



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."

10:15am Sunday Worship November 12, 2023

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Ryker McCombie

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP LeaAnn Michels

L: This nation, under God, depends on each generation accepting the call to serve both God and country.

P: Everywhere we look we are reminded of the commitment our veterans made in presenting their bodies as a living sacrifice.

L: So today we honor them as we shout a resounding....

P: THANK YOU!

L: We give you thanks, O God for those who work to bring peace to our world.

P: We give you thanks, O God!

L: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service.

P: We give you thanks, O God!

L: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave and strived to minister to their fellow people.

All: YOUR SACRIFICE WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN!

*HYMN #696 "America the Beautiful"

OPENING PRAYER LeaAnn Michels

Almighty God, Creator and Sustainer of all life: we ask that your blessing may descend on us as we gather here today. We thank you for this opportunity to honor all those who give of themselves in service to others: past and current military personnel and their families, caregivers and care providers, trauma survivors, and all those who serve you by serving others. Strengthen them in their trials and temptations: give them courage to face the perils that surround them: and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

Fill us now with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth. Keep and protect these heroes and their families, in the powerful name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881 LeaAnn Michels

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME LaVona Grissinger

SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (CEB) LeaAnn Michels

*GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13 (CEB) Pastor Dave Yim

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

A: Thanks be to God!

PURPLE HEART CITY Carol Canier

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

SONG "I Will Sing" from Worship DVD

MESSAGE: Wise vs Foolish Pastor Dave Yim

SHARING OF JOY AND 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 #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We bring our gifts this morning with thanksgiving and praise! We present these tithes and offerings not from hearts of obligation or debt, but with the confidence and joy that through your love made incarnate in your son Jesus, you've forever removed our debt. Our joy and gratitude are hard to contain. Use our gifts and our lives to do your work of compassion, mercy, and redemption. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #431 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

In Our Prayers

Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Rod Furrow, Rhonda Harlock Smith, John Irons, Judy Law, Mike Foltz, John Ritchie, Gi-Tae Yim, Inga, Sandy Froehlich, Vanessa & Tom Grissinger (Bob & LaVona's children), Ed Jepsen, Deb Endress (Kris Yingling's friend), Barb McFadden, Glen White, Shirley Fritz, Baby Adrian & his mom, Alice (Esther's sister), Janet Smith, Eli (Bob & LaVona's grandson), Pastor Bill Landis, Shirley Hastings, Carol Eyerly (Cori Moore's mom), Alice Riffe-Torrison (Ronda's mom), Pastor Karen Schilling (Bonnie Davies' friend), Donny Hughes, Jeff O'Leary, Kim Walker (Jackie's daughter), Barb Green, Bentley Audi (Diane Brinkmeier's grand-son), Debbie Schriener (former member), Dale Wurster, Randy Law (Shirley Fritz's son-in-law), Ancil Guilinger, Owen (Bonnie's son), Cindy Westbrook (Pastor Dave's friend), Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling's friend), Jessica Randecker (Karen Wallace's co-worker), Randy & Susie Bonjour, Tim Addie (relative of Bob & LaVona), Steve Runge (Ronda's friend), Jim Eaton, Sharon Atherton (Kris Yingling's aunt), Cody Rose (Courtney Johnson's friend), Pam Darrow, John Jachino, Joann Badtke (Bruce's mom), Connie Zink, Hazi (Cori Moore's daughter), our Confirmands (Jon, Aiden, Jiho, Asia, Caleb, and Lexi), WC staff & students, and our farmers during the harvest season.

Our shut-ins: Mary Ann Larsen, Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Herb, Sandy & Ben Pratt, Florence Bevins-Powell, and Shirley Fritz.

Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, The safety of Ukrainians & end of wars, Syria, Israel, the Gaza strip, peace in the Middle East, those experiencing flooding and damage due to the hurricanes/earthquakes, and the victims of everyday gun violence and their families.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

November 12 – Matthew Floming, Dan Holcomb
 15 – Susan & Glen White
 17 – Ann Johnson

CALENDAR

Monday November 13
 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
 Tuesday November 14
 7pm – Finance meeting (zoom)
 Thursday November 16
 9 am – Soul Sisters
 3:30 pm – Health & Worship meeting
 Saturday November 18
 5 pm – Confirmands to visit St John Baptist Church
 Sunday November 19
 8:45 am – Adult Sunday School
 9 am - Trustees
 9:30 am – Children & Youth Sunday School
 10:15 am – Worship
 11:15 am – Ad Council
 3:30 pm – Confirmation Class

WORSHIP HELPERS

	November 19	November 26
Acolyte	Ellie Johnson	Asia LaShelle
Liturgist	Molly Andersen	Jiho Yim
Counter	Lori Miller	Vivian Eaton
Verifier	Sharon F Guilinger	LaVona Grissinger

Last Week's Attendance: 69

ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Carroll Food Pantry – Please prayerfully consider donating crackers (any kind), peanut butter (creamy), jelly (grape or strawberry), and tuna as they are completely out of these!!! We can always use pancake mix, syrup, soup (tomato, cream of mushroom & cream of chicken), mac & cheese, cereal, canned

fruit (any kind), and pasta (any kind) every month. 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 to restock everything and always need paper products. Your support is greatly appreciated!

The Women's Group is asking you to bring clean and dry plastic bags. The group will make sleeping mats out of them for homeless people. You can drop them off in a box in the sewing room at church.

Finance – meet November 14th @ 7 pm (zoom)

Bible Study – is cancelled for Thursday, November 16th!

Soul Sisters – November 16th @ 9 am for coffee and Christmas crafts at UMC. Breakfast type treats. Bring 2 canned goods for the food pantry. Contact Linda (815-541-4760) ASAP if you plan to attend.

Health & Worship – meet November 16th @ 3:30 pm

Trustees/Ad Council – meet Nov 19th at 9 am/11:15 am

Confirmation Class – will visit St. John the Baptist Church on Saturday, Nov. 18th at 5 pm. Class will meet Nov 19th at 3:30 to 5 pm. All meetings will be the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month.

Hanging of the Greens – December 3rd – Sign up sheets will be going around during worship.

Christmas Bell Ringing – Sign up sheets are in the narthex for November 24th & 25th and December 1st & 2nd

Advent Bible Study with light supper, fellowship, and prayer is coming up!!! “The Acts of the Apostles” It is a 4 week program and the first gathering is on November 29th at 5:30 to 7 pm. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet.

2024 Summer Youth Mission Trip – July 20 to July 27, 2024 Harvest of Hope, Misenheimer, North Carolina. Participants glean and distribute produce remaining in fields after harvest each morning and learn about the realities of hunger each evening. They offer age-appropriate mission and education opportunities so that participants can learn about the twin issues of food insecurity and food waste and immediately do something.

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!!!



**First United
 Methodist Church
 Sunday, 10:15 am
 November 12, 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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