



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 September 5, 2021

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Wright

L: We can trust God

P: God is like the mountain: rock solid.

L: God loves all the people:

P: the poor, the disabled, the outcast, the stranger.

L: We can depend on God.

P: God feeds the hungry, heals the sick, and restores relationships.

L: Praise our loving God.

A: Hallelujah!

HYMN #176: “Majesty, Worship His Majesty” (Insert)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) Bill Wright

Generous God, we give thanks to you for your kindness toward us. Thank you for loving us all and calling us all your children. We call upon your name, for we know that your name and favor are more precious than human riches. You hate wickedness and abhor the neglect of your people. You call us to righteousness, to reach out to others with justice and mercy. You teach us right from wrong, that we may truly live in your grace. In the shadow of that grace, we offer compassion and mercy to others. Abide with us this day, that we may serve you forevermore. Amen.

THE APOSTLE’S CREED (Insert) Bill Wright

SCRIPTURE Psalm 125 (NRSV) Bill Wright

GOSPEL Mark 7:24-37 (NRSV) (Please Rise)

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: “No Limitation on God’s Love!” Pastor Dave

HYMN #344:“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” (Insert)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

HOLY COMMUNION

CONFESSIONS OF SINS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERING OURSELVES

DOXOLOGY #95 (Insert)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

God of all good gifts, you have provided all that we need for full lives, and yet we don’t stop there – we continue to fill our lives with things in an elusive search for security. As we bring gifts to you this day, remind us that only deeper faith will bring peace, and good works—caring for others through generous giving—will help us know the joy of full lives. We pray this in the name of Christ, who gave all out of love for all your children. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS, GIVEN FOR YOU!

HYMN #620: “One Bread, One Body” (Insert)

BENEDICTION

As you have been fed, go to feed the hungry.

As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned.

As you have been received – give.

As you have heard – proclaim.

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, Dawn Barber, Alice Riffe, Robert Hill, Matthew Foltz, Keith Brown, Bruce Fritz, Gary Goetz, Mike Johnson, Judy Law, Don Adams, Bang-Wool Yim, Merry Florence, Stone Curboy, Grace Struve, Sammy Alvelo, Pat (Brother of Pam Darrow), Family of Jodi French
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, Soldiers in Afghanistan. Those under the threat of wildfires, tropical storms, & flooding. People in Haiti, Afghanistan, & North Korea. With school now opening, please pray for students, teachers, administrators, parents & workers.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

September

5 – Kenny Clemens

7 – Julie Brigham

8 – Matthew Dauphin, Ethan Mangler

11 – Madison Haynes, Bryan Purchis

12 – Lori Law

CALENDAR

Monday, September 6 (Church office closed)

Labor Day

9 am Body & Soul Yoga

1 pm Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, September 7

6:30 pm UMW meeting

Thursday, September 9

No Bible Study

9 am Body & Soul Yoga

Saturday, September 11

Noon – 6 pm Shadfly Festival

Noon – 6 pm UMW booth

Sunday, September 12

9:30 am Blessing of Backpacks

Sunday School Kickoff

Following Service – Finance Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendly reminder: Molly Andersen, you are the counter(s) for September 12th. The verifier is Tom Michels.

Liturgist is Burt Prins. Thank you!

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 53 Outside

Food Pantry/Blessing Basket Items Needed:

Food Pantry – Pantry has moved to 118 S. 4th street. Thank you for all your support and prayers! The West Carroll Food Pantry is in need of spaghetti sauce, graham crackers and boxed cereal.

Blessing basket – Kleenex, dish soap, & 9 volt batteries. Thank you for your continued support! Please leave your donations in the food pantry box in the Narthex.

Worship schedule: 9:30 am worship outside service only
Worship will continue to meet outside thru September for the safety of everyone.

**Will re-evaluate at end of September by
Worship Committee.**

Blessing of the Backpacks & Sunday School Kickoff Day
Sunday, September 12th at 9:30 am.

Confirmation Class Orientation
Sunday, September 19th 2 pm



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

NIC Disaster Coordinator Colin Monk and members of Morris: First UMC are in Louisiana assessing some of the hardest-hit areas and helping coordinate with the initial emergency efforts with the Louisiana Conference.

Once the situation evolves, early response teams may be invited by the conference to help with needs such as debris removal and tarping roofs. Those interested can connect with NIC Disaster Coordinator, Colin Monk at monks5@comcast.net or 815-603-9523.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has already awarded a grant to the Louisiana Conference to support relief efforts and remains in prayer for the many communities impacted by this major storm.

How to Help

- Give to UMCOR's U.S. Disaster Response and Recovery through [Advance #901670](#).
- Donations also can be made through the Louisiana Annual Conference's [disaster response fund](#).
- For information on relief supply kits, visit umcmmission.org/umcor-relief-supplies or midwestmission.org.



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Sunday, 9:30 am
September 5, 2021
(Outside Service Only)

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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