



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.”

9:30 am Sunday Worship

August 28, 2022

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART

Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deeann Kramer

L: Jesus said, "Love one another, even as I have loved you."

P: Love is more powerful than fear; it is mightier than hatred.

L: Let the love which God has lavished upon us be poured out to those in need.

P: Help us, O Lord, to witness to you by the ways in which we care for others.

L: Remind us, Lord, that we are called to be your disciples.

P: As we worship this morning, heal our hearts and spirits and prepare us for service. Amen.

HYMN #2031 “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise” (X2)

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

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And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison): **This morning, O God, your voice sounds into our lives again. We are grateful**

to hear your call, for on many mornings we hear other voices— voices urging us to care only about ourselves; voices urging us to serve other gods: our work, our bank accounts, our egos, our peer groups, our ideologies. By the end of the week, we feel trapped in our anxiety, our work, our spending, our need for control, and our excuses. And then we hear your voice again, calling us to your healing care, to your spacious freedom, to your giving humility. We come to rest and be fed. Call us to your freeing love again. Feed us now, God of our strength. 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.

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 2:12-13 (NRSV)

Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked; be utterly desolate, says the Lord,
for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

GOSPEL Luke 14:8-14 (NRSV)

“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case

someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

HYMN #571 “Go, Make of All Disciples” (v.1 and 3 only)

1. "Go make of all disciples." We hear the call, O Lord, that comes from thee, our Father, in thy eternal Word. Inspire our ways of learning through earnest, fervent prayer, and let our daily living reveal thee everywhere.

3. "Go make of all disciples." We at thy feet would stay until each life's vocation accents thy holy way. We cultivate the nature God plants in every heart, revealing in our witness the master teacher's art.

MESSAGE: “Human Dignity” Pastor Dave

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Text Pastor Dave, 224-600-0446)

PRAYER FOR THE 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 (In Unison): **Gracious God, you are the fountain of living water! You alone relieve the thirst in our lives and bring the peace that passes understanding. Soften our hearts and give us a humble spirit in our daily work and relationships. Help us to show others the generosity and kindness of Jesus, simply because it is pleasing in your sight. Let our gifts and offerings serve your purposes in the world, bringing refreshment to a world thirsting for peace and justice. We ask this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN #432 “Jesu Jesu”

[Refrain:]

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.
(Refrain)

2 Neighbors are rich and poor,
neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are near and far away.
(Refrain)

3 These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.
(Refrain)

4 Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves,
this is the way we should live with you.
(Refrain)

5 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.
(Refrain)

BENEDICTION

GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

Kids Kards in the Fellowship Hall following service

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

Keith Brown, Mark Cook, Denise Curtis, Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Jim Eaton, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Shirley Fritz, Bob Grissinger, Rhonda Harlock Smith, John Irons, Dallas Kosier, Judy Law, Charlene Mayer, James Morris Jr (son of Esther Losh), Bonnie Parker, Dan Piercy, Rich Rathje, Rhea (friend of Bonnie Davies), Bill Robinson, Ron Smith, Alice Stallings, Grace Struve, Pastor Sylvester, Patti Thulen, Peter Tsoukalas, Scarlett (daughter of Ashley Huebner), Eli (Grandson of Bob & LaVona Grissinger), Gi-Tae Yim (Father of Pastor Dave), Family of Sharon Johnson, Family of JoAnne Brooks and Family of Charlie Brandt.

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, Dorothy Taylor, Alice Riffe Torrison, Joy Turner, Bill Weidman, Steve Yenny.
Our country & government. Military Personnel & their families. Global economic crisis. The safety of Ukrainians and the end of the war, farmers in the fields, victims of the flooding in Kentucky and the wildfires in California. With school starting, pray for our teachers, staff and students.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

August

- 28 – Sharon F. Guilinger
- 29 – Sharon A. Guilinger
- 31 – Bob Froehlich

September

- 1 – Kim Bundy, Caleb Thornton
- 2 - Ramona Green, Nick Law
- 3 – Jean Treter
- 4 – Sandy Wurster

CALENDAR

Monday, August 29

1 pm Sewing Ladies

Wednesday, August 31

10 am Choir practice

Thursday, September 1

9 am Bible Study

Sunday, September 4 - Communion

9:30 am Worship – Outside Service Only

Starting September 11, 10:15 am worship hybrid service.

