



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 29, 2024

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Ryker McCombie

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Brennon Cavanagh

L: How are we to live as God's beloved children?

P: We are to have attitudes and actions of compassion and justice.

L: How are we to live as neighbors with one another?

P: We are to put on the garments of love and peace.

L: Let us come before the Lord in gratitude for all we have been given.

P: Lord, thank you for all you continue to do in our lives. AMEN.

*HYMN # 251 “Go tell it on the Mountain”

*OPENING PRAYER (Unison) Brennon Cavanagh
God, who walks with each one of us, help us to place our trust in your guiding care for us as we gather to learn the great lessons of living in a peaceful community with each other. Prepare us to be witnesses of your love and forgiveness. Make us ready to work for you in your creation; for we ask this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. 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.

BAPTISM (See Insert)
WELCOME OF NEW MEMBER

SCRIPTURE Colossians 3:12-17 Brennon Cavanagh

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

SONG: “Forever God is Faithful” Worship DVD

MESSAGE “ Clothing for 2025 ” 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
Generous God, thank you for the abundance with which you bless us. Thank you for the generosity you inspire, and the ways you encourage us to share our resources with those who struggle. Help us use these gifts to strengthen the witness of this congregation not only in the remaining days of 2024 but in the year to come,, as well. AMEN

*HYMN #2175 FWS “Together We Serve”

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

IN OUR PRAYERS
Sandy Froehlich, Glen White, Shirley Hastings, Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling’s friend), Herb, Sandy & Ben Pratt, Lexi Tsoukalas (Molly’s great niece), Debbie Bilik (Janet Morlock’s friend), Scarlett Huebner, Chrissy Sullivan, Angie (Paula’s friend), Roger Furrow, Eli (Bob & Lavona’s grandson), Tinslee, Ed & Barb Jepsen, Mary (Belander) Klein, Howard Nichols, John Jachino, Kristin (Bob & LaVona Grissinger’s granddaughter), Alyssa Volkers, Lisa (LaVona’s friend), Jill (Melinda Dykema’s daughter), Susan Foltz (organist at Mt. Carroll UMC), Denise Curtis, LaVona Grissinger, Iola McCutcheon (Tim Cavanagh’s friend), Karen Burcham (Paul Mayer’s sister), Beth (LaVona’s colleague), the Norman family, Dan Zambon (uncle of Kim Gonzalez), Pat Kemp, Denise Curtis, Jon & Jody Kragle (Dianne Percy’s friends), Melinda Dykema, Dave Miller (Brigit Jepsen’s boyfriend’s father), Mary & Phil Nylin (house fire), Karen Hoffman’s cousins (house fire), John Norse, Lousie Brouillard (Ronda’s friend), Howie Von Haden (LaVona’s brother), Rita Mitchell, Jackie Walker, Ron Miller, Betty Hoertz Hottenstein, Amy Hanson, Jamie Harkness Townsend, Elyssa (Bonnie’s daughter), the Lars Colgan family, the family of Dorothy Taylor, baby Wesley and family, and for closure for the family of Jackson Kradle.

Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, 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 30
 - 8:30 am to 11:30 am – Office open
 - 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
- Tuesday, Dec 31 (New Years Eve)
 - Office Closed
- Wednesday, Jan 1 (Happy New Year!!!)
 - Office Closed
- Thursday, Jan 2
 - 9 am to 12 noon – Office open
- Friday, Dec Jan 3
 - 8:30 am to 11:30 am - 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

	January 5	January 12
Acolyte	Ellie Johnson	Joe Pasch
Liturgist	Joe Michels	LaVona Grissinger
Counter	Molly Andersen	Rhonda Law
Verifier	Tom Michels	Sharon F Guilinger
Coffee Hour	Coffee Hour	Coffee Hour
Greeter	Worship cmte	Worship cmte
Ushers	Worship cmte	Worship cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 75 + 2 dogs & 105

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Calendar for the West Carroll Food Pantry & Blessing Basket - is in full swing! You can purchase a box for \$50 which contains one of every food item, from the Customer Service Desk at Sullivans or at the office. Blessing Basket items can be brought to the church. Any questions, see Ronda.

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 resume on Thursday, January 9th, 2025 at 7 pm. You will be emailed with a link as it gets closer to the date.

Church Worship will be at 10:15 am!

Office Closed – 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.

Church Hours have changed! - Monday, Wednesday, & Friday will be 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Tuesday & Thursday will be 9 am to 12 noon.

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 8th at 3 to 6 pm

Church Leadership Training – on January 18th, 2025 at 8am to 2 pm.



**First United
Methodist Church**
Sunday, December 29, 2024
at 10:15 am

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”**

2100 Chicago Ave, Savanna, Illinois 61074
Office phone: 815-273-2345
Email: office@firstumcsavanna.org
Web: www.firstumcsavanna.org

Pastor Fernando email: pastorfernando4@outlook.com
Office/Ronda email: office@firstumcsavanna.org
www.facebook.com/savanna.firstumc
ccli#2014483& #21007722
TUNE RADIO TO STATION FM 88.9