



First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We're glad that you are her

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.”

Third Sunday after the Epiphany, Year A

10:15 January 25, 2026

LITURGIST Emily Medley
LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Faith Gonzalez
MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP Emily Medley**

L: Children of God, when fears press in on every side, we can proclaim with confidence:

C: God is our light and salvation! Whom shall we fear?

L: When our problems overwhelm us, we feel pressed in on every side, we can declare with confidence:

C: God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?

L: No matter the troubles we face, we seek after God and to live in the house of God forever.

C: God shelters and protects us in the day of trouble.

L: Come, let us worship God with joy, for God is our light and salvation!

C: We come to worship as bearers of the Light. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***HYMN-TFWS # 2173 “Shine Jesus Shine.”**

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

O God, our light and our salvation, shelter us in Your love. O God, our stronghold, protect us from danger. We come with shouts of joy to worship You this day. We come with song and music to celebrate Your love. We come with longing to seek your presence. Be with us now, O God, as we sing Your praises. 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 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 NRSV Emily Medley

Second Reading: Matthew 4:12-23 NRSV - Pastor Fernando

The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

Song of Preparation:

Message: Jesus the Great Light of Hope, Pastor Fernando
(call/text Pastor 773-971-7208)

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**

O God, we have seen Your glory, felt the touch of Your love, and felt Your presence with us. With joyful hearts, we offer You our gifts. Having heard your call, we offer you our lives and our service. Amen

HYMN - UMH # TFWS #2113 “Lamb of God ”

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Pastor Fernando
GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

IN OUR PRAYER

Don Kramer- is Clinton Hospital Sandy Froehlich-immune therapy-Curtis Pilgrim-Morrison Nursing Home, Norman Family, Mia, Derek Osborn,

Vicki & Michael, Janet Smith, Tinslee (recuperating from transplant), Dan Zambon - cancer, Christa Jachino- Breast Cancer Kris Dornbush - clot in her spinal cord and is paralyzed from the waist down. Abea- Early pregnancy-prayer to go to term. Marilyn Kline, she fell and broke her neck. Bob Bauer, for complete healing after surgery. Tim. Cavanagh--heart surgery Wed in Iowa City. Mike Medley-home low potassium -Susan King-home with Pneumonia -Burt Prins-home ankle injury Frank Norman-home health problems -Jeff Doran-home stomach problems Sally Belander Marken-home from 3wks in Iowa City, solution for her breathing Susan Foltz -home new trial treatment but it is not helping.

Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, 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

26 – Hayley Guilinger

29 - Dalton Shaw

Wayne White

30 – Sandy Froehlich

31 – Rhonda Law

CALENDAR

Monday, January 26

Office Open 9 am – 12 pm

Tuesday, January 27

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Wednesday, January 28

Office Open 9 am- 12 pm

Thursday, January 29

Office Open 9 am – 12 pm

Friday, January 30

Office Open 9 am – 12 pm

Sunday, February 1

8:30 am _ Prayer Meeting

9:00 am – Sunday School

10:15 – Main Service

WORSHIP HELPERS		
	January 25	February 1
Acolyte	Faith Gonzalez	Ryker McCombie
Liturgist	Emily Medley	Kim Gonzalez
Counter	Vivian Eaton	Molly Andersen
Verifier	Mary Irons	Pam Darrow
Coffee Hour	Bob & LaVona Grissinger	Mayers
Greeter	Rhonda Law & Lynn Haas	Tom & Lea Ann Michels
Usher	Joe & Bituin Michels Bill Wright & Esther Losh	Burt & Kathie Prins Bill Wright

Last Week’s Attendance: 57

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 or dish soap 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 the 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.

KIDS KARDS – January 25- after worship.

Soup & Cracker Collection – The Outreach Committee is challenging Our Church supports local families by collecting two items.

- 1. 150 Cans of Soup
- 2. Boxes of Crackers.

SUPER BOWL LUNCH: Join us for Soup, Sandwich, and Dessert.



SOUPER BOWL
SUNDAY, Feb. 8th
11:30

**Join us for soup,
sandwich and dessert**

FREE WILL OFFERING
will support mission projects



Hosted by the
Outreach Committee

SOUP & CRACKER COLLECTION

Benefiting the West Carroll School Food Pantry
January – February

What better way to warm up than with a hearty bowl of soup and crackers?

The Outreach Committee is challenging our church congregation to help support local families by collecting



★ **150 Cans of Soup**
★ **Boxes of Crackers**

If each family brings just 5 cans of soup, we can easily reach our goal!

How You Can Help:

Donate canned soup (any variety)

Don't forget crackers to go with it!

Drop off donations at the church during January & February



♥ Together, We Can Make a Difference
Your generosity helps ensure students and families in our community have warm, nourishing meals during the winter months.
Thank you for supporting the West Carroll School Food Pantry!



First United
Methodist Church
January 25, 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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