



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.”

10:15 am Sunday Worship

December 28, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR

Blaine Johnson

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sherry Cancelose

L: Beloved, we have waited, watched, and witnessed the coming of the Christ child. As we gather today on the other side of Christmas, we might be tempted to ask, “What now?”

C: We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

L: In this season of Christmas, we remember that though Christ has come among us, the good news of freedom for captives, flourishing for the poor, and power returned to the disempowered does not reign in so many places.

C: We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

With Mary and Joseph, we listen for God to show us how to protect and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

L: We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

As we gather to worship today, may God bind us together in love, empowering us to live as followers of the Christ child who declare good news wherever we go.

C: We gather today as people who wait, watch, and work for the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*HYMN # 89 UMH : Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Sherry Cancelose

Gracious and loving God we are grateful that you have called us Together this day, drawing us from darkness to the glory of your light In this season of Christmas, remind us once more of what you offer: a love born of endless searching May our spirits rejoice at the good news you have for us today.

Open our hearts to your healing love, for we ask this in Christ’s Name. AMEN.

APOSTLE CREED

WORSHIPING GOD AND THANKSGIVING FOR 2025

1. ESPECIAL SONGS: GOODNESS OF GOD BY

2. DIGNO ES GLORISO SENHOR .

ANTONIO FURTUNA & PAST. FERNANDO

SCRIPTURE : PSALM 148

Sherry Cancelo

“God’s splendor is over earth and heaven”

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

(PLEASE GET THE MIC & SHARE ONE ITEM BELLOW)

1. SHARE A SHORT TESTIMONY / ANSWERED PRAYERS

2. SING A SONG OR PICK A SONG FOR US TO SING TOGETHER.

3. SHARE WHAT YOU ARE GREATFUL FOR IN 2025

4. WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED ABOUT YOUR FAITH IN 2025

5. SHARE YOUR PRAYER REQUEST FOR 2026

ESPECIAL SONGS : AND OFFERING

1. WAY MAKER . 2 THE BLESSING

ENNIE MARIA, PAST. FERNANDO & FURTUNA

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 :

Praise be to You, O God, for You are worthy of all honor and glory. As the heavens and the earth declare Your greatness, we too bring our gifts to you today in praise. May our offerings be part of that song, given freely in Thanksgiving for your goodness. Help us to live in such a way that our lives, like the stars and the sun, reflect Your light and honor your name. Amen

*HYMN # 77 UMH “How Great Thou Art”

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD

Vivian Eaton

IN OUR PRAYERS

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, 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. Bob Bauer-upcoming surgery. Emily Medley and her brother-dealing with health issues. Salvordor Sanchez (Esther Losh’s uncle) health issues. **Randy Suckling-Heart transplant went well-Praise!** Kris Dornbush, the sister of Kim Stuart, has blood clot in her spinal cord and is paralyzed from the waist down .Abea-Early pregnancy-prayer to go to term. Sally Marken, is in the Clinton hospital with pneumonia, blood clots in her lungs, and congestive heart failure. She should be moving to a hospital in the Quad Cities after Christmas for an angiogram and possibly angioplasty.

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 wildfires, snow, cold temperatures; the towns, 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

December 30 – Stephanie Shaw
January 3 – Scott Law
4 – Ben Pratt

CALENDAR

Monday, Dec 29
Office closed
1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
Tuesday, Dec 30
Office Open 9:00 to noon
Wednesday, Dec 31 New Years Eve
Office Closed
Thursday, Jan 2 Happy New Year
Office Closed
Friday, Dec Jan 2
9:00 am to noon - Office open
Sunday, Jan 5
9 am – Adult & Youth Sunday School
10:15 am – Worship (Communion)
11:30 am – Coffee hour
5 to 6:15 pm – IMPACT Youth Group

WORSHIP HELPERS

	December 28	January 4
Acolyte	Kirk Hoffman	Priscila & Ennie Mari
Liturgist	Joe Michels	Joe Michels
Counter	Vivian Eaton	
Verifier	Linda Stubbe	
Coffee Hour	Coffee Hour	Coffee Hour
Greeter	Worship cmte	Worship cmte
Ushers	Worship cmte	Worship cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 64
Christmas Eve Attendance: 95

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.
Church Worship will be at 10:15 am!.

Office Closed –Monday Dec 29, Wednesday, Dec 31st, & January 1st.
New Member Class – will be given by Pastor Fernando. This will be a 5 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.
Impact Life Blood Drive – will be here at FUMC on Wednesday, January 7th at 3 to 6 pm
Church Leadership Training – on January 24th, 2026 at 8:30am to 1 pm. Christ UMC in Rockford 4509 Highcrest Rd. Church cost \$50 -Includes Hot Lunch—Registration Online-Please talk to Pastor Fernando

Pledge Cards-TODAY—Our church is updating the database. Please, We need your current address, birthday, anniversary and any Ministry area you would enjoy serving.



First United Methodist Church

Wednesday, January 7th
3:00PM-6:00PM

Fellowship Hall
2100 Chicago Ave

Group code: 2891
Last date to donate elsewhere: 11/12/25

To book appointment:
bloodcenter.org
800-747-5401



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Sunday, December 28, 2025
at 10:15 am

Vision Statement

**“Reaching out to people and
Inviting them to experience the love
Of God through Open Hearts,
Open Minds, and Open Doors”**

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