



**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."*

9:30 am Sunday Worship August 25, 2024

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Ellie Johnson

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Ronda Rathje

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Bonnie Davies

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**P: To you, our hearts and souls sing for joy, O God.**

L: Happy are those who live in your house, O Lord of hosts.

**P: Happy are those whose strength is in you, O God.**

L: It is better to be a doorkeeper in your house than to live in the tents of wickedness.

**P: O Lord of hosts, happy are those who trust in you.**

\*HYMN #374 "Standing on the Promises"

\*OPENING PRAYER (Unison) Rev. Bonnie Davies  
Spirit of God, we confess that we put on airs more often than we put on the armor of God. We are guilty of girding ourselves with lies instead of the truth. We try to protect ourselves with arrogance, superstition, and self-reliance instead of righteousness, faith, and your gift of salvation. Our footsteps do not follow your path of peace. And we are quick to use your Word to attack one another, instead of striking out against the sins we personally commit. Forgive us, Holy God. Gift us with the wisdom and strength to change our ways, so that we may live as your faithful ambassadors of the Good News. 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 Psalm 84 Rev. Bonnie Davies

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 6:10-20 Pastor Fernando

L: The Word of God for the People of God

**P: Thanks be to God**

SONG "Healing Rain 1" Worship DVD

MESSAGE "The Six Armors of our Fight" Pastor Fernando

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (call/text Ronda 815-275-8045)

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 Pastor Fernando

Loving God, in your care even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself; in your care, even the least of us finds life and spirit and blessing upon blessing. In gratitude for all we have received, accept our gifts and offerings, that we may abide in your love. Amen.

\*HYMN #600 "Wonderful Words of Life"

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD

Vivian Eaton

**In Our Prayers**

Emilee Derrer, Sandy Froehlich, Barb McFadden, Glen White, Pastor Bill Landis, Shirley Hastings, Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling's friend), Sandy Pratt, Lexi Tsoukalas (Molly's great niece), Debbie Bilik (Janet Morlock's friend), Scarlett Huebner, Chrissy Sullivan, Miles Purchis (Max & Martha Purchis' grandson), Angie (Paula's friend), Roger Furrow, Eli (Bob & Lavona's grandson), Paula Mayer, Tinslee, Ed & Barb Jepsen, Mary (Belandar) Klein, Howard Nichols, Jackie Walker, John Jachino, Dennis Plattenberger (Mary's friend), Kristin (Bob & LaVona Grissinger's granddaughter), Chuck Curtis, Eldar (Karen Hoffman's friend), Alyssa Volkers, Mary Ellen Dreger, Karen Hoffman, Sharon Gulinger, Bob Grissinger, Burt Prins, Jan (Karen Hoffman's friend), Lisa (LaVona's friend), Denise David (Billy David's sister), Jill (Melinda Dykema's daughter), Elaina Gooding (Bonnie's granddaughter), Susan Foltz (organist at Mt. Carroll UMC), Denise Curtis, Abby & baby (Karen Hoffman's cousin), LaVona Grissinger, Tom Michels, the Byron United Methodist Church in Byron, GA, the family of Jackson Kradle, the family of Martha Purchis, and the family of Jacob Green.

**Our shut-ins:** Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy 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 heat, tornadoes and severe thunderstorms, those that are affected by Hurricane Debby, and the victims of 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

- August 26 – Jeff Law
- 28 – Sharon F Guilinger
- 29 – Sharon A Guilinger
- 31 – Bob Froehlich

CALENDAR

- Monday, August 26
  - 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
  - 5 pm – JOY recap meeting
- Thursday, August 29
  - 7 pm – Weekly Prayer Zoom
- Sunday, September 1
  - 9:30 am – Worship

WORSHIP HELPERS

	September 1	September 8
Acolyte	Tyson Speers	Ryker McCombie
Liturgist	Burt Prins	Ronda Rathje
Counter	Molly Andersen	Rhonda Law
Verifier	Linda Stubbe	Tom Michels
Coffee Hour	No Coffee hour	Ad Council
Greeter	Worship cmte	Worship cmte
Ushers	Worship cmte	Worship cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 69

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WC Food Pantry** - Please consider giving to the food pantry as they are in desperate need of fruit, peanut butter & jelly, Mac & cheese, crackers, pancake mix, syrup, Chef Boyardee, and cereal! Please remember this is all so no child goes hungry!!!

