



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."

2nd Sunday in Lent, Year A

10:15 am Sunday Worship

March 1, 2026

LITURGIST

Emily Medley

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE:

Pearl McCombie

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (message Pastor 773-971-7208)

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Emily Medley

L: Come, all who need help!

C: Our help comes from God,

the one who made heaven and earth.

L: Come, all who desire blessing!

C: Our blessing comes from God,

the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.

L: Come, all who long for salvation!

All: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ,

the one sent by God to save the world.

***HYMN UMH #64 "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Emily Medley

Gracious and glorious Lord, we come, as did Nicodemus, with

questions on our hearts and in our lives. We come hoping

someone can help us find answers and healing. But we are

also hardened with doubts about self, others, and even you.

Grant us healing and openness to your spirit that we may be

Better servants of your Word, your Will, and your Way.

In Jesus' Name, we pray. 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.

Membership Transfer : Sherrill Cancelose

1st Reading of Scripture John 3:1-17 NRSV Pastor Fernando

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

SONG OF PREPARATION :

MESSAGE: **Give up the hesitancy to ask for help. Past. Fernando**

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION/CONFESSION AND PARDON

SILENT PRAYER

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

Almighty and Merciful God, accept our offering of prayer and praise and thanksgiving for all that You have given to us, and receive we pray, these small tokens of our love, knowing that all things come from You and we offer back to You of the bountiful goodness that You have given to us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*HYMN UMH #577 **"God of Grace and Glory"**

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD

Vivian Eaton

IN OUR PRAYERS

Don Kramer- Big Meadows, doing well. Sandy Froehlich- Continues

Home therapy - Curtis Pilgrim-Morrison Nursing Home, Mia, Derek Osborn, Janet Smith, Tinslee recuperating Nicely, Dan Zambon cancer, Christa Jachino- Breast Cancer. Abra- Early pregnancy-prayer to go to term. Marilyn Kline, Wheelchair bound at nursing home. Bob Bauer goes to NE in March for a check-up! Tim Cavanagh-Home recovering well! Frank Norman -home health problems -Also Franks granddaughter, Grace -Jeff Doran - on dialysis— Pastor Narda, recovering from surgery – Lt. Brian Robinson, in the Ukraine. Susan Michelle's dad, Richard, is failing in health, Hazi Coffee, daughter of Jason & Cori, high-risk pregnancy- Emily Medley, Brother recovering, uncle has lung cancer, Karen Hoffman's friend Matt hospice, Barb Tracey, stroke, in rehab. Sandy Jilderda- car accident. Bill Haas, cancer. Joy Turner physical therapy for stroke, in rehab. Kay's mom was hospitalized. Jerry Cavanagh, surgery Wednesday Colleen Olson brain tumor. Melinda Dykema, migraines. Joy Turner, IA City Hospital. Vivian Eaton, health. Mike Medley is in Freeport Hospital/ labs low count

Sympathy to: Family of Bim McGinnis

Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Steve Yenny, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, 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

March 4 – Pam Darrow

Kelly Johnson

5 – Greg Jepsen

CALENDAR

Monday, Mar 2

9:00 am to noon – Office open

1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

3:30 to 5 pm – WC Food Pantry

Tuesday, Mar 3

9 am to 12 noon – Office open

Wednesday, Mar 4

9:00 am to noon – Office open

3 to 6 pm – Blood Drive (in fellowship hall)

Thursday, Mar 5

9 am to 12 noon – Office open
 Friday, Mar 6
 9:00 am to noon - Office open
 Sunday, Mar 8
 9 am – Adult & Youth Sunday School
 10:15 am – Worship
 11:30 am – Coffee hour

WORSHIP HELPERS

	March 1	March 8
Acolyte	Pearl Michels	Kirk Hoffman
Liturgist	Emily Medley	Susan Michell Jepsen
Counter	Molly Andersen	Rhonda Law
Verifier	Pam Darrow	Linda Jachino
Coffee Hour	Prinses	Mary Irons & Esther Losh
Greeter	Esther Losh & Isabel Castro	Bob & LaVona Grissinger
Ushers	Bill Wright	Hospitality Cmt.

Last Week's Attendance: 69

ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Carroll Food Pantry

Thank you so much for your generosity!

The Blessing Basket – Thank you for all your donations! Please consider supplying dish soap, toilet paper, and paper towels.

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.

New Member Class – will be given by Pastor Fernando. This will be 5 classes, **either in person or via Zoom**, if you are interested, let the office know.

Soup & Cracker Collection –166 cans of soup and 25 boxes of crackers

Women's Sunday, March 15 – All women are invited to participate.

United Women of Faith: All women are welcome to the first UMF meeting of the year on March 3rd at 6:30 pm in the church library. We will have our Regular meeting followed by Prayer & Self Denial program. For more information, contact Kathir Prins at 563-249-3477

Rice Meal Packing will be held on April 25th. Donations are accepted.

