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

September 1, 2024

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART

Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Burt Prins

L: Don't play games with God.

P: God knows us better than we think God does.

L: God is waiting for us to come into God's presence, honestly.

P: Let our lives be in you, O Lord.

L: Place your whole life in God's loving care.

P: Lord, we come to you, seeking your healing mercy

L: God is ready to give you new life.

P: Come, Lord Jesus, come into our hearts and let our lives be in you. AMEN.

*HYMN #384 "Love Divine All Loves Excelling"

*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Burt Prins
God of mercy, you know us so well. We like to think we can
hide from You, but we are just kidding. You have offered us a
new life, characterized by honesty, compassion, joy, and peace.
You have invited us into ministries of peace and justice, but we
have far too often turned our back on opportunities for service
and witness to your transformational love. Forgive us for our
stubbornness. Help us to turn around and listen to your words
of hope. Remind us again that you require compassion and
mercy in all who serve you; that you will guide our steps and
our lives. Give us the courage to truly be your witnesses in
this world. 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 15

Burt Prins

*GOSPEL Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Pastor Fernando

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

SONG

Worship DVD

MESSAGE "Let Us Be Cautious" Pastor Fernando

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (call/text 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

Pastor Fernando

God of light and beauty, every gift is from You. Even our ability to give is a blessing of your love. We offer you what we have and what we are. Use our gifts to give birth to a world of righteousness where none are in need and where all draw close to your grace. Amen.

*HYMN #402 "Lord I Want to be a Christian"

*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 (Belander) 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 Guilinger, 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, Rev. Bonnie Davies, and the family of Jackson Kradle.

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

September 1—Kim Bundy

1—Caleb Thornton

1—Tom & LeaAnn Michels (1979)

2—Ramona Green

2—Nick Law

3—Jean Treter

5—Kenny Clemens

7—Julie Brigham

CALENDAR

Monday, Sept 2 (Labor Day)

1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, Sept 3

6:30 pm – United Women in Faith

Wednesday, Sept 4

Choir Practice

Thursday, Sept 5

7 pm – Weekly Prayer Zoom

Friday, Sept 6

Church Conference paperwork due!

Sunday, Sept 8 (Grandparents Day) (Communion)

9 am – Adult Sunday School

9 am – Youth Sunday School

10:15 am – Worship

11:30 am – Coffee hour

12 to 3 pm – IMPACT Youth Group Pond Party

WORSHIP HELPERS

	September 8	September 15
Acolyte	Ryker McCombie	Asia LaShelle
Liturgist	Susan Michelle Jepsen	Jason Moore
Counter	Rhonda Law	Lori Miller
Verifier	Tom Michels	Karen Hoffman
Coffee Hour	Ad Council	
Greeter	Worship cmte	Worship cmte
Ushers	Worship cmte	Worship cmte

Last Week's Attendance: 59 + 2 dogs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>WC Food Pantry</u> - 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!!!

<u>Blessing Basket</u> – 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! <u>The Women's Group</u> 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.

<u>Weekly Zoom Prayer Meeting</u> – will be on Sept 5th at 7 pm. The link will be emailed to you.

Church Worship will be at 10:15 am beginning next Sunday, Sept 8th! September Communion offering will go to Griefshare.

<u>Meet with Pastor Fernando</u> – 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.

<u>NEW MINISTRY – HOME CARE KITS</u> – 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 15th as that is Mission Sunday! Please place your items in the box outside the office.

No Thursday Bible Study until further notice!

<u>IMPACT Youth Group</u> (formerly Carroll County Youth Group) – will resume on Sunday, September 8th 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!

<u>United Women of Faith</u> will be going to Timberlake on Sept 10th 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.

<u>Soul Sisters "Exploring Galena" Outing</u> – will be Thursday, Sept 12th. 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.

<u>Church Conference</u> – will be Saturday, Sept 21st at 3:30pm to 5:30 pm.

Please get your reports to the office by Monday, Sept 6th!

Midwest Mission Trip – is planned for Monday, Sept 30th thru Oct 4th.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Mary Irons or Cindy Law.

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

<u>UWF Drive Thru Dinner</u> – October 6th 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.

Big Activities coming up...

Adult & Youth Sunday School begins on Sunday, Sept. 8th at 9 am Worship will go back to 10:15 am beginning Sunday Sept. 8th Bring Your Grandparents to Church Day – Sunday, Sept. 8th



First United Methodist Church Sunday, September 1, 2024 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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