



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 12, 2021

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

BLESSING OF THE MISSION TEAM
(MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER)

Mary Irons, Kathie Prins, Linda Stubbe

CALL TO WORSHIP Burt Prins

L: We come here today not because we are clever
but because God welcomes the slow learners.

P: **We come here not because we are wise,
but because God loves us in spite of our folly.**

L: We come knowing that the greatest persons will
be found among those who humbly serve like
Jesus did

P: **and that the brightest ideas and the deepest
truth will come from those who see themselves
as little children in Christ's school.**

A: **O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts and
enable our lives to declare your praise. Amen!**

HYMN #159: “Lift High the Cross” (Insert)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) Burt Prins
**Loving and caring God, we come this morning seeking
wisdom and guidance for our lives. Open us to your
words of life and love and truth. May we proclaim with
our tongues what we know in our hearts. In this time
of worship, help us more fully understand what it
means to truly be a disciple, a follower of the way**

**of Jesus, a follower of the path of wisdom. May the
words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts
be acceptable to you, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (Insert) Burt Prins

SCRIPTURE Psalm 19:7-14 (CEB) Burt Prins
GOSPEL Mark 8:31-38 (NRSV) (Please Rise)

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN #415: “Take Up Thy Cross” (Insert)

MESSAGE: “How God Works” 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)

**God, we hear and we respond to your words of wisdom,
your words of call and life. May these gifts, not only of
our money, but of our very selves—our words, our
thoughts, our actions—be acceptable to you, and help
spread your words of life and love. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

HYMN #261: “Lord of the Dance” (Insert)

BENEDICTION

Go forth with the words of wisdom speaking into your ears.

Go forth with songs of hope singing in your heart.

Go in peace, knowing that you are called to be faithful
followers of the One who will always be near you, will
always guide and encourage you to walk the path of life.

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, Grace Struve,
Merry Florence, Stone Curboy, Sammy Alvelo, Pat (Brother
of Pam Darrow), Kirk Hoffman, Stefanie VanNess,
Ellen White, Randy(Friend of LaVona Grissinger),
Family of Tammie Lockett.

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 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

12 – Lori Law

14 – Sherri Miller

16 – Boyd Law, Scott Mills

18 – Johanna Kramer-Ford

CALENDAR

Monday, September 13

9 am Body & Soul Yoga

1 pm Sewing Ladies

3:30 – 5 pm WC Food Pantry

Thursday, September 16

9 am Bible Study

9 am Body & Soul Yoga

Saturday, September 18

9:30 – noon UMW Annual meeting (zoom)

Sunday, September 19

8 am Trustees

8:15 am Adult Sunday School

9:30 am Worship (outside)

9:30 am Sunday School

Following Service – Ad Council

2 pm Confirmation Orientation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendly reminder: Lori Miller, you are the counter(s) for September 19th. The verifier is Mary Irons.

Liturgist is Noah Johnson. Thank you!

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 59 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.**

Confirmation Class Orientation

Sunday, September 19th 2 pm

Youth Group Meeting

6th - 12th grade

Wednesday, October 6 6 pm

Church fellowship hall



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.



First United Methodist Church Sunday, 9:30 am September 12, 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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