



### 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."

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany, Year A

10:15 am Sunday Worship

February 1, 2026

LITURGIST

Kim Gonzalez

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE :

Ryker McCombie

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (message Pastor 773-971-7208)

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kim Gonzalez

L: Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?

C: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

L: In our life together as the body of Christ, what worship does God desire of us?

C: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

L: When we share the good news with all creation, what worship does God desire of us?

C: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

L: Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility!

C: We come to worship God with our voices and our lives.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

\*HYMN # UMH #64 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

\*OPENING PRAYER (Unison) Kim Gonzalez

Loving God, we come this morning seeking to abide in your presence. Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom, that we may know how to live as your people. Open our hearts to your spirit of truth, that we may love all your people with a love that speaks of justice, kindness, and radical grace. May this time of worship be authentic and pleasing to you. 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 Matthew 5:1-13 Kim Gonzalez  
L: The Word of God for the People of God  
P: Thanks be to God

SONG OF PREPARATION

MESSAGE A Call to do Just like Jesus Pastor Fernando

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION/CONFESSON AND PARDON

SILENT PRAYER

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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, you bless us in so many areas of our lives in places we often fail to recognize as a blessing.

Help us have eyes to see and hearts to understand The depth of your love and blessing. Today, we give out of that blessedness, dedicating ourselves to lives of justice and love, giving all that we are and all that we have to bring about your beloved community, here and now. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

\*HYMN UMH #568 "Christ for the World We Sing"

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD

Vivian Eaton

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Don Kramer- rehab going well, taking steps! 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 has returned to work! Tim Cavanagh—Home- recovering well! Mike Medley- home low potassium -Susan King-home- pneumonia getting better! -Burt Prins- home ankle injury Frank Norman -home health problems -Also Franks granddaughter Grace, IA hospital -Jeff Doran- home started dialysis Susan Foltz -Madison Hospital. Christina Pasch- foot surgery

**Our shut-ins:** Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torison, 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, 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

February 1 – Thomas Losh

### CALENDAR

Monday, Feb 2

9:00 am to noon – Office open

1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

3:30 to 5 pm – WC Food Pantry

Tuesday, Feb 3

9 am to 12 noon – Office open

Wednesday, Feb 4

9:00 am to noon – Office open

3:30 to 5 pm – WC Food Pantry

Thursday, Feb 5

9 am to 12 noon – Office open

Friday, Feb 6

9:00 am to noon - Office open

Sunday, Feb 8

9 am – Adult & Youth Sunday School

10:15 am – Worship  
11:30 am – Coffee hour

#### WORSHIP HELPERS

	February 1	February 8
Acolyte	Ryker McCombie	Tyson Speer
Liturgist	Kim Gonzalez	Christina Pasch
Counter	Molly Anderson	Rhonda Law
Verifier	Pam Darrow	Linda Jachino
Coffee Hour	Mayers	Souper Bowl
Greeter	Tom & LeaAnn Michels	Ross & Glenda Bronkema
Ushers	Burt & Kathie Prins Bill Wright	Hospitality Cmt

Last Week's Attendance: Service Canceled

#### 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 homeless people. You can drop them off in a box in the sewing room at church.

##### 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.

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.

Souper Bowl – February 8<sup>th</sup>-11:30 am Join us for Soup Sandwich & Dessert. Bring your entire family and Friends.

Soup & Cracker Collection January & February – 150 cans of soup & boxes of crackers.

District Leadership Training: Will take place Saturday, March 7 at Faith UMC in Rockford

Soul Sisters February 5. 2 pm at the Movie theater, \$5



#### 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  
Sunday, February 1, 2026  
at 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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