



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 26, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Kirk Hoffman

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Ryker McCombie

L: With patience and love, we come as one family.

P: We are one body of Christ, united in God.

L: Come! Speak of truth, truth told in love.

P: We gather to listen, and to share our stories.

L: We are God's children, parts of Christ's purpose.

P: We rejoice in our gifts, and we thank God for this grace.

ALL: Come! Now is the time to worship

***HYMN #557** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

***OPENING PRAYER** (Unison) Ryker McCombie

God of unity and peace, bind us together as we come now to worship. Strengthen the ties that make us your family. Grant us the grace to recognize our gifts and our place in this body. Guide us to hear your calling as you speak to our lives. So, we may conduct ourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience to accept each other with genuine love, in this world where hate abounds and love shrinks, grant us the courage to keep the Unity of the Spirit in Jesus's name we pray. Amen

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the

Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

EPISTLE Ephesians 4:1-6 Ryker McCombie

GOSPEL John 17:13-20 Pastor Fernando

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

SONG Worship DVD

MESSAGE “ Unity in Spirit ” 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

God of all creation, God of no denomination, Savior of all,

use our gifts to bring hope to a world that is in need of your grace. Amen.

***HYMN # 2223 FWS**

“They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

***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, 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 29 – Dalton Shaw
- 30 – Sandy Froelich
- 31 – Rhonda Law

CALENDAR

- Monday, Jan 27
 - Church Office Closed
 - 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
 - 3:30 to 5 pm – West Carroll Food Pantry
- Tuesday, Jan 28
 - 9 am to 12 noon – Office open
- Wednesday, Jan 29
 - 8:30 am to 11:30 am – Office open
- Thursday, Jan 30
 - 9 am – Bible Study
 - 7 pm – Zoom prayer
- Friday, Jan 31
- Sunday, Feb 2
 - 9 am – Adult & Youth Sunday School
 - 10:15 am – Worship
 - 11:30 am – Coffee hour
 - 12 noon – IMPACT Youth Group Ski Trip

WORSHIP HELPERS

	February 2	February 9
Acolyte	Faith Gonzalez	Ryker McCombie
Liturgist	James Gonzalez	Esther Losh
Counter	Molly Andersen	Rhonda Law
Verifier	Pam Darrow	Linda Jachino
Coffee Hour	Vivian Eaton	Souper Bowl Lunch
Greeter	Worship cmte	Worship cmte
Ushers	Worship cmte	Worship cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 53

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.

Pastor Fernando will be in the office 9 am-5 pm Tuesday to-Friday! Church Office Closed on Monday, Jan 27th!

Ronda will be out of the office – Monday, Jan 27th thru Friday, Jan 31st. She will be available by email/phone/text after 5 pm. 815-275-8045

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.

Kids Kards – will meet TODAY at 11:30 am.

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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