



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."

Baptism of the Lord, Year A

10:15

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE
MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART

January 11, 2026

Pearl Michels
Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan King

Leader: Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.

C: We come to be cleansed and made whole.

L: Come! Let us witness John's confusion and Jesus' insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

C: We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.

L: Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus' Identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

C: We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.

L: Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.

C: We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God

***HYMN #191 "Jesus Loves Me."**

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus, you revealed him to be your Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit, keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

***THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881**

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, died, 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 Moment:

LaVona Grissinger

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

Susan King

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17 NRSV **Pastor Fernando**

The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

Song of Preparation

Message: "There is Hope in Baptism"

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

(call/text Pastor 773-971-7208)

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Faithful and Calling God, just as Jesus stepped into The river stands with us, and for us, we bring these gifts

today to stand with others—to serve, to uplift, and to proclaim your kingdom. Use these offerings to fulfill your righteousness among us. In Christ's name we pray, Amen

HYMN # 2051" I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry"

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD

Pastor Fernando

Vivian Eaton

IN OUR PRAYER

Sandy Froehlich-(doing immune therapy), Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling's friend), Tinslee (recuperating from transplant), The Norman family, Dan Zambo has cancer, Mia (Paula's co-worker), Tim Cavanagh (waiting for Heart surgery). Derek Osborn, Vicki & Michael Thomas (Paula Mayer's friends) Janet Smith (Denise's sister), The Lars Colgan family. Christa Jachino- Battling breast cancer (daughter-in-law of Linda & John Jachino) Kris Dornbush, sister of Kim Stuart has a blood clot in her spinal cord and is paralyzed from the waist down. She is in rehab at Shirley Ryan Rehab in Chicago. Emily Medley and her brother are dealing with health issues. Abea- Early pregnancy-prayer to go to term. Sally Marken is in the Clinton hospital with pneumonia. Please keep Burt Prins because he has sprained his ankle. Jason Moore in your prayers; he had a kidney stone. Marilyn Kline, she fell and broke her neck. Bob Bauer, for complete healing. After surgery. Susan Michelle, complete healing from her surgery.

Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Florence Bevins-Powell, Judy Law

Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars; Haiti; Syria; Israel and Iran, the Gaza Strip; peace In the Middle East, families, students, school administrators, and those Grieving their loved ones.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

January

13 – Debra Hockman

Susan Michelle & Greg Jepsen (2001)

15 – Gary Dykema

Linda Stubbe

CALENDAR

Monday, January 12

Office Open 9 am – 12 pm

1 pm to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, January 13

Office Open 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Wednesday, January 14

Office Open 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Thursday, January 15

Office Open 9am-12pm

Friday, January 16

Office Open 9am -12pm

Sunday, January 18

8:30 am– Prayer Meeting

9:00 – Sunday School

10:15 – Main Service

WORSHIP HELPERS

	January 11	January 18
Acolyte	Pearl Michels	Kirk Hofman
Liturgist	Susan King	Joseph Pasch
Counter	Rhonda Law	Lori Miller
Verifier	Sharon Guillinger	LaVona Grissinger
Coffee Hour	Esther Losh	
Greeter	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte
Usher	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte

Last Week's Attendance: 87

ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Carroll Food Pantry -

Thank you so much for your generosity!

The Blessing Basket - Thank you for all your donations! Please consider supplying a bottle of shampoo, deodorant, or body lotion this month.

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.

New Member Class – will be given by Pastor Fernando. This will be 5 classes, **in person or via Zoom**. If you are interested or have questions, let the office know.

Volunteers Are Needed: to help at Classy Closet. The hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 am - 1 pm or 1 pm - 4 pm. If interested, let the office know.

FUMC Church Leadership Training – on Saturday, January 24th, 2026 at 8:30 am-1 pm. Christ UMC in Rockford 4509 Highcrest Rd. Church cost \$50—includes Hot Lunch—Registration Online—Please talk to Pastor Fernando

Soul Sisters: January 15th, will be making T-shirts

Linda Jachino (815) 541-4760

FUMC Men's Meeting - January 19th at 5:30 pm Any questions –

Jason Moore

CHOIR – Practice 14th—Sing on 18th

JOY - January 21 – RSVP by the 19th

Ad Council -January 18th after Worship

Trustees meeting- January 18th

PRAIRIE NORTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING 2026



January 24 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Christ UMC in Rockford 4509 Highcrest Rd.

Cost \$15 each \$50 per church Includes hot lunch

Registration online (walk-ins will be accepted, lunch may not be available)

Schedule: 8:30 Registration and Gathering 11:00 Workshop 2
 9:00 Opening Worship 11:55 Song and Closing Prayer
 9:45 Workshop 1 12:00 Lunch

Classes: Pick 2 Classes (All classes are offered in both sessions)
 • Stewarding God's Resources: Finance & Risk 101
 - Kim Emery & Elizabeth Stahl
 • Lay Leadership Training - Kris Aves
 • Next Gen Youth - Rev. T.K. Lee and Pastor Roger Bronkema
 • Church Communication that Connects: Websites, Social Media & More
 - Taylor Greenwood
 • Church Growth, Fresh Expressions - Rev. Violet Johnicker
 • Stronger Together: The Value of our Connectional Work
 - Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer
 • Staff-Parish Relations Committee 101 - Rev. Dr. Hwa-Young Chong

Registration: umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-north-leadership-training-2026

Questions? Contact Rev. Jeremiah Lee
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First United Methodist Church

January 11, 2026
 Sunday, 10:15 am
Vision Statement

**“Reaching out to all people and
 inviting them to experience the Love
 of God through Open Hearts, Open
 Minds, and Open Doors.”**

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