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."

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

10:15 **September 27-26**

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Boyd Law
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:** **Susan Michelle Jepsen**

L: Children of God: welcome!
C: Welcome to this place of love and grace,
L: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.
C: God invites all for another chance to renew us
L: God invites all of us to share in the good news**:**
C: We are welcome, just as we are.
L: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God
All: Praise the Lord AMEN!

***HYMN UMC #140 "Great is Thy Faithfulness "**

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)** **Susan Michelle Jepsen**

Heavenly Father, we gather with grateful hearts. Thank You for bringing us into Your presence. You know the many sins we have committed—even this past week. Teach us to hate our sin and grow in grace as we remember Christ's sacrifice that forgives us and frees us from sin's grip. Open the eyes of our hearts to see the hope we have in Christ, Your love for each of us, and Your power at work in all who believe. Make our hearts burn within us as we sing the gospel, receive Your Word, and witness the gospel in baptism. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism: Michael J. Schmitt
Valerie Petersen

Scripture Reading: Luke 22:54-62 NRSV Susan Michelle Jepsen

The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

Special Music: "How He Loves" FUMC Band

MESSAGE: "Failure Doesn't Define You"

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
Gracious God, accept these gifts, and with them our lives, to be used in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN # 451 "Be Thou My Vision"

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, Tim Cavanagh, Maria Africano (Pastor's Mom)

Sympathy:
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 28 – Bob & Sandy Froelich (1985)
October Birthdays
1- Cindy Norman
2- Cheyenne Hoffman
Allen Hoffman

CALENDAR
Monday, September 28
Office Open 9 am – 12 pm
1 pm to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
Tuesday, September 29
Office Open 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Wednesday, September 30
Office Open 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Thursday, October 1
Office Open -9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Friday, October 2
Office Open -9:00 am to 12:00 am
Sunday, October 4
8:30 am – Prayer Meeting
10:15 Worship
10:45 Coffee Hour

WORSHIP HELPERS

	September 27	October 4
Acolyte	Boyd Law	Ryker McCombie
Liturgist	Susan Michell Jepsen	
Counter	Vivian Eaton	Molly Andersen
Verifier	Mary Irons	Pam Darrow
Coffee Hour		Linda Jachino
Greeter	Bronkema's	Debbie Long
Usher	Sherry Cancelose LaVona Grissinger Molly Andersen Pam Darrow	Pam Darrow Linda Stubbe Molly Andsersen Kelley Johnson

Last Week's Attendance: 85

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 are in need of toothbrushes and toothpaste, both adult and children. Please consider donating 2 items this month to restock our shelves. 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. **October 10 is Conference!**

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

Mark & Robin Cook Fundraiser Picnic: This year FUMC is Supporting as part of our 190years, be Present!
Date: TODAY September 27 Time: 2:00pm-5:30pm
Place: Miller Excavating 9423 IL RT 84

KIDS KARDS will meet after worship Today.
We will be making cards for Big Measows & Pinnacle and having hot dogs for lunch. All materials are provided and everyone is welcome. Come and share the fun time with our children!

190th Anniversary meeting Tuesday September 29 at 6pm in church Library

SOUL SISTERS

"Fall Fun, Faith, & Fellowship---with Costumes!"
Thursday, October 1st 11:30 A. M.
Bring a sack Lunch
Dessert & Drinks provided
Prizes for individual and group costumes
All women are invited!
Please respond if you are coming
Linda Jachino 815-541-4760

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September 27, 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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