



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.”

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

9:30 am Sunday Worship

September 6, 2026

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE:

Pearl Michels

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**

L: Come, people of God, and hear the call of the Lord!

P: We come, ready to listen and follow.

L: Saul was on the road to Damascus when a great light
Surrounded him.

P: The Lord still shines His light to transform lives today!

L: Then let us worship the Lord, who changes hearts and
Leads us in his way.

P: We praise you, Lord, for your Amazing Grace! Amen

***HYMN UMH #64 “Holy, Holy, Holy.”**

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

**God of power and might, let your love shine on us and
through us to others. Take the blindness from our eyes and
our hearts. Give us the joy of knowing and serving you in all
that we say, think, and do. 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
hence 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 Reading Acts 9:1-16 NRSV

Ryker McCombie

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

SONG OF PREPARATION : Jeff Kromer & Andy Neilsen

MESSAGE: “We are called to Follow”

Pastor 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

**Redeeming God, we live in a world that is far too ready to
say that you can’t be found. Let our blindness fall away and
let us see the good that we can do—through our prayers,
presence, gifts, service and our witness—to help usher in
your kingdom here and now. May the gifts we give this
morning be just the beginning of our availability to be your
tools for bringing about the world you desire. We pray it
in the name of the risen Christ. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

***HYMN TFWS#2130 “The Summons”**

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

***GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD**

Vivian Eaton

IN OUR PRAYERS

Tim Cavanagh. Frank Norman, Mike Medley, Sandy Froelich, Kathie Prins,
Carol Ingersoll, Heather Mullins, Colleen Olsen, Howard Nichols, Curtis
Pilgrim, Lt. Brian Robinson, Julia Castro, Chuck Atherton, Bob & Teresa
Bauer, Amil Bork, Rachael Williams (friend of Jason Moore), Joyce
Eversoll, Kim Kauffman, Caleb (grandson of Kelly Johnson)

Sympathy to:

Our shut-ins:

Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Janice Wilt,
Mary Ellen Dreger, Florence Bevins-Powell, Judy Law

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.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

September 7 – Julie Brigham

12 – Lori Law

12 – Julie Petty

CALENDAR

Monday, September 7

9:00 am to noon – Office open

1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, September 8

9 am to 12 noon – Office open

Wednesday, September 9

9:00 am to noon – Office open

Thursday, September 10

9 am to 12 noon – Office open

Friday, September 11

9:00 am to noon - Office open

Sunday, September 13

9:30 am – Worship

10:30 am – Coffee hour

WORSHIP HELPERS

	September 6	September 13
Acolyte	Pearl Michels	Faith Gonzales
Liturgist	Ryker McCombie	Tim Cavanagh
Counter	Molly Andersen	Rhonda Law
Verifier	Tom Michels	Karen Hoffman
Coffee Hour	Isabel de Castro	Bronkema’s
Greeter	Karen Hoffman	Kay Cavanagh
Ushers	Linda Stubbe, Pam Darrow Molly Andersen Esther Losh	Michell’s Family Joe

Last Week’s Attendance: 89

ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Carroll Food Pantry -We could use boxes of macaroni and cheese and peanut butter and jelly.

Thank you so much for your generosity!

The Blessing Basket -After the school supply drive the Blessing Basket's shelves are wiped out! Please consider donating a bottle of shampoo or body wash to help restock our shelves. You can leave your donations in the Foo Pantry box in the narthex and thank you for your support.

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

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Mentors are needed, please, if you may help in mentoring one of our youths, talk to Pastor.

Charge Conference: Our Church Conference is coming soon; please start Getting your reports done.

JOY (Just Older Youth) meets the third Wednesday of each month from 4:30-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is a free meal program and fellowship for anyone over 60. This month we'll meet on September 16th. The program will be Gary Heidi, a local beekeeper. Dinner will be breakfast casserole so you can wear your pajamas! Please RSVP by noon, Monday, September 14th, by calling the church office by noon, Monday, September 14th, 815-273-2345. Rides are available in-town only.

Savanna Food Pantry - Thank you Our next turn is October 20th and 22nd if you are interested in helping.

UWF* Please note that our September 1st meeting has been postponed A week to September 8th due to some members going to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. On the 8th we'll finalize our fall fundraiser plans and Molly will present a program. We hope to see you on the 8th at 6:30pm in the church library.

Hospitality Committee: Thanks to all the volunteers for Greeter, Ushers, & Coffee Hour Providers

Up Coming Events

September 13th Service at the Park and Picnic: Bring your Family and friends for the Church Picnic and Fun.

Mark & Robin Cook Fundraiser Picnic: This year FUMC is Supporting as part of our 190years, be Present!

Date: TBA Place: Miller Excavating 9423 IL RT 84

September 19th: Craft and Vendor Show

Time: 9:00am-2:00pm

Venue: Savanna FUMC

Contact: Karen Hoffman 563-357-8795

or Vivian Eaton 815-541-5671



Sunday School Kickoff!
9:00am on September 13th



**First United
Methodist Church**
Sunday, September 6, 2026
at 9:30 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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