



First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We're glad that you are her

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.”

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

10:15

September 13, 2026

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE

Faith Gonzales

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART

Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

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

***CALL To Worship:** Molly Andersen
L: Leader: Come, people of God, who thirst for living water!
People: We come to drink deeply from the well of God's grace.
Leader: The Samaritan woman met Jesus at the well and believed in Him.
People: We, too, encounter the living Christ and proclaim, "He is the Savior of the world!"
Leader: Then let us worship the Lord, who speaks to us today.
People: We have seen and heard the truth—Jesus is the Messiah! Amen.

***HYMN UMC # 514 “Stand up, Stand Up for Jesus”**
***OPENING PRAYER:** Molly Andersen
Holy God, we come before you today as we turn to the story of Jesus and the woman at the well. We stand in awe of Jesus' willingness to cross social and cultural boundaries to offer living water to a thirsty soul. God, open our hearts to the lessons of this encounter. May we be reminded of our need for your grace, and may we be inspired to share the good news of your love with all whom we meet. Amen

Children’s Choir:

Scripture Reading: John 4:25-30, 39-42 NRSV Molly Andersen

The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

Special Music: Hady Mambo

Message: “Called to Build Relationships” Pastor Fernando
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** Pastor Fernando
Life-giving God, we offer you ourselves and our resources. Use Us and our gifts, that we may be water bearers to a world thirsty for love, for meaning, for justice, and hope. May all your people encounter fullness of life through the love of Christ, which lives within us. AMEN!

HYMN TFWS #2223 “They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*** GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD** Vivian Eaton
IN OUR PRAYER

Frank Norman, Mike Medley, Sandy Froelich, Kathie Prins, Carroll Ingersoll, Heather Mullins, Colleen Olsen, Howard Nichols, Curtis Pilgrim, Lt. Brian Robinson, Julia Castro, Chuck Atherton, Bob & Teresa Bauer, Amil Bork, Rachael Williams, Joyce Eversoll, Kim Kauffman, Caleb Thorton, Bella Harbron

Sympathy: Jackie Walker Family
Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Mary Ellen Dreger, Florence Bevins-Powell, Judy Law, Don Kramer
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

September Birthdays

13 – Emily Medley

14 – Sherri Miller

16 – Boyd Law

18 – Johnna Ford

CALENDAR

Monday, September 14

Office Open 9 am – 12 pm

1 pm to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, September 15

Office Open 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Wednesday, September 16

Office Open 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Thursday, September 17

Office Open -9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Friday, September 18

Office Open -9:00 am to 12:00 am

Sunday, September 20

8:30 am – Prayer Meeting

10:15 Worship

10:45 Coffee Hour

Sermon Series “Called: Answering God’s Invitation”

Reflection Questions

1st Week 1. Samuel 3:1-15 “We all Called, yes even You”

- Are you listening to God’s call for your own life?
- Are you paying attention to what God might be saying to you
- How are you listening? How will you Respond?

2nd Week Luke 1:26-38 “We are Called to Trust”

- When has God called you to trust in uncertain circumstances?
- How do you find assurance when God's call seems risky?
- Where is God asking you to step out in faith today?

3rd Week Exodus 4:1-13 “We are called and Equipped”

- What "ordinary tools" has God placed in your hands?
- Where do you feel inadequate for God's calling?
- How have you seen God work through your weaknesses?

4th Week Acts 9:1-19 “We are called to Follow”

- Where have you seen God redirect your "zeal" toward His purposes?
- How has God interrupted your plans for His better plan?
- Who in your life seems "too far gone" for God's grace

5th Week John 4:25-30,39-40 “We are called to Build Relationship”

- Who are the "outsiders" in your community that Jesus is calling you to reach?
- How can your personal story become a bridge to others?
- Where is God asking you to cross social or cultural boundaries?

6th Week Esther 4:5-17 “We are called for such a Time as this”

- What "impossible" situation might God be calling you to address?
- How can you find courage when the cost of obedience seems too high?
- Who is your community of support in times of difficult calling?

WORSHIP HELPERS

	September 13	September 20
Acolyte	Faith Gonzales	Joe Pasch
Liturgist	Tim Cavanagh	Sherry Cancelose
Counter	Rhonda Law	Lori Miller
Verifier	Karen Hoffman	Sharon Guilinger
Coffee Hour	Pot luck	Cavanagh
Greeter	Kay Cavangh	Bob & LaVona G.
Usher	Michels Family, Joe	Linda Stubbe, Pam Darrow, Molly Andersen, Linda Jachino

Last Week’s Attendance: 74

ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Carroll Food Pantry -Thank you so much for your generosity!
The Blessing Basket -The Blessing Basket provides clients of the West Carroll School Food Pantry with free household items and personal hygiene products. We always need laundry detergent, paper towels and toilet paper. This ministry is possible only because of your generosity, Thank you for all your donations! Please consider donating items and placing them in the Food Pantry box in the narthex.

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 should meet with Pastor Fernando for 10 Minutes after service

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.

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

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

Date: September 27 Time: 2:00pm-

Place: Miller Excavating 9423 IL RT 84

PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
2:00 – 5:30 PM
Trades Scholarship Fundraiser

Schedule of Events

- Food 2:00 – 5:30
- Live Music 2:00 – 5:30
- Bounce Houses 2:00 – 5:30
- Live Auction 3:15
- Raffle Drawings
 - o 50/50 4:50
 - o Hog 5:00
 - o 1/4 Beef 5:10

Miller Excavating
9423 IL Rt 84
Savanna, Illinois

Investing in Local Talent and Brighter Futures!

GOOD FOOD. GREAT MUSIC. A BRIGHTER TOMORROW!

We Need You!

Help Us Make This Event a Success!

We'd love for our church family to be part of this special day. Even just your presence makes a big difference!

Be a Friendly Face

Greet attendees and help them feel welcome.

Lend a Hand Where Needed

Help restock food or drink tables and serve sandwiches.

Help with Kids Activities

Assist at the bubble station or keep an eye on the bounce houses.

Share Information

Help guests find food, auction tables, ballrooms, kids' games and the schedule of events.

Many hands make a meaningful difference!

First United Methodist Church
SAVANNA, ILLINOIS

Living Our Faith.
Serving Our Community.
Building Brighter Futures.

3RD ANNUAL

CRAFT & VENDOR Show

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2100 CHICAGO AVE.
SAVANNA, IL

CRAFT & VENDOR BOOTHS

Unique gifts for everyone on your list!

BAKE SALE

Sweet treats you won't want to miss!

USED BUT NOT ABUSED ROOM

Great bargains and hidden treasures!

LUNCHEON AVAILABLE

for a minimal price

EARLIER THAN USUAL to allow shoppers to explore FALL, HALLOWEEN, THANKSGIVING and CHRISTMAS items at a relaxed pace before the holiday rush begins!

Come for the shopping... Stay for the fellowship!



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September 13, 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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