



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.”

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year C.

10:15 AM Summer Sunday Worship Sept. 28, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Kirk Hoffman

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP **Lea Ann Michels**

L: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice!

P: Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.

L: Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!

P: Our praises ascend to God for the mighty things God has done.

L: Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God!

P: Surely God blesses and saves us. Hallelujah!

Praise be to God. AMEN.

***HYMN # 593 “HERE I AM, LORD”**

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Gracious God, when the world's political noise is turned up high, we come not to escape, but to seek wisdom and focus on worthy things. Dial down the distractions in our minds. Tune our senses to your word and our hearts to your praise. In your holy name **We pray. 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, died, 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

CHILDREN’S MOMENT - Esther Losh

Scripture Reading Lea Ann Michels

Philippians: 4: 6-18 NRSV

**The Word of God for the People of God
P: Thanks be to God**

Song of Preparation: Mark Miller

Message: Peace and Joy John Schultz

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES

***DOXOLOGY #95**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)**

Lord, as we offer our gifts today, we are reminded of the divide between those who live in comfort and those who suffer. Help us to care for the poor the oppressed, and those on the margins of society. May our offerings reflect our desire to build bridges of love.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

***HYMN # TFWS 2145 “I've Got Peace Like a River”**

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), Alyssa Volkens, Karen (Paul’s Mayer sister, in hospice), The Norman family, Dan Zambo, - cancer, Mia (Paula’s co-worker), Julie Brunner (Linda Jachino’s cousin), Tim Cavanagh (waiting for heart surgery). Derek Osborn, Vicki & Michael Thomas (Paula Mayer’s friends), Janet Smith (Denise’s sister), 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

28—Bob & Sandy Froehlich (1985)

CALENDAR

Monday, September 29

Office closed

1 pm to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, September 30

Office Open

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Wednesday, September 01

Office Open

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Thursday, September 02

8:30 am to 4:30 pm Office Open

Friday, September 04
8:30 am to 4:30 pm Office Open
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Sunday, September 05
8:30 am – Prayer Meeting
9:00 Adult & Children Sunday Schools
10:15 – Main Service

WORSHIP HELPERS

	September 28	October 05
Acolyte	Kirk Hofman	Pearl Michels
Liturgist	LeaAnn Michels	James Gonzales
Counter	Vivian Eaton	Molly Andersen
Verifier	Mary Irons	Pam Darrow
Coffee Hour	Esther Losh	TBA
Greeter	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte
Usher	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 71

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Souls Sister: “Lena Adventure” Monday, Oct. 6th Carpool will leave Church 9:30 AM. 10:30 AM – Torkelson’s Cheese Co., 9453 Louisa RD, Lena 11:30 AM -Lunch at the Lena Mercantile Co. Eatery, 101 W. Railroad St. After lunch

World Communion Sunday: Next Sunday, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday, if you have a flag of a country, you have been Please bring them along throughout the week so we can display different ones Flags around our Church.

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

PICNIC: Mark & Robin Cook Foundation Trade Scholarship Fundraiser. Sunday, Sept.28, 2 PM -5:30 PM 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 29th at 9:30 AM Books are in the office now!



Pulled Pork Sandwich Fundraiser

Sunday, October 19th

Carryout 4:00 - 5:30
Savanna First United Methodist Church

Pull up to the backdoor of the church and we will deliver your order to your car

Pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, cheesy potatoes & dessert

Tickets

Adult - \$10.00 Children 10 & under \$5.00

Advanced Sales Only

To purchase tickets call Mary Irons - 815-541-8487

Proceeds go towards Women in Faith mission projects



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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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