, August 10

1 pm Zion group @ Carroll Co Fairgrounds

Thursday, August 11

9 am Bible Study

Sunday, August 7 - Communion

**9:30 am Worship – Outside Service Only**

**Pastor out of office Wednesday, August 10 – Friday, August 12.**

### 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.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Liturgist for month of August:

August 7 – LaVona Grissinger

August 14 – Burt Prins

August 21 – Bonnie Davies

August 28 – Deeann Kramer

#### Counter and verifier for month of August:

August 7 – Molly Andersen, Jackie Walker

August 14 – Rhonda Law, Pam Darrow

August 21 – Lori Miller, Sharon Guilinger

August 28 – Vivian Eaton, LaVona Grissinger

If you are unable to do your scheduled day, please find someone to take your place.

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 47

Food Pantry – This month items needed are spaghetti sauce, 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. The community food pantries are needed now more than ever with inflation and gas prices on the rise. Please remember your neighbors who are struggling. 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 Blessing Basket is running smoothly, thanks to your continued support. This month we need sandwich bags and laundry detergent. Laundry soap & toilet paper are always needed. Please leave your donations in the food pantry box in the narthex. Thank you!

Kids Kards - Will meet after worship, around 10:30, on Sunday, August 28th. We will be making cards for the residents of Big Meadows and Pinnacle Place, with the theme, Sharing God's Love. All supplies are provided and everyone is welcome. Lunchables will be provided to take home.

#### 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](http://www.firstumcsavanna.org)

or You Tube- Online Service

Link: <https://youtu.be/LkpBFw8VXxs>

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

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[http://tithe.ly/give/?web=1&church\\_id=373533](http://tithe.ly/give/?web=1&church_id=373533)

You can also download the Tithe.ly App from the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play Store (Android) – the green one. Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or logged in, locate your church – First United Methodist Church, Savanna, IL and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift! Thank you for your generous giving!

Soul Sisters - Soul Sisters will be going on the Blue Heron Eco-Cruise at Rock Creek Conservation Area in Camanche, IA on Thursday, August 18th. We will carpool from the church parking lot at 5:15pm and have supper at the Campground Cafe there. There is limited seating so you must RSVP by August 10th to Molly Andersen, 815-273-2104 or 815-541-6852. The rain date is August 25th. The cruise is free but donations are welcomed. All women are invited!

#### United Methodist Men

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



### Suggested Items for School supplies

Crayola crayons – 8 count (large or jumbo), 24 count  
Crayola Markers – 8 count washable wide line/8 count  
“Extreme”/8 count “Tropical Bright”, 12 count assorted  
Highlighters  
Colored pencils  
#2 pencils  
Large erasers  
Ticonderoga brand large beginners pencils  
Large zippered pouch (clear front)  
Plastic pocket folders  
Scissors – Kids Fiskers with blunt point and sharp point  
Glue sticks – any size  
Spiral notebooks – wide ruled  
Loose leaf notebook paper - wide ruled  
Ruler  
1 ½ inch 3 ring binders with side pockets  
Book bag/backpack large (nothing with wheels)  
4 pack of Hasbro play-doh  
Sandwich ziploc/snack sized ziploc bags  
Reusable no spill water bottle  
8 ½ x 11 clipboard



**First United  
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**Sunday, August 7, 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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### **School starts on August 17th**

We are collecting school supplies through the month of August. Please leave any donations in the Food Pantry box in the narthex or basket outside on Sunday mornings. We will also accept monetary donations towards the purchase of school supplies. Distribution will be Monday, August 15th from 3:30-6pm and Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to noon. Any questions call Molly Andersen at 815-273-2104.

Thank you for supporting our children at West Carroll.  
Go, Thunder!

**Our first day of distribution of supplies we served 50 children! We ran out after the first hour! Molly will be purchasing more items as we have 2 more distribution days.**

Please see the included list for donation item suggestions. You can also make a monetary donation for Molly to purchase needed items.

**Blessing of the Backpacks will be Sunday, August 21 during Worship service.**

**Sunday School Kickoff day will be Sunday, September 11 at 9:30 am.**