



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 February 2, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Faith Gonzalez

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP James Gonzalez

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

P: Worship God with gladness.

L: Come into God's presence with singing.

P: We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

L: Give thanks to the Lord; bless God's holy name,

P: For God's steadfast love is present now and endures forever.

*HYMN #717 “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” (vs 1, 2, 4)

*OPENING PRAYER (Unison) James Gonzalez

Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits we may hear your words, and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people. In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray. 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. “

EPISTLE Psalm 100 James Gonzalez

GOSPEL John 4:21-24 Pastor Fernando

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

SONG: “Every Praise!”

MESSAGE “Why Church?” Pastor Fernando

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

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE

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

Generous God, may the gifts we return to you cause your name to be celebrated among the nations. May the lives that we live cause your name to be celebrated in all generations. May our offerings be signs of our praise to you, forever and ever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*HYMN #399 “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

*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, Linda Jachino, Bob Grissinger, Jaime (Paula's daughter), Mia (Paula's co-worker) Christine Pasch, Priscila de Castro, Baby Adrian, Julie Brunner (Linda Jachino's cousin), 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

- February 1 - Tommy Losh
- 4 - Rocky Mangler
- 4 - Elliott Mills
- 8 - Mary Schoenecker

CALENDAR

- Monday, Feb 3
- 8:30 am to 11:30 am – Office open
 - 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
 - 2 pm – Choir Practice
 - 3:30 to 5 pm – WC Food Pantry
- Tuesday, Feb 4
- 9 am to 12 noon – Office open
 - 6:30 pm – United Women in Faith meeting
- Wednesday, Feb 5
- 8:30 am to 11:30 am – Office open
- Thursday, Feb 6
- 9 am to 12 noon – Office open
 - 9 am – Bible Study
 - 7 pm – Zoom prayer
- Friday, Feb 7
- 8:30 am to 11:30 am - Office open
- Sunday, Feb 9 (Choir Sings)
- 9 am – Adult & Youth Sunday School
 - 10:15 am – Worship
 - 11:30 am – Souper Bowl Luncheon

WORSHIP HELPERS

	February 9	February 16
Acolyte	Ryker McCombie	Pearl Michels
Liturgist	Esther Losh	Jason Moore
Counter	Rhonda Law	Lori Miller
Verifier	Linda Jachino	Kay Cavanagh
Coffee Hour	Souper Bowl Lunch	The Dykema’s
Greeter	Worship cmte	Worship cmte
Ushers	Worship cmte	Worship cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 66 + 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, February 6th, 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!

United Women in Faith – meeting will Tuesday, Feb 4 @ 6:30 pm

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 Luncheon – will be TODAY 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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