



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."

Fourth Sunday in Lent, Year A

Women's Celebration Worship Service

Purpose & Mission Statement: "United Women in Faith
Seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian
spiritual formation, leadership development, creative
fellowship, and education for missions."

10:15 March 15, 2026

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE **Faith Gonzalez**
MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART **Vivian Eaton**

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

& THE LORD'S PRAYER

Reverend Bonnie Davies

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

LaVona Grissinger

L: There are different spiritual gifts,

C: But the same Spirit.

L: There are many of us,

C: but the same Spirit who gives to us all.

L: There are different ministries,

C: and the same Lord.

L: There are many places for us to serve,

C: and the same Lord who calls to us all.

L: There are different activities,

C: But the same God who produces all of them in everyone.

L: There are many of us,

ALL: and one God who calls and equips us for service

***HYMN UMH #114 "Many Gifts, One Spirit"**

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Melinda Dykema

**Merciful and loving God, we beseech your presence with a
burdened heart, remembering the atrocities that are
happening to the women around the world. We seek your
guidance as women and men together try hard to fight against**

**the violence against women. Help us to realize that you have
created both women and men in your own image and have
given both equal statuses. As we observe this Sunday on
behalf of all women, we commemorate the lives of the
women who have struggled hard to ensure equality, justice,
and dignity for women. Create in us a clean heart so that we
all may work for justice, peace, and love. Amen.**

***THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881**

Sherry Cancelose

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:

Esther Losh

Special Recognition

Deeann Kramer & Mary Irons

Jackie Walker, Jean Jones & Connie Kramer

Song of Preparation

Isabel De Castro & Vivian Eaton

Skit "Ordinary Women"

**Karen Hoffman, Christina Pasch, Kim Gonzalez
& Emily Medley**

Scripture Reading

NRSV 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Linda Jachino

The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

OFFERING OURSELVES

Molly Andersen

***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**

Molly Andersen

**Lord of us all, through these offerings, we become partners
With you in your cause. We join you in our concern for all**

**people, and name them as our own brothers and sisters.
We return these gifts of our material resources and our time to
extend your redeeming will into this moment in history and
into your world. Thank you for this privilege. Amen**

HYMN UMH #593 "Here I Am Lord"

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Susan Michelle Jepsen

GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD

Vivian Eaton

IN OUR PRAYER

Don Kramer, Curtis Pilgrim, Tinslee, Dan Zambon, Christa Jachino, Abra,
Bob & Teresa Bauer, Sandy Froehlich, Tim Cavanagh, Frank Norman,
Grace, Jeff Doran, Pastor Narda, Richard, Hazi Coffee, Mike & Emily Medley,
Matt, Barb Tracey, Kay Cavanagh's mom. Lt. Brian Robinson, Bill Haas,
Sandy Jilderda, Jerry Cavanagh, Colleen Olsen, Melinda Dykema,
Vivian Eaton, Kevin

Shut-ins: Sylvia Reuters Orson, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Steve
Yenney, Janice Wilt, MaryEllen Dreger, Florence Bevins-Powell,
Joy Turner, Judy Law

Sympathy to families of: Marilyn Kline and Sally Curly Brown

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

March 15- Mike Melhus

Wallene Neumiller

17- Asia LaShelle

21 – Ray Krueder

CALENDAR

Monday, March 16

9:00 am to noon – Office open

1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, March 17

9 am to 12 noon – Office open

Wednesday, March 18

9:00 am to noon – Office open

Thursday, March 19

9 am to 12 noon – Office open

Friday, March 20

9:00 am to noon - Office open

Sunday, March 22

8:30 am– Prayer Meeting

9:00 am -Sunday School

10:15 am – Main Service

WORSHIP HELPERS

	March 15	March 22
Acolyte	Faith Gonzalez	Ryker McCombie
Liturgist	Women of Faith	Joe Michels
Counter	Lori Miller	Vivian Eaton
Verifier	Kay Cavanagh	LaVona Grissinger
Coffee Hour	Men's Group	Hospitality Cmte.
Greeter	Rhonda Badtke, Lori Miller, Deb Long Susan White & Kay Cavanagh, Melinda Dykema	Kris Yingling Noah Johnson
Usher	Pam Darrow, Glenda Bronkema, Kelley Johnson & Rhonda Law	Kelley Johnson

Last Week's Attendance: 62

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.

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.

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

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

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

JOY (Just Older Youth) March 18, 4:30-6:00PM Dinner will be different casseroles, salads, and cakes for dessert. Lieutenant Nick Meeker of the Savanna Police Department will be talking about scams and how to protect yourself. RSVP by noon, Monday March 16, church office 815-273-2345. Rides are available in town only.

Choir Practice March 25 at 2:00pm

Craft Days March 27-28 – Call Karen Hoffman for details 563-357-8795

Birth announcement: Ross & Glenda Bronkema are sharing a rose in honor of grandson Nixson Ross born to Kayla & Kaled Schnitzler on March 5, 8 lbs. as oz., 20 ½ inches.

SAVANNA –

The 2026 Interfaith Lenten Services take place 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at a variety of locations in Savanna. The goal is to encourage cooperation among several Christian denominations. All donations collected during the services will go to fund this year's Vacation Bible School held each July at First United Methodist Church.

The Lenten schedule is as follows:

6:30 p.m. Feb. 25 at First Presbyterian Church,
502 Third St. Pastor Bonnie Davies

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

6:30 p.m. March 11 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church,

318 Chicago Ave. Pastor Gary Panetta

6:30 p.m. March 18 at Community United Church of Christ,
346 Chicago Ave. Pastor Fernando

6:30 p.m. March 25 at First United Methodist Church,
2100 Chicago Ave. Father Julius Clavero

A special Good Friday service will be held at noon on April 3 at First United Methodist Church, 2100 Chicago Ave. The story of the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus will be told.

For more information please call, (815) 590-1792



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First United Methodist Church

March 15, 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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