



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 January 19, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Pearl Michels

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Molly Andersen
L: God knows each one of us personally and God loves each one of us.

P: Thanks be to God for such wondrous love!

L: Come this day into the presence of God.

P: We come with overflowing hearts!

L: Celebrate God’s mercy and compassion.

P: Praise be to God who offers us hope. AMEN.

***HYMN #577 “God of Grace and God of Glory”**

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)** Molly Andersen
Loving God, call us together as your people; transform us with your love. Transform our hearts, that we may love generously. Transform our eyes, that we may see your grace. Transform our hands, that we may serve others. Transform our spirits, that we may be the body of Christ, gathered to worship and sent out to serve. 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, 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.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 15 Molly Andersen

EPISTLE Romans 12:1-8 (NRSV) Pastor Fernando

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

SONG “He Has Made Me Glad” Worship DVD

MESSAGE “Grace for all -Sanctifying Grace” Pastor Fernando

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (message 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

Generous God, you have given us many gifts and drawn us together into Christ’s body, the church. You have blessed us with generous and cheerful spirits. May the gifts of our money, time, and talents support the ministry of your church. Amen.

***HYMN #64 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty**

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

***GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD** Vivian Eaton

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sandy Froehlich, Glen White, Shirley Hastings, Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling’s friend), Herb, Sandy & Ben Pratt, Lexi Tsoukalas (Molly’s great niece), Debbie Bilik (Janet Morlock’s friend), Scarlett Huebner, Chrissy Sullivan, Angie (Paula’s friend), Roger Furrow, Eli (Bob & Lavona’s grandson), Tinslee, Ed & Barb Jepsen, Mary (Belandar) Klein, Howard Nichols, John Jachino, Kristin (Bob & LaVona Grissinger’s granddaughter), Alyssa Volkers, Lisa (LaVona’s friend), Jill (Melinda Dykema’s daughter), Susan Foltz (organist at Mt. Carroll UMC), Denise Curtis, LaVona Grissinger, Lola McCutcheon (Tim Cavanagh’s friend), Karen Burcham (Paul Mayer’s sister), Beth (LaVona’s colleague), the Norman family, Dan Zambon (uncle of Kim Gonzalez), Pat Kemp, Denise Curtis, Jon & Jody Kragle (Dianne Percy’s friends), Melinda Dykema, Dave Miller (Brigit Jepsen’s boyfriend’s father), Mary & Phil Nylin (house fire), Karen Hoffman’s cousins (house fire), John Norse, Lousie Brouillard (Ronda’s friend), Howie Von Haden (LaVona’s brother), Rita Mitchell, Jackie Walker, Ron Miller, Betty Hoertz Hottenstein, Amy Hanson, Jamie Harkness Townsend, Elyssa (Bonnie’s daughter), baby Wesley and family, Myrna Handel, Linda Jachino, Paul Mayer, Vivian Eaton, Bob Grissinger, Brian Wallace, Ron Hastings, the Lars Colgan family, Linda Stubbe and family, and for closure for the family of Jackson Kradle.

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

Our country & government; Military Personnel & their families; the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars; Haiti; Syria; Israel; the Gaza Strip; peace in the Middle East; people affected by the wildfires in California, snow, cold temperatures; the towns, families, students, school administrators, and those who experience everyday violence and their families.

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.
Open Hearts! Open Minds! Open Doors!
We are the people of the United Methodist Church.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

January 19 – Mark Rathje
23 – Kay Cavanagh

CALENDAR

Monday, Jan 20 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
8:30 am to 11:30 am – Office open
1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
3 pm – JOY Recap

Tuesday, Jan 21
9 am to 12 noon – Office open
5:30 pm – UM Men meeting

Wednesday, Jan22
8:30 am to 11:30 am – Office open

Thursday, Jan 23
9 am to 12 noon – Office open
9 am – Bible Study
1 pm – Interchurch Council meeting
7 pm – Zoom prayer

Friday, Jan24
8:30 am to 11:30 am - Office open

Saturday, Jan25
8:30 am to 1 pm – District Leadership Training

Sunday, Jan 26
9 am – Adult & Youth Sunday School
10:15 am – Worship
11:30 am – Coffee hour
11:30 am – Kids Kards
11:30 am – Outreach meeting
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm – Girl Scouts

WORSHIP HELPERS

	January 26	February 2
Acolyte	Kirk Hoffman	Faith Gonzalez
Liturgist	Ryker McCombie	James Gonzalez
Counter	Vivian Eaton	Molly Andersen
Verifier	Mary Irons	Pam Darrow
Coffee Hour	Burt & Kathie Prins	Vivian Eaton
Greeter	Worship cmte	Worship cmte
Ushers	Worship cmte	Worship cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 63 + 2 dogs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Carroll Food Pantry - was blessed with the Advent calendar. You all purchased 10 boxes along with filling the box outside the office!
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.

Weekly Zoom Prayer Meeting – will resume on Thursday, January 30th, 2025 at 7 pm. You will be emailed with a link as it gets closer to the date.

Church Worship will be at 10:15 am!

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

Church Hours have changed! - Monday, Wednesday, & Friday will be from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Tuesday & Thursday will be 9 am to 12 PM

Pastor Fernando will be in the office 9 am-5 pm Tuesday to-Friday!

UM Men – will meet Tuesday, Jan 21st at 5:30 pm.

JOY Recap – meeting will be Monday, Jan 20th at 3 pm.

Ad Council – will meet TODAY at 11:45 am.

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

Prairie North District Leadership Training – Saturday, Jan 25th from 8:30 am to 12 noon at Harmony UMC in Freeport.

Kids Kards – will meet Sunday, Jan 26th at 11:30 am.

Outreach Cmte – will meet Sunday, Jan 26th at 11:30 am.

Interchurch Council – will meet Thursday, Jan 23rd @ 1 pm

Ronda will be out of the office – Monday, Jan 27th thru Friday, Jan 31st. She will be working during the evening hours that week. Email her if there is anything you need.

Souper Bowl Luncheon – will be Feb 9th at 11:30 am.

Ushers – if you are interested in helping with ushering during a worship service, please let Linda Stubbe know.

Lenten Bible Study – Pastor is looking at holding a Bible Study for the Lenten season. If you are interested, please let the office know.



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Vision Statement

“Our faith calls us to action in the
body of Christ and in the local
community to love God and to
love others”

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