



**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.”*

**10:15 am Sunday Worship Service                      September 17, 2017**

**Prelude  
Words of Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer (In Unison)**  
Gracious God, renew our minds and cleanse our spirits, that we might rise above the petty judgements that keep us from full fellowship with you and with one another. Part the waters of our worries and confusion, and save us from the tides that threaten to overwhelm us. Be merciful to us and protect us with your powerful hand, that we might dance and sing to your glory. Amen

\* **Hymn #278 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

\* **Call to Worship**

L: Sing to God for mercy and grace.

P: **Sing praises to God for laughter and joy.**

L: For our God is mighty and strong, protecting the lowly from the anger of the oppressor.

P: **Our God is righteous and just, saving the weak from the cruelty of the powerful.**

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A: **Sing praises to God for laughter and joy. Amen**

**Sharing the Peace of Christ**

“Peace be with you. And also with you!”

(Take this time to greet one another in Christ’s love.)

**Children’s Moment**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Silent Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Scripture Lesson                      Jeremiah 29:12-14/ Romans 14:1-12**

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**

\* **Hymn #585 “This Little Light of Mine”**

\* **Gospel Lesson-                      Matthew 18:21-35**

**Message**

**“Wherever You Are”**

**Rev. Joey Garcea**

**Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory**

**Special Music**

\* **Doxology # 95**

\* **Offering Prayer**

O Lord, our God, you graciously welcome all who seek you. We are grateful that you have taught us your commandments so that we may live as people who belong to you. Guide us by your Spirit so that our attitudes toward others and our daily actions will honor you. Let the ministries of our church reach out to show and tell our neighbors of your faithful love. Receive our gifts and offerings for the sake of Jesus, our Lord. *(Romans 14:1-12)*

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

\* **Apostle’s Creed**

\* **Hymn #191- “Jesus Loves Me”**

\* **Postlude**

**In Our Prayers**

John Hamm, Glen Brunner, John Powell, Rex Felten, Eli, Bill

Remrey, Jerod Wood, Wilma Brunner,

Ed Arb, Susan Mangler, Judy Orn, Joan Miller,

Robin Cook, Loran Ahmedi, Jim Chaplin, Kevin Hersey, Lance

Wallace, Nancy Sweitzer, Denise Curtis, Anita Dusowsky, Kevin

Schmidt, Elinor Froehlich, Sharon Beyer, Sherrie Searheart, Joan

Hallaron, Charley Meyer, Military Personnel and their families

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- Sept 18 Johnna McDonnell
- 20 Brandon Prins, Jason Moore, Kristin Prins
- 21 Dorothy Taylor
- 22 Clyde Semrow, Emily Sisson
- 24 Janis Wilt, Cassidy Reitemeier, *Frank & Lois Grove '55, Rod & Christy Clemens '05*
- 25 Anita Stott, Michael Raymond
- 26 Jessica Lowery, Jillian Green, *Tim & Kay Cavanagh '86*

**Calendar**

**Sunday, September 17    Blessing of Backpacks**

8 am Trustee Meeting

9 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship

11:30 am Ad Council Meeting

**Monday, August 18**

**TELSTAR DEADLINE**

9 am Body & Soul Yoga

**Thursday, September 21**

8 am Breakfast (Café Crumbles)/ Bible Study

9 am Body & Soul Yoga

6 pm Thursday Dinner Church @ Mannys

**Saturday, September 23**

8:30 am Weight Watchers- Fellowship Hall

5 pm Worship

**Sunday, September 24**

9 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship

11:30 am Bible Study w/ Pastor Joey

**Monday, September 25**

9 am Body & Soul Yoga

**Wednesday, September 27**

10 am Flu Shot Clinic

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **We welcome all visitors** to our Worship time today. We are glad you're here. Our slogan is Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors. We are the people of the United Methodist Church.
2. **Friendly reminder** to Deb Long! You are the verifier for next Sunday!
3. **LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:**  
**Saturday:** 6  
**Sunday:** 72
4. We will be starting a **Bible Study on Unity of the Church and Human Sexuality** on September 10<sup>th</sup> right after church for 4 weeks. Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, and Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. This is the info used at Church Conference this year. Everyone welcome!
5. **Thursday Church Dinner** will be starting on September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6pm. This will be an 8-week program. For more information please contact Pastor Joey! **Everyone Welcome, including kids!**
6. **On September 27<sup>th</sup>**, the Carroll County Health Dept. will be holding a **Flu Shot Clinic** in the fellowship hall from **10am-12pm**.
7. **Attention Ladies-** 2017 Fall Bazaar/Luncheon/Bake Sale is **Oct. 21st** and it is time to start planning and making your special craft items. If you have any questions, please contact a member of UMW.



## SUNDAY WORSHIP HELPERS

PASTOR: Rev. Joey Garcea

**MUSICIAN:**  
Vivian Eaton

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASST:**  
Shauna Roberts

**CUSTODIAN:**  
Kay Cavanagh

**GROUNDKEEPER:**  
Don Kramer

### September 17

**Acolyte:** Tommie Falk  
**Audio:** Kay Cavanagh  
**Children's Time:** Pastor Joey  
**Coffee Hour:** Lori Miller  
**Communion:** x  
**Greeters:** Linda Jachino  
**Liturgist:** Randy Bonjour  
**Media:** Chris Falk  
**Nursery:**  
**Ushers:** Bob Davidson

### September 24

**Acolyte:**  
**Audio:** Kris Yingling  
**Children's Time:**  
**Coffee Hour:** Kay Cavanagh  
**Communion:** x  
**Greeters:** Gary & Melinda Dykema  
**Liturgist:** Susan Michelle Jepsen  
**Media:** Rhonda Badtke  
**Nursery:** Rhonda Law  
**Ushers:** Garrett & Bruce Badtke, Randy Bonjour

Heartfelt  
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**



## Blessing of the Backpacks

## First United Methodist Church

### Sunday, 10:15 am

*"You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, and with all your soul,  
and with all your mind, and with all your strength,  
and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."*  
--Jesus Christ

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