Sunday Coffee Hour

If you would like to provide treats/refreshments on a particular Sunday for coffee hour, please let Pastor Dave know in advance. There is a sign up sheet in Narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist for month of August:

August 28 – Deeann Kramer

Counter and verifier for month of August:

August 28 – Vivian Eaton, LaVona Grissinger

Liturgist for month of September:

September 4 – Jiho Yim

September 11 – Joe Michels

September 18 – Esther Losh

September 25 – Lea Ann Michels

Counter and verifier for month of September:

September 4 – Molly Andersen, Mary Irons

September 11 – Rhonda Law, LaVona Tom Michels

September 18 – Lori Miller, Dianne Brinkmeier

September 25 – Vivian Eaton, Linda Jachino

If you are unable to do your scheduled day, please find someone to take your place.

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 53

Food Pantry – The West Carroll School Food Pantry had

it's busiest day ever on August 1st, serving over 25 families. Please help them restock their shelves. Cereal, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, and fruit juice are desperately needed.

The West Carroll School Food Pantry is now open to all families with children in Carroll County. This includes Eastland, Chadwick-Milledgeville and the Right Steps Family Center. The hours are 3:30 – 5 pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, unless it is a holiday.

Blessing basket – Wow, we gave out over 100 items in August! The need is so great, please consider donating children's toothbrushes and sandwich bags. Thank you for your continued support! The Blessing Basket is available to anyone who utilizes the WC Food Pantry. Clients can pick 3 items each time they visit. Laundry soap & toilet paper are always needed. Please leave your donations in the food pantry box in the narthex. Thank you!

Kids Kards - Will meet after worship today. We will be making cards for the residents of Big Meadows and Pinnacle Place, with the theme, Sharing God's Love. All supplies are provided and everyone is welcome. Lunchables will be provided to take home.

Bible Study
Every Thursday @ 9 am

Worship
Let us worship God together at FUMC.
Summer Worship 9:30 am, drive-in service only.
Please bring your lawnchairs.
Outdoor, in your car. Tune in to FM 88.9
Starting September 11, 10:15 am Hybrid Service
Pre-recorded online service on our church website.

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

or You Tube- Online Service

Link: <https://youtu.be/LkpBFw8VXxs>

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

Did you know that you can donate your Tithes online? You can use this website link:

http://tithe.ly/give/?web=1&church_id=373533

You can also download the Tithe.ly App from the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play Store (Android) – the green one. Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or logged in, locate your church – First United Methodist Church, Savanna, IL and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift! Thank you for your generous giving!

Soul Sisters - Soul Sisters will be going to Orchard Landing in Hanover on Saturday, September 17th. We will carpool from the church parking lot at 10am and have lunch at Chestnut Mountain. The orchard has 12 varieties of apples and a gift shop with apple cider, donuts, honey, maple syrup, jellies, mums and pumpkins. Rain date is Saturday, September 24th. Please call Molly Andersen if you are interested in going. 815-273-2104 or 815-541-6852.

All women are invited!

United Methodist Men
Next Monthly gathering, Monday, September 19 at 5:30 pm.
Cookout, Fellowship and Bible Study.

Choir Practice Schedule:
Wednesday, August 31, 10 am
Wednesday, September 7, 10 am
Come make a joyful noise to the Lord!
All are welcome!
We will be singing on Sunday, September 11th



Kick-Off Sunday

9/11 (Sunday) at 9:30am

Fun Activity (Tie Dye T-shirt) & Snack For Parents, there will be coffee and snack in the fellowship hall.



Sunday School

Every Sunday morning at 9:30am
Resume 9/18/2022 Sunday

- Two classes!
- Children SS: Pre to 5th Graders
- Youth SS: Middle & High Schoolers



Youth Group

The 1st Wednesday of Every month
From 5:45pm to 7:00pm
Supper will be provided
Middle & High Schoolers
Fun Kick-Off Day is 9/7 at 5:45pm

We welcome you ALL to our Sunday School Program!

Savanna First United Methodist Church

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Any questions? Please contact Kris Yingling, yinglink@gmail.com

Church Conference is scheduled for Saturday, September 24th at 10 am.

SPRC will meet at 9:15 am prior to the Church Conference.

All reports need to be submitted no later than September 17th. If the office needs to submit for you, they need to be received no later than Wednesday, September 14th.

Kitchen committee will be meeting today, August 28th, following worship



**First United
Methodist Church
Sunday, August 28, 2022
9:30 am
Outside Service**

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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