



**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 9, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Ryker McCombie

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Esther Losh

L: May God be gracious to us and bless us.

**P: May God’s face shine upon us and bring us peace!**

L: Let all people praise you, O Lord.

**P: Let all people shout their joy to your holy name.**

L: God blesses us continually throughout all our lives.

**P: Thanks be to God, for God’s eternal love and blessing.**

**AMEN.**

\*HYMN #593 “Here I Am, Lord”

\*OPENING PRAYER (Unison) Esther Losh

**Merciful and Just God, we gather here this morning, each of us with many concerns on our hearts. Our hearts are concerned with systems of injustice which strip people of their dignity and their very lives. Help us to be those who would seek peace with justice, who would fight for those who are oppressed, offer voices for the voiceless and dignity for all humankind. Be with us on this day and guide our steps toward a more just world in your name 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.**

CHILDREN’S TIME

EPISTLE Psalm 67 Esther Losh

GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20 Pastor Fernando

L: The Word of God for the People of God

**P: Thanks be to God**

SONG “Pass It On” FUMC Choir

MESSAGE “Why Church? – Part II” 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

**Lord, bless these gifts so that they may be used for ministries of compassion. Bless these people gathered here, bringing their gifts and their lives in service to you. For we offer ourselves and our gifts to you. AMEN.**

\*HYMN #128 “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”

\*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 Volkens, Lisa (LaVona’s friend), Jill (Melinda Dykema’s daughter), Susan Foltz (organist at Mt. Carroll UMC), Denise Curtis, LaVona Grissinger, Iola 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 Nylín (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, Paul Mayer, Vivian Eaton, Bob Grissinger, Brian Wallace, Ron Hastings, Jaime (Paula’s daughter), Mia (Paula’s co-worker) Christine Pasch, Baby Adrian, Julie Brunner (Linda Jachino’s cousin), Martha White, Rhonda Eickert, Tim Cavanagh, Thomas James (LeaAnn & Tom Michel’s grandson), Beverly & family (Emily Medley’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 9 - Dana Haynes
  - 9 - LeaAnn Michels
  - 9 - Becky Weidman
  - 13 - *Bruce & Rhonda Badtke (1988)*
  - 13 - Judy Davidson
  - 15 - Aidan Michels

**CALENDAR**

Monday, Feb 10

- 8:30 am to 11:30 am – Office open
- 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, Feb 11

- 9 am to 12 noon – Office open
- 5 pm – Finance/Growth meeting

Wednesday, Feb 12

- 8:30 am to 11:30 am – Office open

Thursday, Feb 13

- 9 am to 12 noon – Office open
- 9 am – Bible Study
- 11:30 am – Soul Sisters
- 7 pm – Zoom prayer

Friday, Feb 14 **(Valentine’s Day)**

- 8:30 am to 11:30 am - Office open

Sunday, Feb 16

- 9 am - Trustees
- 9 am – Adult & Youth Sunday School
- 10:15 am – Worship
- 11:30 am – Ad Council

WORSHIP HELPERS		
	February 16	February 23
Acolyte	Pearl Michels	Joe Pasch
Liturgist	Jason Moore	Deeann Kramer
Counter	Lori Miller	Vivian Eaton
Verifier	Kay Cavanagh	Linda Stubbe
Coffee Hour	The Dykema’s	Castro family
Greeter	Worship cmte	Worship cmte
Ushers	Worship cmte	Worship cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 63 + 2 dogs

**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, 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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!**

**Souper Bowl Luncheon** – will be TODAY at 11:30 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!**

**Finance/Growth** – meeting will be Tuesday, Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm

**Soul Sisters** – “Jeopardy” will be Thursday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at the church with a salad lunch. Please bring a salad of your choice. Table service will be provided. Prizes for the game will be provided.

**JOY Ministry Dinner** – Wednesday, Feb 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread, and spumoni ice cream. Program will be games. Come join the fun and invite your friends. **RSVP to the church by 12 noon on Monday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>!** Rides available in town only.

**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.

**Ushers** – if you are interested in helping with ushering during a worship service, please let Linda Stubbe know.

**Volunteers are needed** – for Savanna Food Pantry for Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12 noon. Please let Molly Andersen know if you can help out! 815-541-6852

**Lenten Bible Study** – Pastor is looking at holding a Bible Study for the Lenten season. If you are interested, please let the office know.

### Souper Bowl Sunday Lunch

Soups, salads, bread & desserts

**Feb. 9TH @ 11:15**

Hosted by the Outreach Committee

**FREE WILL OFFERING**  
will go towards Outreach projects





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## Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 10:15 am

**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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