



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.”

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

10:15

October 11, 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:**

Linda Jachino

L: Gather us in, Lord, and hear our prayers.

P: **We have come to this place in need for healing and hope.**

L: Gather us in, Lord, and heal our spirits.

P: **We come here seeking guidance and strength.**

L: Gather us in, Lord, and open our hearts to receive your word.

P: **Open our hearts, our spirits, our souls to comprehend your Word and follow you faithfully. AMEN**

***HYMN TFWS # 2152 “Change My Heart O God”**

***OPENING PRAYER**

Linda Jachino

Lord of justice and mercy, we come to you this day seeking your healing and reconciling love. Help us to be open to your word, your presence, your compassion. Clear our hearts of those things which block your will. Keep us focused on your enabling power so that we, having been healed, may more fully serve you. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

Church History Highlights: Molly Andersen

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:30-37 NRSV Linda Jachino

The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

Special Music: CHOIR

Message: Love is Generous 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

Holy God, source of all good things, we ask that the gifts we offer to you this day would be dedicated to bringing your kingdom of love, justice, and compassion into being in our midst. We acknowledge that when this service is over, it will be tempting to put our blinders back on, keep our focus on what’s right in front of us, and not see that which is all around us. Help us to see both the beauty of your caring and the ugliness of our indifference. We pray this in Christ’s name. Amen

HYMN UMH #432 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your 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, Maria Africano, Don & Pat Wright

Sympathy:

Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, 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 and Iran, the Gaza Strip; peace In the Middle East, families, students, school administrators, and those Grieving their loved ones.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

October Birthdays

11- Don Greenfield

16 – Marcile Fowler

CALENDAR

Monday, October 12

Office Open 9 am – 12 pm

1 pm to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, October 13

Office Open 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Wednesday, October 14

Office Open 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Thursday, October 15

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

Friday, October 16

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

Sunday, October 18- Laity Sunday

8:30 am – Prayer Meeting

10:15 Worship

10:45 Coffee Hour

WORSHIP HELPERS		
	October 11	October 18
Acolyte		Tyson Speer
Liturgist	Linda Jachino	Travis Prowant
Counter	Rhonda Law	Lori Miller
Verifier	Linda Jachino	Kay Cavanagh
Coffee Hour	Esther Losh	Rhonda & Kelly
Greeter	Tom Michels & LeeAnn	Kim Gonzales
Usher	Debbie Long Bob & LaVona Grissinger	Pam Darrow Linda Stubbe, Molly Andersen, LaVona Grissinger

Last Week’s Attendance: 77

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Anniversary: November 1st. We shall have our Church Anniversary: Please come ready for fun, reflection, reconnect, and eat very good food. RSVP. To the office and invite Someone you know should be here on that day.

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 -The Blessing Basket provides clients of the West Carroll School Food Pantry with free household items and Personal hygiene products. We need toothbrushes and toothpaste, both for adults 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!

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.

JOY (Just Older Youth) meets the third Wednesday of each Month from 4:30-6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be serving soup and sandwiches, and the program will be Jeff Kromer and Andy Nielsen performing their Bluegrass music. This is a free Meal program and fellowship for anyone over 60. This month we’ll meet on October 21st. Please RSVP by noon Monday, October 19th, by calling the church office at 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* October 13th, 6:30pm We will meet in the library.

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

KIDS KARDS will meet after worship Sunday, October 25th. We will be making Thanksgiving cards and having sloppy Joes for lunch. All materials are provided, and everyone is Welcome. Come and share the fun time with our children!

2026 Community Flu Clinic Tuesday, October 20th10:30 am 11:30 am Savanna First United Methodist Church

Laity Sunday: Observed on the third Sunday in October. Each year, the United Methodist Church celebrates the ministry and witness of laypersons everywhere through a special service. Bill Wright will be sharing the Word, October 18th.

Turkey Dressing SANDWICH

DRIVE THRU

This Sunday, October 11th

Serving 4:00 – 6:00

Please call the church office or Mary Irons for reservations. 815-273-2345 OR Mary Irons 815-541-8487

We have a few tickets to sell.

Help us make our goal of 100 meals!

All proceeds go towards Mission projects.

Savanna Methodist Church
United Methodist Women



First United Methodist Church
October11, 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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