



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 8, 2024

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Ryker McCombie

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Susan Michelle Jepsen

L: Welcome to the community of faith, the family of God!

P: **We come as families, large and small, seeking God’s love.**

L: God’s love is for young and old.

P: **Open our hearts, Lord, to receive your love.**

L: Let us abide in Christ Jesus, who taught us to love the children

P: **May our spirits be renewed and our connection to God be**

strengthened through our worship today. AMEN.

*HYMN #57 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*OPENING PRAYER (Unison) Susan Michelle Jepsen

Dear God, we praise your name for the lives of our grandparents,

Thank you for the life they gave our parents and for the life they

gave to us. For the ways they love us no matter what, I rejoice.

For the ways they have paved the road that leads me here, we

thank you. We rejoice in this day as we begin our Sunday School,

guide our teachers and the adult Sunday school, that we may

learn your word and grow till we all come to the unity of the

faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, our Savior 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 18:1-6, 10-14 Susan Michelle Jepsen

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

SONG Worship DVD

CHILDREN’S TIME Kris Yingling

MESSAGE “Jesus Calls a Child, Why?” Pastor Fernando

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (call/text 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 Pastor Fernando

Loving God, we come to you offering ourselves and our gifts,

we know all comes from you, a accept our gifts for it is our

gratitude for who we are, all You have done, and will do, in

our lives, our families, and your Holy Church. In Jesus Christ,

we pray 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 #191 “Jesus Loves Me”

*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 Purchis’ grandson),
Angie (Paula’s friend), Roger Furrow, Eli (Bob & Lavona’s grandson), Paula
Mayer, Tinslee, Ed & Barb Jepsen, Mary (Belande) 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, Kathy Prins, Iola
McCutcheon (Tim Cavanagh’s friend), Sarah & Marty Brubaker, 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, severe thunderstorms,
and hurricanes; the town, families, students, school administrators, and
victims of the school shooting in Windor, Georgia; 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

- September 11 – Madison Haynes
- 12 – Lori Law
- 14 – Sherri Miller

CALENDAR

- Monday, Sept 9
 - 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
 - 3:30 to 5 pm – West Carroll Food Pantry
- Tuesday, Sept 10
 - 5 pm – Finance/Growth meeting
 - 6:45 pm – United Women in Faith to Timberlake
- Wednesday, Sept 11
 - 10 am - Choir Practice
- Thursday, Sept 12
 - 9 am – Soul Sisters to Galena
 - 7 pm – Weekly Prayer Zoom
- Saturday, September 14
 - 11 am to 5 pm – Rib Feast @ Presbyterian Church
- Sunday, Sept 15 (Choir Sings)
 - Telstar items due!!!
 - 9 am - Trustees
 - 9 am – Adult Sunday School
 - 9 am – Youth Sunday School
 - 10:15 am – Worship
 - 11:30 am – Ad Council

WORSHIP HELPERS

	September 15	September 22
Acolyte	Asia LaShelle	Blaine Johnson
Liturgist	Jason Moore	Joe Michels
Counter	Lori Miller	Vivian Eaton
Verifier	Karen Hoffman	Sharon F Guilinger
Coffee Hour	No Coffee Hour	
Greeter	Worship cmte	Worship cmte
Ushers	Worship cmte	Worship cmte

Last Week’s Attendance:

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 Sept 19th at 7 pm. The link will be emailed to you.

Church Worship will be at 10:15 am!

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 15th as that is Mission Sunday! Please place your items in the box outside the office.

No Thursday Bible Study until further notice!

United Women of Faith 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.

Soul Sisters “Exploring Galena” Outing – 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.

Telstar items due September 15th!!!

Church Conference – will be Saturday, Sept 21st at 3:30pm to 5:30 pm. (SPRC meets at 3 pm.) Please plan to attend!

KIDS KARDS – will meet on Sunday, Sept 22nd after worship. Need all hands to make cards for the residents at Big Meadows & Pinnacle Place.

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

FLU SHOT CLINIC – Wednesday, October 2nd at 10:15 to 11:30 am in the fellowship hall.

UWF Drive Thru Dinner – 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.



RIB FEAST!
First Presbyterian
502 Third Street
Saturday September 14
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Profits go to
Savanna and
West Carroll
Food
Pantries!
\$15

Buy your tickets today!
At the Classy Closet, 415 Main Street, Savanna, IL
From Pastor Gary Panetta, (815)590-1792
Walk-up orders will be available

**PORK RIBS
POTATO SALAD
BAKED BEANS
SLICE OF WHITE
BREAD
COOKIE
WATER**

**Drive-Up Lunch
Fundraiser**

All proceeds will go to Carroll County Transit
**Wednesday, Sept. 18
11 a.m.—1 p.m.**

Location:
Carroll County
Senior Center
17612 E.
Benton Street
Mount Carroll



Cost: Donation

For large orders please call with
the number of lunches needed
by Monday, Sept. 9.
815-244-0011

Menu includes:
Grilled Pork Chop Sandwich,
Chips, dessert and
Bottled Water





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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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