**Blessing Basket** – We are in need sunscreen, men’s & women’s shampoo, lotion, deodorant, sandwich bags, and aluminum foil. We always need paper products. Your support of this ministry is greatly appreciated!

**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 be on August 29th at 7 pm. The link will be emailed to you.

**Summer Church Worship at 9:30 am** – will continue thru the summer.

**Meet with Pastor Fernando** – If you would like to schedule a time to meet with Pastor so you can get to know him and he can get to know you, feel free to reach out to the office to schedule a time or see if he is free.

**NEW MINISTRY – HOME CARE KITS** – We are going to start a new project for Midwest Missions. We are going to make Home Care Kits. These kits contain very few items and are used to help those who have been in floods, hurricanes, etc to clean up. We need the following items:

1 - 5 gallon bucket, liquid household cleaner 56-80 oz (no spray bottles), dish soap 42-64 oz, liquid laundry detergent 100-150 oz, 1 scrub brush with or without a handle. We would like to see how many kits we can put together by Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> as that is Mission Sunday! Please place your items in the box outside the office.

**No Thursday Bible Study until further notice!**

**IMPACT Youth Group** (formerly Carroll County Youth Group) – will resume on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> with a Pond Party Kick-off! It will be held at 9317 IL Rt 84, Savanna, IL from 12 noon to 3 pm. This is open to 6-12 graders and their families. There will be swimming, paddle-boarding, cookout, campfire, games, and fellowship. Lifejackets are required!

**United Women of Faith** will be going to Timberlake on Sept 10<sup>th</sup> to see “Church Basement Ladies”. Tickets are \$32 each. Show starts at 7:30 pm Carpool leaves church at 6:45 pm. If interested, call Mary.

**Soul Sisters “Exploring Galena” Outing** – will be Thursday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup>. We will explore the shops & galleries of downtown Galena and have lunch at a local restaurant. Optional \$5.00 tour of General Grant's Home & "restored village". Carpool leaves the church at 9:00 A.M. **ALL WOMEN** are invited to join us!! RSVP---Linda Jachino (815) 541-4760.

**Church Conference – will be Saturday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30pm to 5:30 pm.** Please get your reports to the office by Monday, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>!

**Midwest Mission Trip** – is planned for Monday, Sept 30<sup>th</sup> thru Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mary Irons or Cindy Law.

**Mark & Robin Cook Pay-It-Forward Cookout Fundraiser** – Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> @ 2 to 7 pm at 9423 IL Rt 84, Savanna, IL

**UWF Drive Thru Dinner** – October 6<sup>th</sup> at 4 to 5:30 pm. They will serve Pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, applesauce, and pumpkin bars. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. RSVP/Purchase tickets early.

**Nursery Room Usage** – per NIC Safe Sanctuary policies, no child/children are to be in there without a parent or certified adult (18 or older) present. Please clean up when finished.

**New Sewing Ministry** – We invite all sewers to get involved in our sewing ministry buy getting a kit in the sewing room. Several are available. (Pattern & material) Check out this ministry in the sewing room after church or ask any member of United Women in Faith. This gives those who cannot come Monday afternoons to sew a chance to be part of this important ministry at home at your convenience. Check this out!!!

Big Activities coming up...

**Sunday School Kick-off – Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 am to 1 pm**

**Adult & Youth Sunday School begins on Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 am**

**Worship will go back to 10:15 am beginning Sunday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Bring Your Grandparents to Church Day – Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>**



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at 9:30 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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