



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 September 4, 2022

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Jiho Yim

L: God is like a potter who shapes and forms our lives.

P: We have been called to be faithful to God’s intention.

L: God seeks for us to be vessels of compassion and service.

P: We have been given multiple opportunities to witness to God’s love.

L: Come, let us worship the Creator who has given us life.

P: Let us send our praises to God who knows us totally and loves us. Amen.

HYMN #2129 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” (X2)

1 I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus -
no turning back, no turning back.

2 The world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me -
no turning back, no turning back.

3 Though none go with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I will follow—
no turning back, no turning back.

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison): **Heavenly Father, you are beyond our knowing, yet closer to us than our every breath. You are before us and behind us, surrounding us with your love, and fashioning all of creation in the secret depths of your heart. With every thought, with every song, and with every prayer, turn these fragile, earthen vessels of our lives, into the Spirit-filled body of Christ. 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 18:5-10 (NRSV)

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I

intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.

GOSPEL Luke 14:28-33 (NRSV)

For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

HYMN # 2152 “Change My Heart, O God” (X2)

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

MESSAGE: “God Is Our Potter!” Pastor Dave

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS
(Text Pastor Dave, 224-600-0446)

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION & CONFESSION OF SIN

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 (In Unison): **Holy and righteous God, through your Son, you have called us to follow. The gifts we offer this day are only a small token of affirmation that we accept that call. If we embraced the full meaning of that call, we would give our whole being to the offering. In many cases, we've allowed ourselves to believe that a few dollars and an hour on Sunday is the cost of discipleship. Help us to stop fooling ourselves, and consider the full cost of a discipleship that means something, that is capable of transforming the world. By your grace and with the help of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND JUICE

(Now, open, eat & drink)

HYMN #382 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

1. Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

Thou art the potter;

I am the clay.

Mold me and make me

after thy will,

while I am waiting,

yielded and still.

2. Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

Search me and try me,

Savior today!

Wash me just now, Lord,

wash me just now,

as in thy presence

humbly I bow.

3. Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

Wounded and weary,

help me I pray!

Power, all power,

surely is thine!

Touch me and heal me,

Savior divine!

4. Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

Hold o'er my being

absolute sway.

Fill with thy Spirit

till all shall see

Christ only, always,

living in me!

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

Keith Brown, Denise Curtis, Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Jim Eaton, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Shirley Fritz, Bob Grissinger, Rhonda Harlock Smith, John Irons, Greg Jepsen, Dallas Kosier, Judy Law, Charlene Mayer, Vickie Moore, 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, Scarlette (daughter of Ashley Huebner), Eli (Grandson of Bob & LaVona Grissinger), Gi-Tae Yim (Father of Pastor Dave), Family of Mark Cook, Family of Russ Sikkema. 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

September 4 - Sandy Wurster

September 5 – Kenny Clemens

September 7 – Julie Brigham

CALENDAR

Monday, September 5 – Labor Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6

6:30 pm UMW

Wednesday, September 7

10 am Choir practice

5:45 pm – 7 pm Youth Group

Thursday, September 8

9 am Bible Study

Saturday, September 10

Renewable Energy Summit

Sunday, September 11

9:30 am Sunday School Kick off

10:15 am **Worship – Hybrid Service**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Acolytes for month of September

September 11 – Ellie Johnson

September 18 – Ryker McCombie

September 25 – Jiwon Yim

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

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 47

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!

Bible Study

Every Thursday @ 9 am

Worship

Let us worship God together at FUMC.

10:15 am Hybrid Service

Outdoor, in your car. Tune in to FM 88.9

Pre-recorded online service on our church website.

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, September 7, 10 am

Come make a joyful noise to the Lord!

All are welcome!

We will be singing on Sunday, September 11th

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.

We seem to have misplaced the large black wheelchair. If you are using it, if you could let Pastor Dave or Shari know we would appreciate it. Thank you!

**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.

It is our denomination's policy to make sure our membership records are kept current. According to our church's by-laws, members who have been inactive for two years are to be removed from our membership list. We don't like to remove persons from membership, but we do need to be faithful to our policies. The names below have been inactive for over 4 years. If you want to keep names whom you know on our membership list, please let us know.

Thank you!



**First United
Methodist Church
Sunday, Sept 4, 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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TUNE RADIO TO STATION FM 88.9

Robert, Teresa Bauer	Kyle Moore
John Belander	Christopher Nortunen
Joseph Belander	Bryan Purchis
Lauren Belander	Eric Purchis
Salinda Belander	Wendy Reitemeier
Abigail Bradbury	Janet Ross
Keri Brown	Tiffany Schneider
Kurt & Louann Dreger	Dorie Schnitzler
Robert J Fosdick	Amber Schoenhaar
Jeremy & Amanda Fosdick	Corliss Smart
Jennifer Geisbush	Chelsey Sprouse
Joseph Green	Diana Steffes
Josh Hartman	Karen Stott
Adam Hartman	Jennifer Trevanthen
John & Heather Heffelfinger	Timothy Thulen
Annette Hepner	Joe Wrecza
Jerry, Susan, Luke Ingersoll	Raylene Wright
Cara Keppen	
Carol Leitzen	
Michelle Mangler	

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!

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