



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."

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, Year A

10:15 February 8, 2026
LITURGIST Christina Pasch
LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Tyson Speer
MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (call/text Pastor 773-971-7208)

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Christina Pasch

L: God said, "Let there be light."

P: And there was light.

L: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

P: And the light shone in the darkness.

L: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

ALL: And the light shall not be quenched.

***HYMN UMH # 428 "FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS"**

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world.
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: LaVona Grissinger

Scripture Reading

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20 NRSV Christina Pasch

The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

Song of Preparation "Written in Red" CHOIR

Message: A CALL TO EMULATE JESUS Part- II Pastor Fernando

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**

Liberating God, Receive these gifts as signs of our willingness to share bread with the hungry, to break chains of injustice, to repair what is broken. May our generosity reflect Your mercy and our living mirror Your love. Use us and these gifts, so that light might rise in the darkness and hope take root where despair has reigned. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN UMH # 585 "THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE"

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Pastor Fernando

*** GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD** Vivian Eaton

IN OUR PRAYER

Don Kramer- Harmony Rehab, then to Big Meadows. Sandy Froehlich- Continues home treatment-therapy - Curtis Pilgrim-Morrison Nursing Home, Norman Family, Mia, Derek Osborn, Vicki & Michael, Janet Smith, Tinslee recuperating nicely Dan Zambon - cancer, Christa Jachino- Breast Cancer. Kris Dornbush - clot in her spinal cord and is paralyzed from the waist down. Abra- Early pregnancy-prayer to go to term. Marilyn Kline, she fell and broke her neck. Bob Bauer has returned to work, goes to NE in March for check-up! Tim Cavanagh-Home- recovering well!

Mike Medley- home low potassium -Susan King-home- pneumonia Getting better! -Burt Prins home ankle injury Frank Norman -home health problems -Also Franks granddaughter Grace, IA hospital -Jeff Doran - home started dialysis Sally Belander, Marken-Allure for rehab. Susan Foltz - Home on hospice- Christina Pasch- foot surgery-Pastor Narda, recovering from surgery -Sherry Cancelose- requested prayer for Lt. Brian Robinson, in the Ukraine-Susan Michelles dad, Richard, health failing-Hazi Coffee, daughter of Jason & Cori, high risk pregnancy-Emily Medley, had second infusion for Crohn's; brother recovering from fall, uncle has lung cancer Karen Hoffman's friend Mark-illness-Collen Olsen- brain tumor-Barb Tracey, stroke, in Moline for rehab.

Sympathy to: Family of Kay Saltow
Family of Gayle Ehredt, Molly's Cousin

Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Florence Bevins-Powell, Judy Law

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

February 9 – Becky Pitman
Dana Haynes
Lea Ann Michels

CALENDAR

Monday, Feb 9
9:00 am to noon – Office open
1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
Tuesday, Feb 10
9 am to 12 noon – Office open
Wednesday, Feb 11
9:00 am to noon – Office open
3 to 6 pm – Blood Drive (in fellowship hall)
Thursday, Feb 12
9 am to 12 noon – Office open
Friday, Feb 13
9:00 am to noon - Office open

Sunday, Feb 15

8:30 am– Prayer Meeting

9:00 am -Sunday School

10:15 am – Main Service

WORSHIP HELPERS

	February 8	February 15
Acolyte	Tyson Speer	Joe Pasch
Liturgist	Christina Pasch	Jason Moore
Counter	Rhonda Law	Lori Miller
Verifier	Linda Jachino	Kay Cavanagh
Coffee Hour	?Souper Bowl	Prinses
Greeter	Ross & Glenda Bronkema	Gary & Melinda Dykema
Usher	Hospitality Cmte	Karen & Kirk Hoffman

Last Week's Attendance: 72

ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Carroll Food Pantry -

Thank you so much for your generosity!

The Blessing Basket - Thank you for all your donations! Please Consider supplying a bottle of shampoo or dish soap this month.

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!

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.

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.

Souper Bowl – February 8th-11:30 am Join us for Soup Sandwich & Dessert. Bring your entire family and Friends.

Soup & Cracker Collection January & February – 150 cans of soup & boxes of crackers.

Women's Sunday Planning Meeting Tuesday February 10th at 5pm

Savanna Food Pantry --UMC February 10th & 12th

Savanna Thrift Store - Help needed February 13th (10-4) & the 14th (10-2) Contact Linda Stubbe 309-203-5553

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY February 14th



Join us for soup, sandwich and dessert

FREE WILL OFFERING
will support mission projects



Hosted by the Outreach Committee



SOUP & CRACKER COLLECTION

Benefiting the West Carroll School Food Pantry

January – February

What better way to warm up than with a hearty bowl of soup and crackers?

The Outreach Committee is challenging our church congregation to help support local families by collecting



★ **150 Cans of Soup**

★ **Boxes of Crackers**

If each family brings just 5 cans of soup, we can easily reach our goal!

How You Can Help:

Donate canned soup (any variety)

Don't forget crackers to go with it!

Drop off donations at the church during January & February



♥ Together, We Can Make a Difference

Your generosity helps ensure students and families in our community have warm, nourishing meals during the winter months.

Thank you for supporting the West Carroll School Food Pantry!



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February 8, 2026

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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