



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.”
4th 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/CONFESSION 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, Dorthy Taylor, 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, 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 8th-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



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!



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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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