



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.”

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year C.

10:15 AM Summer Sunday Worship Sept. 21, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jason Moore

L: Break open our hearts this morning to hear your word,
O God.

P: Let our fears be vanquished, our spirits restored!

L: Come and let us worship with great joy!

P: Let us drop the things of the past that weighed us down!

L: God is about to do something new in our lives!

P: Let God's will become strong in our lives. AMEN.

***HYMN # 384 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

**Heavenly Father, thank You that we are Your children.
We want to live our lives the way that You have ordained
and run the race that You have set before us. Help us to
press on toward the goal of our calling, trusting in You
to overcome every problem, disappointment, and challenge
we may face. May we always trust in the Savior, who has
overcome the world. In Jesus' name I pray, AMEN.**

Scripture Reading

Jason Moore

Philippians: 3: 12-21

NRSV

The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

Music of Preparation:

Sermon Series: Living Joyfully

Message: Pressing on toward the Goal - Pastor Fernando

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES

*DOXOLOGY #95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

**God of grace, your limitless love gave us everything in Jesus,
And through belief in him, you offer us life in your kingdom.
Accept our gifts, but as we give, warm and soften our hearts
to lead us into lives which reflect your generosity.
Change us, we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN # 733 “Marching to Zion”**

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Fernando

*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD

Vivian Eaton

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sandy Froehlich-,(doing immune therapy), Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling's friend),
Tinslee,(awaiting transplant) Ed & Barb Jensen- ALS, Alyssa Volkers,
Karen (Paul's Mayer sister, in hospice), The Norman family, Dan Zambo, - cancer
Mia (Paula's co-worker), Julie Brunner (Linda Jachino's cousin),
Martha White, Tim Cavanagh,(waiting for heart surgery).
Derek Osborn, Nadine Law Renfro, Vicki & Michael Thomas (Paula Mayer's
friends), Janet Smith (Denise's sister), Freida Nichols,
The Lars Colgan family. Elijah- Cancer (LaVonna & Bob Grandson)

Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve &
Linda Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, July Law
Florence Bevins-Powell, Jackie Walker, and Howard Nichols.
Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, the safety of
Ukrainians & end of wars; Haiti; Syria; Israel and Iran, the Gaza Strip; peace
In the Middle East, families, students, school administrators, and those
Grieving their loved ones.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER

24—Janis Wilt

26—Jessica Turner

24—Rod & Christy Clemens (2005)

26—Tim & Kay Cavanagh (1986)

CALENDAR

Monday, September 22

Office closed

1 pm to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, September 23

Office Open

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Wednesday, September 24

Office Open

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Thursday, September 25

8:30 am to 4:30 pm Office Open

Friday, September 26
8:30 am to 4:30 pm Office Open
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Sunday, September 28
8:30 am – Prayer Meeting
9:00 Adult & Children Sunday Schools
10:15 – Main Service

WORSHIP HELPERS

	September 21	September 28
Acolyte	Ryker McCombie	Kirk Hofman
Liturgist	Jason Moore	LeaAnn Michels
Counter	Lori Miller	Vivian Eaton
Verifier	Sharon F. Guilinger	Mary Irons
Coffee Hour	Cavanagh	
Greeter	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte
Usher	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 64

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday service hours: FROM SEPT.07, OUR SERVICES WILL BE FROM 10:15.

WC Food Pantry –West Carroll School Food Pantry is preparing for the summer months when children are out of school and missing 2 meals a day. Please consider donating kid-friendly foods like microwavable macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, pasta, soups, and snack-sized puddings or fruit cups. The pantry always needs crackers, too. Thank you for thinking of our children in the community who are food insecure.

Kids Kard: Will take place Sunday the 28th, the Cards will be sent to Big Meadows and Pinnacle place. Please consider staying for this Important Ministry of Blessings Other Through Cards.

United Methodist Men’s Meeting: Will be having their meeting Tuesday the 23rd from 5:30

PICNIC : Mark & Robin Cook Foundation Trade Scholarship Fundraiser. Sunday, Sept.28 2PM -5:30 Miller Excavation 84 Route 9423 Savanna IL.

Blessing Basket – Blessing Basket is asking for donations of men's and women's deodorant This month. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry

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.

Prayer Group – Prayer Group Meets Every Sunday at 8:30 am. Feel free to attend!!!

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.

Bible Study – New Testament Bible Study will take place in September. Monday 22nd at 9:30 AM Books are in the office now!

AROUND OUR TOWN



First United
Methodist Church
September 21st ,2025
Sunday, 10:15 am

Vision Statement

“Reaching out to all people and
inviting them to experience the Love
of God through Open Hearts, Open
Minds, and Open Doors.”

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