



**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 15, 2021

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Molly Andersen

L: Come, give thanks to the Lord with all your heart and soul!

P: **We come, rejoicing over God’s many blessings poured out on us!**

L: God’s works are great!

P: **We delight in learning about them.**

L: Respect for God and all that God offers to us is the beginning of wisdom.

A: **With gratefulness, we shall praise and honor God all our lives. Amen!**

HYMN#60 “I’ll Praise My Maker While I’ve Breath” (Insert)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) Molly Andersen

**Lord of life and hope, we gather this day seeking nourishment for our souls and healing for our spirits. Give to us your living bread, that having been nourished in soul and spirit, we may be witnesses to your transforming love. Through the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we offer this prayer. Amen.**

THE APOSTLE’S CREED (Insert) Molly Andersen

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 5:1-2,25-30 (NRSV) Molly Andersen

GOSPEL LESSON John 6:51-57(NRSV) (Please Rise)

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN#164 “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life ” (Insert)

MESSAGE: “True Food and True Drink ” Pastor Dave

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Insert)

OFFERING OURSELVES

DOXOLOGY #95 (Insert)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

**Eternal God, our time in this life is limited, and our days are numbered. Yet you have reminded us that if we are wise and use that time well, you have an eternity waiting for us that is beyond our imagining. Help us to focus on what we have, and what we can share, and how the gifts we offer this day can bless others until we are joined with them and your children give you their thanks and gratitude for the rest of eternity. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN# 102 “Now Thank We All Our God” (Insert)

BENEDICTION

Grant us, O Lord, understanding minds, that we might know how to live.

**Grant us discerning hearts, that we might know the difference between good and evil, and how we might live to please you.**

Grant us, O Lord, peace and prosperity all our days, to the glory of your name.

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**

Judy Dunn, Emilee Deerer, Susan Meyer, Patti Thulen, Betty Speck, Beth Wickes, Claire Winterburn, Billy David, Dee Helle, Chris Falk, Patty Nevills, Jodi French, Dawn Barber, Alice Riffe, Robert Hill, Matthew Foltz, Keith Brown, Bruce Fritz, Gary Goetz, Mike Johnson, Judy Law, Don Adams, Ancil Guilinger. Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, John Hamm, Dorothy Taylor, Paul Brunner, Sylvia Reuterfors, Bill & Letty Weidman. Our country & government/West Carroll Schools. Military Personnel & their families. Those under the threat of extreme heat & wildfires. With school now opening, please pray for students, teachers, administrators, parents.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

August

- 15 – Brenda Hamm
- 16 – Samantha Schoenhaar
- 20 – Adam Hartman
- 22 - Jean Jones

**CALENDAR**

Monday, August 16

- 9 am Body & Soul Yoga
- 1 pm Sewing Ladies
- 3:30 pm – 5 pm WC Food Pantry

Thursday, August 19

- 9 am Bible Study (Joshua)
- 9 am Body & Soul Yoga
- 3 pm Health & Worship Committee
- 7 pm Soul Sisters Carpool leave church @ 5:45 pm

Saturday, August 21

- 10 am – Noon Relaunching Generosity (Webinar)

Sunday, August 22

- 9:30 am Worship (Drive In only)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendly reminder: Rhonda Law, you are the counter(s) for August 22. The verifier is LeaAnn Michels. Liturgist is Susan Michele Jepsen. Thank you!  
LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 60 Outside

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday special offering will be August 29<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Savanna Food Pantry.

Food Pantry/Blessing Basket Items Needed:

Food Pantry – Pantry is moving to 118 S. 4<sup>th</sup> street. Renovation has begun at the new location. At this time in need of donations to help with remodeling costs. You can mail donations to Savanna Food Pantry, 926 Viaduct Rd, Savanna, IL 61074 or include a donation with your church offering. Be sure to mark your envelope Savanna Food Pantry and dollar amount. Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

Blessing basket – Toilet paper, dish soap & childrens toothpaste. Although school is out the need is always there. Please leave your donations in the Food Pantry box in the Narthex.

The logo for 'Back to School' features the words 'Back', 'to', and 'School' stacked vertically. 'Back' is in red, 'to' is in yellow, and 'School' is in blue. The letters are bold and have a slight 3D effect.

West Carroll schools need our help collecting school supplies for our children. Specific items are backpacks (no wheels), wide-ruled notebooks and filler paper, 24-count crayons, pencil boxes, glue sticks, Zip locks of any size, 1-inch 3-ring binders, large boxes of Kleenex, Lysol or Clorox wipes, and pump bottles of hand sanitizer. Items can be placed in a basket in the narthex or collected on Sunday mornings until the end of August. Thank you for your generosity and your support of our children.

Molly will be distributing items on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – noon in the church narthex and during the food pantry hours on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Extra supplies will be given to the schools to distribute as needed.

The logo for 'Soul Sisters' is written in a large, elegant, black cursive font.

August Outing  
Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> 7 pm  
Sunset Eco-Cruise on the “Blue Heron”  
Rock Creek Marina, 3942 291st St, Comanche, IA  
Free 1—1 1/2 Mississippi River cruise on a beautiful 24 passenger pontoon boat with a naturalist guide courtesy of the Clinton County Conservation Department.  
Cruise begins at 7:00 pm. Carpool will leave from the church at 5:45 pm. To reserve your spot, contact Sheri Traum at (815) 291-8651



Worship summer schedule: 9:30 am worship outside service only through Labor Day weekend.



Did you know that you can donate your Tithes online? Online giving with Tithe.ly  
You can find the link on our church website.



First United  
Methodist Church  
Sunday, 9:30 am  
August 15, 2021

**Vision 2021 – “Love God!”**

Inward Focused Ministry during the Pandemic  
(to build up strong and vital church)  
Strong in Worship, Strong in Fellowship, Strong in Resources

*“Be strong and courageous;  
do not be frightened or dismayed,  
for the Lord your God is with you  
wherever you go  
(Joshua 1:9)*

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