



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."

10:15am Sunday Worship

December 14, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTER CANDLE

Faith Gonzalez

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER - Pastor Gary Panetta.

LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE (JOY)

HYMN #211 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (vs 3 only)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM "The Surprising Christmas Program"

DIRECTORS: Kris Yingling

Narrator 1: Ivan Miner

Narrator 2: Ryker McCombie

Hymn #246 "Joy to the World" vs 1 & 2

Act 1

Angel 1 - Ellie Johnson

Mary – Ennie de Castro

Joseph – Randy Miner

Census Taker – Joe Pasche

Desk Clerk – Joe Pasche

Hymn #216 "Lo! How A Rose E'er Blooming" vs 1

"Mary Did You Know" vs 1, 2, & 3

Hymn #217 "Away in a Manger" vs 1 & 2

Act 2

Ringo – Priscila de Castro

Tex – Blake Ruddell

Gabby – Faith Gonzalez

Angel 2 – Briella Bull

Act 3

Einstein – Ivan Miner

Attendant – Pearl Michels

Newton – Joe Pasche

King Herod – Ryker McCombie

Hawking – Randy Miner

Hymn # 251 "Go Tell It on The Mountain" vs 1 & 2

OFFERING OURSELVES

*DOXOLOGY #95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Fernando.

Gracious God of deep joy, In this Advent season of expectation and weariness, we bring these gifts as expressions of joy, rooted not in ease but in trust. Use these offerings and us as signs of your coming reign, in the name of Jesus, our hope and our Redeemer. Amen

Finale

Hymn #246 "Joy to the World" vs 1, 2, & 3

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Pastor Gary

GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD

Vivian Eaton

In Our Prayers

In Our Prayers Bob Bauer-upcoming- surgery, Emily Medley and her brother-dealing with health issues, Salvador Sanchez Esther Losh's uncle- health issues, Randy Suckling-heart Transplant surgery went well, Sandy Froehlich -(doing immune therapy), Curtis Pilgrim. (Kris Yingling's friend), Tinslee (recuperating from transplant), Alyssa Volkers, Karen (Paul's Mayer sister, in hospice), The Norman family, Dan & Sharon Zambo, both have cancer, Mia (Paula's co-worker), Tim Cavanagh (waiting for heart surgery). Derek Osborn, Vicki & Michael Thomas (Paula Mayer's friends), Janet Smith (Denise's sister), The Lars Colgan family. Christa Jachino- Battling breast cancer (daughter -in-law of Linda & John Jachino) Kris Dornbush, the sister of Kim Stuart has a blood clot in her spinal cord and is paralyzed from the waist down. She is in rehab at Shirley Ryan Rehab in Chicago.

Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Herb, 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 towns, families, students, school administrators, and those who experience everyday violence and their families.

LORD IN YOUR MERCY! HEAR OUR PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

December

14 – Rachel Badtke

18 – Bituin Michels

18 – Mary Ellen Dreger

CALENDAR

Monday, Dec 15

9:00 am to 12:00 pm – Office open

Tuesday, Dec 16

9 am to 12 noon – Office open

Men's Meeting

Wednesday, Dec 17

9:00 am to 12:00 pm – Office open

JOY

Thursday, Dec 18

9:00 am to 12:00 pm – Office open

Worship Cmte 3:00 pm

Friday, Dec 19

9:00 am to 12:00 pm – Office open

Sunday, Dec 15

9 am – Adult Sunday School

9 am – Youth Sunday School

10:15 am – Worship (Kids Christmas Program)

11:30 am – Coffee hour

WORSHIP HELPERS

| | December 14 | December 21 |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Acolyte | Faith Gonzalez | Joe Pasch |
| Liturgist | Kids Program/Susan King | Julie Petty |
| Counter | Rhonda law | Lori Miller |
| Verifier | Linda Jachino | Kay Cavanaugh |
| Coffee Hour | UMC - Soup | Jim & Vivian Eaton |
| Greeter | Worship cmte | Worship cmte |
| Ushers | Worship cmte | Worship cmte |

Last Week's Attendance: 85

ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Carroll Food Pantry & Blessing Basket Consider donating a bottle of shampoo or body wash to help restock our shelves. Soup and crackers are always needed.

Pledge Cards: Please consider submitting the Church Pledge Card so we can update our Church record.

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 –

Office Closed – Thursday, Dec 25th

New Member Class – will be given by Pastor Fernando. This will be a week class, once a week, **either in person or via Zoom**. If you are interested or have questions, let the office know

Volunteers Are Needed – to help at Classy Closet. The hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 10 am - 1 pm or 1 pm - 4 pm. If interested, let the office know.

Men's Meeting December 16

JOY December 17 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will Celebrate Christmas with pizza, cookies and ice cream. Vivian and her accordion will lead a Christmas sing-along. Please make a reservation by calling the church office at 815-273-2345 before noon on Monday December 15th. Rides are available in town only.

Worship Cmt December 18, 3:00 pm would like to bring back Ushers And Greeters If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Linda Stubbe

Blood Drive January 7, 3:00 – 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Christmas Eve

7:00 pm
Candlelight Service and Communion



Christmas Reading Plan

- December 1st - Luke 1
- December 2nd - Luke 2
- December 3rd - Luke 3
- December 4th - Luke 4
- December 5th - Luke 5
- December 6th - Luke 6
- December 7th - Luke 7
- December 8th - Luke 8
- December 9th - Luke 9
- December 10th - Luke 10
- December 11th - Luke 11
- December 12th - Luke 12
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- December 15th - Luke 15
- December 16th - Luke 16
- December 17th - Luke 17
- December 18th - Luke 18
- December 19th - Luke 19
- December 20th - Luke 20
- December 21st - Luke 21
- December 22nd - Luke 22
- December 23rd - Luke 23
- December 24th - Luke 24



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Sunday, 10:15 am
December 14th, 2025

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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