



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.”

Laity Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 am Sunday Worship

October 18, 2026

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE

Blaine Johnson

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (call/text Pastor 773-971-7208)

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE

Pastor Bonnie Davies

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**

Travis Prowant

L: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

C: Grounded in love, we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

L: The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

C: Grounded in love, we belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.

L: The Spirit inspires us to receive God’s Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.

C: Grounded in love, we belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.

L: Come, let us worship in the assurance of God’s love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.

All: We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. Amen.

***HYMN FWS #2153 “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me’**

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Loving, living God, be among us now. Show us your way.

Guide our steps. Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving. Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you all the things that are yours. Help us Remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from You, gifts to be shared in service and love. Holy One among us, help us be a holy people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. Amen.

THE APOSTLES’ 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.

SKIT: Tomorrow by John Casper

Sherry Cancelose & Kathie Prins

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1:10 Travis Prowant
Thanksgiving for the church at Thessalonica

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC: I can see the light of a Clear blue Morning

Julie Petty

REFLECTION: Mr. Bill Wright

“Are We Grumblers or Are We a Church of Gratitude”

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**

O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom, I know that all I

have received is from Your hand. You call us to be stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all You have entrusted to us. Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. Amen.

***HYMN UMH #338 “Where He Leads Me”**

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Pastor Bonnie Davies

***GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD**

Vivian Eaton

In Our Prayers

Frank Norman, Mike Medley, Sandy Froelich, Kathie Prins, Colleen Olsen, Howard Nichols, Curtis Pilgrim, Lt. Brian Robinson, Julia Castro, Bob & Teresa Bauer, Amil Bork, Rachael Williams, Joyce Eversoll, Maria Africano, Don & Pat Wright, Tim Cavanagh

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; the Gaza Strip; peace in the Middle East; people affected by the heat, tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, and hurricanes; the towns, families, students, school administrators, and those who experience everyday violence and their families.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

October Birthday

17 – Jeff & Molly Andersen (1981)

19- Sharon Beyer

19 – Kris Yingling

22- Sarah Hanson

24- Susan King

CALENDAR

Monday, October 19

Office Open 9 am – 12 pm

1 pm to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, October 20

Office Open 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Wednesday, October 21

Office Open 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Thursday, October 22

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

Friday, October 23

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

Sunday, October 25

8:30 am – Prayer Meeting

10:15 Worship

WORSHIP HELPERS		
	October 18	October 25
Acolyte	Blaine Johnson	Annika Law
Liturgist	Travis Prowant	LeeAnn Michels
Counter	Lori Miller	Vivian Eaton
Verifier	Kay Cavanagh	Linda Stubbe
Coffee Hour	Rhonda & Kelly	Melinda & Gary Dykema
Greeter	Kim Gonzales	
Usher	Pam Darrow Linda Stubbe, Molly Andersen, LaVona Grissinger	Pam Darrow Linda Stubbe, Molly Andersen, Linda Jachino

Last Week’s Attendance: **82**

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) 4:30-6:30 pm. 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 on 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.
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 20th 10:30 am 11:30 am Savanna First United Methodist Church
Laity Sunday: TODAY- 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.
Celebration of Life Jackie Walker, Saturday, October 24. 2pm
Baptism Pearl Michels next Sunday October 25



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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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