Impact Youth Sunday March 8, 5-6:15pm. 90's night

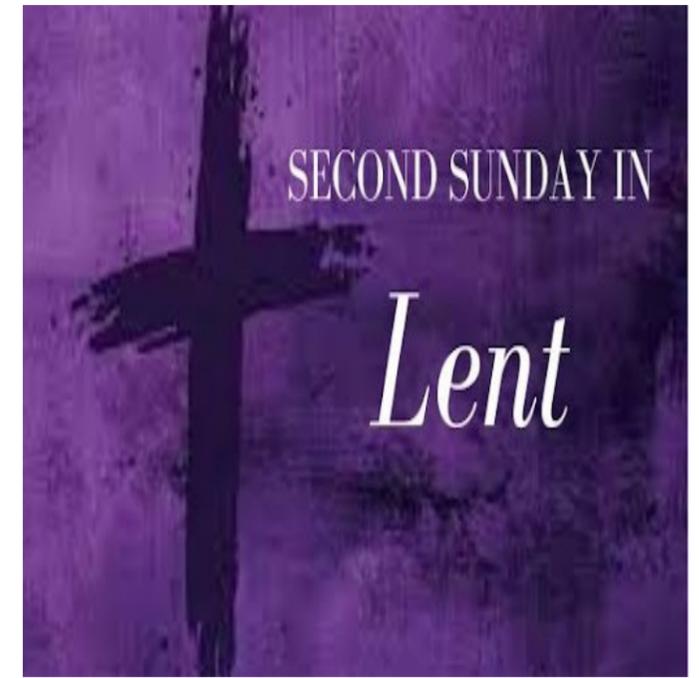
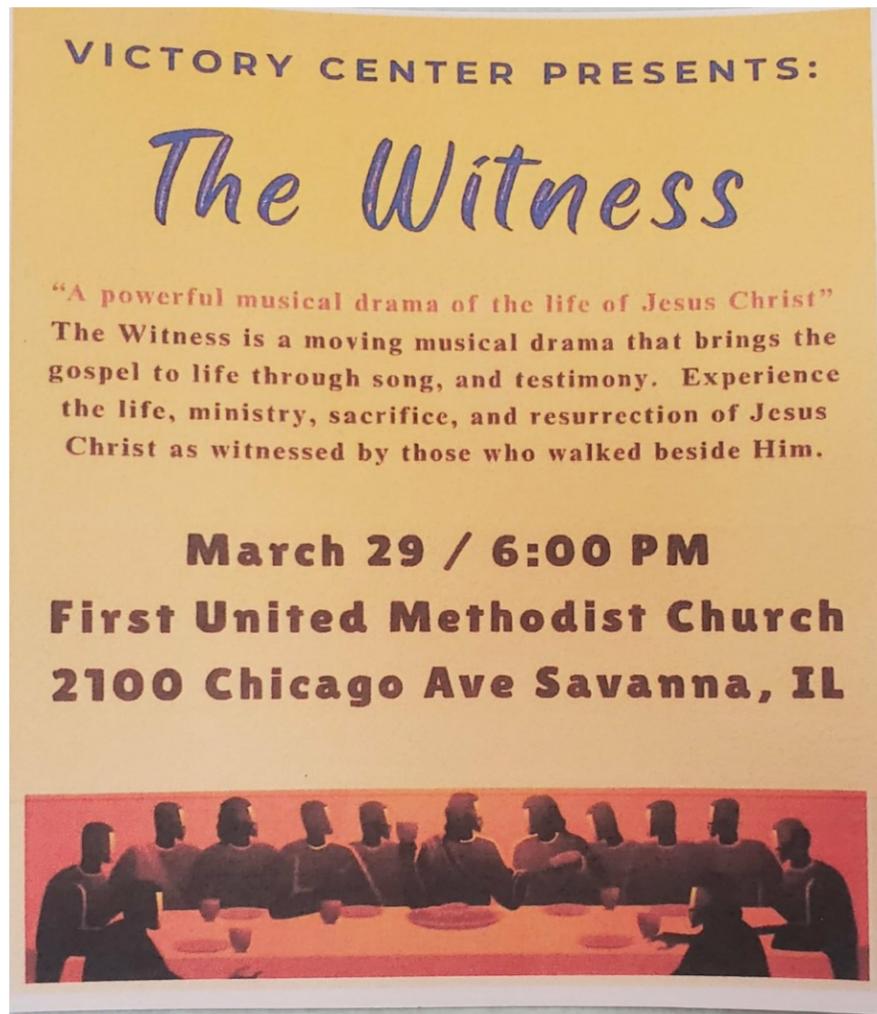
Soul Sisters – March 5th, 10:30 am Bring a sack lunch. Desert & drinks will be provided. Pastor Fernando & Isabel de Castro will present **"From Angola to Savanna: a Journey of Faith"**

Learn about their transition, traditional food and culture (815) 541-4760 See you soon! Linda Jachino

The Witness March 29, 6:00pm Presented by the Victory Center

The Lenten schedule is as follows:

6:30 p.m. March 4 at The Table, Great River Outreach, 411 Main St. Pastor Narda Alvelo



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 Sunday, March 1, 2026
 at 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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