



**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 February 27, 2022

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Caleb Johnson

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP LeaAnn Michels

L: We give thanks for all creation – for the beauty of the world, for sunrises and sunsets, for trees and flowers, for birds and insects, animals and fish.

**P: Alleluia! Praise God! Alleluia!**

L: We give thanks for all our family and all those who we love.

**P: Alleluia! Praise God! Alleluia!**

L: We give thanks for our faith, for the mystery of God’s love, for Jesus who came to save us, for the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

**P: Alleluia! Praise God! Alleluia!**

L: And we give you thanks, O Lord, for who you are and what you have done for us.

**A: We praise you, we thank you, we bless you.**

CHILDREN’S MARCHING

HYMN “When the Saints Go Marching In” (Insert)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) LeaAnn Michels

**Gracious Lord our God, we ask that you bless our celebration of the feast of Mardi Gras. Come and join us as we prepare to join your Son, Jesus, by prayerfully entering into the forty days of Lenten journey. Give us strength and support to each other and to all who accompany us on this pilgrimage of prayer from Ash**

**Wednesday to Easter Sunday. As this Lenten journey causes us to reflect upon the death of Jesus Christ, may we also remember his victory in his resurrection from the dead. Lord God of all creation, we thank you for the abundance of gifts you shower upon us. We thank you especially for your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, was resurrected for us, and is now living for us. Please help us share your love that you have shown us through your Son Jesus with others in our words and deeds. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

THE APOSTLE’S CREED (Insert) LeaAnn Michels

SCRIPTURE Exodus 34:29-35 (NRSV) LeaAnn Michels

GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36 (NRSV) (Please Rise)

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN #2272: “Holy Ground” (Insert, X2)

SPECIAL MUSIC CHOIR

MESSAGE: “Holy Ground” Pastor Dave

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES

DOXOLOGY #95 (Insert)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

**Transforming God, we come to your altar this morning, knowing that in our giving and in our living, we have often put “just enough” into living our faith so as not to impact our lifestyle or cause too much discomfort. We have been reluctant to let go of our affinity for the things of this world; and in our attachments, we have often missed the opportunity for the transformed lives**

**you desire for us. May our offering this morning be an invitation to living a life radically transformed by your power, love, and grace. We pray this in the mighty love of Jesus. Amen.**

HYMN # 176: “Majesty, Worship His Majesty” (Insert, X2)

BENEDICTION

GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

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.

Our slogan is Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors

We are the people of the United Methodist Church.

**In Our Prayers**

Emilee Deerer, Susan Meyer, Patti Thulen, Betty Speck, Beth Wickes, Claire Winterburn, Billy David, Dawn Barber, Alice Riffe, Robert Hill, Matthew Foltz, Judy Law, Bang-Wool Lim, Grace Struve, Merry Florence, Pat (Brother of Pam Darrow), Katie Wand, Greg Eversoll, Dallas Kosier, Paul Mayer, Bill Robinson, Chris Falk, Ron Smith, John Hamm, Salvador Sanchez, Collen Olsen, Cori Moore, Courtney Johnson, Ann Larson, Hazi, Bonnie Parker, John Irons, Shirley Fritz, Randy Buisker (Brother of Shari Morgan).

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, Dorothy Taylor, Paul Brunner, Bill Weidman, Steve Yenney.

Our country & government/West Carroll Schools. Military Personnel & their families. Pray for students, teachers, administrators, parents & workers. Peace between Russia and Ukraine.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

February

28 – Diane Brinkmeier, Denise Curtis

28 – *Burt & Kathie Prins '76*

March

4 – Pam Darrow, Lou Ann Dreger, Kelly Johnson

5 – Greg Jepsen

## CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 2 (Ash Wednesday)

5:45 pm Youth Group

7 pm Inter Faith service @ FUMC

Thursday, March 3

9 am Bible Study

Sunday, March 6

9:15 am Adult Sunday School

**10:15 am Worship (Communion)**

10:15 am Children's Sunday School

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendly reminder: Molly Andersen, you are the counter for March 6. The verifier is LaVona Grissinger. Liturgist is LaVona Grissinger, Acolyte(s) is Asia LaShelle.

Worship helpers for March are Molly Andersen, Susan Michelle Jepsen, Esther Losh, Pam Darrow, Linda Jachino.

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 33 inside, 12 outside.

Food Pantry – This month items needed are peanut butter, jelly, fruit juice, and cereal. We can't keep Peanut Butter and Jelly on the shelves! Any that is donated is gone immediately! Please consider buying some to donate the next time you are at the grocery store.

Blessing Basket – This month we need D Batteries and dish detergent, Please leave your donations in the food pantry box in The Narthex.

### Sunday School

Every Sunday @ **9:15 am** Adult Sunday School

Every Sunday @ **10:15 am** preschoolers – 5<sup>th</sup> graders

### Youth Group Meeting

First Wednesday of the month @ 5:45 pm, mid school through high school.

Next meeting is Wednesday, March 2nd @ 5:45 pm.

### Bible Study

Every Thursday @ 9 am.

### Worship

Let us worship God together at FUMC.

Please, stay connected with God and each other!

Hybrid service, every Sunday @ **10:15 am**.

- Indoor, with mask and social distance.

- Outdoor, in your car. Tune in to FM 88.9

Pre-recorded online service on our church website.

[www.firstumcsavanna.org](http://www.firstumcsavanna.org)

Or call 815-599-1307 to hear the latest sermon.

Did you know that you can donate your Tithes online?

Online giving with Tithe.ly

You can find the link on our church website.

AA meeting in Savanna, every Wednesday at 7 pm at The Table, 411 Main St, Savanna.

[www.alcoholicsanonymous.com](http://www.alcoholicsanonymous.com) 800-839-1686

We are collecting money for Rice meal packing. Our Goal is \$300. Meal packing is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>.

United Methodist Men will resume. The first gathering Of UMM will be March 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at church. Cookout, Fellowship, setup of future meetings and plans. Please, come and join us!

Lenten Bible Study is coming. The first meeting is March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

40 days' Lenten journey starts from this Wednesday. Lent is a time to prepare ourselves for the Risen Christ by observing a period of fasting, repentance, and spiritual discipline. Please, join our Lenten services and Bible Study for this spiritual journey.

**Please, sanitize your hands as you enter our church building and as you leave our building. There are several sanitizer stations on our building. Thank You!**



# First United Methodist Church

Sunday, 10:15 am  
February 27, 2022

### Vision 2022 – “Love Others!”

Outward Focused Ministry during/after the Pandemic  
(To build up a strong and safe community)  
Strong in Mission, Strong in Justice, Strong in Diversity

*“All the believers were together and had everything in common.” (Acts 2:44)*

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