



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 13, 2023

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Ellie Johnson

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Jason Moore

L: Beloved disciples, welcome. As we gather, what are you seeking?

P: We seek God's presence all around us.

L: Beloved disciples, if God's presence is all around us, what are you seeking?

P: We seek to recognize God's presence among us.

L: Beloved disciples, if God is among you, what are you seeking?

P: We seek God in the faces of family, friends, and neighbors.

L: Beloved disciples, if God is in the face of your neighbor, what are you seeking?

P: We seek God in the search and the work for peace and wholeness for all God's creation.

L: As we gather today, may we meet God in our seeking and in our finding.

P: **Amen.**

*SONG "Forever" from the worship DVD (by Chris Tomlin)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) Jason Moore

Lord, if it's you, we need to hear from you, when we are alone, when we go away to pray, when we have little faith, when we are battered by the waves, when the wind is against us, when we get in the boat, when we're terrified by our ghosts, when we seek you on the mountain, when we cry out in fear, when we start walking on water, when we begin to sink, and when we are far from land, Lord, if it's you, speak to us, calm our fears, calm our storms, strengthen our resolve, remind us who you are, walk to us, call to us, save us, reach out your hand and catch us, and quiet the wind around us. Lord, if it's you,

we worship you for "Truly you are the Son of God." Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881 Jason Moore

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 Romans 10:11-15 (CEB) Jason Moore

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSV) Pastor Dave Yim

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

A: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN #512 "Stand By Me"

MESSAGE: Row The Boat Pastor Dave Yim

SHARING OF JOY & CONCERNS (Text Pastor Dave, 224-600-0446)

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

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Forgiving God, the first offering you ask for is the giving of ourselves, loving you and others boldly, refusing to let our fear of the storms around us keep us from taking risks. Forgive us for times when you have called us to leave our places of comfort, and we've ignored the call. Forgive us when our giving has not grown beyond our safety zone, but you blessed our gifts and us anyway.

For those times when we dared to put our foot outside the boat and then sank up to our knees, thank you for not taking your hand away. For all this, we give thanks in the holy name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN #593 "Here I Am, Lord"

*BENEDICTION

*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

In Our Prayers

Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Rod Furrow, Rhonda Harlock Smith, Jill Hofstetter, John Irons, Judy Law, Mike Foltz, Dan Piercy, John Ritchie, Gi-Tae Yim, Inga, Sandy Froehlich, Vanessa Grissinger, Ed Jepsen, Deb Endress (Kris Yingling's friend), Barb McFadden, Glen White, Pete (Kim Gonzales' brother), Tyrone Burcham, Lisa, Lester & Cody Coers, Shirley Fritz, Vickie Moore, Bobby Higbea (Susan Michelle's friend), Baby Adrian & his mom, Alice (Esther's sister), Janet Smith, Seth & Kimber (Jackie Walker's grandson-in-law and great granddaughter), Brady O'Neal, Eli (Bob & LaVona's grandson), Ron & Shirley (Karen Hoffman's cousins), Pastor Bill Landis, Shirley Hastings, Carol Eyerly (Cori Moore's mom), Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison (Ronda's parents), Pastor Karen Schilling (Bonnie Davies' friend), Donny Hughes, Jeff O'Leary, Kathy Wainwright (Susan Michelle's friend), Kim Walker (Jackie's daughter), Denise Curtis, Paul Mayer, Diane Brinkmeier, Bentley Audi (Diane Brinkmeier's grandson), Debbie Schriener (former member), Dale Wurster, Tom Grissinger, and our farmers.

Our shut-ins: Mary Ann Larsen, Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenney.

Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, The safety of Ukrainians & end of wars, Syria, Israel, and the victims of every day gun 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

August 13 – LaVona Grissinger, Martha Purchis
 15 – Brenda Hamm
 18 – *Wayne & Martha White (1963)*

CALENDAR

Monday August 14
 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
 Tuesday August 15
 Office Closed
 5:30 to 8 pm – UM Men
 7 pm – Finance Mtg (zoom)
 Thursday August 17
 11 am – Soul Sisters (T-shirt making)
 3:30– Health & Worship Mtg
 Friday August 18
 Office Closed
 Sunday August 20
 9:30 am – Shirah Brothers Concert!!!!
 11 am – Youth Mission Trip Team (2023/2024) Mtg

WORSHIP HELPERS

	August 20	August 27
Acolyte	Jisung Yim	Dalton Shaw
Liturgist	Concert	Deeann Kramer
Counter	Lori Miller	Lori Miller
Verifier	Linda Jachino	Kay Cavanagh

Last Week's Attendance: 47 + 2 dogs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Carroll Food Pantry – Some children are missing 2 meals a day throughout the summer months. Please prayerfully consider donating Elbow macaroni, fruit cups/canned fruit (fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges, peaches), pasta sauce, and cream of chicken soup are needed right now! We can always use peanut butter (creamy), jelly (grape/strawberry), pancake mix, syrup, soup (tomato, cream of mushroom), mac & cheese, cereal, and crackers (any kind) during these summer months. If donating pudding/jello cups, please check to see if they need to be refrigerated. If they do, please let Ronda know right away. We so appreciate your generosity and support!

Blessing Basket – We need tooth brushes, tooth paste, dish

soap, along with laundry soap, body lotion, aluminum foil, and always paper products. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Outreach – There are 8 spots reserved at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham on Monday, Sept 18th. They will leave on Monday morning and return Friday afternoon. Contact Cindy Law at 815-990-3629.

Bible Study – Will resume on Thursday, August 24th at 9 am.

Mission Trip Team (2023/2024) – Meeting on Sunday, August 20th at approximately 11 am. (after the concert)

UM Men – next meeting is August 15th at 5:30 pm.

Finance – next meeting is August 15th at 7:00 pm via zoom

Health & Worship – next meeting is August 17th at 3:30 pm

Kids Kards– next meeting is August 27th after church service

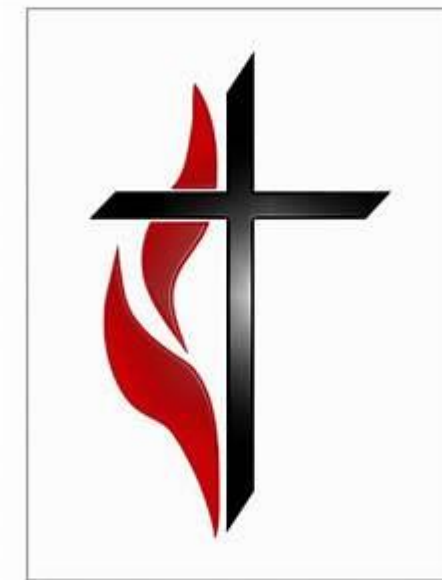
Soul Sisters T-shirt Making Party – Thursday, August 17th at 11 am in fellowship hall. Bring 100% cotton t-shirt, metal dental pick, \$2.00 for your logo, and a sack lunch. Contact Deb Long at 815-218-7496 ASAP so that she buys the supplies. Everyone is welcome even if you don't make a t-shirt. Contact Linda Jachino At 815-541-4760 if you have questions.

Blessing of Backpacks – Sunday, August 27th during service.

Sunday School Kick-Off – Sunday, September 10th @ 9:15 am
2nd, 3rd, & 4th Graders – Do you have your own Bible? If not, see the Sunday School Teachers (Kris or Sharon)

New Sewing Ministry – We invite all sewers to get involved in our sewing ministry but 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!!!

Shirah Brothers will be here on August 20th for our worship service! They are an up-and-coming trio of brothers who have great talent and share heartfelt messages that Christ has directed in their program. They were the 2022 winner of the National Quartet Convention Showcase Award and will be singing at the Ark in Kentucky for the 40 days and 40 nights of Praise this September.



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 August 13, 2023

Vision 2023 –“Make Jesus’ Disciples”

Focus on making Jesus’ Disciples
 to transform lives and the world!

Strong in Worship, Strong in Mission, Strong in Education

“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.”(Matthew 28:19)

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