



**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.”

10:15 am Sunday Worship                      September 18, 2022

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE                      Ryker McCombie

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART                      Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP                      Esther Losh

L: Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

**P: We gather to worship with joy and in hope.**

L: Come, let us worship the one who desires our hearts.

**P: We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.**

L: Come, let us set aside all that distracts us from true worship.

**P: We come as we are and ask the Spirit to gather us in and direct our vision.**

L: Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

**A: We are here to worship with all that we are.**

HYMN #430 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

1. O Master, let me walk with thee  
in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2. Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.

3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee  
in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong;

4. In hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison): **Gracious God, your people are suffering. Where there is woundedness, help us bring healing. Where there is discouragement, help us bring support and comfort. Where there is dismay and mourning, help us bring the power of new life and new opportunities. Heal us, O God, for you are our help and our hope, the One we turn to in times of trouble. In the name of Jesus Christ, 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

1 Timothy 2:3-7 (NRSV)

This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is

also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-9 (NRSV)

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

L: The Word of God for the People of God

**P: Thanks be to God**

HYMN #526 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;  
thou wilt find a solace there.

MESSAGE: “What Lasts Forever?” 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): **Holy giver of all good  
blessings, we find ourselves under a debt we can  
never overcome. Every blessing we have received or  
hope to receive comes from your generosity. The gifts  
we bring to you this morning pale in comparison to  
the bottom line of our ledger. Yet you manage your  
kingdom on a different economic model – one where  
the equity is grace, forgiveness, compassion, mercy,  
and justice. You encourage us to be shrewd in the  
world’s money, knowing it is not the currency that  
matters in the end. And so, we pray in the name of  
Jesus, whose life and death paid our debt. Amen.**

HYMN #438 “Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labor to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know  
in all I think or speak or do.

2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned,  
O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.

3. Thee may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes mine inmost substance see,  
and labor on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to thee.

4. For thee delightfully employ  
what e'er thy bounteous grace hath given;  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

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, Tim Cavanagh, Denise Curtis, Billy David,  
Emilee Derrer, Jim Eaton, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz,  
Shirley Fritz, Bob Grissinger, Sharon A. Guillinger, Rhonda  
Harlock Smith, John Irons, Greg Jepsen, Dallas Kosier,  
Judy Law, Charlene Mayer, Cori Moore’s parents, Vickie  
Moore (Molly’s cousin), 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, Scarlettte  
(daughter of Ashley Huebner), Gi-Tae Yim (Father of  
Pastor Dave), Family of Peter Tsoukalas.

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, Dorothy Taylor, Patti Thulen,  
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. With school starting, pray for our teachers, staff and students.

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

September 20 – Jason Moore

September 21 – Dorothy Taylor

September 24 – Janis Wilt

September 24 – *Rod & Christy Clemens "2005"*

### Special Birthdays

Dorothy Taylor will celebrate her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Janis Wilt will celebrate her 92<sup>nd</sup> on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Let's remember these ladies by mailing them a birthday card.

Dorothy Taylor  
1000 Longmoor  
Savanna, IL 61074

Janis Wilt  
1125 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St  
Savanna, IL 61074

### CALENDAR

Monday, September 19 – Telstar deadline

1 pm Sewing Ladies

3:30 pm – 5 pm WC Food Pantry

5:30 pm United Methodist Men

Thursday, September 22

9 am Bible Study

Saturday, September 24

9:15 am Staff Parish

10 am Church Conference

Sunday, September 25

8:45 am Adult Sunday School

9:30 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship – **Hybrid Service**

Kids Kards following service

Outreach committee following service

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 60

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Church Conference is scheduled for Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

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

**Flu Shot Clinic** – We will be having a flu shot clinic on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – noon. This is open to the public.

#### **Liturgist for month of September:**

September 18 – Esther Losh

September 25 – Lea Ann Michels

#### **Counter and verifier for month of September:**

September 18 – Lori Miller, Dianne Brinkmeier

September 25 – Vivian Eaton, Linda Jachino

#### **Acolytes for month of September**

September 18 – Ryker McCombie

September 25 – Jiwon Yim

#### **Liturgist for month of October:**

October 2 – Stephanie Shaw

October 9 – Linda Jachino

October 16 – Noah Johnson

October 23 – Molly Andersen

October 30 – Deeann Kramer

#### **Counter and verifier for month of October:**

October 2 – Molly Andersen, Jackie Walker

October 9 – Rhonda Law, LaVona Grissinger

October 16 – Lori Miller, Sharon Guilinger

October 23 – Vivian Eaton, Mary Irons

October 30 – Vivian Eaton, Pam Darrow

#### **Acolytes for month of October**

October 2 – Dalton Shaw

October 9 – Asia LaShelle

October 16 – Jisung Yim

October 23 – Caleb Thornton

October 30 – Jiho Yim

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

**Food Pantry** – 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, unless it is a holiday.

**Blessing Basket** – 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 on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be making cards for the employees of Pinnacle Place & Big Meadows to thank them for their dedication to their jobs. All materials are provided and everyone is welcome. Once cards are completed we will be having a nacho bar for lunch. Any questions, contact Molly Andersen, (815)273-2104.

#### Bible Study

Every Thursday @ 9 am

**Choir Practice** – Will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and last Wednesday of the month at 10 am. Choir will sing

during service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Next practice will be Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

Crop Hunger Walk – Thomson United Methodist Church will be having a Crop Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2 pm.

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

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.



**Sunday, Oct. 16th**  
**4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**  
Tickets - Adults \$10.00  
Children 10 and under \$5.00

**Chicken-n-Biscuit Dinner**  
**Take Out ONLY**  
**Via Drive Thru**

**Savanna First United Methodist Church**  
2100 Chicago Avenue Savanna, IL

**Tickets will be on sale until**  
**October 11th**  
**Call the church office**  
**815-273-2345 or**  
**Mary Irons at 815-541-8487**

**Chicken-n-biscuits, mashed potatoes**  
**and gravy, corn, applesauce & dessert**

Hosted by the Savanna United Methodist Women  
Proceeds go towards mission projects

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](http://www.firstumcsavanna.org)  
or You Tube- Online Service  
Link: <https://youtu.be/LkpBFw8VXxs>  
Or call **815-599-1307** to hear the latest sermon.  
Facebook page – Savanna Firstumc  
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**First United  
Methodist Church**  
**Sunday, Sept 18, 2022**  
**10:15 am**  
**Hybrid 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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	<p><b>Sunday School</b></p> <p>Every Sunday morning at 9:30am Two classes! - Children SS: Pre to 5<sup>th</sup> Graders - Youth SS: Middle &amp; High Schoolers</p>
	<p><b>Youth Group</b></p> <p>The 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of Every month From 5:45pm to 7:00pm Supper will be provided Middle &amp; High Schoolers Next meeting – October 5th</p>

**We welcome you ALL to our Sunday School Program!**  
Any questions? Please contact Kris Yingling, [yinglink@gmail.com](mailto:yinglink@gmail.com)