



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 15, 2024

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Asia LaShelle

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Jason Moore

L: We are called to follow Jesus.

P: But following Jesus isn't easy.

L: No. It will demand our dedication and our energy.

P: It will change our whole lives.

L: Come, all of you. Come and learn of the Lord Jesus.

P: Lord, we come, seeking your wisdom and your guidance.

AMEN.

*HYMN #77 “How Great Thou Art”

*OPENING PRAYER (Unison) Jason Moore

God and Father of us all, you are the source of life and love, and we join our voices in praise. We thank you for the call which has come to each of us today: “Come, follow me.” Forgive us for we have heard but failed to respond. Help us to be sensitive to the message of your love revealed in Jesus Christ and help us to respond by taking up our cross following you. 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 19 Jason Moore

GOSPEL Mark 8:27-38 Pastor Fernando

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

CHOIR “The Prayer” by Carol Bayer Sager & David Foster

MESSAGE “Identity” 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

Merciful God, we bring these offerings with hearts attuned to your call. As we gather in your presence, may our gifts reflect the wisdom and discernment you desire for us. Use these offerings to nurture understanding, compassion, and justice in our world. Guide us to listen and act with insight, spreading your love and grace. Transform our giving into actions that make a difference. Help us grow in our faith and commitment to your ways. In the holy name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN FWS #2130 “The Summons”

*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 (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 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), Elyssa Gooding (Bonnie's daughter), 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, Lola McCutcheon (Tim Cavanagh's friend), Sarah & Marty Brubaker, Tim Cavanagh, 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 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 16—Boyd Law
21—Dorothy Taylor

CALENDAR

Monday, Sept 16
1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
3:30 to 5 pm – West Carroll Food Pantry
Tuesday, Sept 17
5 pm – UM Men meeting
Wednesday, Sept 18
4:30 to 6:30 pm – JOY Dinner
Thursday, Sept 19
9 am – Bible Study
3:30 pm – Worship meeting
7 pm – Weekly Prayer Zoom
Saturday, September 21
3:00 pm – Church Conference (SPRC meeting)
3:30 to 5:30 pm – Church Conference
Sunday, Sept 22
9 am – Adult Sunday School
9 am – Youth Sunday School
10:15 am – Worship
11:30 am – Kids Kards
1:30 to 3:30 pm – Girl Scouts

WORSHIP HELPERS

	September 22	September 29
Acolyte	Blaine Johnson	?
Liturgist	Joe Michels	LeaAnn Michels
Counter	Vivian Eaton	Lori Miller
Verifier	Sharon F Guilinger	LaVona Grissinger
Coffee Hour	No Coffee Hour	No Coffee Hour
Greeter	Worship cmte	Worship cmte
Ushers	Worship cmte	Worship cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 64 + 1 dog

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.
LAST DAY for HOME CARE KITS –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 100-128 oz, 1 scrub brush with or without a handle. Please place your items in the box outside the office.
Thursday Bible Study – will take place Thursday, Sept 19th at 9 am.
Telstar items due September 15th!!!
JOY DINNER – will be Wednesday, Sept 18th at 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. RSVP to the office by 12 noon on Monday, Sept 16th!
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.
CARD SHOWER for Dorothy Taylor -We are encouraging everyone to send a birthday card to Dorothy for her 101st birthday on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Her address is 1000 Longmoor Ave, Savanna, IL 61074.
CARD SHOWER for Janis Wilt – We are encouraging everyone to send a birthday card to Janis Wilt for her 94th birthday on Tuesday, Sept 24th. Her address is 7615 N. Harker Drive, Peoria, IL 61615.
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.

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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